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The 1st Battalion is now installed in its new quarters; the address is: Moorish Castle, Gibraltar. After their arduous year in Korea, they have well earned a spell of comparative ease, and we wish them a happy and not too eventful stay on The Rock.

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Our newly-allied Regiment, Les Voltigeurs, has received a signal honour and the Regiment has sent the following telegram to the Commanding Officer:

"Colonel Corbett, Garrison Officers' Club, Quebec. All ranks, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, send their good wishes to Monsieur St. Laurent and Les Voltigeurs de Quebec on the memorable occasion of the Prime Minister assuming the post of Honorary Colonel.

GENERAL CHRISTISON, Colonel."

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On September 8 a tablet was unveiled at Old Fort Henry, Kingston, Ontario, to commemorate the service of the British and Canadian Regiments who served there between 1812 and 1840. Among these were the 76th (1818/1819-1821/1822). Major Francois Matte of Les Voltigeurs de Quebec attended as representative both of his own regiment and ours. We hope to publish in the next number his description of this historic ceremony, as well as a short account of the old Fort, which dates from the American War of 1812 and after Quebec was the most important stronghold guarding the Canadian frontier.

The new Regimental History is now in the hands of our readers. On another page we publish a review, reproduced by the kind permission of the Editor of the *Halifax Daily Courier and Guardian*, in whose columns it appeared. No doubt, when they have had time to digest it, regimental readers will have many informed comments to make; already some individuals and units have pointed out certain inaccuracies in historical and personal details. There are some errors in the list of honours and awards which are particularly to be regretted, but in a history of this kind, which is the collective effort of many units and persons, whose work incidentally cannot be over-praised, some errors are inevitable. THE IRON DUKE is the place where such can and should be put right, and the Editor will welcome communications on this subject.

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Major R. E. Austin, who has been the Sub-Editor for the 1st Battalion during the last three years is taking up a staff appointment and handing over his unenviable job—no doubt with a sigh of relief, though he is too polite to say so—to Major Jones Stamp. His accounts of the campaign in Korea, together with the notes supplied by the sub-units have supplied an admirably vivid account of this unique example of international co-operation on the field of battle. We offer him our warmest thanks for his work, carried out under such difficult conditions.

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The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club and the Regimental Tea will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1, on Friday, June 4, 1954.

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#### DIANA THE BELL

(See THE IRON DUKE, Vol. XXI, No. 61, June 1945)

This bell, on which is engraved the name

"Diana," was a war trophy taken in Tunisia by the crew of "Diana," a Churchill tank of 145th Regiment, R.A.C. (formerly 8th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment).

Since the reopening of the Regimental Depot the bell has been displayed in the Museum with other trophies sent in by the 145th Regiment.

Recently, on the initiative of Major A. C. Jackson, D.S.O., R.T.R., who commanded the 145th Regiment, a proposal was made that the bell should be presented to the R.A.C. Centre at Bovington, to be placed in the church there.

This proposal was supported by Major F. B. Murgatroyd, Chairman of the 145th Regiment R.A.C. (8th D.W.R.) Branch of the Regimental Association and by the Old Comrades of the 145th Regiment.

The approval of the Colonel of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment having been given, the bell was removed to Bovington on August 6, 1953.

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We hope to print in our next number an article on the Milocarian Athletic Club, which has been held over owing to lack of space in this issue.

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As announced at the dinner by the Colonel of the Regiment, the late Major W. T. McGuire Bate left the whole of his estate—approximately £8,000—to form a fund for the benefit of Regular officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions and their widows. This munificent bequest—unparalleled we believe in our history—testifies to his abiding affection for the Regiment.

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Contributions for the April issue of THE IRON DUKE should be in the Editor's hands not later than March 1.

## 1st BATTALION

### SUB-EDITORIAL

At the time of writing the Battalion is on its way home after its memorable year in Korea. From a regimental point of view it has been a most successful year. Both during the fighting and in the more difficult days of the truce that followed the Battalion has never failed to acquit itself well at whatever task it has been called upon to do, and has earned praise from higher commanders, both British and American.

Those of us who have had the honour to serve with the 1st Battalion in Korea will take away the memory of having served during as fine an hour as any in its long, proud history, a remembrance of as happy, efficient and contented a battalion as has ever gone to war.

We were fortunate in that releases did not hit us hardly until almost the end of the fighting, and the team that came out to Korea was the team that bore the brunt.

Since the signing of the truce the Battalion has changed radically. Large drafts have left us every month and new drafts have arrived, and only a handful of the original N.S. men is now left to accompany the Battalion to Gibraltar.

The posting away of the Regular officers has begun, but they go to other jobs enriched by experience.

This is my sub-editorial swan song, as I am one of the above. Before ending I must place on record my sincerest thanks to the C.O. for the full support I have always received from him, which has been a major factor in the undoubted excellence of the 1st Battalion contribution to THE IRON DUKE during the Korean war. I must also record my gratitude to the Company and Specialist Platoon Commanders, Mess Presidents and sports officers who have, under all conditions, produced notes of a very high quality, and last, but not least, to the Editor, who has always accepted my excuses

when the "copy" was late and from whom I have always received the greatest courtesy and encouragement.

I hand over the sub-editorial chair to Major Douglas Jones-Stamp.

### OFFICERS' MESS

At the time of our last notes the Mess had just been moved into a new and more spacious area, and it was not long before we had set up a reasonably comfortable Mess with an attractive Japanese garden adjoining, the work of Rudolf Austin and Derek Harris. By day this site provided a glorious view across the River Imjin, of the old battle front and, in particular, of the "Hook" area, whilst by night it was a place of peace and quiet where one could sip one's drink and talk over the events of the day.

It was in this setting then that we entertained our friends in the Division and had our several guest nights. The most important of the latter was when our guests included not only the Divisional Commander, the C.R.A., Brigadier Kendrew, Lt.-Col. Melville of the Royal Scots, Lt.-Col. Snodgrass of the King's, but also Major Wu of the C.C.F., whom Bob Moran knew as a Cadet at Sandhurst, and who, in fact, commanded a Company of the 397 Battalion, which opposed the "Dukes" in the Naeochon area in January of this year. Major Wu, a short, stout, middle-aged officer of the pre-Communist school and, still wearing a pig tail, was accompanied by his aide, Capt. Wong, who, in contrast, seemed typical of the new generation with his tall, smart and efficient bearing. Extra lighting had been arranged for the occasion and, at about 8 p.m., there was a fanfare of trumpets and our Chinese friends for the evening arrived in a yellow rickshaw drawn by two weary Chinese. Major Wu had not forgotten all his English so that, after the rather difficult introductions, the atmosphere was soon a friendly one and the evening was a great success. The one regret felt was that neither Major Wu nor Capt. Wong were able to teach the members of the Mess any new after-dinner games.

On another occasion, our last guest night in fact, our guests were Brigadier Kendrew, the Regimental Commander of the 7th U.S. Marine Regiment and the Commanding Officers of the 1/7, 2/7 and 3/7 U.S. Marine Battalions. The 7th U.S. Marine Regiment were our neighbours on our left flank and we had a most convivial evening.

We have had two lunch parties. At the first we entertained John Ridley of the *Telegraph*, Eric Britter of *The Times* and Compton Pakenham of *News Week*. At our second party we entertained Maj.-Gen. H. Murray, the new Divisional Commander, on the occasion of his first visit to the Battalion.

During this period the Warrant Officers and Sergeants invited us to their Mess for beer and a buffet lunch. We enjoyed their beer and food and company very much and, though, as usual, they beat us at darts, dominoes and crib, the C.O. was once again able to show his mastery at shove-halfpenny. At this stage it is convenient to insert

that the officers had two soccer matches against the Warrant Officers and Sergeants. In both games play was fast and furious, but honours were even with one game each.

In early October the advance party of officers for Gibraltar left us. They consisted of Tony Firth, Barry Kavanagh, Bill Blakey, Nick Jackson and Charles Huxtable. We trust that Barry, our P.M.C., will have organised a good Mess by the time of our arrival.

Next we welcomed Hugh Conroy and the ten other officers who formed the Advance Party of The North Staffordshire Regiment. Not only was it a pleasure to have them in the Mess as their presence was a constant reminder of our own imminent departure, but they were very good company and Guy Stringer never failed to amuse us with his stories.

A week before leaving for Pusan we gave a Farewell Party to which some one hundred and seventy guests were invited. It took the form of a buffet lunch preceded by a variety of drink. Douglas Jones Stamp had made a special trip to Japan to procure extra fare, mainly in the way of oysters and prawns, and Edward Emmet and Chris McMillan (Essex Regiment) provided a curry, which for Korea was unprecedented for its excellence, according to general opinion. Despite a cloudy sky the rain kept off. We would like to record here our thanks to the Bandmaster and Band of the 2nd Royal Australian Regiment, who played throughout the party.

Bill McKay and the officers of 45, "Q" Battery, our affiliated Battery, bade us their official goodbye by entertaining the whole of the Mess to a farewell lunch party. At this party they presented the Regiment with a silver-plated 25-pounder case of one of the last shells fired during the "Hook" Battle. This gift was to commemorate the long and friendly association between us and we in turn are presenting the Battery with two silver beer mugs.

We left for Pusan with mixed feelings. Though happy at the prospect of our move to Gibraltar there was a certain sadness at leaving behind our friends in the Commonwealth Division.

In Pusan we gave our final party. Mr. Graham, the British Minister, and Mrs. Graham attended and we were also pleased to see Ronnie Cunningham, Jimmy Davidson's brother-in-law, who is aboard with us returning home after twenty months as Military Attaché at Pusan. The Band of the North Staffordshire Regiment played throughout the party and we should like to record our thanks to them.

Before our departure from Korea Brigadier Kendrew, on behalf of 29th Brigade, presented the Regiment with a silver statuette of a Korean peasant carrying a loaded "A" frame. This is a beautiful and much prized piece of silver and will take a worthy place amongst the other pieces of Regimental silver.

As is usual, during the past few months a certain number of officers have left the Battalion, whilst others have joined. Tony Taylor, Tom Rothery, Bill Oliver, Simon Berry, Doug. Holland, John

Keatley, Peter Chester, Geoffrey Ingram and Arthur Fitch are now on their way to or actually in civilian life, where we wish them the best of luck. Bernard Kilner has returned to England to collect his wife and family and then go to the Staff College at Quetta. May he have every success there. John Stacpoole has also gone back to England and is preparing for a two years' attachment to the Airborne Forces. May he, too, have every success! As these notes are being written at sea, it can be added with regret that Derek Harris left us at Hong Kong to take up his appointment as D.A.Q.M.G. at "H.Q." Land Forces, and that Mike Casey left us at Singapore to return to The West Yorkshire Regiment. Unfortunately, on his return to civilisation, Derek clipped off half of a moustache which must surely have been the biggest and reddest in Korea. In the places of those who have gone we welcome Derek Booth, Peter Watkins, Chris Wood, Derek Von Bethman Holwegg, Denis Fordyce, Mike Hedges and Mac Dowdy.

And now we are at sea heading fast for Gibraltar. Korea is becoming a shadowy memory. We look ahead to happy days and nights gazing over the Mediterranean.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Our last notes were written when we were rejoicing at the signature of the Truce and at our removal to an area further south. In this area our Mess became quite comfortable, though we did not go all out to make it a showpiece as we expected to be given a Quonset hut within a short time. C.S.M. Callaby took over President's duties, protesting "What, me again?" and our first landlord was Sgt. Pickering, until the advance party to Gibraltar was about to set out, when Sgt. Chadwick inserted his vast bulk behind the bar, to supply or serenade us according to taste.

Our two most notable functions were a social gathering with the officers one Sunday afternoon and our farewell party, the giving of which afforded us more pleasure than any other act in the previous fourteen months. We also spread ourselves out round the division at week-ends and showed the flag to the Canadians, Australians, Engineers, Ordnance, and other infantry battalion messes. We cemented a particularly strong friendship with our affiliated battery, 45 Field Battery, R.A. They visited us frequently and we bumped along the worst road in Korea to see them as often as we could. Toward the end, the W.O.s and Sergeants of the battery presented us with an inscribed shell case, and we reciprocated with a rifle butt cribbage board. This was intended to prevent their biggest crib player, Sgt. Jack Eustace, D.C.M., from swindling whenever he played, but to our silent dismay he declared it would never be used, but placed among the battery trophies.

We attended the farewell parties of the 1st Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, and the house-warmer of their successors, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. After that came the farewell party of The King's Regiment, and therewith the arrival of the Advance Party of The North Stafford-

shire Regiment, whom we were naturally most pleased to see. We feel that we were perhaps a little unkind to them in one respect—that they had to bear the full brunt of our war stories. They stood up to the strain manfully and were able to take over their various departments in due course.

Our own farewell party took place on the evening of Saturday, October 31. In the morning it had rained heavily and movements on roads had been restricted by Divisional order, but by the evening the weather had moderated, and there was a representative attendance from all units in the Division. C.S.M. Callaby had procured a very capable little Canadian concert party, who entertained us very ably, despite misfortune with the electric generator. Sgt. Fielding, as ever, did wonders with the buffet, assisted by Ptes. Foley and Tiley, our Mess cooks. We are sure our visitors enjoyed themselves.

On November 8 we suffered the ghastly rail journey to Pusan, and were there looked after for five days by the Transit Camp. We threw a combined party there with the advance parties of 20th Field Regiment, R.A., and 1st Royal Tank Regiment, our last get-together with the people who supported us and others so ably and cheerfully for our twelve months.

On November 12, at the Memorial Service in the United Nations Cemetery, Sgts. Fenn, Sullivan and Pickersgill, M.M., were three of the four catafalque sentries and they were complimented by many for their good bearing and steadiness during the ceremony.

The following day we embarked in H.M.T. *Asturias* for our trip to Gibraltar and these notes are compiled *en route*, between Singapore and Colombo. The trip so far has been a very happy one and we are far more comfortable than on our outward journey.

Our main sporting activities as a Mess have been a series of soccer matches against the officers. The first we lost, the second was a draw and the final one was won by us.

*Personalia*.—Sgts. Goddard and Nowell have taken their release from the Army and sailed in September and October respectively. We were very pleased to hear that C.S.M. Frier, who had been in hospital in Japan since shortly after the Truce, joined the Advance Party for Gibraltar on the *Empire Fowey*. Sgts. Perrin, Milton and Powell were on the *Asturias* when we boarded her, with Sgt. Hodgson, our representative at Field Records. Mess members aboard the *Asturias* are much better catered for than on the outward trip aboard the *Devonshire*, when Colour-Sergeants and Sergeants were in hammocks and Sergeants fed on a messdeck. Now the dining saloon takes W.O.s and Sergeants at one sitting, and we share the same lounge.

Our reflection on leaving Korea is that although we are all unrelievedly pleased to leave the theatre, it has been a year of experience for us all, the like of which we may never have again. It is seldom that a Sergeants' Mess is able at one and the same time to entertain Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and American Marines, as we so frequently have since the Truce. We have learned that it is fatal to speak to a Digger or Kiwi of "the

Empire," and that it *must* be "the Commonwealth" unless one wants a thick ear. We have tried to teach U.S. Marines cricket and soccer, and how to drink beer. They have made apt pupils. We have also benefited from their well-known hospitality. We know now as never before what the "other Arms" are there for, and have found out what quantity of beer Gunners can get through when they really try. We only wish we could encounter the same cheerful friendship in more congenial stations.

The members who embarked for Gibraltar with the Battalion, including our Advance Party, are: *Battalion H.Q.*—R.S.M. Pearce, O.R.Q.M.S. Hall, W.O.II Corke, Sgts. Dickie (Pro.), Robins (Sigs.), Wood (Int.), Dickson (R.A.M.C.) and Powell (Stretcher Bearer Sergeant), C/Sgt. Alton (Drum Major).

*H.Q. Company.*—C.S.M. Quest, M.M., R.Q.M.S. Dawson, C/Sgt. Munro, Sgts. Waite (M.T.), Webb (Officers' Mess), Garrity (Tech.), Meadows (A.P.T.C.), Wilkinson (Armr.), Naldrett (R.E.M.E.), Gray (P.R.I.), Holmes (R.A.P.C.), Knowles and Fielden (A.C.C.) and Pickering.

*"S" Company.*—C.S.M. Williams, C/Sgt. Norman, Sgts. Blezard, M.M., Sullivan, Batty, Craven, Houghton and Spring.

*"A" Company.*—C.S.M. Callaby, M.M., C/Sgt. Clark, Sgts. France, Arundel, Chadwick and Brown.

*"B" Company.*—C.S.M. Frier, C/Sgt. Webster, Sgts. Fletcher, Cranham, Peach, M.M., Clark and Milton.

*"C" Company.*—C.S.M. Randall, C/Sgt. Lancaster, Sgts. Kirk, Mountcastle, Mills and Rutherford.

*"D" Company.*—C.S.M. Joblin, M.M., C/Sgt. Nichols, Sgts. Fenn, Pickersgill, M.M., Simpson and Perrin.

Of the above, Sgts. Pickering, Milton, Clark, Rutherford and Craven are travelling to U.K. to take up appointments at the Regimental Depot and elsewhere. We wish them the very best of luck.

Before we dare to close these notes we offer our very sincere and hearty congratulations to R.S.M. R. Pearce and O.R.Q.M.S. J. Hall on the award of the Meritorious Service Medal, a unique distinction indeed—it is the first time that two serving members of the Battalion can have ever been awarded it at the same time.

### "A" COMPANY

The last day of July saw the Battalion back in its former A-B Echelon position, this time for good, and each Company hastened to get itself settled in with the minimum of delay. The first evening was enlivened by a tremendous downpour of rain, which well nigh swept away the Company's "pup" tents and their occupants. However, everyone was exceptionally cheerful in the face of this misfortune and crowded into what "squad" tents there were.

From early August until the Battalion's departure from the area on November 8, the Company was very fully occupied, first of all on salvage work within the demilitarised zone, and from late-August onward on the digging and construction of the new defences on the Kansas line. The work was heavy and monotonous, but the Company did very creditably

and handed over the position in an advance state of construction to "A" Company of The North Staffordshire Regiment.

Yet the long days of autumn sunshine spent on the Kansas position were not without their lighter moments. One highlight was the occasion when 2/Lt. Watkins, who had newly-joined, decided that the best way to tar the strips of roofing felt on a bunker was to take off boots and socks and tread in the tar with his bare feet. This went down well with his platoon, as did also his habit of digging one on a deserted part of the hillside, which gave rise to considerable amusement and much speculation as to what he was seeking. Cpl. Jack Taylor became well known as a snake tracker. He claimed to be able to tell when a snake had crossed a track by carefully scanning the ground for the marks which, he said, were left by any snake. L/Cpl. Rush gained great notoriety. To be placed in a working party under his direction was regarded by many members of the Company rather in the light of the well-worn phrase, "a fate worse than death."

This period has seen a considerable change within the Company. At its opening Major Derek Harris was Company Commander, Lt. David Borwell 2 IC, and 2/Lts. Simon Berry and James Hayes commanded Nos. 1 and 3 Platoon respectively, whilst 2/Lt. John Keatley was in hospital in Japan. He had been taken ill rather suddenly a few days before the Truce was signed and on his recovery he was retained in Kure on returned P.O.W. interrogation, on completion of which he sailed for home, his period of National Service finished. Simon Berry left for home in mid-August. It was not until a month later that 2/Lts. Peter Watkins and Chris Wood arrived to fill their places to command Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons respectively.

Major Harris now leaves the Company to take up a staff appointment in Hong Kong, and he takes with him everyone's best wishes. He has been with "A" Company in Korea since April, as 2 IC and, since the beginning of June, as Company Commander. He had commanded "A" Company previously in B.A.O.R. Major Ince now fills his place. It is his proud boast that with command of "Able" he has now commanded every Company in the Battalion at one time or another.

Cpl. "Spud" Taylor and Cpl. Miles arrived back from hospital in Japan after recovering from their wounds and were welcomed back into the Company. Sgt. Chadwick left to take up the duties of Sergeants' Mess Caterer at the beginning of October. Many members of the Company have gone home on completion of their period of National Service, and we have received others to fill their places. To all of these we extend a welcome. Unfortunately some of the more recently joined have been retained in Korea and rebadged. Our best wishes remained with them.

Among those who have departed are Cpls. Fawcett, Holdsworth and Welsh, L/Cpls. Hampson, and Rush, and Kirk, Padgett and Gezzard. Everyone will miss Kirk and Padgett, whose entertainment value was so great. We felt Kirk's absence at the farewell party held just before the Battalion left

its location. We wish all who have left good luck and God-speed.

The advance party of The North Staffordshire Regiment arrived on October 7 and it is quite certain that the "A" Company representatives were almost frightened to death by the combined yarns of Buglass, the two Corporals Taylor and others.

Our farewell party was held on October 30 and was pronounced by all to be a great success. The C.O. attended, as did several other senior officers of the Battalion. A Canadian concert party provided musical entertainment and Cpl. "Spud" Taylor acted as the master of ceremonies. He is an excellent story-teller and has a most amusing fund of tales.

The highlight of the Company's many and varied sporting activities was our 3-1 victory over "D" Company in the final of the inter-Company knock-out soccer competition. "Dog" scored first, but Yeomans equalised by heading in a long and well-placed free kick from Cpl. Smith. Whitelock added another goal after a mêlée in the penalty area, and Young strengthened this lead when he cut in from the left wing to send in a beautiful cross-shot. After the match the C.O. congratulated us on our worthy performance, and each member of the team was presented with a medal.

There were representatives of the Company in all the Battalion teams—Whitlock and Gallacher for football, Falk and Cpl. Bower for basket-ball, Cpl. Taylor (Jack) and 2/Lt. Watkins for hockey, Majors Harris and Spence for cricket and 2/Lt. Wood for shooting.

In our individual darts championship within the Company Cpl. Smith was the winner and his younger brother, Pte. Smith (92), the runner-up.

We left the Battalion area on November 8 and, after the wearisome journey overnight to Pusan, spent the next few days in re-kitting.

The Battalion memorial service was held at the U.N. War Cemetery on the 12th, during which "A" Company was able to pay its especial tribute to its own dead, when Major Ince laid a wreath at the foot of the U.N. flagpole on behalf of the Company. The following day we embarked with the rest of the Battalion on board H.M.T. *Asturias*.

Everyone in the Company is now looking forward to Gibraltar, except one or two "old soldiers," principally from No. 3 Platoon, who hint darkly at what may happen to them there. We shall see!

### "B" COMPANY

Our last notes took us up to the Truce on July 27, after which we had busied ourselves pulling down our bunkers and hoochis and removing all useful stores from our original positions.

Our new position was in the colourful and historic Gloucester Valley and here we set about putting up tents, digging drains, building a cookhouse, wash-house, and, at a second attempt, a very fine canteen, named, after much deliberation, the "Kansas Kabin."

However, it wasn't long before we started work in real earnest on the Kansas line. The Company

Commander having carefully sited all the weapon pits and trenches, the Company got stuck in with a will and worked like beavers to get as much of it completed as possible before the North Staffords arrived.

Our relaxation was mostly sport in the afternoon and later in the evening either tombola and drinking in the Kansas Kabin or attending the open-air cinema.

We were very kindly invited to take part in the 3rd R.C.R. Sports Meeting. The tug-of-war team were rather dismayed to find themselves pulling against giants of 6 ft. 3 in. or more; and although the volley ball team had never played before they acquitted themselves well. We did, however, manage to win the cross-country run, thanks largely to excellent running by Pte. Fetch and L/Cpl. Johnson, who both came in well to the fore, and to Capt. Evans, who, like the Duke of Plazatoro, exhorted his men from behind. Also, in the 100 yds. relay, we managed to gain third place. After the meeting we all went for a quick swim in the Imjin and were then entertained and given a banquet royal by Support Company of the R.C.R. A very good time was had by all.

We later had a return meeting with Support Company of 3 R.C.R. on our home ground this time, and although we were clear winners in hockey, we went down before them at softball, basket ball, etc. We also staged a banquet of the first dimensions and the Canadians departed in a very happy mood.

Just before 90 days were up after the Truce the Battalion had to go and clear up all the dead bodies from the Hook area. "B" Company were given the Hook itself. It brought back to some the memories of the times when they had been there and to others, notably Cpl. Purvis amongst them, the chance to re-tell their exploits with advantage to the newcomers of the Company.

Other than this we had no unpleasant tasks except perhaps Exercise "Scram." This necessitated getting out of bed at any hour of the night and manning our Kansas positions. It was small wonder that some people were bad tempered in the mornings.

We said good-bye to Major Firth, C.S.M. Frier, C/Sgt. Webster and L/Cpl. Hardy and others who went in the advance party to Gibraltar to prepare our new habitation for us. Also 2/Lt. Rothery, L/Cpl. Holden and Ptes. Chippendale, Ashford and Brown, who went home on R.H.E. However, we welcome 2/Lt. Denis Fordyce to the Company, who takes over from 2/Lt. Miller, the latter having now progressed to the M.M.G. Platoon.

I think we can look back on our year in Korea with the knowledge that we have done our full share. We were newly-formed on the boat out to Korea and although the baby Company of the Battalion we soon settled down into a happy, hard-working one.

Let us hope that we will prove ourselves equally capable in Gibraltar as we did in Korea. As I write these notes we are well on our way to Colombo, and the journey that has been a dream for so long is now a reality.

### "C" COMPANY

The last notes were written as we were settling in at our armistice camp at the north end of Gloucester Valley. We take up the story again as, with Hong Kong and Singapore behind us, the good ship *Asturias* bears us relentlessly on to Gibraltar.

August, September and October were devoted to the threefold task of digging the Kansas line, making ourselves comfortable and playing games. To our own surprise we achieved a fair measure of success in all three. During these three months the weather changed from intense steamy heat to a stage where winter clothing and space heaters in tents became a necessity. We rose early and broke the back of the work before midday. After dinner we rested and recuperated, and in the evenings we played games. Our Company position on the Kansas line was, though somewhat dispersed, a very strong and archaeologically interesting site. Castle Hill is reputed to have been built originally by the troops of the redoubtable Ghengis Khan. The remains of the keep and the original curtain wall are easily traced. It seems likely, however, that this fortress was built not facing north to oppose a crossing of the Imjin River, but facing south to cover the pass through the hills, which is now known as Gloucester valley.

The area is stilled scarred with the remains of the Gloucester's great battle. Interesting as are the historical associations, the digging is definitely tough, as No. 8 Platoon found to their cost. Every pound of explosive that could be begged, borrowed or scrounged was employed, but most of the solid rock was reduced in the end by blisters and sweat.

The "Bovril Boys," under 2/Lt. Campbell-Lamerton, after roughing out their own reserve position, were removed to the more vital task of "digging for dog." This was a more fashionable area, where they were visited daily by "everyone who is anyone" in Korea.

Sgt. Kirk and No. 9 Platoon got off to an excellent start in a reasonably good digging area adjacent to the N.A.A.F.I. roadhouse, where, despite the counter attractions of char and wads, they constructed a very creditable little Maginot line for themselves. Altogether we learnt a great deal in the siting and construction of a deliberate defensive position and had the armistice been broken before we left, we could have said with the defenders of Verdun, *On ne passe pas*.

The soccer team did quite creditably in the league, despite a number of mishaps to our star players. We were beaten by "A" Company (the eventual winners) in the semi-final. We have the men and can, and will, do better still in Gibraltar. A pleasant feature was a series of outside games with Companies of other Regiments, notably "C" Company, the Royal Scots, who we just managed to beat on their home ground, but who had their revenge when they played the return match on ours. These contests concluded with an excellent tea arranged by Lt. Cowell and Cpl. West.

Basket-ball remains an esoteric mystery to all but its devotees—2/Lt. Campbell-Lamerton and Sgt. Mills both claim to understand the rules and argued constantly and heatedly about the tactics

to be employed. Our two physical training professors, Cpls. Thompson and Connor, spent most of their waking hours throwing a basket-ball at each other. "Rakki One," a KATCOM, was a valued member of the team, which played several exciting and energetic games. In the inter-Company league we finished third, being beaten by "S" and "A" Companies. Softball (psst—we nearly said rounders) never really caught on in "C" Company, although once we nearly beat the Signals, the acknowledged champions.

The Company canteen has made great strides, thanks to quiz and tombola nights and their complementary suppers, although, of course, the confirmed addicts continued to patronise the "Paradise."

Members of the Company who have left us to serve their country with the T.A. are too numerous to mention individually; suffice to say we are sorry to lose them all. Sgt. Dickie and Cpl. McKenzie we surrendered reluctantly to the Regimental Police. In their place we welcome Sgt. Mills, a useful addition to the sporting life of the Company. We also welcome Cpls. Linfoot and Evans, who have rejoined us from hospital, and 2/Lt. Bethman-Hollweg, who arrived in time to lay the foundation stone of the last three bunkers. We have also received some welcome reinforcements from the Signals and M.T., many of whom have served in the Company before. At Gibraltar we say goodbye to Cpls. Sargeant, Sharpe and Wolstenholme and Pte. Miller, who continue their journey to the fogs of Halifax. Whether to congratulate or commiserate, we do not know. At any rate, we wish them the best of luck. One of our sorriest tasks was saying goodbye to 15 of our most recent arrivals, who, in the current and revolting phraseology of records jargon, have been "rebadged as North Staffords." We regret leaving them, but have no doubt they will serve their new Regiment as well as they would have served the "Dukes."

We also regret leaving behind our KATCOMS, who have shared our vicissitudes during the last twelve months. Judging by the farewells as we embussed, they too were sorry to see us go.

Few of us are sorry to leave Korea, but none will deny that the experience of the last year has been an object lesson in comradeship which is unforgettable. The simple ceremony and service of remembrance at Pusan was a fitting and moving conclusion to a memorable year.

### "D" COMPANY

The digging and building of the new defence line—Kansas—has occupied very largely the time of the Company since the end of hostilities.

It was early in August that the Commanding Officer instructed the Company Commander to tape out in detail a platoon position in the Company locality. This was to be part of a demonstration to be given by Maj.-Gen. West, the Divisional Commander, to the remainder of I Corps; with the object of convincing the American Army that we had something to teach in our conception of the defensive battle in the light of past experience.

The Corps Commander and his Divisional Com-

manders appeared to accept our ideas. Anyway "D" Company was given first priority of defence stores within the Division and told to complete its position as soon as possible as a "blue print" and as a "living demonstration" for the Corps.

From then on our days were very busy ones. The pace was forced by those above who wanted to see what the completed fortifications would be like—and again by ourselves, who now we had begun were anxious to complete the task before we left Korea. Naturally enough, this resulted in long hours of hard digging from early morn until the dusk began to settle on our hill.

We had already learnt a great deal about field engineering in our previous positions, and had many ideas which we would now be able to implement. Because of the existing layout of the defence works in the line we had not previously been able to put these ideas into practice. Now, however, starting from scratch we were able to let ourselves go with great effect, and in so doing we learnt much more than we had ever known before.

Visited as we were most days by at least one officer of General rank and many more of the lower status who came to see our progress—and perhaps take away an idea or two—it was not an unfamiliar sight to see up to six helicopters hovering over our heads ready to drop down out of the very blue the "Brass" of the U.N. to see us!

We became very proud of our work on the hill, and every man had one aim—to see that the task was completed before we left Korea.

It is good to be able to record that but for levelling 50 yards of trench, we did! That failure was due to a lack of material rather than a lack of effort!

This meant that within the Platoon demonstration position alone we had excavated 13,050 tons of solid earth.

A visitor to the position standing on the hill tops would little realise that the hill he was standing on was practically hollow. Such was the extent of the camouflage that after the remoulding of the hill and the replanting of trees and shrubs had taken place it was hard to appreciate the warren of tunnels and bunkers there were underneath. The hills had become a fortress. All that could now be seen of the fortifications were the slits and even these became invisible at not much over 100 yards.

In addition to our activities on Kansas we got on well with building up our Company camp. We were detached from the remainder of the Battalion, tucked into the side of a hill with a magnificent view down Gloster valley, and of a prominent large hill called Kumack Sam.

After a great deal of effort, especially on the part of our Company H.Q. carpenter team led by L/Cpl. Swallow, more often than not in their spare time, our Company area became the envy of all, with its rustic fencing enclosing the "Paddock" or parade ground, terraced gardens, and a well-situated canteen. We planted the gardens with the indigenous wild flowers for which Korea is famous—and they made a great show.

These, together with the rustic tables and seats, made from timber salvaged from our last position in the line, placed under large gay sunshades and

lanterns from Japan, gave the whole camp a pleasing oriental appearance. So much so that many an American passing by in jeep or lorry mistakenly called in for a cup of tea/beer and a bun!

Apart from engineering feats on Kansas and in the Company lines, our chief task was to build a soccer XI worthy of "D" Company. Our first efforts showed promise, but little success, and in the Battalion league we hovered around the bottom of the table until the team "clicked" in the last match of the series. We defeated "S" Company in an extremely hard-fought and exciting game.

After this success the side never looked back and gained strength and ability with every game. Pte. Fogarty, the captain, had moved to centre-forward and had given the forward line the punch which was lacking.

A feature of our Company Sports at this time was the inter-Company, Squadron and Battery games we played against outside units. We became, as a result, very friendly with our neighbours, most of whom we defeated, and they fully appreciated a bit of real old Yorkshire hospitality after the game in our local inn "The Dog and Lamp-post," as the Company canteen was called. In return, we had a number of very pleasant "away" fixtures.

Our main aim at this time was to win the Battalion Knock-out Competition. We started well by defeating "H.Q." and "B" Companies, but in the final "A" Company had the better of the play and fully deserved their 3—1 victory.

May we take this opportunity of congratulating those of the Company who were regular members of the Battalion XI. Ptes. Fogarty, Maxfield, Guest, Buttle, L/Cpl. Hargraves, and Lt. Shuttleworth.

A word of thanks is also due to our Company cooks and canteen orderlies, who by their efforts made our after-the-game entertainment such a success.

A certain amount of Company cricket was played, but we have to admit that our interest quickly lapsed after we had been beaten by "H.Q." Company by a very few runs, in the Battalion Competition. Lts. Shuttleworth and Dasent, and L/Cpl. Hargraves were members of the Battalion XI. We must also congratulate Lt. Shuttleworth for being selected to play for England in their very successful Korean Test matches against Australia.

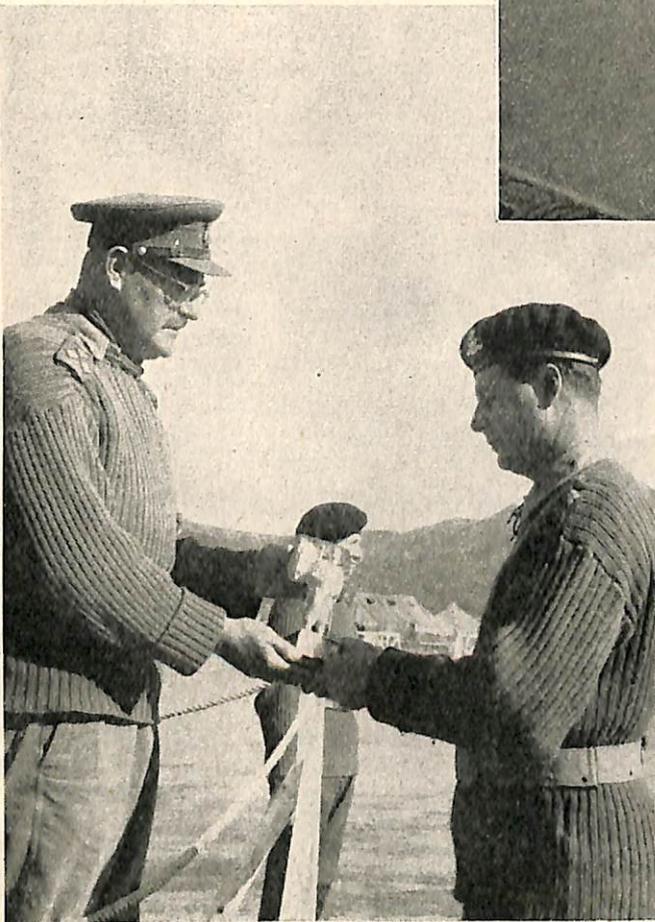
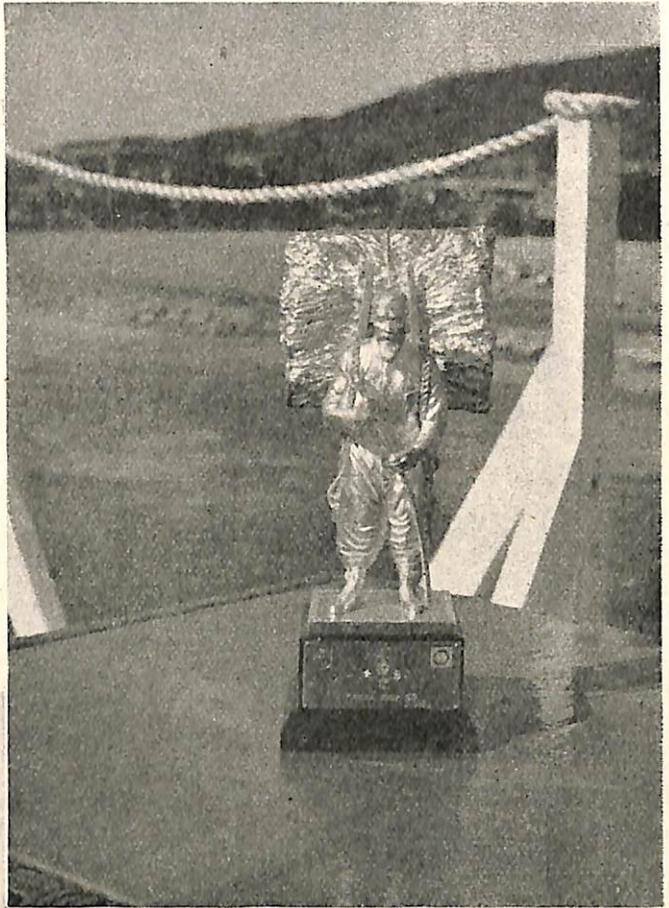
Our memories of sport in Korea during this period are very happy ones, and one cannot but recall with pleasure the fighting "pep talks" by the Company Commander, the domination of No. 10 Platoon in inter-Platoon sport, the game when Company H.Q. almost beat No. 12 Platoon, the divergence of opinion in the Company soccer selection committee, and finally the spirit of "D" Company throughout this sporting season whatever the game.

Naturally enough before leaving Korea it was decided we would have a Company party. Unprecedented in Korea, all "D" Companies of other units in the Brigade were invited, as also were our affiliated Battery and Tank and R.E. Squadrons.

By the combination of excellent planning by our new 2 IC, Capt. Booth, 2/Lt. Dasent, and C/Sgt. Nichols, and tremendous effort by Sgt.

The silver statuette  
of a Korean farmer carrying  
an "A" frame.

*(Army P.R. photograph's)*



Brigadier D. A. Kendrew,  
C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander  
29th British Infantry  
Brigade presenting the silver  
statuette to Lt.-Col. F. R.  
St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O.,  
at a parade on November 1.

Fielden, A.C.C., and our Company Cooks, a truly magnificent display of food was put before the assembled multitude.

Recovering quickly from the after-effects of such a party, the Company was thought to be the best drilled Company on the Square by the Colonel, and because of this, we were selected for further honours on reaching Pusan.

The first day was spent in idly and luxuriously preparing ourselves for our sea journey to Gibraltar. On the second day of our stay, however, Major Emmett informed the Company that we had been selected to represent the British Commonwealth in a United Nations parade to commemorate Armistice Day on November 11. A singular honour, which at such a time was met with fortitude by all!

C/Sgt. Nichols, in the absence of C.S.M. Jobling, M.M., in the short time available, soon had the Company marching like Guardsmen.

The following day we debussed in the centre of Pusan and for an hour waited for the start of the parade, watching with kindly if sardonic interest the attempts of other United Nation contingents forming up. At last the time arrived. C.S.M. Jobling, M.M., dressed the Company preparatory to moving off. In front was the Band of The North Staffordshire Regiment and in rear the Band of an American unit—a trying ally it was soon to prove. As we neared the saluting base, marching well to "The Wellesley," the American Band, with great violence, suddenly struck up a vibrant Sousa, and, of course, on the wrong foot! This, plus inter-crossing tram lines, disunited us temporarily. However, apart from this, we were afterwards acclaimed as the smartest unit on parade.

On our last day in Korea we took part in a simple but moving memorial service at the United Nations Cemetery to pay our last respects to our fallen comrades before leaving Korea.

The following day we embarked with mixed feelings on H.M.T. *Asturias*, bound for the pleasanter surroundings of Gibraltar.

Now at sea, having said, we hope, farewell to the land of Korea, reminds us to say not farewell but *au revoir* to those who have left us during the past months, including 2/Lt. G. Ingram, Cpl. Richardson, L/Cpl. Swallow and Pte. Roberts, not forgetting our Company Commander's batman-driver, Pte. Charlton, who had so much to contend with—and who now will have to contend with his horses and cattle instead. We hope they will not forget us altogether.

C.Q.M.S. Alton has also left the Company, but not the Battalion; he has now become Drum Major and can be seen daily exhorting his drummers to drum and blow against wind and tempest!

We welcome Capt. Booth, who has taken over for the sixth time in the past year the apparently very arduous duties of 2 IC from Lt. Shuttlesworth, who has left us we hope only temporarily for Battalion H.Q. as Assistant Adjutant. 2/Lt. Hind has also recently joined us, after a brief but, we understand, unprofitable stay out of the Army in the wilds of Northern Rhodesia, and has taken over command of No. 11 Platoon

In closing, we give below for general interest, our present order of battle:

*Company Commander:* Major E. J. P. Emmett, M.C.; 2 IC: Capt. D. Booth; C.S.M.: J. Jobling, M.M.; C.Q.M.S.: Nichols.

No. 10 Platoon: Lt. J. Newton, Sgt. Perrin, Sgt. Pickersgill, M.M., Cpls. Davie and Welch.

No. 11 Platoon: 2/Lt. Hind, Sgt. Simpson, Cpls. McKenna, Shooter and Hudson.

No. 12 Platoon: 2/Lt. C. Bannerman, Sgt. Fenn, Cpls. Wilson, Tully and Bye.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

There is little of note to report since our last IRON DUKE notes were written in September. For the first time since we arrived in Korea the Company has been together as an entity, but owing to its specialist nature, it was never possible to get the whole Company together on parade.

We spent our last two months in Korea finding working parties for the Kansas positions—the Signals have been digging in their line communications, while the Drums and M.T. have been daily working on the Battalion C.P. area.

In October we were delighted to greet the advance party of the North Staffords, and made haste to hand over in as short a time as possible.

On November 8 we entrained at Tokchong on the first leg of our journey to Gibraltar, arriving at Pusan on the morning of the 9th. After a hectic 48 hours of handing in winter clothing and drawing out tropical kit we paraded for the memorial service on November 12. The memorial service was most moving and impressive, as was the march past that followed, and the remembrance of it will long remain with those of us who were on parade.

On November 13 we embarked on H.M.T. *Asturias* for the last leg of our journey. Here Major Austin, who is going straight through to England, handed over command of the Company to Capt. Wood, and withdrew to complete his historical account of the "Dukes" in Korea.

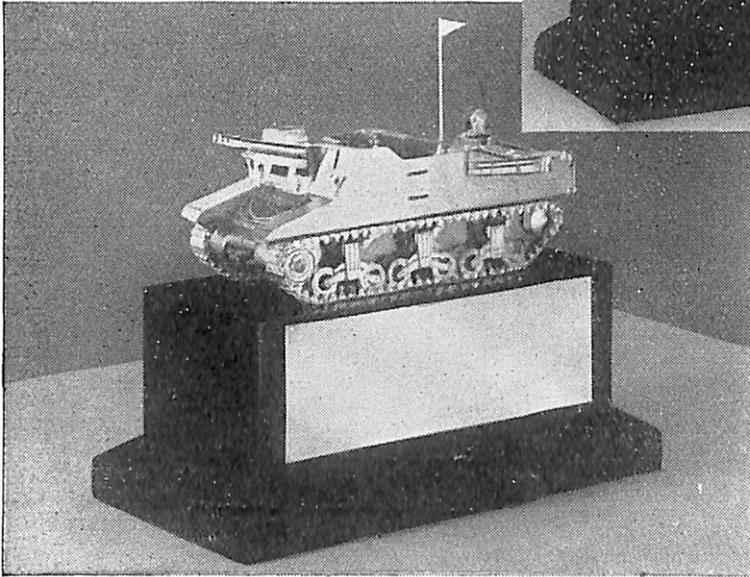
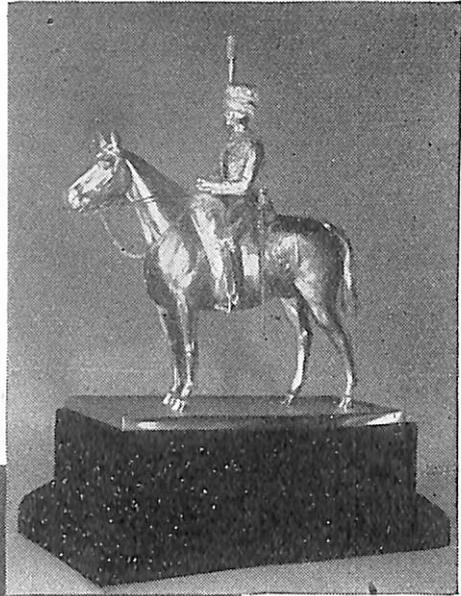
### M.T. PLATOON

We can safely sigh with relief that our fears of the suspected peace-time accounting never materialised into actual fact. That relief was, however, replaced by another fear, or should I say "flap," which came in the form of an inspection team who were duly appointed to test out our vehicles. The team, comprising one captain, two staff-sergeants, one corporal and two craftsmen, formed the C.R.E.M.E. Inspectorate who were to undertake our final inspection of vehicles before we handed over to our relief, the North Staffs. The report that was sent in was in keeping with our good reputation which has been upheld over the past year. Congratulations go to all who worked hard to make this good report possible.

In the world of sport, our record as "undefeated footballers" was unfortunately broken by "A" Company in the inter-Company knock-out competition. It was not the lack of trying that lost us the knock-out, but a fair defeat by a better team. Nevertheless, we had our revenge in the inter-Company basket-ball league by beating "S"

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Company in the last lap, having been inspired to victory by the example of our M.T.O.

Unfortunately, we have to close on a sad note. Owing to the M.T. establishment at Gibraltar being so small, we have lost three-quarters of the platoon to Rifle Companies. However, we know that wherever they go they will always be a credit to us and give to their Company the loyal service that they gave the M.T.

Lastly, may we take this opportunity to say *au revoir* to Capt. Wood, our M.T.O. We all join in wishing him the very best in his new environment at Halifax and hope that his absence from our fold will not be for too long.

“PLAYMATE.”

#### SIGNAL PLATOON

Unfortunately, during the period of the war no Signal Platoon notes were written, but the present platoon knows full well what they owe to the old platoon who did all the spade work during our early days in Korea and who set them such a fine example of steadiness and efficiency. No one who was with the Battalion or in our platoon at the time will ever forget the fine work done by our corporals—Nicholson, Smith, Mason and later on and, unfortunately, for a short time only, Leeming—nor will the Companies and the other specialist platoons forget their Hardings, Seniors, Simpsons, Davies, McMahons and Smiths, who, with their small bands of the faithful, mended the lines, manned the wireless sets and exchanges and did a hundred and one other jobs which “Pronto” never suspected during that period. A word of praise, too, for the Battalion line parties and exchange men, who seldom stole the limelight, but whose unremitting struggle 24 hours a day, day in, day out, so greatly contributed to the Battalion’s efficiency in the line. Of course, it was not all hard work; light moments were provided by the humourist Pollard or by “friends” laying lines across the door of the C.O.’s caravan and the Signal Office.

Then there was the Hook . . . !

Since the end of the war most of our time has been spent in building the line system for the new Kansas position. By dint of great labours and sweat of brow, we buried all the forward lines to a depth of 3 ft., built and labelled their test points and maintained the temporary routes during the manning exercises. In the realm of sport, the basket-ball team, under L/Cpl. Davies, and the football team, led by L/Cpl. Wood and Pte. Tuffs, our Battalion footballer, have had good seasons. Softball was popular for a time, but after a 38—8 thrashing by the U.S.M.C., we decided to concentrate on other sports.

Now what is left of the platoon after coming down to lower establishment is on its way to Gibraltar; we do not really know what to expect in the way of future work, but the exploits of the past will, no doubt, be handed on, losing nothing in their telling, to faces as yet unknown to us.

Finally, our congratulations to L/Cpl. Davies on his well-earned M.I.D. and our sincere thanks to Sgt. Robins, who has always been the very back-

bone of the platoon and a friend in need to everyone all the time.

#### “S” COMPANY

During the last three months “S” Company has been a company once again. The platoons have no longer been detached and on their own but have lived and worked together, and the Company Commander has been able to see all his men on parade.

When we came out of the line for the last time we did a neat bit of “changey-changey” with the Officers’ Mess and set to painting everything that did not move black and yellow. The Assault Pioneers constructed a veritable palace of a cookhouse which soon became a shrine for visiting chefs, and where Sgt. Feilding and his cooks turned out intricate delicacies from the depths of a 40-gallon drum. The attention of our “artisan class” was then turned to making a Company canteen. This was constructed around a real brick Korean fireplace and soon rivalled the cookhouse.

Major Grieve has recently arrived to take over the reins of the Company from Capt. Robertson, who is off to Eaton Hall after three unbroken years with us.

The following have left for civilian life during this period, and we wish them all the very best of luck and a speedy return to the Battalion once they have realised the error of their ways: Cpls. Parker and Smith, Ptes. Raper, Maude, Bell, Whiteley, Buckley, Standing, Smith 90, Smith 18, Shooter and Ridley.

Sgt. Craven, Cpl. Bodycote and Cpl. Alexander have left us for duty at the Regimental Depot, and we wish to thank them for their hard work during the past year.

A lot of sport has been played since the armistice and for the smallest company in the Battalion “S” Company did very well indeed. In the inter-Company soccer league we were placed second and we won the inter-Company cricket. In the cricket final against “H.Q.” Company we made 155 for 1 in the allotted 25 overs and “H.Q.” Company were only able to make 101 for 9. Lts. Hardy and Miller made 63 and 79 respectively, and C.S.M. Williams and Cpl. Fitzhenry took the nine wickets between them, Cpl. Fitzhenry taking five of these.

2/Lt. David Miller, “Dusty” Miller’s brother, has now joined the specialist ranks and has been cramming hard with Capt. Robertson preparatory to taking over the M.M.G. Platoon.

The Assault Platoon Officer, 2/Lt. John Stacpoole, has left us for the Paratroops, and Sgt. Blezzard has now got a very searching look in his eyes, reminiscent of Sgt. Webster.

In order to drown our sorrows at leaving such a beautiful country we arranged a farewell Company party. We are sending the following figures to Ripley’s “Believe it or Not” column:—Beer was free; 100 men consumed 500 bottles in 40 minutes. Is this a record? We would be interested to hear from our older readers!

The Company is now on the boat and what an excellent boat it is! It is going in the right direction and it is going fast.

## M.M.G. PLATOON

The first few weeks of the armistice were spent in settling in and making ourselves comfortable. The Platoon was in two squad tents which, with our depleted ranks, was quite sufficient. In the meantime our exact Kansas line positions were being taped, literally taped!

We ended up with three different section positions, with Platoon H.Q. beside No. 2 Section on Castle Hill. No. 1 Section was cunningly sited to a flank with the 3rd Battalion 7 Marine Regiment (U.S.) with, of course, plenty of liaison. Sgt. Houghton had the honour of being thus marooned and apprehensively watched the erection of yards of wire behind him. It was rumoured that he took out a new life insurance policy. Be that as it may, he certainly dug frantically enough, and his two gun pits were soon sunk down 13 ft. with a year's salary of sandbags all round. Each day we scraped together as many men as possible and sallied out with pick and shovel. By the time we left we had sunk down all six gunpits and cut their arcs of fire and had dug a communication trench at pit floor level for the very forward and "sharp" section positions of Sgt. Spring with "D" Company.

We still had the opportunity to play plenty of sport as the Battalion was very fortunate with the number of grounds it was able to construct. We soon established ourselves as the undisputed champions of the inter-Platoon cricket tournament within the Company and continued to supply a centre forward for the Battalion soccer team.

Towards the end of our "time" in Korea we received some welcome reinforcements in L/Cpls. Rusby and Ellis and Ptes. Jones and Bray, but we lost Cpl. Smith and Ptes. Bell, Standing and Smith from the "old brigade." Sgt. Houghton wangled himself on to the advance party and Sgt. Craven is going to the Depot.

Our latest reinforcement joined us at Pusan after a spell as an instructor at Hara Mura. Cpl. Johansson is no new boy and, in fact, he is one of the original Platoon formed by Capt. Robertson and the now C.S.M. Frier in 1950.

Capt. Robertson is at last leaving us for Eaton Hall. Space does not permit me to say what a good fellow I am and how very sorry everyone is about it!

## MORTAR PLATOON

We, too, have been digging. Soon after we left the line a new Mortar position was selected in a very narrow and deep re-entrant. A few sceptics suggested that the bombs would not reach the top of the hill. They were not Mortarmen. Work progressed slowly and by the time we left all the pits were completed. Cpls. Gilbody and Fitzhenry were responsible for the completion of the two O.P.s.

Despite these arduous tasks sport was not forgotten. The soccer stars in the Platoon were usually busy with the Company team, but this did not detract from the enjoyment. Ptes. Raper, Whiteley and Roebuck and Sgt. Sullivan were conspicuous for numerous reasons. Ptes. Lamb and

Mosley and Cpl. Fitzhenry were our representatives with the Company team.

The Platoon basket-ball team was, with the exception of Major Grieve, the Company team as well. Shelley, O'Keefe, Cpl. Gilbody and Cpl. Fitzhenry all played.

Fresh faces arrived in the Platoon and Ptes. Raper, Smith and Whiteley and L/Cpl. Branston left for the fierce struggle in civilian life. We await their return.

The Platoon enjoyed themselves at the Company party and work the following morning started at a very slow and quiet pace. These last few lines are being written aboard ship, sport has just begun and all members of the Platoon are confident that their superior technique will triumph in the face of brute force. Cpl. Parker and Cpl. Alexander are returning to England on the same ship. The former was in charge of work on the Mortar line while Cpl. Alexander prepared for civilian life by weekly journeys to Seoul and half an hour's enjoyable bargaining over bottles. His work in the Company canteen can be judged by the success of the Company party. We wish them good luck in civilian life and a speedy return.

## CRICKET

Although our season did not open until the beginning of August, we had three months of most enjoyable and successful cricket. Our pitch was made from "bunker" timber and covered with the normal coconut matting.

It played accurately and the batsman was able to play his shots without fear of being struck.

On the whole the team was much stronger in batting than in bowling and, in fact, every member of the team was capable of making runs. The lusty hitting of R.Q.M.S. Dawson was a sheer delight to watch, but must have been most disheartening to our opposing sides. His 85 in 31 minutes against the 1st R.T.R. will not be forgotten by those who saw it. The bowling was nearly all shared by Peter Mitchell and C.S.M. Williams. They both bowled very consistently and were ably supported by Major Grieve and Denis Shuttleworth, who put in the occasional over of spinners. David Gilbert-Smith was our wicket-keeper and did excellent work behind the stumps.

During the season we played most of the units of 28 and 29 Brigades, our greatest rivals being the 1st R.T.R. and 20th Field Regiment, R.A., with whom we had a number of memorable encounters.

Our most thrilling match was when we played the 20th Field Regiment, R.A., in the final of the Brigade knockout competition. Each side was allowed 35 overs batting and the side which scored the greater number of runs was the winner.

We batted first and made 233 for 8. The Gunners then went in and 2/Lt. Heron and Sgt. Naylor looked as if they would knock off the runs. However, Sgt. Naylor was caught by Major Grieve off C.S.M. Williams and their rate of scoring was considerably reduced. When their 35 overs were up they had scored 197 for 7.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing these notes,

the cricket records are in the hold of the ship and so it is not possible to write as fully as one would wish. Hereunder is a summary of the matches played and the results:

August	23 v. 1st R.T.R.	.. ..	Won
"	30 v. 16 N.Z. Fd. Regt., R.A.	.. ..	Won
September	6 v. 1st Essex	.. ..	Won
"	13 v. 3rd R.A.R.	.. ..	Lost
"	19 v. 2nd R.A.R.	.. ..	Won
"	20 v. 1st Royal Scots	.. ..	Won
(Semi-final Brigade knockout competition)			
September	26 v. 20 Field Regt., R.A.	.. ..	Won
(Final Brigade knockout competition)			
September	27 v. 3rd R.A.R.	.. ..	Won
October	10 v. 1st Royal Warwicks	.. ..	Won
"	17 v. 1st R.T.R.	.. ..	Won
"	24 v. 1st Essex	.. ..	Won
"	25 v. 20 Field Regt., R.A.	.. ..	Won

Finally we offer our congratulations to Major, Grieve, Lts. Hardy, Shuttleworth, Gilbert-Smith and Mitchell and C.S.M. Williams for having represented England in the Korea Test series versus Australia.

In the world of Company cricket the only competition which was held was an inter-Company knockout competition in which "S" Company beat "H.Q." Company in the final.

### FOOTBALL

On returning to our Kansas line location after the signing of the cease-fire agreement, it was very obvious that sport would be of vital importance during the coming period of waiting and preparation. Consequently a great effort was made to provide the necessary grounds. Virgin paddy fields were turned into extremely good football pitches. Those responsible for sport utilised armies of soldiers and Koreans, borrowed bulldozers and carriers with "scrapers," until at last the "Dukes" had the finest grounds in the Divisional area.

In order to bring forward all potential Battalion footballers an inter-Company soccer league was organised immediately. Companies took this competition very seriously and a number of very exciting games resulted. "H.Q." Company were eventually the winners, and had not been defeated. At the same time every effort was being made by the selection committee to visit inter-company, battery, and squadron games with outside units and a very large number of players were watched.

The first aim of the Battalion XI was to win the inter-unit Brigade knockout competition. Unfortunately, however, we were defeated by the 1st R.T.R. by 4-3 after leading 3-1 at the interval. After this very hard-fought game it was obvious that a certain amount of rebuilding was necessary. A number of experiments were tried and, after a few settling-down games, we were ready for the inter-unit Brigade league.

Our first game against the 1st Royal Scots was very disappointing and, although we drew 2-2, our defence had given away two very simple goals. It was at this point, however, that the team began to work together and for the first time played smoothly and efficiently. Sgt. Meadows, A.P.T.C.

the captain, was responsible to a large extent for the harmony which existed both on and off the field, and the team became increasingly confident with every game. After a number of easy wins, we met our old opponents, the 1st R.T.R. This time, however, we were a different side and fully deserved the 2-0 victory. We were now at the top of the league table, equal with the 1st Royal Scots, and, although we were not supposed to meet again, we challenged them to an unofficial championship match a few days before we were due to leave Korea. In the very last minute of an exciting game the ball was put into our opponents' goal and we had won by 2-1. This was a very fitting end to our Korean season and the ability and determination shown by a large number of players augurs well for our coming assault on sides already established on the Rock of Gibraltar.

### RESULTS OF BATTALION FOOTBALL

v. 64 Field Park Squadron	..	Won	3-0
v. 1st R.T.R.	.. ..	Lost	3-4
v. 1st Royal Scots	.. ..	Drew	2-2
v. 20 Field Regiment, R.A.	..	Won	5-0
v. 55 Field Squadron, R.E.	..	Won	9-1
v. 1st Essex	.. ..	Won	5-1
An XI v. Div. Signals Regiment	..	Drew	1-1
An XI v. 64 Field Ambulance	..	Drew	1-1
v. 1st R.T.R.	.. ..	Won	2-0
v. 1st Royal Scots	.. ..	Won	2-1

Winner of inter-Company league competition:  
"H.Q." Company.

Winner of inter-Company knock-out competition:  
"A" Company.

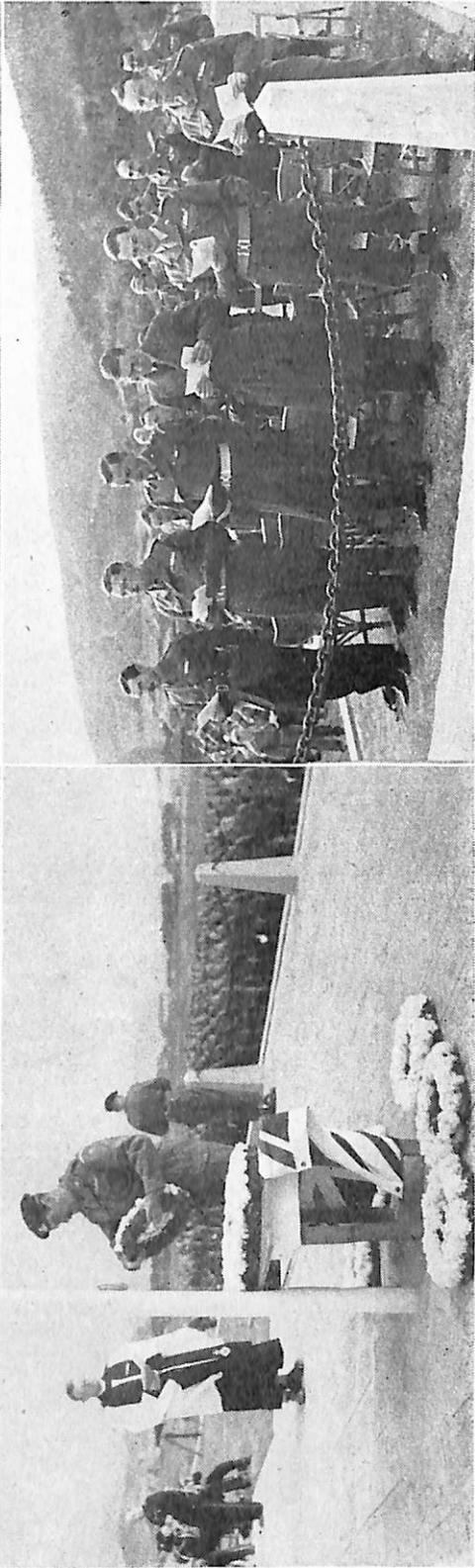
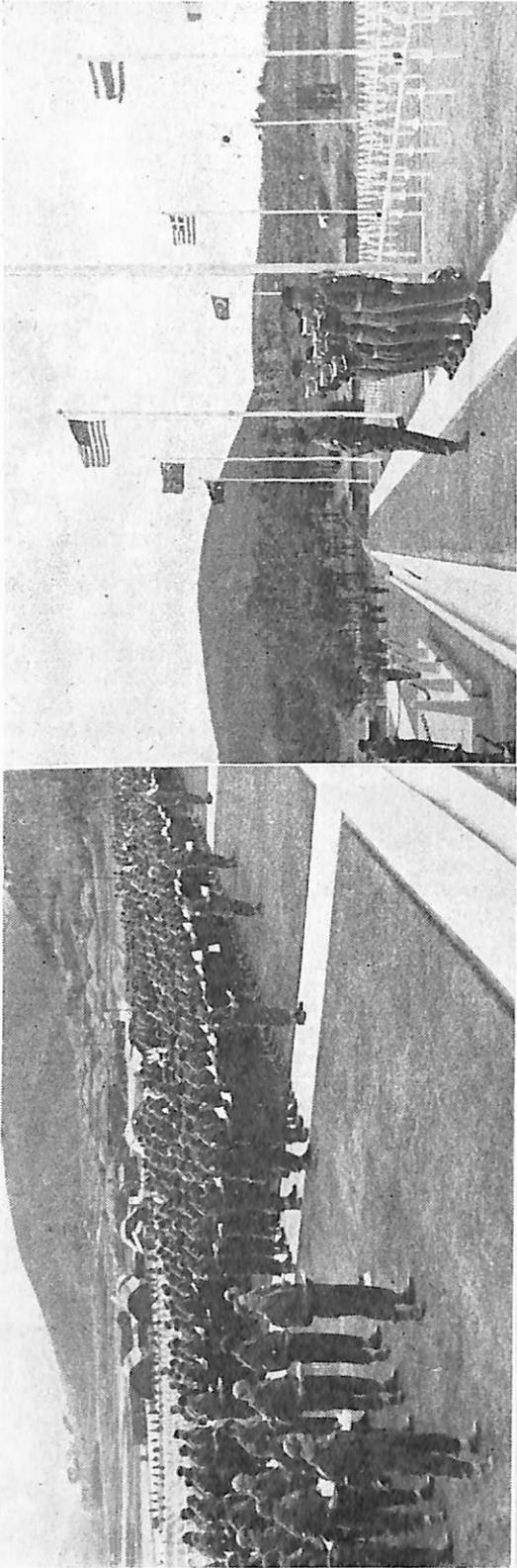
### THE MEMORIAL SERVICE, PUSAN,

NOVEMBER 12, 1953

The early morning of Thursday, November 12, dawned bright, sunny and clear, and we all hoped for a Memorial Service in ideal conditions. Unfortunately, by the time the Battalion was in position in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, the sky had clouded over and a cold wind had sprung up.

The Cemetery in Pusan is imposing and in a beautiful setting. On a flattened hill-top, resembling a dais, are small plots of graves with the flag of each nation finding troops for the United Nations' force in Korea waving proudly over its respective plot, the whole dominated by the flag of the United Nations. On the gentle slope running down into the valley are marshalled the remaining graves of the fallen, country by country—an orderly forest of white headstones in simple array. The whole is surrounded by a rustic stone wall and the perimeter is planted with small local coniferous trees of the cypress family. The turf is smooth and close-cropped, and one gets the immediate impression of careful and loving attention.

By 1015 hours the Battalion, and the advance parties of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment and 20th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, was lined up on the grass stage facing the flag-decked dais. The Regimental flag was flying at half-mast below the United Nations' flag on the central pole. The 'headstone cross of each member of the Regiment



1st BATTALION MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Army P.R. photographs)

1—The Service, 2—Buglers of the Regiment sound the "Last Post" standing at the foot of the Union Jack with U.K. plot behind them. 3—Major E. J. P. Emmett, M.C., O.C. "D" Company lays a wreath at the foot of the U.N. Flag. 4—Officers and guests (left to right): Major R. W. B. Cunningham, representing the Military Attache in Korea; Major A. F. Daw, Royal Berkshires; Col. J. N. H. Christie, Sub Area Commander; Mr. Walter G. Graham, British Minister to Korea; Lt.-Col. F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., Commanding Officer; Major H. S. Le Messurier Adjutant.

killed in action was decked with a scarlet wreath of poppies.

On the dais itself were seated the British Minister to Korea and his wife, the British Sub-Area Commander and members of his staff, three members of the W.V.S. who tend the British graves, the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and Company Commanders. On the other side of the United Nations' flag was the Band of the 1st Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment, which, thanks to the kindness of Lt.-Col. A. W. D. Bird, O.B.E., and his officers, had remained at Pusan in order to take part in our Service, when the Battalion came up to relieve us. Above and behind the Band on the highest terrace and in front of the United Kingdom plot were lined up six of the Battalion buglers under Drum Major Alton.

At 1030 hours the Service began with the singing of the hymn "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah" to the tune of Cwm Rhondda, at the end of which followed the Bidding Prayer. Then was sung "The Lord's my Shepherd" to the attractive and haunting tune Crimond, after which the Lesson taken from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter IV, verses 13-18, was read by R.S.M. Pearce.

The Adjutant, Major H. S. Le Messurier, then read out the Roll of Honour of our 32 dead and 5 Missing, followed by those of 1st Royal Tanks and 20th Field Regiment, R.A.

When this was finished, the buglers sounded the Last Post, which was followed by a two-minutes' silence, and then the buglers blew Reveille. The Commanding Officer then laid the Battalion wreath, a circlet of white chrysanthemums surrounding the figures 33 in red chrysanthemums, on a Union Jack draped table at the base of the United Nations' flagstaff. He was followed by the Company Commanders, each of whom laid a chrysanthemum wreath of Company colours at the foot of the flagstaff. When this part of the ceremony was completed, the Commanding Officer addressed the Battalion. He said:

"We parade here to-day to pay our last respects to the officers and men of our Battalion who lost their lives in the Korean War. The Battalion has worthily upheld the traditions of the Regiment. Although an English regiment, we have with us many Welshmen, Scots and Irishmen, and there is no doubt that this has produced the very best possible team. The dangers, the hardships and the sorrow which we have endured together have instilled in us a spirit of comradeship which no one will forget.

"We are proud of our achievements and in particular of the bravery and self-sacrifice of those who gave their lives. When we salute the graves of the fallen, let us at the same time remember not only those missing in action, but also the gallant Korean soldiers who fought and died in our ranks.

"We leave Korea in the knowledge that we have done our duty.

"Our dead remain, to keep alive the memory of the part played by The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in the cause of freedom."

The hymn "O Valiant Hearts" was sung next,

after which the Battalion's Chaplain, the Rev. W. Burns, C.F., gave a simple and moving address. He said:

"Everybody here has had to say 'Good-bye.' We all know how painful it is and how the time of separation seems endless. There is also another thing we all know and that is the way the first pain dies and we look forward to a happy reunion with those whom we love.

"Unhappily the men who rest in this cemetery have also had to say 'Good-bye.' We are going to leave Korea, but they are staying behind. But for them, as for us, the separation is not final.

"Those who love them have suffered the pain of parting and are still suffering. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to them. In time the unhappiness and sorrow will grow less for them.

"The great and wonderful message of Christianity gives them comfort. The separation is not final. The time will come when these men who rest here will be reunited with their families and will have no more separations to face. They have said their last goodbye; we have to say it again.

"We leave them here and go on our way, missing their company, sympathising with those who mourn for them, but with the certain knowledge that we shall see them again and that they will be reunited with their families, and spend eternity with them in the presence of God."

Then followed the prayers for those at rest, for those who mourn, for those who still suffer from wounds and for those who are missing.

The National Anthem was then sung and this was followed by the Blessing.

While this Church of England Memorial Service was taking place, the Roman Catholic members of the Battalion were holding a Requiem Mass in the Cemetery Chapel for those of their faith killed or missing in action.

The Battalion then formed up in column of route for the March Past to pay its final honour to the Dead. Led by the Commanding Officer the Battalion marched past by Companies giving an "Eyes Right" on reaching the first of the poppy-decked headstone crosses, and remaining at the salute until the last of them was passed. The Battalion was followed by the detachments of the 1st Royal Tanks and 20th Field Regiment, the Band playing the Regimental Marches of each unit.

The Battalion was then fallen out for half an hour, so that each individual member could visit the graves of his friends.

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The Korean photographs in this number are all supplied by the Army Public Relations Office.

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#### LATE NEWS

We deeply regret to announce the death at York on January 4, 1954, of Mrs. Emily Carroll, widow of Lieut.-Col. H. A. Carroll, Royal Munster Fusiliers.

## REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

The most notable characteristic of Depot news appears to be the constant recital of changes that take place, and the current edition is no exception.

Our Q.M., Major Allsop, is preparing to depart into civilian life, and at the time of going to press his successor has not yet been appointed. Major Allsop will not be far away, having bought a house at Wombwell, so we hope to see him often after he retires. We understand he is to become Recruiting Officer at Leeds, and he has been warned that we shall expect regular recruits to come flocking in to Wellesley Barracks as soon as he has established himself. We are also saying goodbye to Capt. Tedd who, after almost three years here, first as Adjutant and then as Training Officer, had begun to think he was destined to spend the rest of his service in the Depot. He had almost reached the stage of tabulating himself with other relics in the Regimental archives. However, he has received a well-deserved nomination to the Staff College at Camberley in January 1954. We wish him the best of luck.

Capt. Dunn, having attended a refresher course at Hythe, plus a Military Law Course at the War Office, and taken disembarkation leave, plus Korean service leave, etc., is now commanding the Training Company.

Since the departure of 2/Lt. Metcalfe we have been without a permanent Training subaltern. 2/Lt. Curry was with us for a short time whilst awaiting posting to Kenya. 2/Lt. Oliver (late 1st Battalion) returned from civilian life and after a few weeks went off to the Welch Regiment. We hope that his experiences with the "Dukes" will help him with his Regular Commission Board.

2/Lt. Aykroyd is at present with the Training Company but he expects to depart for Gibraltar before long.

C.S.M. Turner has retired and, following the precedent set by his predecessor (C.S.M. Wilson),

has joined the War Department Constabulary.

C/Sgt. O'Shea is now acting as C.S.M. of the Training Company in addition to carrying on his normal duties of C.Q.M.S.

We congratulate Cpls. Eastwood, Marshall and Wood on their promotion, and offer best wishes to L/Cpl. Green who is about to enter into the holy state of matrimony, prior to his departure for Gibraltar.

S.I. Mackley has left us on posting to Korea and S.I. Freeston is now in charge of P.T. Sports activity during the past few weeks has been restricted to four games of soccer. On our own ground we beat the Halifax Fire Station 10-0 and Halifax Co-operative Society 4-0, but lost to the R.A.P.C. 7-5. Our return away with the Fire Station we lost 3-0. A Rugby XV is being developed, but we are handicapped by having so few potential players. We have had one trial game which was distinguished more for the enthusiasm displayed than for the skill employed. Great execution was done on both sides.

Mention was made in the last notes of the shooting results established by the 10th, 11th and 12th Intakes. The 13th Intake did indeed set a record and gained first place. Congratulations to Sgt. Burke and his Corunna Platoon for this fine result. Congratulations are also due to Sgt. Taylor and his Alma Platoon for gaining first place with the 14th Intake with a score of 307.3, which was 11 points below the record made by the 13th Intake. The Depot has now won the Brigade cup more times than any other Regiment of the Group.

Apart from the normal shooting done during basic training by the recruits, it is the intention of the C.O. that the Depot shall do as much competitive shooting as possible during the coming season and ultimately send a team to Bisley in June 1954. We hope to be able to publish news of progress in our next notes.

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

In the last quarter most of the activities of the Regiment have been directed to "repelling boarders" in the shape of inspection teams and in preparation for the new training season ahead. To this end the cries of "How do you hear me," "Loud and clear," etc., have been heard coming from improbable corners of the Drill Hall as the officers have been brushing up their wireless procedure.

### OFFICERS' MESS

The Regiment entertained two members of the Depot to dinner at the Old Cock Hotel in Halifax on October 30, 1953. Members and guests first met at Prescott Street and the party ended with a

discussion on the various Gunner and Infantry "Mumbo-Jumbo"! Probably due to the late hour or other causes the issue is still in doubt.

After an afternoon exercise on Saturday, November 14, members went to Fenton Street Barracks, Leeds, to attend an inaugural Divisional Gunners Dinner. Our guest, Maj.-Gen. P. Harding, D.S.O., had some very heartening and encouraging remarks on the work, both military and civilian, that had been and was being put in by the members of the T.A.

### W.O.S' AND SERGEANTS' MESSSES

Great activity can be seen and heard in the preparations going on for the festive season ahead.

Nothing is being left to chance to ensure that the annual Children's Parties live up to the usual high standard seen in the past.

Sgt. Shaw, a P.S.I. of long standing in the Regiment, is to be congratulated on being allotted a vacancy on the Long Gunnery Staff Course at Larkhill commencing on January 4, 1954. We wish him all luck and a successful conclusion of the course.

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The ceremony of handing over the Colours of the 4th Battalion is reported on elsewhere in this issue.

B.S.M. Jagger was the only member of the Colour escort who had served in the 4th Battalion. He is retiring and it was a fitting conclusion to his long service in the Battalion and Regiment that he should be Warrant Officer of the Colour Escort on this occasion.

That a real link still exists between the two Regiments was shown shortly before this ceremony when L/Cpl. Stead was posted from the 1st Battalion in Korea to this Regiment. We welcome Gnr. Stead and hope that many more of the "Dukes" will see the light and ask to be Gunners.

## *The Colours of the 4th Battalion*

In May, 1927, the 4th Battalion were presented with new Colours in York Minster by Lt.-Gen. Sir Herbert Belfield, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., the Colonel of the Regiment. This was a unique ceremony as it is the only known recorded occasion when a Battalion laid up its old Colours in a church and was presented with new Colours in that church immediately afterwards.

In 1938 the Battalion was converted to 58 Anti-Tank Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), and remained anti-tank gunners throughout the war. In the post-war reconstitution of the Territorial Army the Regiment became, first the 382 Anti-Tank Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), and later, when the Gunners lost the anti-tank role, the 382 Field Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.), a title which is held to-day.

Throughout these many changes the Colours of the 4th Battalion have remained with the Regiment. For thirteen years now the Regiment have been Gunners. Inevitably fewer and fewer of those who served in the 4th Battalion remain with the Regiment. For this reason, and because it is not now possible to provide a suitable stand of Colours in the Officers' Mess, it has been felt that it would be more appropriate for the Colours to be handed over to the Regimental Depot for safe keeping.

In the summer of 1953 Col. Goldthorp, the Honorary Colonel, and Lt.-Col. Crossley asked Gen. Christison to approve this plan. He agreed and the ceremony took place at Wellesley Barracks on Remembrance Sunday, November 8.

382 Field Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.) (T.A.), under the command of Lt.-Col. Crossley, was drawn up facing the Officers' Mess with a troop of four guns in the centre of the parade. Facing the Regiment, with their backs to the cricket ground, were detachments of the Regimental Depot under command of Major Davis.

The Colours were marched on parade and took

After the Colours had been handed over, the Regiment, accompanied by a detachment of the Regimental Depot, the 382 Cadet Field Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.), and representatives of the Old Comrades' Association, attended a Remembrance Day Service in St. Hilda's Church. The service was conducted by the Regiment's Padre, the Rev. A. L. Minns, Vicar of St. Hilda's.

After the Service His Worship the Mayor of Halifax (Councillor H. Pickles) took the salute at a march past.

In the afternoon R.S.M. F. G. Ive, R.A., laid a wreath, on behalf of the Regiment, on the Cenotaph in Halifax.

#### ANNUAL CAMP

Notification has been received that we shall go to Camp next year from July 4 to 18, 1954, on the Plain.

It is hoped, and pressure is being brought to bear, that a slight alteration will be made to these dates enabling us to do our moves on the Saturday and not on the Sunday as indicated by the date above.

station in the centre of the Troop of guns. Col. W. C. Fenton, an ex-member of the 4th Battalion, addressed 382 Field Regiment and instructed the Commanding Officer to hand over the Colours for safe keeping.

The Colours were then marched off by 382 Field Regiment and halted midway between the Regiment and the Depot Detachments. Major Davis ordered the Colours to march on to the Depot parade. Escorted by the Depot Detachments, the Colours were then marched to the Officers' Mess, where they were deposited with those of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, which in like manner had been left for safe keeping in the hands of the Depot.

The Colour party from 382 Field Regiment was as follows:

Lt. M. R. M. Tetlow, R.A. (T.A.), The Queen's Colour; Lt. B. Huckle, R.A. (T.A.), The Regimental Colour; B.S.M. R. Jagger, R.A. (T.A.); Sgt. H. Samson, R.A. (T.A.); Sgt. F. A. Bycroft, R.A. (T.A.).

Of these, only B.S.M. Jagger had served in the 4th Battalion.

The future of 382 Field Regiment lies with the Gunners, and it is now predominantly a Gunner unit with very few members of the 4th Battalion still with it. Naturally it draws much of its strength from Gunner traditions, but the ties with the "Dukes" remain. The distinction of title and the dress distinction of the red lanyard are there to remind the Regiment of the past. The fact that the Colours are now in the safe keeping of the Depot will in no way loosen the ties of heart and of fact which exist to-day.

*A photograph of the ceremony, which should have appeared in this number, has been unavoidably held over to the next issue.*

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

The period of these notes is dull of news save that the T.A. year end falls within them, itself the very reason for the dullness. The T.A. element, although strong of spirit, is—alas!—slender of strength; whereas the N.S. element, although waxing in strength, is slender of spirit. As this year end approaches and the new one begins, the compulsory soldier has already fulfilled his obligations and there is time enough before he need bethink himself into doing some more! So, although this has not been a period of trying to recognise unfamiliar faces, it has been good to see often the faces that we know so well.

The Musketry Competitions were held at Deerhill in late-September. The day was fine but wind velocity made the long range shooting a test of unusual skill, at which Lt. R. H. Hirst showed his prowess well—he was awarded the Officers' Cup. The shooting was generally good and proved beyond doubt that the Regiment has made a great improvement in its musketry over these last few years.

"Q" Battery are to be congratulated on winning the Chamber of Trade Cup; "P" Battery on winning the Bentley Shaw Challenge Cup, and "R" Battery on winning the Miniature Range Competition—again, as last year, all snatched from the previous holders, and thus proving the spirit of competition. The Beaumont Medal for Miniature Range was, for the fourth successive year, won by Major S. J. E. Huxley, T.D.; this is believed to be a record in the history of the competition.

Our congratulations must also be given to "P" Battery for winning the Mellor Shield for being the best Battery, the Mrs. Denys Hirst Challenge Shield, for having the best Troop, and the Rippon Cup for gaining the most marks for musketry—another record, and a proud one, too.

The Annual Regimental Church Parade took place on October 11, during which the Regiment exercised for the first time its privilege under the Freedom of Huddersfield, conferred upon it by the County Borough of Huddersfield last year, of marching through the streets of Huddersfield with Colours flying. There was a fairly good turn-up (but not as many National Service men as there should have been!) and the turn-out was good. The day was fine and the Hon. Colonel of the Regiment (Col. K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P.) took the salute on the march past after the Service, at which our Padre, Rev. H. Tuff, C.F., preached the sermon.

The annual dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club was held in October—a most successful evening, this time less political and more military. The guests included the Mayor of Huddersfield and Brigadier G. Marnham, who was making one of his last appearances before retirement; other guests included Lt.-Col. Sir Frank Brook, D.S.O., M.C., an ex-Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who proposed the toast of the Guests and Lt.-Col. D. Bryce, Secretary of the County Association.

We welcomed two new officers to the Regiment:

2/Lt. W. T. DeCort, who has joined from National Service, and 2/Lt. J. C. B. Hincliffe, who has been commissioned from the ranks of the Regiment. The Sergeants Mess also welcomes two new faces: the newly-promoted Sgts. M. K. Brennan and E. Richards.

"R" Battery courageously held the first all-Battery Training Week-end in October—entirely self-administered and self-accounted for. It was a great success.

Other minor activities have been the customary Remembrance Sunday Parade in which the Regiment and the Old Comrades took part; a Pie Supper by "R" Battery; an Autumn Social by "P" Battery; dances run at Holmfirth in aid of the forthcoming Children's Party (regrettably most unsuccessful financially); and a Sergeants' Mess Dance and the re-painting of parts of the Drill Hall (much needed!).

Our immediate preparations are for the Prize Distribution which takes place on December 4.

We must say good-bye to B.S.M. T. W. Burrell again—we believe this is his third farewell, but positively his last one! We wish him well in the future and thank him most wholeheartedly for all his services to the Regiment which have been spread over a period of 28 years.

The Colours of the Regiment, which had fallen into a tattered condition, have been most beautifully repaired by some ladies of the parish of our Hon. Chaplain. This is a most appreciated work for which the Regiment is grateful.

H.M. The Queen awarded her Coronation Medal to the following: Col. K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P. (he now holds two Coronation Medals), Lt.-Col. J. B. Sugden, T.D., Capt. A. H. Watson, R.A., R.Q.M.S. Fitzgibbon and Sgt. D. Taylor.

The Fallen Heroes' Parade was on the day that the Regiment returned from Camp so only the Commanding Officer and Adjutant attended with a rather small party of O.C.A., and the Regimental Band. It was a blazing hot day and it suited the O.C.A. very well not to have to march from the Drill Hall to the Park and back.

The Regiment has suffered a loss in that the Adjutant, Capt. Watson, has completed his tour of duty and has returned to Kent. He has done a great deal of hard work, and has contributed very largely to the Regimental Camp Report; we hope he will manage to attend our Annual Dinner each year and renew, if only for one night, his very successful and we hope happy tour of duty with us. Shortly after he left he had the honour of returning to Yorkshire to act as Judge for the Police Horse Competition at the Yorkshire Show. Apparently there are still some Gunners who know one end of a horse from the other.

We welcome in his place Capt. L. Harris, R.A. (now a member of the Dinner Club), who is very quietly taking stock of his new responsibilities and learning our language.

We congratulate Lts. Dibnah and Faulkner on their promotions to Captain.

We understand that two of our Reverend members have been "posted" (one of them promoted to a living), but apparently these postings are still secret as neither of them has notified the Hon. Secretary of his change of address.

On Sunday, August 23, the whole of the Regimental Silver, including the Battery Silver, was collected together and was displayed at the Drill Hall, and officers, past and present, were invited to view it and assist in compiling a history of each piece. It was a very fine sight, and brought back many memories of the past, and it is doubtful if ever before in the history of the Regiment has it ever been seen collectively. Photographs were taken of it for record purposes as it has been found in the past that the memory of certain ex-officers was not very good, and the present C.O. and P.M.C. have had very great difficulty in tracing, and getting possession of, a certain Battery's Silver.

We very much regret that we have lost one of our oldest members, Col. Sir Gilbert Tanner, D.S.O., D.L., J.P. Col. Tanner had been a member of the Dinner Club since it was formed. He formerly served in the old 2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and was transferred to the newly formed 7th Battalion when it was raised in 1908, and he commanded the 7th Battalion after the First War.

Those who served in the old 186 Infantry

Brigade of the 62nd Division in the First War will be sorry to hear of the death of Maj.-Gen. Sir J. L. G. Burnett of Leys, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., which occurred at the age of 73, at Crather Castle, Kincardineshire, on August 13, 1953.

Also we regret to announce the death of Brigadier-Gen. Sir George Armytage, Bt., C.M.G., D.S.O., who died in a Torquay nursing home on August 15, 1953, aged 81. He was the first Commander of 147 Infantry Brigade on re-formation after the War in 1920.

We congratulate Col. G. B. Faulder on his appointment as a Borough Magistrate; Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence on his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Ilkley Home Guard; and Lt. S. G. M. Shires on being elected to the Huddersfield County Borough Council. (One day we may have one of our own members as principal guest at our Dinner as we now have three members on the Council).

The following have been invited to attend our Annual Dinner on October 16 as guests of the Club: The Mayor of Huddersfield, Councillor W. Mallinson; Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., Colonel of the Regiment; J. P. W. Mallalieu, Esq., M.P.; D. Wade, Esq., M.P.; and Lt.-Col. D. Bryce, Secretary of the County Association.

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

## 7th BATTALION, T.A.

### SUB-EDITORIAL

Once again the training year has passed, and we are more or less confined to our Drill Halls for any training which is carried out, although this time of the year is usually known as our slack period.

The Battalion continues to grow in size, and each fortnight finds new recruits for the Unit, although we would like to see more of them signing up for permanent T.A. service. It is found that a very large percentage of our newly joined N.S. men are ex-members of the 1st Battalion and as such have had fighting experience; they should be able to prove their worth when we go to camp next year.

There have been one or two changes and promotions since our last notes. Capt. George Dyson has left us and has taken up duties in Tasmania. He tells us that he is hoping to join a T.A. Unit on his arrival. That shows real keenness!

Congratulations go to Capt. "Patrick" Haws on his promotion; there will be no holding him down now.

By the time these notes are read, Lt.-Col. Sir N. H. Everard, Bt., who has commanded this Battalion for the last three years, will have left. He will be sadly missed by all ranks, and we would like to express our grateful thanks for all the hard work he has put in for the unit.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Lt.-Col. Haighton as our new Commanding

Officer, and we hope that he will have a happy stay with us.

### "B" COMPANY

With the ending of the current T.A. year in October, we can look back with satisfaction on a year of heavier training commitments than ever before. The Company has carried out its tasks during week-end camps, Annual Camp, etc., as was expected of it, and has once again maintained its usual high standard.

October, of course, brought the payment of the extra £3 bounty, and I should like to see more £3s being paid next year. That means more N.S. men volunteering to be N.S. volunteers, but it's worth it—most of you still put in the required training periods, etc., to merit the extra money.

There have been no outstanding changes in personnel. At one period it seemed as though we should lose C/Sgt. Wood, but we managed to stick to the little fellow in spite of civilian employment difficulties.

The talk of changes brings us to the termination of the Commanding Officer's tenure of office. His time has expired, and we feel we shall miss having him around us at our camps, etc. I know that I speak for the whole Company when I say "Good luck, in whatever the future holds in store" and

"Thank you for your help, experience and words of encouragement in the past."

"B" Company does not hesitate in welcoming Lt.-Col. Haighton as our new C.O., and we assure him of the same loyal support and co-operation that has been given to Lt.-Col. Everard in the past.

#### "D" COMPANY

Since last going to Press, training has been restricted mainly to firing on the Miniature Range and indoor instruction on the L.M.G.

Although amicable relations exist between "H.Q." Company and "D" Company office staff, we are pleased to report that our new office and stores are almost complete. We now look forward to taking up residence in our own "little corner" of the Drill Hall.

On November 8 a representative number of officers and men from the Company, together with a contingent from "H.Q." Company, represented the Battalion on the Remembrance Day Parade in Huddersfield.

#### "S" COMPANY

Apart from designing an unconventional Christmas card, the Company office has been comparatively at peace. The only disturbing feature has been the excessive number of times our stores have been counted—by officers of every designation—and we are rather afraid that our P.S.I., Sgt. Fogarty, has invented a few new "designations" of his own.

We continue to receive our N.S. men, and never see them again, it seems, until next camp, while the ever-dwindling band of Volunteers, to whom we owe our heartfelt thanks, carry the Company work on their ever-willing shoulders.

The Armistice Parade, though miserable weather prevailed, proved a reasonable turn out.

Finally, mention must be made of the fine work by all concerned, and notably Sgt. Prince, in training the Regular Army a few Mortar teams—ready to disturb those Gibraltar apes.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

The new Brigade Commander seemed highly satisfied when he visited our T.A.C. on Sunday, November 22, 1953, on his annual inspection and nobody is more pleased with the result, and that the inspection is over, than our P.S.I.—C.S.M. Lamb. C.S.M. Lamb and a handful of volunteers (each worth at least ten pressed men) spent each evening of the week previous to the inspection tidying up the Drill Hall and cleaning well over 300 weapons. Thank you, Sgt.-Major, for a good job—now we can resume our training programme. The training programme is mainly restricted to indoor activities and consists primarily of an M.T. course run by C.Q.M.S. Hawsworth and Sgt. Dawson.

The company was well represented at the Armistice Day Parade and Service held at Huddersfield Parish Church and some talk was heard about "Air/Ground Co-operation" afterwards.

Our non-paying guests—"D" Company—are still sharing our Drill Hall, but the T.A.F.A. has

kindly built them an office and stores of their own, so now at least we have the privacy of our own offices. There is some talk of "D" Company occupying a Drill Hall in Huddersfield.

It came rather as a bolt from the blue when the Company Commander—Capt. George Dyson—announced that he was emigrating to Australia. However, we have now got over the shock and we take this opportunity of wishing him the very best of luck in his new venture. In his place we welcome our new Company Commander—Capt. Patrick Haws. Capt. Haws has been in the Company for three years in the capacity of I.O. Last year he was Acting Adjutant at Camp in the absence of Capt. Scott-Evans. We have lost another officer this month—Lt. H. M. Crowther. He has been Messing Officer for three years, but now, having had his fill of messing, he has transferred to the big guns of Support Company.

We are losing a grand C.O. and a fine gentleman when Col. Everard leaves us next month at the end of his tour. We shall all be very sorry indeed to see him go. We are not quite sure of his future intentions, but whatever they are we wish both him and Lady Everard the very best of luck and we hope that if ever he has cause to visit the garden city of Milnsbridge he will call in and see us. In his place we welcome a new-comer to the "Dukes" and a new-comer to the District—Col. T. Haighton, T.D. We extend to him a hearty welcome.

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## *Thirty Year History of the "Dukes"*

"The History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1919-1952." Edited by Brigadier C. N. Barclay, C.B.E., D.S.O., and published by the Regimental Council; 15s.

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In his preface to an earlier history of the Regiment, published in 1928, Brigadier-General C. D. Bruce wrote: "Military history is not only for the learned; it is for all sorts and conditions of men who are concerned in the survival of the British Empire."

Those words adequately commend this new history of the Regiment, which covers the years from the end of the First World War to the present day.

Brigadier-General Bruce's history, for the years 1881 to 1923, dealt only with the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment. The new history is a comprehensive review of all the Regular and Territorial Battalions during the years it covers. This widening of the scope of the book, bringing it within the interest of so many thousands more ex-Servicemen and their families, has obviously much complicated the task of the Editor, and if there is one feature of the history which immediately strikes the reader it is the competence with which the Editor, Brigadier Barclay, has woven the threads provided to him to present a balanced and attractive picture.

### ELEVEN BATTALIONS

It was no easy task to compress the activities of eleven active Battalions into the compass of one volume.

Such a history can command an attraction to readers in, perhaps, two classes. The students of the technical character of military history will probably find here less to command their special attention than some other histories, for the scales have been soundly, and properly, weighted in favour of the class which embraces "officers and men, and friends of the Regiment." It is a non-technical book, with a restrained use of military "jargon," so that it can be read with interest and with profit by those whose military knowledge is either limited or is confined to days before those with which the book deals. There is restraint, too, in the non-technical presentation and no ex-Serviceman will complain that it has been so "simplified" as to be not a book for soldiers.

Its success surely lies in the balance, making its appeal to just those people whom the Regimental Council, the Editor and the authors would wish that appeal to reach.

### CASUALTIES

Nor is the story—and the accent is naturally heavily on the side of the war years 1939 to 1945—that only of the infantry soldier. The Regiment will never cease to draw its greatest pride from its

place as a line regiment, but it may sometimes be forgotten that in the last war there were "Dukes" fighting as anti-tank gunners, as tankmen and as searchlight operators. Six of the Battalions in the last war were infantry; one was converted to an armoured delivery unit later.

There was a "Dukes" battalion in every phase of the war and wherever they fought, at Dunkirk, in North Africa, Italy, Burma, in the liberation of North-West Europe or in Germany—whether as infantry, as "Chindits," artillery or tanks—they did so with the customary determination of the Yorkshireman and in the finest traditions of their famous regiment. In the course of the war many members of the Regiment were decorated for gallantry—it had two V.C.s—and several rose to positions of high responsibility. The Regiment lost 1,236 officers and men, fatal casualties.

Proper regard is paid to the relative importance of the grouping in the years between 1919 and 1952, yet nothing is forgotten. Though briefly, the uphill struggle of the Regular and Territorial Battalions during the "lean" years of the inter-war period from 1919 to 1933 is given a place; there are the details of the period of rearmament; of the six years of world war to 1945; and of the seven years of armed peace since hostilities ceased.

### INTER-WAR YEARS

An admirably written general background of the events which led up to the second world war opens the main part of the history, followed by the story of the Regiment's activities in the inter-war years. The detailed stories of the Battalions in the war years are prefaced by a general survey of the whole Regiment's part in the war and are followed by a summary of the aftermath of the war. The Battalion stories are colourful, written with understanding and humour and in many cases interspersed by personal narrative which make piquant reading. Page headings helpfully indicate the year of the activity under review. Covered by the history are the 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 1/4th and 2/4th Battalions (anti-tank), 5th Battalion (searchlights), 1/6th, 2/6th, 1/7th and 2/7th Battalions (infantry) and 8th and 9th Battalions (tank regiments).

There is a foreword by the Duke of Wellington, an introduction by the Colonel of the Regiment (Gen. Sir Philip Christison), a glossary of military terms, a Roll of Honour and a record of honours and awards, a roll of Colonels of the Regiment and of Commanding Officers, 10 folding maps, nine maps in the text and 28 photographs.

It is appropriately produced, both in binding, paper and print, and it has already been indicated that the cost is higher than the published price. Its success therefore, will lie in its circulation among members and friends of the Regiment. Perhaps its pre-Christmas publication is a matter of happy timing, for it is something which anyone allied with the Regiment, either by service or interest, will read with interest and thereafter treasure.

# The History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment 1919 to 1952

This history of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment has been compiled from accounts written by officers of the Regiment who were mostly eye-witnesses to the events and actions which they describe.

*It contains a Foreword by His Grace the Duke of Wellington and an introduction by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Philip Christison, Bt.*

The book, which describes the doings of all active Battalions of the Regiment, has been edited by Brigadier C. N. Barclay—editor of "The Army Quarterly" and the compiler of several other Regimental histories. Much background to the war, and to the various campaigns, has been included; but as far as possible the text of actions, in which units of the Regiment were involved, has been left in its original form—as written by the various authors at the time. The book is well illustrated with maps and photographs.

The price (16/6 post free) has been regulated to suit most pockets, and it is hoped that all who have served in the Regiment, or been associated with it, will purchase a copy.

Orders should be sent, with remittance, to :

**Administrative Officer, Regimental Depot,  
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wellesley Barracks,  
Halifax, Yorkshire.**

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following awards for gallant and distinguished services in Korea have been announced in the *London Gazette*:—

*Bar to M.C.*—Major A. B. M. Kavanagh.

*M.C.*—Major R. E. Austin, Major D. F. Firth,

Lt. D. L. Borwell, Lt. D. S. Gilbert-Smith, Lt. D. J. Hollands, Lt. H. A. J. Stacpoole.

*O.B.E.*—W.O.2 J. S. Hall.

We offer them our warmest congratulations.

## PERSONALIA

### Birth

LAING.—On November 12, at B.M.H., Rinteln, B.A.O.R. 38, to Kirsten (nee Crocker), wife of Lt.-Col. G. Laing, M.B.E., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a daughter (Caroline), a sister for Anthony and Susan.

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Those who were serving with the 1st Battalion at Aldershot in the 30s will remember Bill Summers and his magnificent running, when he broke every kind of record over 100 yards. He is now A.D.S.T. at H.Q. Lubbecke District, B.A.O.R., and he and his wife are both in great form.

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Lt.-Col. R. G. Collins writes from the George and Dragon Hotel at Hurstbourne Tarrant, near Andover, of which he is now "mine host." He will be more than delighted to welcome any "Dukes" there. Brigadier and Mrs. Bray were among his first customers, and others to follow included Brigadier C. W. B. Orr, Major J. H. Q. Lane and Col. Clinton-Read, R.A.M.C., who will be remembered by many of the 2nd Battalion in India.

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Major H. R. Kavanagh sends us a photograph—not clear enough, unfortunately, to admit of satisfactory reproduction—and an account of a cheerful and impromptu Regimental union at his house, namely, a lunch party consisting of himself and Mrs. Kavanagh, Brigadier J. C. Burnett, Brigadier F. H. Fraser and Mr. and Mrs. Webster. Who that served at Ahmednagar with the 2nd Battalion will not remember with affection Cpl. Webster, the Commanding Officer's groom as he then was.

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The following old "Dukes" have recently visited the Depot: Mr. Harry Heap (late Corporal in the 1st Battalion) of Penistone, who had had a seat at the Coronation. Born in 1876, he enlisted at Dover in 1895 and served in the South African War, being invalided home after Bloemfontein. He looks wonderfully fit for his age. Also Mr. W. H. Greenwood, of 5 Warren Terrace, Hyde Park, Leeds, who recently visited the British War Cemetery at Hottot-les-Bagues, twenty miles from Caen, where 80 "Dukes" are buried. He will

gladly write to relatives who would like to know more about the cemetery.

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Listeners to the Light Programme on November 2 at 7 p.m. will have heard an interview with Mr. William Cotton on his arrival at Tilbury from South Africa. Mr. Cotton enlisted at Halifax on July 29, 1885, and served with the Regiment at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in Barbados, and in South Africa, where he remained, after his discharge from the Army. But he again enlisted in the Regiment in 1914 and served in France and Gallipoli. Invaded out, he returned to South Africa and served in the North African Infantry. On the outbreak of the late war, making light of his years, he again came to England to do his bit, but the War Office, not knowing a good thing when they saw it, considered that he was slightly over the age limit. He set out for South Africa in the *Dunbar Castle*, which was torpedoed on the way, and he was rescued after two hours in the water. He has now come back to England for good and has been admitted to Chelsea Hospital as a pensioner. He is the first South African pensioner in its history.

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Major R. Wood, of Skipton, has relinquished the Secretaryship of the 1st/6th Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association. He has an outstanding record of service with the "Dukes," covering well over half a century.

When he retired on pension in 1938 he had 42 years' service with the Regiment to his credit, including active service in the Boer War and other long periods of foreign service. He was Quartermaster of the 6th "Dukes" at Skipton from 1924 to his retirement.

It was in 1936 that he succeeded the late Capt. J. Churchman as Secretary of the Old Comrades' Association, and he has discharged his duties with the conscientiousness that has always been a feature of any activity he has undertaken. He has a host of friends in the West Riding.

Major Wood, who is 75, is thinking of leaving the district in the near future, and that is why he has resigned his secretarial office, in which he is succeeded by Major H. J. Lawson.

Major Wood took part in the Coronation parade of ex-Servicemen in London.

## LOCATION LIST, D.W.R.

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WOOD, C. M., 1st D.W.R.

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KENCHINGTON, C. C., M.B.E., Depot D.W.R.

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AKRIGG, T. W., 5 K.A.R., East Africa.  
CORKE, G., 1st D.W.R.  
HALL, J. S., 1st D.W.R.  
CALLABY, R., M.M., 1st D.W.R.  
DAWSON, B., 1st D.W.R.  
RANDALL, H., 1st D.W.R.  
FRIER, J. J., 1st D.W.R.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. C. L. WATERHOUSE

Died on October 6, 1953, at 12 Milton Terrace, Kirkstall, Leeds. Mr. C. L. Waterhouse (Charley) joined the Regiment in 1897 and after service in Malta, Dover and South Africa with the 1st Battalion, joined the 2nd Battalion in Rangoon and with them spent the remainder of his service.

On leaving he took up employment with the Kirkstall Forge and for a number of years, until failing eyesight forced him to retire, held the position of Chief Cashier, Wages Department. He was a life member of the O.C.A., in which he maintained a most active interest. His position enabled him to do a good turn to many old "Dukes" by finding them regular work in the Forge when they were discharged. He was indeed a loyal and devoted servant of the Regiment.

### CAPT. T. LAWTON

Died as the result of a premature explosion of a mortar bomb in the 1st Commonwealth Division Battle School in Japan, where he was an instructor. He was buried in Tokyo on October 25, 1953.

Capt. Lawton joined the 1st Battalion in Korea just before the Battle of the Hook, in which he took part, and was shortly afterwards appointed instructor at the Battle School. He had almost finished his tour of duty and had volunteered for service in East Africa. His commandant, Lt.-Col. R. H. Taite wrote of his energy and his cheerfulness, which earned him the respect and friendship of all who knew him.

### MISS DAPHNE CREWE BOUTFLOWER

Elder daughter of Lt.-Col. E. C. Boutflower and Mrs. Boutflower, on December 18, 1953, aged 33, after a long illness most gallantly borne.

Miss Boutflower had been very actively associated with the Red Cross, of which she was a most valued member. For three years she had been secretary of the Devizes Division of the Wiltshire Branch and had helped to organise the Society's flag days.

Many members of the Regiment will remember her with affection in the old days and will sympathise with Col. and Mrs. Boutflower in their tragic loss.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor,  
THE IRON DUKE.

August 4, 1953.

DEAR SIR,

As a point of interest to past and serving members of the Duke of Wellington's, I would be indebted to you if, through the medium of your columns, a Sports Page could be instituted, giving records of prowess of the "Havercake Lads."

All "Dukes" know only too well of the great name the Regiment has for its outstanding ability in the Rugby sphere, and, to my knowledge, the present-day Battalion serving in Korea has three full internationals in Lt. E. M. P. Hardy (England), Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth (England) and 2/Lt. Gilbert-Smith (Scotland).

Can any Battalion of the D.W.R. in the time of this century boast of a greater galaxy of talent?

Many past members of the Regiment never tire of recalling the great teams they knew, to their eternal credit, and as an interesting deviation, I solemnly request a Sports Page in THE IRON DUKE.

Your obedient servant,

22522587 CPL. J. E. MORLEY.

The Regimental Depot,  
Wellesley Barracks,  
Halifax.

[The suggestion that all sports accounts should be collected together on one or more pages is an interesting one and well worth considering. Talking of "galaxies of talent," we believe that the Regiment has never before had three players representing their country in the same year. But we would draw our correspondent's attention to a photograph in No. 19 of THE IRON DUKE (1931), which shows a group of past and present representative players

serving with the Battalion at that time. The group contains four international caps (2/Lt. Troop played for England two years later), one international trial and five Army caps.

Pursuing the same subject we have received a letter from Lt.-Col. "Dick" Collins enclosing a cutting from the *Daily Telegraph*, which deals with the All-India Rugby Cup; this, though deprived of its service teams, is still played for as keenly as ever, and Colombo has replaced Bombay as one of the scenes of conflict, there being no longer any beer in Bombay on account of "prohibition" there. He asks how many times the Regiment has won this cup. Before the All-India Cup was presented by the Rugby Union in 1924, the Calcutta Cup was the premier trophy. It was won in 1903 and 1905 by the 2nd Battalion and from 1906 to 1913 (both dates inclusive) by the 1st Battalion, who also won the Bombay Cup from 1907 to 1911 and again in 1913 and the Madras Cup in 1906. This remarkable record was not achieved without some very tough struggles. In 1912 they had to play the Leicesters four times in the semi-final. In recognition of their prowess Calcutta Rugby enthusiasts presented the 1st Battalion with two cups, which are among the most beautiful pieces of silver possessed by the Regiment.

On their return to India the 2nd Battalion carried on the good work, and after being runners-up in 1933 and 1934 became joint winners with the Calcutta Football Club of the All-India and Calcutta Cups. They also won the Bethell Cup—presented in 1932 for competition between service teams—in 1933, 1934 and 1937. A photograph of those cups appeared in No. 39 of THE IRON DUKE (1938). —EDITOR.]

## Regimental Dinner and Tea, 1953

The 51st Annual Dinner was held on Friday, October 2, 1953, at The Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge.

Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (Colonel of the Regiment), was in the chair. The total number of members attending the Dinner was 48. (See list attached.) The numbers were down as compared with last year when 61 members attended. The reason for this decrease was, of course, owing to the fact that the Regiment was serving in Korea; there were no subalterns present this year.

The chief guests were: His Grace The Duke of Wellington, K.G., and Mr. Sam Smith, the presence of both being greatly appreciated by all members.

The loyal toast was given by the Colonel of the Regiment. In his speech he welcomed The Duke of Wellington and said how he was always most helpful in supporting the Regiment; he was a loyal and precious tie for all times with the Regiment.

He then spoke of Mr. Sam Smith, saying what great help he had given to the Regiment; in fact, it was quite outstanding. Whilst he had been Chairman of the Halifax War Soldiers' Fund he had raised £40,000 and most generously he had himself helped to raise this sum. He had also helped the War Effort Saving Campaign and had formed a Prisoners of War Committee, and when this had been wound up £10,000 had been handed to the Regimental Association. For the Korean Campaign he was again asked to help, as we needed 1,000 lbs. of wool; he again raised this amount—given by his own firm. The only thing and the main thing the Regiment could say concerning him was that he was one of the kindest and most generous of men whom we found it difficult to repay, and we had tried to repay him by giving him the highest honour we could by having him as our guest at the Dinner.

Gen. Christison then said that the Third Battalion was now officially wound up. He went on to speak of the fame the Regiment had gained at the battle of The Hook in Korea and spoke of Major Kershaw's heroic deed; he said how proud the Regiment was of him and that no one could better represent the Regiment at the Dinner.

He concluded by saying that there had been two legacies left to the Regiment during the year; Capt. Hill had left 1,000 books, medals and badges and Major MacGuire Bate had left his estate of approximately £10,000 to the 1st and 2nd Battalions for the benefit of the Regular officers and widows.

For the information of members of the Dinner Club the date of the Dinner next year will revert to Derby Week as in previous years.

### LIST OF OFFICERS ATTENDING THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison (Bt.) (Colonel of the Regiment).  
Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne.  
Brigadiers F. H. Fraser, C. W. G. Grimley, H. G. P. Miles, C. W. B. Orr and B. W. Webb-Carter.  
Cols. W. A. Hinchcliffe, L. E. Bishop, F. R. Armitage, C. R. T. Cumberlege and R. G. Turner.  
Lt.-Cols. Sir N. H. Everard (Bt.), L. B. B. Beutler, G. F. Upjohn, D. J. Stewart, M. N. Cox, W. A. Waller, M. V. le P. Trench, D. Paton, G. Taylor, F. G. Feake, A. E. H. Sayers, J. H. Dalrymple, F. H. B. Wellesley, E. C. Boutflower and R. G. Collins.

Majors J. H. Davis, J. Davidson, J. K. Sugden, J. P. Huffam, J. G. Lepper, P. G. L. Cousens, L. F. H. Kershaw, J. A. Lennon, F. H. V. Wellesley, R. A. Scott, R. E. Sugden, H. R. Kavanagh, C. R. Hetley, P. P. de la H. Moran and C. J. Maclaren.  
Capts. R. H. D. Bolton, G. H. Beyfus, J. A. d'E. Miller, H. M. Hands, A. E. Miller and D. E. Isles.

### Guests:

His Grace The Duke of Wellington, K.G.  
S. Smith, Esq.

### REGIMENTAL TEA

The 27th Annual Ladies' Tea was held at The Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, on Friday, October 2, 1953. The total number of persons present at the Tea was 46. (See attached list.)

We were very sorry that Lady Christison was unable to attend, and Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (Colonel of the Regiment), met the guests on their arrival.

It was very pleasant to see so many of the Regiment present, but there were some well-known permanent members of the Club who were not able to be present this year. It is hoped that they will be able to attend next year.

The Regimental Mess Silver was on view and I noted many people took the opportunity of looking at it. The number of persons present was smaller this year, but this was only to be expected owing to the Battalion being abroad. However, I do hope next year that there will be an increase in the number.

### LIST OF THOSE ATTENDING THE REGIMENTAL TEA PARTY ON OCTOBER 2, 1953

Capt. and Mrs. R. H. D. Bolton, Lt.-Col. F. G. Peake (2), Gen. Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Lt.-Col. E. C. Boutflower, Col. and Mrs. L. E. Bishop, Major and Mrs. J. P. Huffam, Lt.-Col. W. G. Officer (3), Mrs. Cecil Ince and Mrs. Dick Ince, Mrs. R. E. Austin, Mrs. K. J. Cameron, Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Major and Mrs. L. F. Kershaw, Colonel and Mrs. F. R. Armitage, Lt.-Col., Mrs. and Miss Wathen, Brigadier and Mrs. C. W. Grimley, Lady Landon, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. Paton, Brigadier F. H. Fraser, Mrs. Sam Smith, Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne, Lt.-Col. and Miss M. V. le P. Trench, Major and Mrs. R. A. Scott, Lt.-Col. F. H. B. Wellesley, Major J. H. Davis (2), Major F. H. V. Wellesley, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Maj.-Gen. K. G. Ekham, Mrs. P. G. L. Cousens, Major P. G. L. Cousens and Lt.-Col. A. E. H. Sayers.

The following telegram was sent to Her Majesty the Queen on this occasion:

*"The officers of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and their guests assembled at the Hyde Park Hotel, London, in Coronation year for their Annual Dinner, present their humble greetings to Her Majesty the Queen, wishing her a long and happy reign."*

The following reply was received:

*"Chairman, D.W.R. Dinner, Hyde Park Hotel, London. The Queen sincerely thanks the officers of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and their guests at dinner this evening for their loyal greetings and good wishes which Her Majesty much appreciates."*

*Private Secretary."*

### PERMANENT ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

Will members of the Regimental Dinner Club kindly always notify THE HON. SECRETARY, CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WOOTTON HALL, NORTHAMPTON, of any change in their addresses in future, giving permanent addresses where letters can be forwarded to them. This will obviate great deal of unnecessary work.

## 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 102, The Iron Duke, No. 89

*Breda, Saturday, January 8, 1814*

Marched at 8 o'clock and entered Zevenbergen by the same road that we had left it; a detachment of the Hussars of the King's German Legion and some artillerymen were with the Brigade to-day—8,000 Prussians, under Gen. Bulow, entered Breda after we left it.

*Zevenbergen, Sunday, January 9, 1814*

The Brigade marched to Ovdén - Bosch, where the 25th Regiment (now the K.O.S.B.s) joined us from Klundert—this is a small open town.

*Ovdén-Bosch, Monday, January 10, 1814*

The Brigade, having the 25th on the right, the 33rd on the left and the 54th (now 2nd Battalion The Dorsetshire Regiment) and 55th (now 2nd Battalion The Border Regiment) in centre set out this morning at daybreak for Rozendaal, six miles; the 33rd was, however, left at the village of Ralpsdour,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the place. All day troops, artillery, waggons, etc., have passed, the 55th and 69th (now 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment) Regiments went past as did the Hussars of the King's German Legion, several pieces of heavy artillery, with waggon train, hospital troop train, etc., all in the highest order. The Light Brigade is at Rozendaal and neighbourhood, consisting of 52nd (now 2nd Battalion, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry), 95th (Rifle Brigade), 35th (now The Royal Sussex Regiment) and 73rd (now 2nd Battalion The Black Watch) Regiments, all under Gen. Mackenzie, who went through this place as did Gen. Graham and Gen. Taylor with all their staff, baggage, etc. The forces are now concentrated on this spot. We expect to go to Antwerp before we go to Bergen. The light brigade are ordered to advance to Woan and we to be in readiness at a moment.

*Kalfsdour, Tuesday, January 11, 1814*

Having set off at 12 o'clock last night we marched to Kalumthout, 16 miles, where we arrived at about 8 o'clock and halted for the day. This is a most miserable village, without any inland navigation which is the great source of wealth to the Dutch towns. We were billeted in farms, and were not able to purchase anything, not even white bread. We were almost frozen during the march, it was so excessively cold and I could scarce keep myself awake.

*Kalumthout, Wednesday, January 12, 1814*

The whole brigade marched on to Capelle, an open village where we halted for the night—I ought to have mentioned yesterday that we were drawn out in a large common expecting the French who was expected would have retired that way having previously been beaten by the Prussian force, but we were disappointed. We were also today marched to another part of the common when

General Graham reconnoitred the enemy's position.  
*Capelle, Thursday, January 13, 1814*

Marched on towards Antwerp and in a smart affair drove the enemy from their position in the village of Merxen the 78th regt. (Highlanders) (now the Seaforth Highlanders) lost a great many men. They charged the French three times down the street, killed hundreds and pursued them to the very gates of the town, we and the 25th supported them for which we were thanked in General Orders—the Prussians kept possession of the village and we retired to another village from whence at 10 o'clock p.m. the whole brigade retired towards Capelle which we passed through.

*Kalumthout, Friday, January 14, 1814*

Arrived early in the morning at Kalumthout. The country in the south of Rozendaal is quite different from any we have seen being covered with large forests, though still very flat, around Capelle it is beautifully cultivated and the neighbourhood of Antwerp is very fine.

*Kalumthout, Saturday, January 15, 1814*

We marched to Nispen a poor village where we interred Lt. Mackenzie of the 78th Regt. who died of the wounds he received at the taking of Merxen.

*Near Kalumthout, Sunday, January 16, 1814*

The whole brigade marched to Rozendaal and headquarters are established at Oudenbosch, the 54th are at Nispen, some regiments are also at Woan.

*Rozendaal, Monday, January 17, 1814*

Was in a Regimental Court-Martial all day—ten of us are billeted in one room and there are only two beds so that even here where we have come to refresh ourselves we cannot put off our clothes. I have not slept undressed since I was at Oudenbosch on the 9th.

*Rozendaal, Tuesday, January 18, 1814*

Sent off the accounts of the men of the 8th Company to Williamstadt together with the balances. Writing these out occupied most of the day.

*Rozendaal, Wednesday, January 19 and Thursday, January 20, 1814*

Was writing letters and busy with the accounts of the Company.

*Rozendaal, Friday, January 21, 1814*

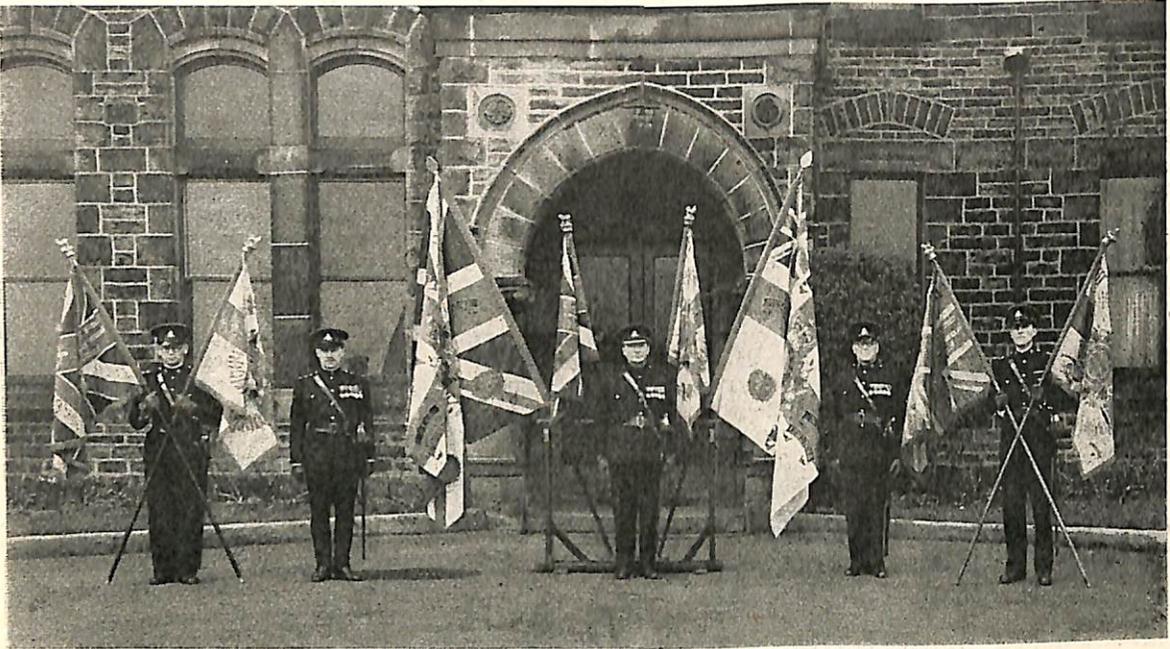
All the troops in Rozendaal together with the 56th from Kalfsdouk were reviewed in the street by H.R.H. The Duke of Clarence.

*Rozendaal, Saturday, January 22, 1814*

The new clothing for the regiment was received today,—the frost is now very intense.

*Rozendaal, Sunday, January 23, 1814*

All the troops attended divine Service—prayers and a sermon were read to them by the chaplain from the stairs of the Stadthouse—he is not the best preacher that I ever heard.



#### A UNIQUE OCCASION

Before the departure of the 1st Battalion for Korea, the Colours of the 1st Battalion and 2nd Battalion, on the orders of the Colonel of the Regiment, were handed to the Depot for safe keeping. To mark and record this unique occasion, when the Colours of the three Regular units of the Regiment, 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion and Depot (3rd Battalion) are all together in the custody of the Depot, this photograph has been taken. It shows the Officers of the Depot with the Colours.

1st Battalion Colours:  
Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth  
(Adjutant)

Capt. G. C. Tedd  
(Training Officer)

2nd Battalion Colours:  
Major J. H. Davis  
(C.O.)

Major F. Allsop  
(Q.M.)

3rd Battalion Colours:  
Lt. M. J. Reddington  
(Training Sub.)

*Rozendaal, Monday, January 24, 1814*

Wrote to my father :—The companies are now drilled every day by the non-commissioned officers of the 52nd regt in the light infantry mode of firing and loading.

*Rozendaal, Tuesday, January 25, 1814*

Received letters from my father.

*Rozendaal, Friday, January 28, 1814*

Captain Guthrie having applied to Col. Elphinstone to get me appointed to the Grenadiers, I was this day in orders, he did this without my having the least knowledge of it and in fact I had no great desire to be in that company preferring by far, the light infantry.

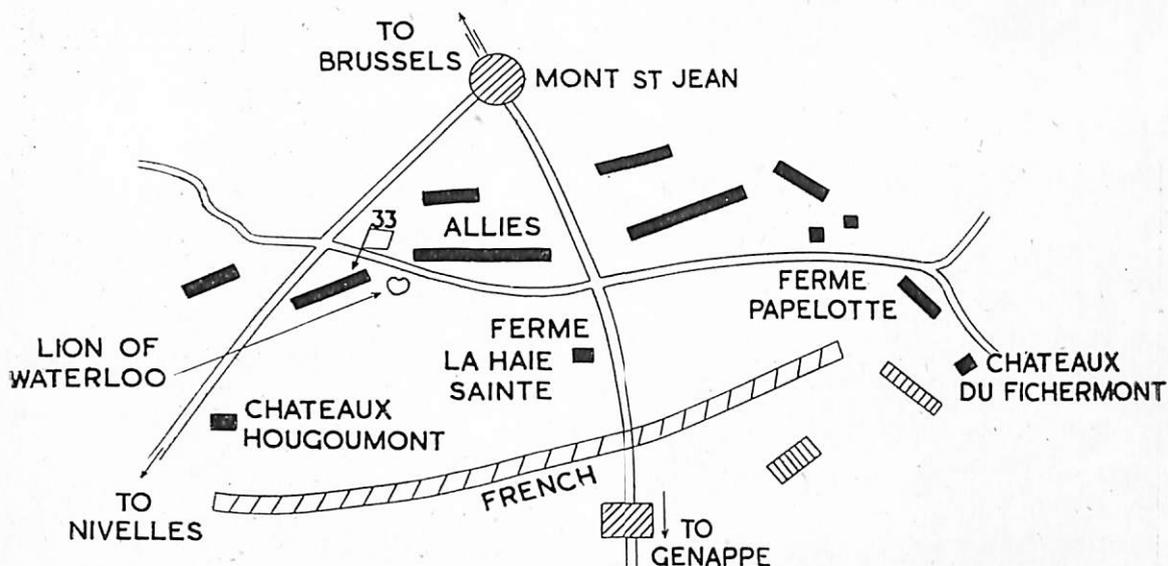
*Rozendaal, Sunday, January 30, 1814*

The division together with all the artillery marched this morning for Kalamthout, it was excessively stormy and thawing rapidly so that the roads were very much flooded, I being Orderly officer of the Regiment was obliged to accompany the baggage which is a most troublesome employment. The 54th Regt. joined us at Nispen, a village 3 or 4 miles S. of Rozendaal. The 52nd regt. and two field pieces formed the advanced guard. We marched through Ashen and indeed precisely the same route that we advanced last time by. It continued to snow almost the whole day. We arrived at about 10 o'clock. Rozendaal is a town

in which three or four regiments might be very comfortably quartered, but it is too small to contain so many troops as were in it without being very much crowded. It contains three tolerable streets but has no good public buildings. The country around it is very uninteresting, being quite flat, though pretty well cultivated, it is an entirely open place. One very material difference between the towns of this country and those in the north of Germany, is this that the former never have any market days so that a stranger is at some loss to get things, now in the latter you had a large and plentiful market for poultry, vegetables and even large cattle twice every week and large fairs very frequently. Dutch Brabant in every respect is as inferior to the north of Germany as the inhabitants of the former are to those of the latter—in these towns with the exception of Breda you have no inns or public rooms, and the people seem all to be of the same order or class, low without literature, but full of cunning which they exercise on all occasions to make money to the prejudice of their fellow creatures; out of the great number of officers who bought carts and horses at Rozendaal which they were obliged to do in consequence of a general order, there were not above two or three that were not cheated.—There is no navigable river or canal at Rozendaal, but there is a small canal at Oudenbosch six miles off.



## SKETCH No 2 : POSITION OF CHATEAUX & FARMS



on whom invective is heaped at regular and, in the end, monotonous intervals.

This brings me to the concluding impression of my visit and that is the strong French bias of everything on view. The French frontier is close by and, as I wrote earlier, everything has been organised to catch the French tourist. For every hundred figures of Napoleon on sale, I doubt if there is one of Wellington.

We returned to Brussels by tram in comfort, in about forty minutes, after a most enjoyable visit which I can recommend as well worth while to anyone else having the opportunity.

A. C. S. SAVORY, Major.

### LOCATION LIST

Continued from page 27

#### Colour Sergeants

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 BENNER, H., *Depot D.W.R.*  
 SAMME, H. J., *1st Green Howards, B.T.A.*  
 THOMPSON, W. H., *2nd Green Howards, MELF.*  
 GILL, F., *O.C.S., Eaton Hall.*  
 TURNER, A. (Acting W.O.II), *Depot D.W.R.*  
 HALLSWORTH, J. C., *Depot D.W.R.*  
 PHILLIPS, J. L., *H.Q., West Africa Command,*  
 SHORT, G. (Acting W.O.II), *1st Green Howards, B.T.A.*  
 LAMB, L. (Acting W.O.II), *7th D.W.R. (T.A.).*  
 WILLIAMS, R. (Acting W.O.II), *1st D.W.R.*  
 STUTLEY, H. (Acting W.O.II (B.M.)), *K.A.R., Nyasaland, East Africa.*  
 O'SHEA R., *Depot D.W.R.*  
 WESTERN, A. C. (Acting W.O.II), *Hamburg District, B.A.O.R.*

#### Sergeants

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 STRINGER, F. H. (Acting W.O.II), *7th D.W.R. (T.A.).*  
 WOND, A. W. (Acting C/Sgt.), *5 Nigeria Regiment, West Africa.*  
 LYTHE, W. (Acting W.O.II), *2nd Green Howards, MELF.*  
 PRESTON, A. (Acting C/Sgt.), *Depot D.W.R.*  
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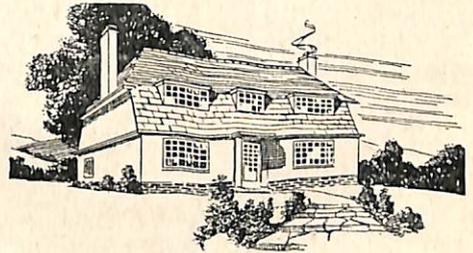
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## REMINISCENCES OF A SUBALTERN IN THE BOER WAR, 1899-1902

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

2ND INSTALMENT

After a few weeks of intensive training the Battalion entrained at North Camp station in the early hours of December 29, and proceeded to Southampton, where we embarked on the S.S. *Orient*, a fairly large (for those days) liner of the Orient Line. The Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Hugh Rowlands, V.C., K.C.B., came on board to bid the Battalion farewell, and all the officers were introduced to him. Sir Hugh had never served in the Regiment, and had won his V.C. at the Battle of Inkerman in 1854, while serving with the 41st Regiment. He died in August, 1909.

We steamed out of the dock at 4 p.m., but as there was a gale blowing we anchored in the Solent for the night. The gale was very severe, causing a number of wrecks round the coast, and as we passed the Needles early next morning we began to feel the force of it. For a bad sailor as I was it was a miserable first experience of a sea voyage, and we got the worst of the tossing on the first day of the new century (January 1, 1900). However, once clear of the Bay of Biscay we got into better weather, with calm seas and welcome sunshine as we sighted Madeira on January 3. We stopped at St. Vincent on the 6th and some of us went on shore. Houghton's brother, who was serving at the telegraph station on that barren, rocky island, came on board and gave us the latest war news, which was that Gen. French had surrounded 7,000 Boers near Colesburg. He ragged us with the remark that the war would be over by the time we got there!

On Friday, January 19, we woke to find the ship anchored in a thick fog, and later, with siren blowing and bell ringing at intervals, we moved slowly through the calm water. About noon the fog suddenly lifted and there in front of us was a rocky shore about 2 miles off. We were apparently some 12 miles south of Cape Town, which we reached soon after. The approach to it was an unforgettable sight with the majestic Table Mountain backing the town and the harbour crowded with shipping.

On landing at the docks, we officers were told that all our heavy kit and our swords, belts, etc., had to be left at the base here, and that we were limited to 30 lbs., including our valises. We were issued with belts and pouches, etc., like the men, and had our carbines. Carmichael, who was not very fit, was left in charge of the base here. Tidmarsh and I had feared that either of us, being junior subalterns, might have been allotted this job, and were much relieved.

Early the following morning, Saturday, January 20, we entrained at the dock. Half the Battalion in the first train with Col. Lloyd, and the other half in a second train under Major Le Marchant's

command. I was in the latter in a compartment with Trafford, Townsend, Exham and Oakes. Townsend's brother, a naval lieutenant stationed there, came to see us off.

The journey up country was interesting at first, especially going through the Hex River pass, but later the country was practically desert, and all next day it was dull, dusty and hot. We reached our final destination at Naauwpoort on Monday, January 22, where we joined up with the other Battalions of our Brigade already camped here. Our Brigade was the 13th, commanded by Maj.-Gen. C. E. Knox, and our Division the 6th, the G.O.C. being Lt.-Gen. T. Kelly Kenny. The Battalions in the 13th Brigade were The Buffs, The Gloucesters and The Oxfordshire Light Infantry, besides ourselves.

It was, of course, the summer season here, and one's tent by day was very hot, but the nights were very cold and clear, and the constellations, many new to one in the southern hemisphere, were a wonderful sight. The atmosphere was extraordinarily clear, and I had my first experience of the deceptiveness of distances next day, when I was sent out with the regimental signallers to a kopje that looked about 3 to 4 miles off, but which actually proved to be  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles. In those days signalling was done by helio and flag by day and lamp by night. There were two sizes of helio, the larger one for long distances was capable of being seen at distances of well over 50 miles, and on a few occasions as much as 80 miles in such a clear atmosphere. The flag was used for short distances and was chiefly used by Company signallers. We had a steep climb to the top of the kopje, which was very rocky, made more difficult for the signallers with all their equipment. They were not long in getting into touch with Gen. French's force, which was containing the Boers at Colesburg to the north of us.

We were, of course, living under active service conditions here though so far from the enemy, with outposts by day and night. As far as I remember we had no mess tent and fed in the open, but we all had bell tents. Two characters I might mention here were Sgt. Gordge, the Mess Sergeant, and Cpl. Dowdswell, the Mess Corporal. Gordge was a first-class Mess Sergeant in peace, and also proved himself to be in war. Dowdswell was a very old soldier and most strict with young subalterns about Mess behaviour; he had a caustic tongue and was allowed a good deal of freedom with it.

As regards the conditions, my diary records: "The dust here is awful, whenever there is the slightest wind it blows all over the place, and gets

into one's eyes, nose and ears, and into everything in one's tent. At meals, in about half a second one's plate gets covered with sand. There is nothing worth calling grass, only bits of dried up scrub, almost a desert in fact." There were no mosquitos, but flies were bad, and tarantulas, scorpions and centipedes were numerous, and one had to look out for them in one's bedding.

On the evening of January 24, Siordet arrived with the half "B" Company which had come out in another ship. He came into the tent Taylor and I were sharing, which made it a bit of a squash. The ground was very hard to sleep on with only a blanket under one, but one soon got accustomed to it. For a bath we dug a hole on the ground, put a water-proof sheet into it and poured the water in, and it made an excellent one. We found food expensive, except fruit. Grapes were 4d. lb. and pineapples from Natal only 9d. each, but a bottle of beer was 2s. 6d.!

One day an officer of the Suffolks came in from Colesburg, and told us about the disaster his Battalion had suffered. Just before a night attack their Colonel was giving instructions to all the officers in a group in front of the Battalion, not realising that they were so close to the Boers, who suddenly opened fire, and caused a great many casualties. Another day Prince Francis of Teck was up here, a smart-looking man, in the Remounts Dept, and reputed to be a very good judge of a horse.

On January 27 Gen. French came through from Colesburg on his way to Cape Town to meet Lord Roberts, who had arrived from England a little before we did. I have not made much reference to the general situation as the reader can refer to Lee's History of the 33rd for such information. All this time we were busy training when not on outpost duty, or fatigues, and we had practice attacks on a kopje for the whole Battalion on January 31. The previous day, while outside camp alone I had my first close view of our Divisional General, Gen. Kelly Kenny. He and a staff officer were riding past and stopped to speak to me, asking me my name and how I liked active service.

Those days of December, 1899, were dark, not only from the weather, but from the news of disasters and frustrations in the campaign in South Africa. Gen. Buller had been repulsed with heavy losses in his attempts to relieve Ladysmith, and Lord Methuen was held up by the Boers under Cronje at Modder River, and foiled in his attempts to relieve Kimberley. However, the Army was not downhearted, and the Battalion in particular eager and anxious to get out there. The fact that Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., had come back to active service after retirement and was to lead fresh troops from home was a fillip to everyone.

One day, while in London, getting some final field kit, I had an hour to spare before my train back to Aldershot and went in to the old London Aquarium, which stood where the Westminster Central Hall now is. It was a great dingy building with a large central hall, round which tanks containing various fishes were ranged. So dark that one could hardly see what was in them. The chief attraction of the place was a non-stop variety show on a stage in the hall. One of the turns was a young woman dressed as a soldier in khaki singing Rudyard Kipling's worst poem, "An Absent-minded Beggar," with its refrain "Duke's son, cook's son, son of a hundred kings," etc., and then proceeding to go round with the hat collecting money for comforts for the troops. I, however, was more interested in a side-show in a small room, where a new invention called the Kinematograph was being shown. The film was of the great prize fight between Fitzsimmons and Corbett, who appeared to be fighting in a thunderstorm, with pouring rain and flashes of lightning ripping the screen apart. It was interesting as a novelty, but not much else, and the strain on one's eyes was very evident when one came out; they were quite bloodshot.

NOTE:— The following information has been obtained since the last issue to be added to the list of officers of the 1st Battalion given in the previous instalment of these reminiscences.

Lt. E. N. Townsend. (Died January 10, 1938; Major, retired.)  
2/Lt. H. J. L. Oakes. (Died November 11, 1944, Lieutenant, retired.)

## *The White Elephant*

"I heard they took the White Elephant out to-day, sir." Delaney's face wore a wistful look. "Yes, I believe so; it must have left some hole." My thoughts went back a few weeks, carefully back, picking their way tenderly over painful ground, for the White Elephant was a very trying epic and a very important one. It marked the beginning and the end of an era. It caused a great deal of work and worry, and yet out of it came nothing; not one of the 800,000 rounds of Mk. VIIIs which we fired in the line came from the mouth of the White Elephant, not one burst to repay us for our pains and tender care or to make up for the strained feelings it caused us in our village. Perhaps I had better explain.

It all started with the Canadians; they were in

our village when we returned to the Naeochon position. Our winter home had changed slightly; here and there time and fire had left a few derelict "hoochies," mute witnesses to their power, but in the main it was the same old place, and we were glad to be back. There was only one discordant note, one precious Vickers gun was sitting out in the open. Beside it was an enormous hole, a hole which went straight down for 17 ft., at the bottom of which, looking like parquet flooring, was the white roof of a machine gun bunker. No arc of fire was cut out through the hillside in front and it only needed a cursory glance to see that in fact the work had just started. We had still to complete the normal overhead cover and communication trenches but the real work was going to be in that arc of fire.



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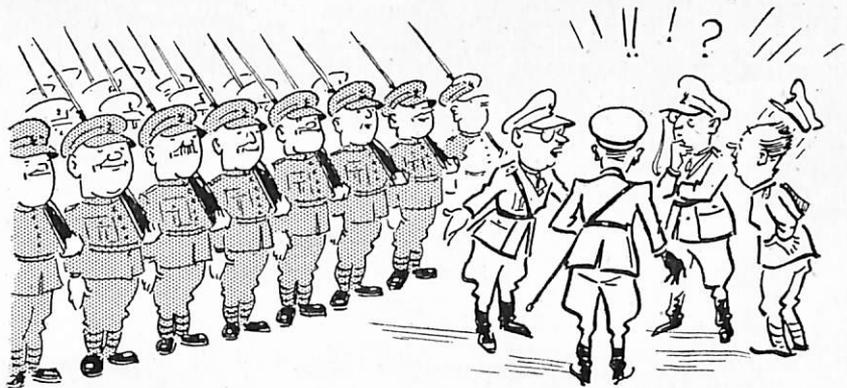
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In order to get a 100 per cent. traverse to support our flanking Battalions, half the hillside would have to be removed; and that on a forward slope in full view of the enemy, which meant working at night without a light and carrying all the soil to the rear in sandbags, carefully camouflaging the tell-tale mouth before dawn came each day. It would be a furtive business and a slow one.

I glared across at my opposite number; he mentally came on guard. "It's the new order," he moaned. "Our Brig. is a keen machine gunner and he's laid it down that all Vickers will be sunk down at least 16 ft. You'll complete it, won't you? It's almost finished. I'm sorry we couldn't manage it all." Almost finished, I thought; still if the Canadians can do it. "Oh, sure," I replied. "It will take a bit of time though." There was a murmuring in the ranks.

It turned out to take quite a bit of time. It was even worse than I had imagined; progress was slow, and I began to pay more attention to the Truce rumours. But it had to go on; we had had all this armistice business before. The men were beginning to wonder too. Every morning a critical group assembled at the project to gauge the progress of the now sleeping duty section. "Dunno wot they get up to all night." "We've done all the work on this thing so far." "You might as well write 2 Section off." No. 2 Section were no less critical when their turn came, in fact there was a distinct atmosphere about the village.

I decided to call over Sgt. Houghton from No. 1 Section position above the Battalion C.P. No man knew more ways of avoiding work than Houghton, and I thought his solid common sense would be a comfort. He arrived in the village like some visitor from Mars, peering around him in a condescendingly curious manner, and uttering short derisive phrases to the foreigners in No. 3 Section. I took him straight up to the project, but before I could say a word, he had broken out into bursts of laughter. The project had long since ceased to amuse me and I looked on in a cold fury. After a few minutes he managed to string a few words together and sifting out the laughter I made out, "Atomic Gun," "Car Park," "Shelling," and

"Bright idea." I decided to give Houghton all the harassing from then on.

On July 26, 1953, the bunker was ready, at last we could fire through a 100 per cent. arc and Ptes. Delaney and Spurr installed their gun, spares and ammunition, and sat with their intercom. headset on peering into their mirror for a dry run through. All went well, and the whole Platoon visited the "Shrine." I even detected a note of pride in the air, and the latest Truce rumours faded into the background. The latest shelling which had been uncomfortably close to the "car park" as it was now termed, took on a puny look. 17 ft. down Ptes. Delaney and Spurr said, "Let it come; take an atom bomb this thing."

That same day we showed the project to the Commanding Officer. Not many words were spoken by the Colonel as he clamboured up the steps, but amongst them were the words "White Elephant." Five minutes later I had to explain the meaning of the term to the men. That was not one of my happier moments.

All that night Ptes. Delaney and Spurr sat waiting patiently to christen the project. I kept them informed continually throughout the night over the intercom. "Hullo 4, a flare has just been reported as being set off on the unoccupied spur by a standing patrol of Baker Company, lay on 51A." "Lay on 51A," repeated Delaney, anticipation in his voice. Five minutes later I replied to his whistle, "No, I am afraid there is no further movement. I'll get a Sitrep from Baker." "Flap off," said Baker. I called up Nos. 3 and 4 guns. "Stand down on 51A." "Stand down, Sir," said Delaney with the air of one who had stood down after a thousand flaps, and so he had. "No harassing to-night, sir?" "No, none at all," I said for the fourth time, and so it went on throughout the night. Even the "Baron" failed to find a target for me. That night was the quietest we had ever had. The heavy silence lay ominously like a great blanket over our whole front, and as dawn came I had a feeling that we had had our last chance. It must come off this time, it almost appeared as if the armies had already withdrawn.

Next day we heard that a Truce had been signed to take effect that night. There was to be no more firing. Salvage orders for the 28th came out; all good timber and new bunkers to be dug out, sandbags emptied, corrugated iron and pickets to be taken up, etc. I held an "O" Group and mentally went over all the "hoochies" and gunpits, sentencing some to dissolution and some to the rats and time. At the end I paused and looked straight into the face of Sgt. Spring, and as he put the question to me, he wore the expression of one who has suffered a million stupidities over many years. "What about the White Elephant, sir?" The pencils stopped scribbling, the breathing stopped, there was a pregnant air of resignation in the bunker. I felt that had I said, "Before I forget, No. 2 Section will be taken out at dawn tomorrow and shot," the pencils would have just gone on scribbling. "The White Elephant," I said, dropping the words on to the floor, "The White Elephant stays where it is."

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## O.C.A. NEWS

### 10th (SERVICE) BATTALION, O.C.A.

A fortnight—even less—before October 31—the date set for the Association's 1953 Annual Meeting and Reunion Dinner—the Honorary Secretary had the shivers because only about 20 applications had been received for tickets. He had a word with the Chairman and he, too, wondered what was to happen in spite of the fact that applications have always been slow until the last week or so, but eventually it was agreed that the members would rally round and prove once again that there is really no cause for anxiety. And that was exactly what happened—when the guests assembled at the Market Tavern Hotel, Bradford, 77 men sat down to dinner, and there were actually over 80 tickets disposed of because two or three were unexpectedly prevented from coming. But what strain would have been avoided by the officers if applications had come in earlier! However, all was well, and the Chairman and Honorary Secretary apologise now for ever having doubted that their men would roll up as usual.

Before the Dinner those who could do so assembled at the Cenotaph in Victoria Square, Bradford, where the Chairman (Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C.) laid a wreath on the memorial in remembrance of those who died during the First World War or had passed away since.

Then came the Annual Meeting. It was held at the Market Tavern under the chairmanship of Lt. Wood and about 60 members were present. In attendance also was Lt.-Col. J. B. Sugden, T.D., Commanding 578 (5th D.W.R.) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), who was the Association's principal guest at the Dinner. He was present because, as he explained, he always liked to see how "the other fellow" carried on! Ingenuous; but we were glad to have him and we hope he was not disappointed.

The principal points about the Annual Meeting were that the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Harold Bray) was able to report that there was a balance in hand of £35 os. 4d., compared with £34 18s. 1d. twelve months previously; that the officers and Committee were unanimously re-elected, and that the Committee were authorised to consider the possibility—or should it be desirability (no offence intended!)—of inviting ladies to the 1954 Reunion Dinner because it will coincide with the 21st Anniversary of the existence of the Association and it was thought that it should be made an outstanding function.

The Annual Report recorded, *inter alia*, that the Army Sports Control Board had agreed to insert in the Regimental Diary the date of the Battle of Vittorio Veneto, 1918—a Regimental battle honour won exclusively by the 10th (Service) Battalion—and the date of the Austrian Armistice, and the members expressed their gratitude that these two outstanding events in the history of the Battalion will now be recorded in perpetuity.

It was also stated that a copy of the War History of the Battalion had been sent to the Depot at

Halifax for inclusion in the Regimental records, but that no acknowledgment had been received! Members would be grateful if they could know officially from Halifax that the document is duly deposited in the space reserved for histories of Service Battalions of the Regiment which THE IRON DUKE once stated (incorrectly so far as the 10th Battalion are concerned—if their record was actually received at the Depot) was empty!

At the Reunion Dinner the Chairman again presided and was supported, among others, by Lt.-Col. D. I. Stewart (O. i/c Administration The Depot), Capts. R. Bolton, M.C., S. Currington, R. S. S. Ingram and F. H. Baume, Lts. J. Davis, M.M., and C. W. Wildy. Apologies came from the Archdeacon of Craven (the Ven. T. J. Williams, M.C.), Majors J. H. Davis (O.C. The Depot), J. C. Bull, M.C., and H. R. Hildyard, Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E. (Secretary, The Regimental Association), Capts. J. R. Todhunter and W. Oldfield, M.M., Capt. the Rev. L. Norman Phillips, M.C., Lts. Howard Hodgkinson, S. R. Wilson, F. Wilkinson and E. L. M. Lumb, Sgt. A. E. Sayers, Messrs. Maurice H. Denham and Walter Wilkinson.

Messages of greeting were read from Archdeacon Williams, Major Bull, Capt. Todhunter, Lt. Wilson, Lt. Wilkinson, Mr. Denham and Capt. Oldfield, and, to crown all, was a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen in response to a message of loyalty and service sent by the Association,

The proceedings were short—as usual—but Col. Sugden had time to express his regard for the remarkable manner in which the old spirit of the 10th (Service) Battalion was maintained and said that, although the members might think they had "done their stuff," they could still help the Regiment by talking about their pride in "The Dukes," passing on the tradition of comradeship and so influencing young members of the families to join.

The next important date in the Association's calendar is Saturday, April 24, 1954, when it is hoped to hold another Reunion in London for our members in the South.

At Armistice Day Capt. Bolton, on behalf of the Association, planted a badge cross in the Regimental plot at the Empire Garden of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.

### LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held early in September at the Headquarters of the Branch in London. Although as usual the numbers were small, the business of the Branch for 1952-53 was discussed, and after the Hon. Secretary's report, together with a statement of the financial side and future entertainments, the present Chairman and Committee were re-elected for another year. There being no other business the meeting was closed.

On Sunday, November 8, the Branch attended the Regimental Plot at the Field of Remembrance and as usual a short service was held, taken by the



A tribute to the hospitality of the London Irish Rifles by E. Mellors.

Chairman, Mr. C. Kirkham. The plot was suitably set out by the Hon. Secretary on the Saturday. The numbers were not as many as in previous years, but many of the plots were not represented at all.

London Irish Rifles O.C.A. invited us to a social evening and darts match on Saturday, November 21. The darts match was a draw and afterwards the company played tombola, the evening breaking up at 11 p.m. The return match is being played on Saturday, December 19, results of which will be reported on in the next notes.

For general information, the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Branch has been provisionally fixed for Saturday, April 24 next. Time and place will be notified later.

The sketch of a member of the London Irish Rifles is published in appreciation of the kindness and generosity of this Regiment's O.C.A. in allowing the Branch full facilities of their Club at the Duke of York's Headquarters at Chelsea.

#### OBITUARY

It is with great regret we announce the death of Mr. (Wally) Battisson. He had been ill for a considerable period, but was recovering gradually

when, during a period of convalescence, he collapsed and died suddenly. Wally was a well-known personality in the Branch, having been Hon. Secretary for a considerable time, both before the war and after, only giving up owing to continued ill-health. His passing away is a great loss to the Branch and I am sure that all those who knew him would join us in the condolences to Mrs. Battisson in her tragic loss.

H. BUTTERWORTH, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### 6th BATTALION O.C.A.

The Reunion Dinner of the 2nd/6th Battalion was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on May 2, 1953. Lt.-Col. H. Dixon and Major R. Wood attended as guests.

The Annual Meeting of the 6th Battalion was held at the same place on October 11, 1953. The report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1953, were read and approved. The meeting unanimously elected Col. F. Longden Smith as President in succession to Brigadier-Gen. R. L. Adlerson, C.M.G., D.S.O.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Lt.-Col. H. Dixon; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. H. Minnikin; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Major R. Wood.

The meeting was followed by the dinner, which was attended by 110 members and guests. The latter included Major J. L. Davis, O.C. Depot, Lt.-Col. D. Scott, T.D., O.C. 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.), Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., Secretary, Regimental Association, D.W.R., and Mr. H. Beaumont and Mr. K. Hepworth, 5th Battalion O.C.A.

The Annual Meeting followed by the Dinner will take place at the Devonshire Hotel on Saturday, October 16, 1954, at 6.30 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary regretted to announce the following deaths: Mr. (ex-Sgt.) Philip Rodgers, at his home, 24 Gladstone Street, Skipton, on March 15, 1953; and Lt. (late Quartermaster 2nd/6th Battalion) H. Hardisty, M.M., at his home, 70 Park Lane, Keighley, on July 11, 1953.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL AND OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATIONS

HELD AT HALIFAX, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1953.

*Present:* Maj.-Gen. K. G. Exham (Chairman), Brigadiers F. H. Fraser, B. W. Webb-Carter, Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Lt.-Cols. F. H. B. Wellesley and Sir N. Everard, Major Davis and 40 other members.

The Chairman, declaring the meeting open, apologised for the absence of the President, Gen. Sir Philip Christison and Maj.-Gen. Ozanne, both of whom were unavoidably absent owing to prior engagements.

#### MINUTES

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

## DONCASTER AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Major J. Davis (centre), C.O. of the Halifax Depot, talking to newly-elected officials at the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association



(Photo: Yorkshire Evening Post and Doncaster Chronicle)

dinner. They are (left to right): Mr. R. Coates (secretary), Mr. E. J. Goodman (treasurer), Mr. J. Satterthwaite (vice-chairman), Mr. A. E. Green (chairman).

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Code read the Committee's report of the previous year's working of the two Associations, an account of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

### ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts of the two Associations were produced and explained by the Secretary. The Chairman asked those present if they had any observations or comments on the accounts now before them. No points arose and the accounts were passed unanimously.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman said he wished, at this stage, to bring to the notice of those present the impending publication of the World War II History of the Regiment. He said that we should be receiving the new history very shortly and advised all who intended to obtain a copy to order now so that we should have some idea of the numbers required. Also would members kindly pass on this information to any other ex-"Duke" they may meet in their own locality. The histories would be obtainable from the Admin. Officer, here at the Depot, price 16s. 6d.

The General Secretary mentioned that the Association Branches were perturbed that he, Mr. Code, did not get round to see them as often as they would like. Mr. Code said that owing to the transport difficulty and the time factor it meant when he did go to a branch he could only remain a very short period. However, the Secretary thought this position would improve as he had now come by a car and providing some arrangement could be made whereby P.O.L. used on journeys to branches would be refunded him he saw no difficulty in visiting them in future. After a short discussion it was agreed that Mr. Code should run a "work ticket" recording such visits which would be at the Committee's discretion. Maj.-Gen. Exham

proposed and Major Laverack seconded that P.O.L. should in future be allowed the General Secretary when his duties took him to visit branches, etc. The proposition was carried unanimously.

C.S.M. Stringer brought up the question of the D.W.R. Social Club here in Barracks. It appeared that he thought the Club should be more closely bound up with the O.C.A. After some discussion the Chairman suggested a meeting of the Club officers and himself be held after the meeting.

Mr. Hough, Sheffield Branch Secretary, put forward the suggestion that all branches should possess a Standard incorporating the Regimental Crest, which would be taken on Remembrance Day parades or any other national ceremonial events. The Chairman thought the idea highly desirable and the members present associated themselves with the Chairman's sentiments. The General Secretary was requested to look into this matter and to let the Committee have a report at a later date.

Maj.-Gen. Exham made a strong appeal to all present to do all they could to stimulate recruiting for the Regiment. He commented on the future position in the Regiment with special regard to W.O.s and N.C.O.s. He predicted that unless we were able to recruit suitable men we should have the utmost difficulty in replacing time-expired and discharged W.O.s and N.C.O.s. Our Regimental recruiting figures were appallingly low and was causing serious concern to all who had the welfare of the Regiment at heart. He asked all branches, etc., to evolve some ideas of their own to try and encourage the right type of lad to join up as regular soldiers in the "Dukes." The Colonel of the Regiment and he, personally, hoped that ex-members would take up this challenge and do all they could to further Regimental recruiting.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Meeting commenced at 5.30 p.m. and closed at 6.30 p.m.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1953

My Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended June 30, 1953.

### CASE WORK

During the year under review the Committee received and dealt with 223 applications for assistance from the Funds at our disposal. Of this figure 51 were turned down because either the investigating body or your Committee did not feel they were really worthy of help or the applicants did not come within the scope of our finances. Another 10 did not bother to complete the application forms sent them to fill in. Of the 162 cases assisted with grants 67 came within the scope of the O.C.A. and 95 were assisted from the funds of the Regimental Association. We paid out £400 12s. od. from the O.C.A. and £446 13s. 2d. from Regimental Association Funds—a total of £846 5s. 2d. This represents an increase over last year's amount by £106 16s. od. This is accounted for by more substantial grants to widows and also to two Flood victims in last year's East Coast Floods. An increase in the number of cases presenting themselves was due possibly to the recession in the textile trade last autumn, as most applicants were from the West Riding.

A grant of £50 was made to the Craven Valley Committee, headed by Lt.-Col. H. Dixon, for use in urgent cases in that widely dispersed area. Cases in that District are investigated personally by a member of the Craven Valley Committee, who reports to a full Committee meeting, who decide whether the case is urgent enough to warrant an immediate grant or whether the case should be referred to Headquarters. This Committee has done good work over the past seven years or so.

In practically all cases, where help is given by the Associations, the money is disbursed by the various Social and Welfare organisations throughout the country. Although financial help to ex-members of the Regiment or their dependants constitute our main activity there are other aspects to our Social work. We have been instrumental in getting ex-Servicemen away to Rest and Holiday Homes through local organisations, obtained free legal advice for others, advised on pensions, assisted relatives to visit graves of the fallen overseas, helped medical cases to be admitted to the appropriate hospitals and in many other ways helped members and ex-members with their problems. We even moved a Housing Committee to allot accommodation in a deserving case.

### INSTITUTIONS

Grants totalling £74 18s. od. were paid to various institutions during the year and is the same as for previous years. No admittances or discharges have been reported, as far as we were concerned, to or from the institutions we support.

### PENSIONS

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Montague, a widow to whom we paid a pension of 10s. a week. She was the widow of the late Sgt. Montague, who had also been the recipient of an

O.C.A. pension. The total amount paid from the O.C.A. Funds came to £233 10s. od.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Again for those who do not make a detailed study of the accounts now presented we give a brief summary of our income and expenditure for the year to the nearest round figure:\*

#### Income from all Sources:

Old Comrades' Association .. ..	£708
Regimental Association .. ..	£1,747

#### Expenditure:

Old Comrades' Association: Grants, Pensions and Administration, etc...	£678
Regimental Association: Grants, etc.	£1,320

#### Excess of Income over Expenditure:

Old Comrades' Association .. ..	£30
Regimental Association .. ..	£427

The Army Benevolent Fund granted the Regimental Association £750 this year as against £1,000 in previous years. The amount granted was sufficient; as we have shown, the Fund ended the year with an excess of income over expenditure. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Army Benevolent Fund Committee for their continued generosity and assure them the money so granted is well spent alleviating distress amongst, mainly, the 1939-45 ex-Serviceman.

### O.C.A. AND REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Since our last report membership of the O.C.A. has increased by 13 officer subscribers and 3 life members. On the other hand, the Regimental Association has increased by 77 life members (75 from the 1st Battalion) and 6 subscribers. The question of a membership drive has been taken seriously by the Committee and at the moment is going well; the 1st Battalion produced another 94 life members and the Depot about 25 subscribers, all since July 1. In this we are indebted to R.S.M. Pearce of the 1st Battalion and C.S.M. Turner at the Depot.

We hope to be able to report even better progress next year and eventually hit our target of a 100 per cent. membership of the Regimental Association.

### AMALGAMATION OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Our Honorary Solicitor informs us that, at last, the final details of the amalgamation have been worked out and the official join-up will take place in the very near future. The Charity Commissioners have approved the Scheme and its publication in the Press is imminent.

### CLUBS

London, Sheffield, Doncaster, Ossett and Halifax clubs are prospering, and, thanks to their Secretaries, their social functions, etc., are well attended. We welcome a new club since the last report. We refer to the Gosport and District branch of the Association. The last communication from its Secretary, Mr. Broom, informs us that they are well under way and that a Dinner held at Gosport was pretty well attended; altogether the signs are

\*Detailed accounts will appear in the April number.

encouraging and they feel a good start has been made. We wish them well in their future efforts.

#### QUEEN'S REVIEW IN HYDE PARK, JULY 5

The President and Committee wish to thank all those who turned up in Hyde Park on the occasion of the Queen's Review of ex-Servicemen. Some 130 paraded in our contingent for the march past, which, considering we are a Northern Regiment, speaks volumes for the spirit animating the Old Comrades. It was a very proud day for all of us and one which we shall not forget.

#### 1ST BATTALION

We cannot let this opportunity pass without some reference to the 1st Battalion's part in the Korean campaign. We were all very proud to hear of the splendid action fought by the Battalion during the Battle of the Hook, where the traditions of the Regiment were maintained to the fullest. Well done, "Dukes"! Congratulations to those who were decorated for their gallantry and leadership during the engagement; we are sure they were well earned. We also extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of those killed-in-action fighting with the 1st Battalion.

#### CONCLUSION

Our thanks are due, as in the past, to Major Driver, our Hon. Solicitor, Messrs. Whitam & Turney, Hon. Auditors, and those ladies and gentlemen of the various service organisations and welfare services for their kind co-operation in dealing with our cases.

#### ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

SEPTEMBER 26, 1953

This year the Annual Reunion Dinner took place in the new dining hall at the Depot. About 200 sat down to an enjoyable repast, presided over by Maj.-Gen. Exham, D.S.O., A.D.C., deputising for the Colonel of the Regiment, who was unable to be with us this year owing to a prior engagement. Unlike last year, when we had the function in the Queen's Hall, Halifax, we had plenty of room and all present could see each other. The decorations included the two sets of Colours of the 2nd Battalion, which in themselves were a centre of attraction and excited great interest, especially amongst those who served in the Battalion up to 1939. Flowers adorned the tables and were provided by Mr. Mawson, an ex-"Duke" and now a florist in Halifax. Silver from the Officers' Mess, flowers and the gay dresses of the ladies made an altogether bright and cheerful scene. One predominant point noticeable this year was that we had a lot of fresh faces amongst us. This is very refreshing as we are keen to have new chaps with us on these occasions. Should this catch the eye of a "new Old Comrade" who has, in the past, hesitated about coming along to dinner in case nobody would know him, let me assure him that all who served in the "Dukes" at any time are very welcome indeed. Its almost certain that the new-comer will meet someone he knows and that is what reunion gatherings are for.

I personally noticed people I knew who had served in different Battalions in both wars; the old parochial outlook when all we had were a few old stalwarts attending is now changing to a more comprehensive gathering of all who have had the privilege of serving in the "Dukes." Let's hope the idea spreads.

After the loyal toast had been proposed by the Chairman, Mr. T. McMahon gave the toast "The Regiment." Responding, Maj.-Gen. Exham prefaced his remarks by introducing Major H. Kelly, V.C., M.C., to the assembled company. Major Kelly won his V.C. at Le Sars on October 3, 1916, whilst serving with the 10th Battalion. Incidentally, we are indebted to Major James for bringing Major Kelly along with him from Manchester. Turning to Korea, the Chairman told us a little of the great part the "Dukes" had taken in the Battle of the Hook. He reminded us of the very young-looking Battalion we had seen marching through Halifax prior to going off to fight and said that from all reports these youngsters had behaved like veterans in battle. Even during the heaviest fighting no position was abandoned or given up. They were overrun in places by an enemy vastly superior in numbers and who fought bravely; but at no time were the "Dukes" dislodged. The Battalion were in the same positions at the end as they occupied at the start of the battle. Gen. Exham added that he was sure all were pleased and proud to hear that the "Dukes" had done all that was expected of them. At the conclusion of the Chairman's speech the whole company applauded most warmly.

The dinner over, everybody adjourned to the New Gym., where a colour film was shown of the 1st Battalion receiving the Freedom of Huddersfield just a year ago. The film was much enjoyed by those present and we were again reminded of the valiant deeds of the Battalion. From now on the Reunion started in earnest with two bars running and a full house; for the diners had been augmented by another hundred or so who had not been able to make the dinner. For the more sprightly a dance had been organised and from this point onwards everybody seemed bent on making the most of this yearly meeting.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have written in thanking the Committee for their efforts. All seem satisfied that everything was done to make their brief stay an enjoyable one. Those who stayed overnight had comfortable quarters arranged for them with "gunfire" provided on the Sunday morning. Gosport Branch have written to say they are coming up in force next year and have already started to run dances, etc., to pay for the coach. Cheerio until next year.

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'Dukes' Regimental Association ?

## THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION AND O.C.A. BRANCH REPORTS

### DONCASTER AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The third A.G.M. and Branch Annual Dinner was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Doncaster, on Saturday, November 21, 1953. Nearly 50 ex-"Dukes" and friends sat down to dinner and we were pleased to welcome in our midst Major John Davis (C.O. Depot) and Mrs. Davis, Mr. Sid Code (General Secretary) and Mrs. Code, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, and several other guests. We were also proud to have with us our oldest member—"Daddy" Pollard, now over 80, who tried, unsuccessfully, to drill his "young" son—ex-C.S.M. "Ted" Pollard. "Not enough discipline with these youngsters nowadays," says "Daddy." Among the other members present were Capt. John Lister and Capt. John Satterthwaite, Ted Green, "Blimey" Goodwin, Ray Coates, Jack Spink, Tom Pettinger and Fred Hallworth—to name but a few. Others who have not been mentioned need not feel hurt as we are sure they do not want this report to develop into a "Nominal Roll."

There were a few absent faces of some of our regular supporters that we missed, too—such as John Wilcocks, Walt. Ley, Joe Farmer, H. O. Smith, Cyril Brooks and Alf Marsden. Two of these we know were ill, and two were busy "baby sitting" and could not escape their responsibilities—not that we want them to; we fully realise the importance of bringing up our recruits properly!

The Chairman, despite a husky voice due to a cold, summed up briefly the principal events of the year, the outstanding one being the Children's Outing to Roche Abbey last June. The weather was perfect and our handicapper and organiser—"Blimey" Goodwin—so arranged it that every child got a prize, winner or loser; the handicapping of the adults, though on a basis of yards per year of age, was open to question and it is not surprising that there were one or two strained muscles and stiff joints the next day! To prove that we think of more serious things as well as just the social side, the Chairman mentioned that we had investigated two cases of hardship during the year, and grants had been approved, and two other applications

had been declined but only after very careful consideration.

Our principal guest—Major John Davis—gave us some interesting details of the experiences of the 1st Battalion in Korea and brought us up to date with other items of Regimental news which was lapped up as eagerly as the good dinner provided by "mine host." He also promised the Branch what support could be given by the Association H.Q., and would pass on the names and addresses of all National Servicemen from this area on finishing their service, and he urged us to contact these chaps and to do our best to get the younger men into the Branch.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Major Davis, Capt. John Satterthwaite, our former Chairman, said that we realised only too well the necessity to get in fresh blood as our active membership had actually dropped last year, and we had in fact written more than once to every ex-"Duke" in the Doncaster district whose name and address are known to us.

After the dinner was over the tables were cleared in readiness for dancing to music provided by our own Plus-a-gram, bought and paid for out of Branch funds as a result of our own efforts, and of which we are—quite justifiably—very proud. Our excellent M.C.—Ted Pollard—got busy organising other forms of entertainment, and a half tea set and a string of pearls, kindly presented by members, were raffled and yielded £3 7s. od. for the Branch funds. Fortunately we had an extension of the licence to 11 o'clock, for the party was still going strong when it was time to break up and for our guests to begin their trek back to Halifax.

At the A.G.M. which preceded the Dinner the Secretary gave a report of the activities of the Branch during the past year, and the Treasurer presented a statement of the accounts, which showed a gross deficiency of £7 11s. 4d., a state of affairs which obviously cannot be repeated if we are to continue our existence. Fortunately one new member was enrolled that night and it is to be hoped that many more "Dukes" in this district will follow that example and join the local Branch of their Regimental Association.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. A. E. Green, 101 Elmfield Road, Doncaster; Vice-Chairman, Capt. J. Satterthwaite, 160 Zetland Road, Doncaster; Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Goodwin, Lloyds Bank Chambers, 55 High Street, Doncaster; Secretary, Mr. Ray Coates, 80 Kirton Lane, Thorne, nr. Doncaster. Application should be made to any of these officials for further information regarding the activities of the Branch. We are glad to say we are still healthy and virile, but with your help we could achieve even better results. What about it, "Dukes"?

#### BIRTH

COATES.—To Nora, wife of Ray Coates, Secretary of the Doncaster and District Branch of the Regimental Association, on December 16, 1953, at Thorne, near Doncaster, a sister for Linda.

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