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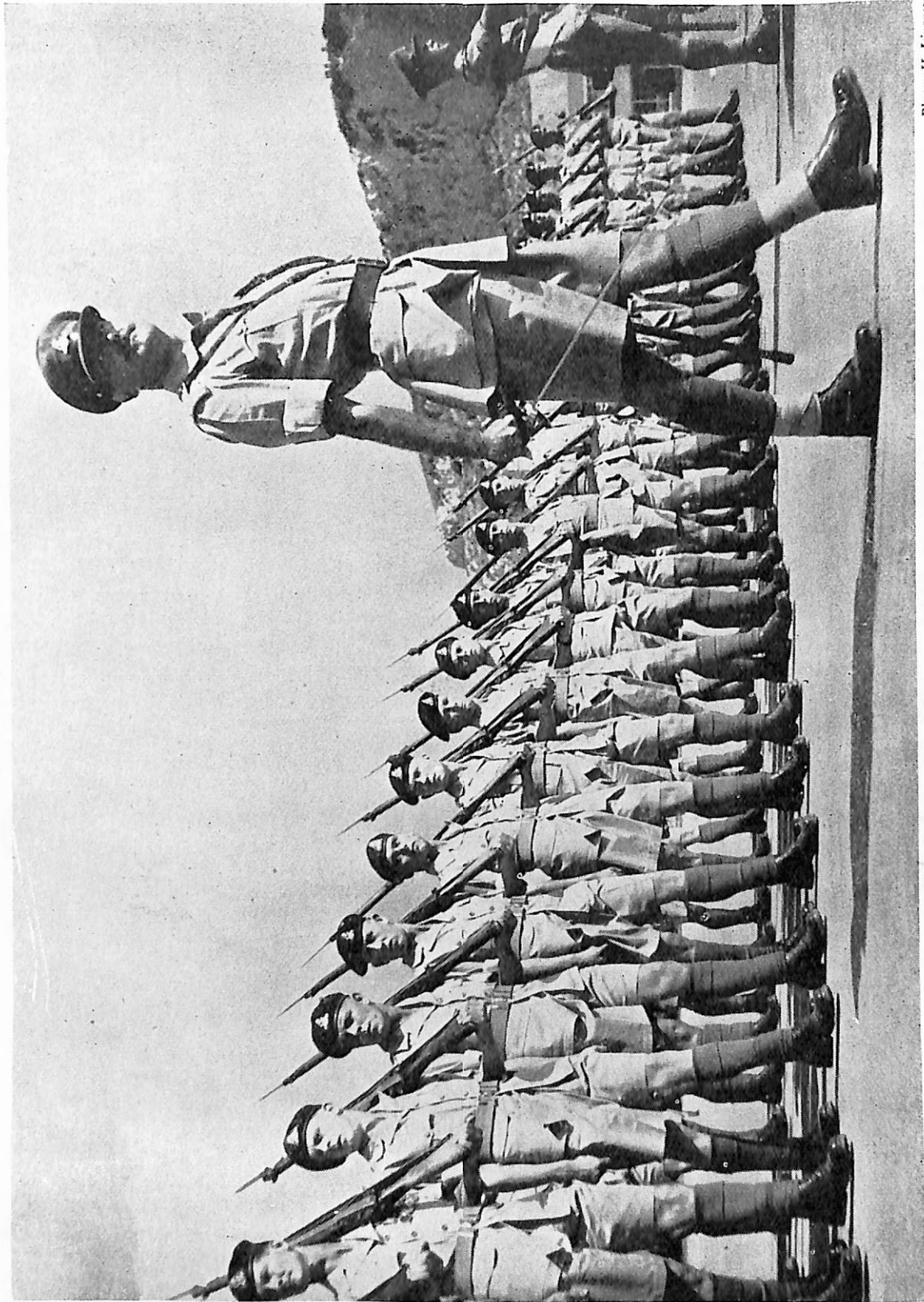


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TROOPING THE COLOUR, GIBRALTAR, JULY 24, 1954



THE REGIMENT

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On July 23, 1704, the Rock of Gibraltar fell to the British Fleet, ten days before the battle of Blenheim. The latter destroyed French dreams of dominating Europe with their armies. The first secured to Britain the mastery of the Mediterranean. Both were notable feats of arms, but the contrast between them is striking. Blenheim was the outcome of patient preparation and careful planning, which brought success only after a long and desperate battle. Gibraltar—it has been said—was taken in a fit of absent-mindedness. This is not quite true, for its strategical importance had, long before, been recognised by Cromwell, who had dreamed of turning the Spanish rock into an English island by cutting a canal across the isthmus. But its capture was a stroke of brilliant opportunism. The heads of the Allied Armies wished the British Fleet to make an attempt on Cadiz, but the Council of War held on Rooke's flagship would have none of it—"Cadiz was not the only place on the coast."

"As these old Admirals sat at Council in their full-bottomed wigs, on that summer-day off Tetuan, under the Barbary coast, they could see through the portholes of Rooke's cabin dim in the northern distance, the summit of Gibraltar rock. . . . The cabin was hot and the Admirals were testy. Perhaps it was fortunate that Admiral Byng, political and personal rival of Rooke's thought lightly of the proposal. Opposition from that quarter roused Rooke's enthusiasm for the project. He declared that Byng, himself, should lead a squadron of 20 English and Dutch ships into Gibraltar Bay to bombard and capture the place. Between pique and jest it was settled so, and the Council broke up, every Admiral in his own humour." \*

\* G. M. Trevelyan. "England under Queen Anne".



The result was a startling success. Never, perhaps, has so great a prize been won at so small a cost—namely, about 200 seamen wounded and 60 killed, most of them in the accidental explosion of a powder magazine caused by their own carelessness.

On July 24, the 1st Battalion Trooped the Colour in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of this great enterprise.

The Order of Parade on this historic occasion was as follows:

Commanding Officer.....	Lieutenant-Colonel R. de la H. Moran, O.B.E.
Adjutant .....	Major H. S. Le Messurier.
Regimental Sergeant-Major.....	R.S.M. G. Corke.
Bandmaster .....	Bandmaster D. Seed.
Drill Sergeant.....	C.S.M. H. Randall.
Drum Major .....	Drum-Major R. Alton.

*Escort to the Colour*

Major .....	E. J. P. Emmett, M.C.
Lt. ....	D. W. Shuttleworth.
2 Lt. ....	R. G. Southerst.

(Ensign—For the Colour)

*No. 2 Guard*

Captain .....	E. M. P. Hardy.
Lt. ....	J. N. H. Naughton.
2 Lt. ....	G. A. Reddington.

*No. 3 Guard*

Major .....	D. S. D. B. Jones-Stamp.
2 Lt. ....	J. E. Pell.
2 Lt. ....	T. D. Lupton.

*No. 4 Guard*

Major .....	C. F. Grieve.
2 Lt. ....	E. J. H. Dasent.
2 Lt. ....	S. H. Berry

The Inspecting Officer was the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Gordon Macmillan of Macmillan, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L. He sent the following letter dated July 24, 1954, to the Colonel of the Regiment.

I thought that you would like to know that your Regiment carried out the Trooping of the Colour on the parade ground at Europa Point this morning with exemplary smartness and precision.

As you know, I had asked that they should do it to mark our quiet satisfaction at having held Gibraltar for 250 years and we held the parade as far away from Spain as possible so as not to offend any ridiculous susceptibilities. In spite of the distance and in spite of the fact that we issued no special invitations and left no special reserved seats, a large and appreciative audience was present, including two American admirals and a lot of U.S.A. Navy from the *Coral Sea* and *Midway*, which are both here for the week-end.

I have of course written to Bob Moran to congratulate him and the battalion on their excellent performance and I can assure you that I am not only truly grateful to them for what they have done but I am also most honoured that your splendid regiment should have been here with me on that occasion.

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A recruiting brochure has been compiled by the Regimental Council and is now in circulation. Its purpose is to make newcomers to the Regiment acquainted with its history, traditions, and long record of notable achievements in war and peace.

The Colonel of the Regiment has written a foreword addressed to the new entrant, "Who," he says, "will become one of a great family, all bound together with a common tie of loyalty to a great and glorious Regiment."

Attractively bound and generously illustrated, it is packed with information on every aspect of regimental life. The historical side is admirably dealt with, the campaigns of all battalions, regular and territorial, being set out as they were fought year by year from the siege of Valencia, in 1705, to the Battle of the Hook, 1953. In addition there is information on the Regimental Marches, the Regimental Association, the Museum, Shooting, and Sport, as well as a Calendar of Regimental dates. Several pages devoted to pay, allowances, and pensions will make the pre-1914 soldier's mouth water. In short, this is a handy compendium of facts drawn from sources not readily available, which will prove as useful to the "old sweat" as to the recruit for whom it was designed.

The authors, who remain anonymous, must have devoted many laborious hours to collecting their matter and arranging it in so convenient a form. They deserve our thanks and congratulations. The regimental badge on the cover may arouse controversy among the heraldic pundits, but in other respects the book seems above criticism.

It can be obtained from the Administrative Officer in Halifax, for the sum of 1s. (postage 3d.). There never was better value for money, and we are sure that the best way of recognising the services which the authors have freely given, is to buy a copy.

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Mr. G. R. Goodchild, Honorary Secretary of the 10th Battalion Old Comrades' Association, sends us the following cutting from the *Yorkshire Post*, describing Callast House in Inverness-shire, once famous for its hospitality, now untenanted, and forlorn.

"A rough stone seat looking out to Loch Leven and the burial isle and to the slate scars of Ballachulish puzzled me for a moment. It carried a bold inscription, 'The 33rd.' Some men working near thought the stone slabs had come from the Fort (that is, from the Fort William that gives the town its name).

"The Fort was built by General Monk in 1655, and was named after William III when it was enlarged in 1690. The Jacobites besieged it in 1715 and 1746, and it was demolished in 1890.

"But the 33rd? The men did not know what the figures stood for, but surely this was the regimental number of one of the foot regiments from which the Duke of Wellington's Regiment derives. I wonder what the Yorkshire lads thought of the Highlands with those wild-minded Jacobites."

If, as seems probable, the seat came from Fort William, the inscription might well have been the work of a soldier from the 33rd. The Regiment was sent to Edinburgh in 1745, having been recalled from Flanders with other English regiments to oppose the progress of the Young Pretender. In 1746, two companies were sent to assist in the defence of Fort William, when the Young Pretender approached it in the course of his retreat. After fierce fighting the Jacobites retired, driven off by a sortie from the Fort. No doubt an expert would be able to decide the approximate date by the style of the lettering, and if it were assigned to the middle of the 18th century, there would be strong grounds for assuming that the seat is indeed a relic of the 33rd's brief sojourn in the north.

# 1st BATTALION

## SUB-EDITORIAL

The period since our last notes were written has been dominated by Trooping the Colour on July 24. Enough has been written about that elsewhere. Suffice to say that on the day those on parade enjoyed it as much as the spectators.

July and August have been devoted to classification for star-upgrading—education and weapon training. The three rifle companies have a three-week cycle of training company, guard company and duty company. With the present shortage of men, this means that only during the training week can any real training be done. There is only one open range in Gibraltar and the Battalion rarely receives more than one allotment a week. This has made it difficult to get everyone through in time. In education there has been a tremendous backlog from Korea. On active service the educational qualifications for stars were waived, and now many three- and four-star regulars find themselves having to defend their titles. These necessary qualifications must be gained by the end of September.

Owing to the trouble with Spain over the Queen's visit, our recreation has virtually been confined to the Rock. As a result of this there has been great enthusiasm for swimming, rowing, sailing and fishing, which occupy our afternoons. A very successful All-Ranks' Dance was held on Waterloo Day. It was held in the open air on the square at Grand Casemates. Contrary to expectation a large number of local girls came. A warm night, good lighting effects and a good cabaret made the evening a success.

An innovation which has proved very popular has been the Toc H leave camp in Tangier. Each week two officers and fifteen men fly over for one week. There is tented accommodation, with dining and recreational facilities in an old farmhouse about four miles out from the town. There is excellent bathing and opportunities for visits to places of interest. The total cost is about £3 10s. for the whole week. For those who prefer a little more comfort there is a good hotel in the town with very cheap rates for servicemen from Gibraltar. In view of the expense of holidays in England, it would be foolish to waste this opportunity of visiting such an interesting place so cheaply.

The next big event in the Garrison is the Command Small Arms' Meeting on October 4. We hope that round the small cadre who were able to go, and who did so well at Bisley, we shall be able to build a worthy representative side.

## OFFICER'S MESS

Since our last notes our main activity has been the preparation for Trooping the Colour. Many a long hour was passed as we tried to recover the lost art of drilling with the sword! However, all was well on the day, even the slow march on at the recover!

The summer months are a close season for entertainment in Gibraltar. We have, however, held one cocktail party and a Regimental Guest Night. The opportunity was taken at the latter to enter-

tain some of our many civilian friends. The guests included the Commodore and Vice-Commodore of the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club. We also welcomed Mr. Sidney Rogerson, Publicity Advisor to the Army Council, and Commander Wilson, the U.S. Navy Liaison Officer.

We received a very pleasant surprise in the shape of a silver Coronation ashtray, presented by Mr. C. A. Ramsden as a reminder of his stay in the Mess during the Queen's visit. We are all most grateful to Mr. Ramsden for this kind thought.

Although there has been little naval activity during the summer a close liaison has been established between two of H.M. ships and ourselves, *St. Kitts* and *Cheviot*, which have both spent some months here while refitting.

The only other items of note have been the Governor's Garden Party in June and the R.G.Y.C. 125th Anniversary Ball, which was attended in force by the Mess.

We have recently been honoured by the invitation to all the senior officers of the Battalion to become Honorary Members of the Mediterranean Racing Club. Although there has perforce been no racing in Gibraltar since the war, the club, which is confined to sixty members, remains to keep the spirit alive. We are the first Regiment to have been honoured in this way.

We congratulate Major Ince on his well deserved award of the American Bronze Star and Captain Hardy upon his promotion, also Lts. Hind, Berry, Wood, Miller and Dasent.

There have been the usual crop of arrivals and departures, and a few fortunate officers have been on U.K. courses. These have all returned full of woe about English summer weather.

We welcome Richard Scott-Evans (at long last) and Messrs. Faithfull (a chip off the old Bull) and Raybould, and bid farewell to MacDowdy, James Hayes, Derek Bethmann-Hollweg, and David Gilbert-Smith (to the Infantry Boys' Battalion). May they enjoy civil life as much as we have enjoyed having them with us.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last contribution we have been moving at breath-taking speed in preparation for Trooping the Colour. Our social life, however, has been quite eventful. We have visited the R.E., R.A.O.C. and R.A.S.C. Messes, and enjoyed ourselves. For a few days in June C.S.M. Callaby was acting R.S.M. as R.S.M. Corke flew to England to pick up some tips on the Guards' method of Trooping the Colour.

The Mess syndicate has been doing quite well in the local lottery and has just celebrated a big win.

In the recent Regatta the Mess rowing team, i.e., Sgt.-Maj. Renton, Sgt. Kirk, Sgt. Perrin, Sgt. Arundel, C/Sgt. Nichols (cox) and Sgt. Bastow put in a very good effort. We congratulate them on becoming one of the best losers.

Congratulations to the Bandmaster and the Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant on the awards of Meritorious Service Medal and Long Service

and Good Conduct Medal respectively. The latter award was presented by H.E. The Governor on the Parade on July 24.

We also congratulate C.S.M. Clarke and C/Sgt. Robins on their promotion, Sgt. France on his "A" at Netheravon and Sgt. Sullivan on his "B."

We have said good-bye to C.S.M. Quest on posting to the 7th Battalion, Sgt. Whittaker (R.A.E.C.) to the Garrison Employment Company and Sgt. Davis to civilian life. With them go our best wishes.

Sgt. Mountcastle has also departed, on posting to the Depot.

We welcome to the Mess Sgts. Galley and Bailes on their recent promotion and hope that their stay will be a long and happy one.

To celebrate the Trooping of the Colour a Social and Dance was held in the Mess in the evening. There was a rather large attendance as each Mess on the Rock was represented.

We congratulate C/Sgt. Norman and Sgt.-Instructor Meadows on their recent marriages, and welcome to the Rock the wife of the former. We should also like to mention and compliment C/Sgt. Norman on his fine performance at Bisley in reaching the Army Hundred once again.

At the Battalion Sports Meeting Sgt. Houghton had many successes and won the Victor Ludorum.

Sgt. McKenzie has retired from boxing as Heavyweight Champion of the Rock.

We would like to thank Bandsman Lambert and Drummer Russel for their services during the last quarter.

Our good friends the Navy pay frequent visits, and recently H.M.S. *Glasgow*, *St. Kitts* and *Centaur* have been to see us.

Our only Staff departure during the quarter was Pte Grice; we wish him all the best of luck in civilian life.

### CORPORALS CLUB

That we have no functions to report this quarter is due to the lack of suggestions at Mess Meetings. Recent meetings have all resulted in members sitting back on their heels waiting, unsuccessfully for their comrades' suggestions.

As yet there is no sign of the central Corporals' Club we have been hoping for. Members in Casemates must now be content with sharing the other ranks' NAAFI, as the Mess and Bar are in the process of being re-decorated. When this is completed we hope to be able to invite members' wives, a dozen or so of whom are now out with us. The Waterloo Day All Ranks' Dance was the first opportunity for members' wives to meet.

Much to the discomfort of our members at Moorish Castle, the primitive lift contraption (circa 1490) has given up the ghost.

A very enjoyable time was spent by all who attended, with their companies, the organised tented camp at Tangier.

We offer congratulations to Cpls. Galley and Bailes on their promotion to Sergeants, and to Monsieur Wakefield who is now a member of the Club which he has so often helped in the past.

### "A" COMPANY

We began our role of continuation training on May 24, with an intake of 25 recruits from the Depot, nearly half being regular soldiers. This Platoon, commanded by Mr. Pell, with Sgt. Fenn as Platoon Sergeant, finished its six weeks' intensive training with a pass-out parade taken by the Commanding Officer. The best recruit was Pte. Wellock, who was presented with a pewter tankard, the reward of the "Best Recruit" in each Platoon.

A week later the second Platoon passed-out to the Battalion. Lieutenant-Colonel M. Ryan, Senior Staff Officer at Fortress Headquarters, took the salute. This Platoon was trained by Mr. Berry, with Sgt. Arundel as Platoon Sergeant. Pte. Holland, now one of our N.C.O. Instructors, won the Best Recruit's prize. No. 3 Platoon under Sgt. Bastow was the last of our first intake to pass-out. Major Grieve took the parade, and this time the Best Recruit was Pte. Wood 92.

After this we had a short breathing space, which enabled us to look round, and to revise our training programmes. But now once again we are in the thick of it and have three full Platoons under training. Eighty-five recruits in all, and each one eagerly awaited by the other rifle companies. They are all short of men, mainly because most of our first intake went to the specialist Platoons of Headquarter and Support Companies, and no less than 24 went to form the nucleus of the Signal Platoon.

The Company took part in Trooping the Colour, being split up between the four guards—some men on the parade had only been with the Battalion for five or six weeks, and we know they did well, despite their lack of experience.

We keep having changes in our permanent Cadre, N.C.O.s come and go, but we still have our old-timers in the Company, who keep up the tradition of the old "A" Company of Korea. We won't mention them all here except to say that they do us jolly well, and that we intend to keep them. We have lost some good friends in Cpls. Bower and Stirland and Ptes. Kirk, Pearson, Rhodes and Walters to R.H.E., Ptes. Marshall and Baines under the "Davidson axe." We miss them all. By the time these notes appear in print we shall have lost our financial advisor—L/Cpl. Turner. He has worked hard at our credits and it is difficult to know what we shall do without him. Ptes. Richardson and Hetherington have joined us, the one, Captain Isle's batman, and the other, our number two storeman under Buglass.

C.S.M. Clark, C/Sgt. Robins and L/Cpl. Spence have all been promoted since our last notes and we offer them our congratulations.

In conclusion we should like to say how grateful we are to the N.C.O. Instructors who have been attached to us from other companies—these include Sgts. Bastow and Fenn, Cpls. Evans, Johnson, Holliday, Hudson, Smith, Marshall and L/Cpl. Hartley.

Our present order of battle is as follows:

*Company Commander:* Captain D. E. Isles;  
*C.S.M.:* C.S.M. J. Clerk; *C.Q.M.S.:* C/Sgt. Robins.

*No. 1 Platoon:* 2 Lt. J. E. Pell, Sgt. Peach, M.M.



Cpls. Smith, Holliday and L/Cpl. Hartley.

No. 2 Platoon: 2 Lt. R. G. Southerst, Sgt. Arundel, Cpls. Green, Marshall and L/Cpl. Legard.

No. 3 Platoon: 2 Lt. T. D. Lupton, Sgt. Bastow, Cpl. Evans and L/Cpl. Holland.

### " B " COMPANY

We closed out last notes with a short forecast of what the future held in store, in the shape of Trooping the Colour, summer-time routine, etc., and how right we were.

The Company furnished a Guard of Honour at the Convent for Field Marshal Montgomery when he visited the Rock during June. The Field Marshal expressed himself as pleased with the drill and turn-out of the Guard.

Like our fellow rifle companies we are going through a very lean time at the moment in respect of manpower, but even so we are managing to hold our heads up in cricket, rowing and swimming. We even vanquished the mighty " HQ " Company in the Inter-Company Cricket League.

Since our last notes we have paid a sad farewell to many well-known faces, among them, Sgt. Cranham, Ptes. Holroyd, Kendall, Rowett, France, Humphry, Mitchell, Gledhill, Parker, Harrison, Knutton, L/Cpls. Simmonite, Hepples and Roberts, and Sgt. Peach to " A " Company.

We congratulate Sgt. Bailes on his promotion and his Bisley results. Well done!

Now to the future; we are shortly to be brought up to strength once again and then the fun will start!

### " C " COMPANY

" Change and decay in all around I see," bewailed the hymn writer. Had he commanded the gallant " C " Company in times such as these, he would probably have hung up his harp in complete despair. The fact is, the Company has been reduced to a cadre. The few remaining private soldiers are so heavily outnumbered by " superior officers " that their chances of remaining out of sight and out of mind are much reduced.

During June and July we found a little time to eat and sleep, and even occasionally to play games in between practising for the Troop. mounting guards and practising for the Troop. Anyway, the results justified it all. The photographs say so and the camera cannot lie!

Three months ago it seemed that we had a fair cricket team, but postings to Headquarters, Support and " A " Companies, R.H.E., sickness and detention have played the deuce with it. Out of seven friendly games we won five and lost two. Of the league matches which have just started we have already lost our first two games. Crow and Moss have played in the Battalion 2nd XI. The latter has just been promoted to the 1st XI. In rowing and athletics we did not quite come up to earlier expectations. Grinnol and L/Cpl. Harrison both did very well in the Battalion and Command Meetings. The latter left us with his kit-bag crammed with cups and medals. We held our Company Swimming Meeting on August 14. Despite lack of talent, we spent an enjoyable and

amusing morning. Cpl. Thompson and Hetherington did quite well, but unfortunately most of the Company was away in Tangier at the time of the Battalion Swimming Sports, so that we were only able to put forward two token entries. We have been concentrating in the afternoons on swimming and the life-saving competition in particular. To date we have achieved 4 Bronze Crosses, 2 Awards of Merit, 3 Instructors' Certificates and 13 Bronze Medallions. Our aim is to finish the season with every member of the Company able to swim. Cpls. Jenness, Montague and Thompson have been the instructors.

Two officers and fifteen men have just returned from spending a week at the new Toc H leave camp in Tangier. Despite rather chilly weather, everyone seems to have enjoyed and benefited from the change. 2 Lt. Aykroyd and a party of adventurers in a hired roadster, less spare wheel, were mercifully prevented by a blow-out from liberating Fez during the height of the disorders. The Company has also been out on two launch trips which provided a welcome break from our rocky prison.

Comings and goings have been too numerous to list individually. Cpl. Thompson and L/Cpl. Connor have returned from a P.T. course in England, where they both did well. The latter has now transferred to " A " Company as A.I.P.T. Mr. Lupton, Sgt. Bastow, Cpls. Smith and Evans and L/Cpl. Hartley have been training recruits in " A " Company. We hope to have some of them back again soon. Sgt. Chadwick has been away training the Gibraltar Defence Force and Sgt. Mountcastle has just left us for the Depot. The Company seems strangely quiet without him. L/Cpl. Dewhirst and Wise are now Company Storemen in place of L/Cpl. Playford, now a policeman, and Atkinson who left for home. We also welcome Mr. Barkshire who runs our cricket, Sgt. Taylor from " A " and Cpl. Silcock from Support Company. Congratulations to Sgt. Kirk who has decided to enter the " holy state."

The P.B.I. has just killed a rabbit outside the Company stores. Who can say that we are not a sporting Company?

### " D " COMPANY

Shortly after the Queen's well-remembered visit, a " D " Company Sports Meeting was held at Europa Point. Ably organised by Lt. Dasent, every contest was hard fought. Pte. Tate won the High Jump, L/Cpl. Greensmith the Long Jump, and Lt. Dasent in his usual classic style won the 440 yds. Later during June, the Company's athletes were unlucky to come second to Support Company in the Battalion Sports.

On June 4 the day of the Battalion Meeting, " D " Company were soon in the lead, a place they held until four events from the end, when it was decided to change the scoring for the 3-mile event. We had held second place as a team, but it was decided to score it as an individual event. This cost us 10 points and thus the Athletic Shield. Those who deserve special mention are Lt. Dasent, L/Cpl. Greensmith, Pte. Maxfield, Pte. Tate and



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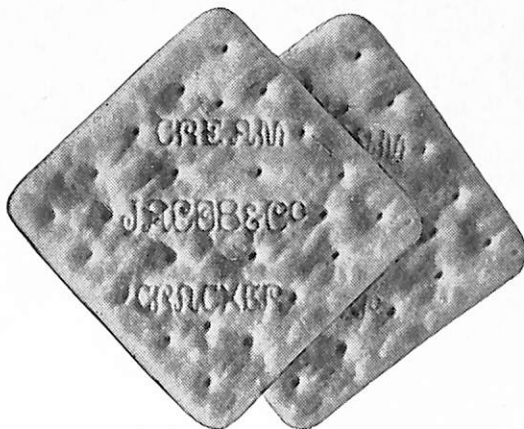
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Cpl. Unthank, who gained so many valuable points; also the relay team of Pte Maxfield, 2 Lt. Southerst, L/Cpl. Greensmith and Lt. Dasent, who won the relay very comfortably indeed.

The following represented the Battalion: Lt. Dasent, Sgt. Wilson, L/Cpl. Greensmith, Ptes. Maxfield and Tate.

On July 24 discipline forbade us to look either left or right, only afterwards by the onlookers' remarks and the camera's sure proof could we know the success of the "Troop". The weeks of drill under C.S.M. Jobling had borne fruit, and "D" Company as Escort to the Colour had upheld the honour well. The parade commemorated the 250th anniversary of the Rock in British hands. We hope our ancestors were satisfied.

Early in June the Company were requested to select a Gig Team for the Fortress Regatta in July. Six sterling sons practised with ardour during the next weeks, unfortunately, with little technical knowledge. Drawing a bye in the opening round they met the eventual champions of the Rock in the semi-finals—Royal Army Ordnance Corps "A." On the fateful day, July 28, against a head wind and with little ability at feathering they were soon outclassed by the immaculate and longer stroke of their opponents.

The Baron, as El Supremo of Battalion Swimming has achieved results: 77 Royal Life Saving Society Awards have been awarded to the Company; to the Battalion, 224 to date—no mean feat indeed! 2 Lt. Bethmann-Hollweg and Sgt. Wilson should share some glory for these awards. In passing, it must be written with regret that 2 Lt. Bethmann-Hollweg has left us. We wish him success, and further conquests, both in love and law at Oxford.

On July 26th, a Company party was held at La Terrasse Cafe at Catalan Bay. Some of us, prone to nostalgia, remembered similar parties in Korea—never to be equalled? La Terrasse proved, however, a roaring success, and an egg *flamenca* (a Spanish dish), washed down well with beer, upheld the high spirits of the party.

Unhappily, we have said farewell to nearly all those brilliant soldiers who served the Company so well during the past year. It is very sad to see the departure of so many loyal and efficient soldiers and those of us who remain only hope that their reliefs will prove as good at soldiering as they were. In any case, we shall do our utmost to maintain the prestige that they have won for "D" Company, and we wish them all the best of luck in their civilian life.

Lt. Dasent has now left us for "S" Company and is shortly going to England on a mortar course. We wish him well and only hope that he will learn how to avoid drop shorts! We welcome 2 Lt. Raybould from Eaton Hall and are glad of his assistance in the Company cricket team.

Our order of battle now reads as follows:  
*Company Commander:* Major E. J. P. Emmett, M.C.;  
*Company Sergeant-Major:* C.S.M. J. Jobling, M.M.;  
*Company Quartermaster-Sergeant:* C/Sgt. F. Nichols.

*No. 10 Platoon:* Platoon Sergeant, Sgt. R. Wilson; Corporals, Cpls. G. Davie, L. Conroy and A. Greensmith.

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*No. 12 Platoon:* Platoon Commander, 2 Lt. J. G. Raybould; Platoon Sergeant, Sgt. R. Fenn; Corporals, Cpls. R. F. Chilvers and P. Lee.

### "S" COMPANY

During the past few months specialist weapon cadres have continued with a view to building up the Company.

Civilian life has made heavy demands on the Company and a steady flow of trained men has departed for service with the Territorial Army. Progress has been slow with the cadres owing to ceremonial parades.

In Trooping the Colour the Company formed No. 4 Guard and on the occasion of the visit of Air Marshal Boothman to the Rock we had the honour to form the guard of honour.

At sport the Company has continued to do well. On occasions we have had as many as six players in the Battalion cricket team, Major Grieve, Captain Hardy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dasent, S.-M. Williams and Sgt. Batty, while Sgt. France and Ptes. Baker and Ackroyd have played for the second eleven. In the inter-company league we have so far beaten "B" and "D" Companies. We won the Inter-Company Athletics Championships; Sgt. Houghton won the half-mile and was second in the mile. He was awarded the Victor Ludorum. Pte. Twibill won the three miles event and Cpl. Flood the discus.

The Company continues to lose many good men to civilian life, but the flow of men from "A" Company is beginning to show dividends. Our thoughts must turn to the winter season and S.-M. Williams is now busy sorting out the prospective cand dates for the Company soccer team.

### MACHINE GUN PLATOON

As we expected, since our last notes we have been reinforced with a few new men and are once again back at work and training very hard. We seem to be making better progress this time, due, I think, to a much higher standard of intelligence within this last intake.

Mr. Miller has returned from his course at Netheravon and we congratulate him on his "B," for which he must have worked very hard, and on his recent promotion.

At the Battalion Sports Meeting the Company showed the rest of the Battalion the way home and Sgt. Houghton, the best athlete of the meeting, was awarded the Victor Ludorum.

The Platoon is well represented in the Company rowing team, five of the six members being supplied by us. In the July regatta we won the best losers' contest and we are confident of being the best winners this month.

We lost another old hand when Cpl. Schofield was demobbed recently. We wish him the best of luck in civilian life. There are now only five of the old Platoon left: Sgts. Spring and Houghton, Cpl. Johansson, L/Cpl. Wilson and Pte. Hart. Pte. Hart, by the way, has become a batman and we do not

see a great deal of him, although it is rumoured that the table manners of the Platoon have greatly improved since he waited in the Officers' Mess.

In closing we send our best wishes to all past members of the Machine Gun Platoon and to our ex-Platoon Commander, Captain W. F. C. Robertson.

### 3-IN. MORTAR PLATOON

The Platoon is very small now. Despite this, all members have been engaged in three major activities since these notes were last written. Firstly, all the Platoon were engaged in Trooping the Colour. "S" Company were No. 4 Guard. The Platoon were also employed on a guard of honour.

Next in importance is the record of the Platoon in athletics. Ptes. Ackroyd and Henderson and Cpl. FitzHenry were prominent members of the Company team. Pte. Twibill ran a memorable race to win the three miles event. At cricket Sgt. Batty, Cpl. FitzHenry and the Platoon Commander were selected to play for the Battalion team. Baker and Ackroyd are both promising bowlers, but will need a lot more practice to reach first eleven standard. At swimming, Baker, L/Cpl. Morrison and Cpl. Innes have all been selected to represent the Company in the Battalion Swimming Sports. Cpl. Innes excels at fancy diving.

Despite this formidable display of sporting ability, the Platoon has also been busy training mortar men. Sgt. Sullivan returned from Netheravon with a grade "B" and another welcome reinforcement to the Platoon, Mr. Dasent, arrived from "D" Company. Ptes. Dixon, Laherty and Litherland arrived from "A" Company and they are all now very busy learning elementary mortar drills. Pte. Johnson has left us for civilian life and shortly Sgt. Dickie goes to U.K. for a course.

In conclusion, we offer our heartfelt congratulations to Pte. Twibill on his recent marriage.

### ANTI-TANK PLATOON

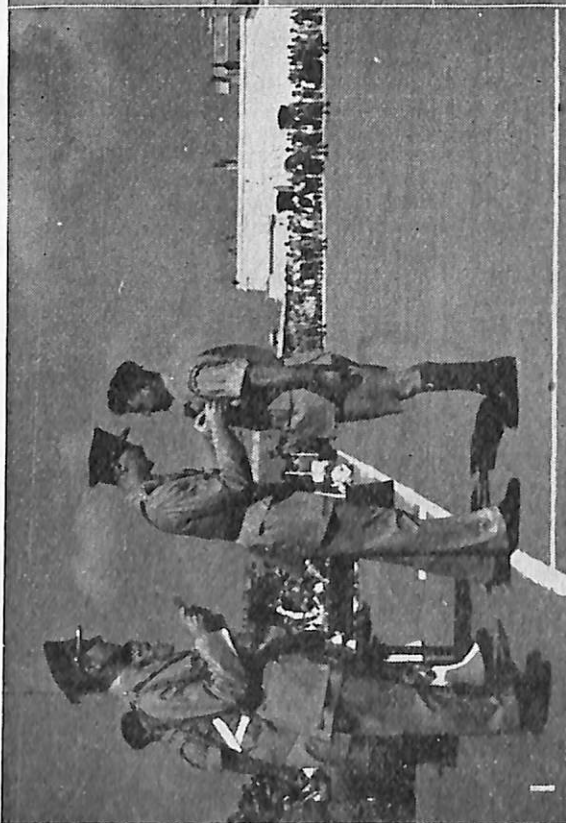
Since our last notes, most of the time has been spent practising for Trooping the Colour and 17-pdrs. have taken second place. We hope no one has moved them in our absence.

In the Battalion Sports, Cpl. Flood won the discus event and was third in the shot. Pte. Wren was second in the discus. At the present moment Cpl. Flood is busy collecting cups for swimming, having won five out of fourteen in the Company

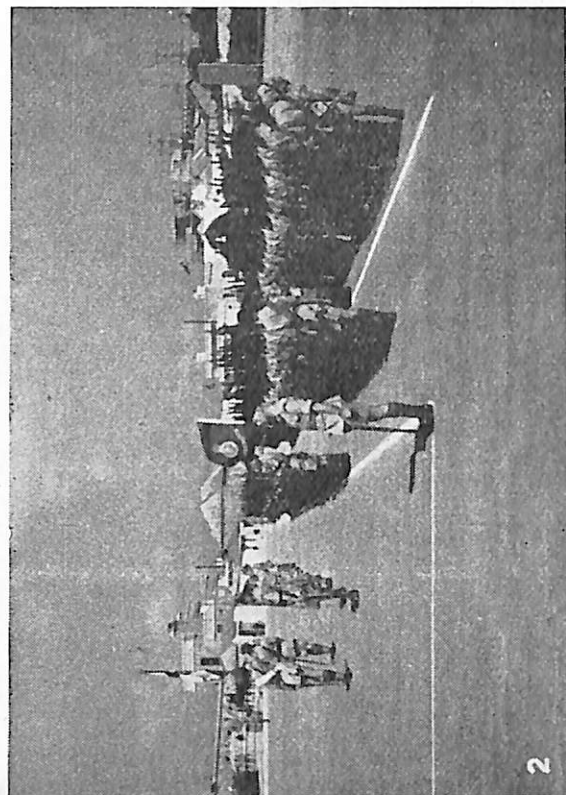
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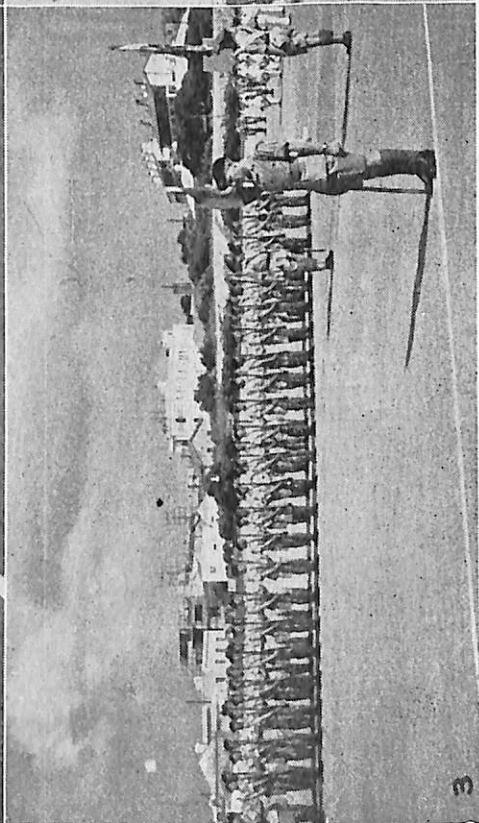
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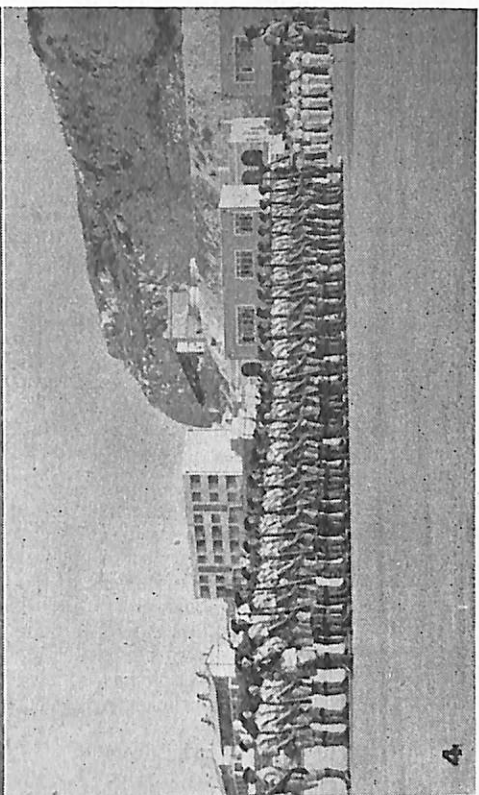
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1. R.Q.M.S. Dawson receiving his L.S. and G.C. Medal from H.E. The Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
 2. The Troop  
 3. Escort for the Colour under the command of the Lieutenant of the Escort, Lt. D. W. Shuttleworth, receiving the Colour  
 4. Escort for the Colour receiving the Colour

Swimming Sports and with the promise of more to come in the Battalion swimming events.

In the stores Cpl. Gilbody mutters about "satchels memorandum" of examination and it is said that he is taking up crossword puzzles in a big way.

We received four new additions from the last "A" Company output, Hallos, Brennand, Hadfield and Pardon. Cpl. Pinder and Pte. Thompson have returned to U.K., the former on completion of python and the latter for demob. Pte. McLoughlin disappeared very quickly to M.T., and is now wallowing in oil and petrol. Pte. Leaf has left us for the Company office, where he is learning the intricacies of the daily parade state from the present Company clerk from whom he will take over in a few weeks' time.

It is now very warm and we are all looking forward to the cooler weather of September.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

Changes within the Company have continued. Since our last contribution, Major Roberts has moved into the Adjutant's chair and we welcome Captain Scott-Evans who has now taken over the Company. C.S.M. Quest eventually boarded a plane and is firmly established with the 7th Battalion. C.S.M. Munro who was reported as awaiting a posting to U.K. is still with us. His posting has now been cancelled and he remains, for the time being, C.Q.M.S. of the Company.

The employed have been recently winkled from their holes at the unearthly hour of 0545 hrs. on two days each week, to be drilled for thirty minutes and then to carry out weapon training. This routine has proved effective. The recent range classification has unearthed a number of unexpected marksmen in our midst. The famous song "Ask the marker to help you, he will carry you through" was on all lips, but the subsequent results were most gratifying. We have the nucleus of a first-class team for the forthcoming Garrison Meeting. Our Sunday classification days are not too popular, but most manage a half-day at least during the week, to compensate for their lost rest.

As forecast, the basketball team won the Minor Units League, but only after a very close game with the Fortress Engineer Regiment at the Garrison gymnasium.

We are blessed in having a very versatile R.A.E.C. Staff, the most accomplished of whom is S.M. Renton. He has formed, and is training, a Camera Club, the bulk of the members being from this Company. His latest escapade was trying to drown the Company clerk, Pte. Lee, whilst sailing in the bay. Poor Lee has been dubbed a Jonah. Apparently everything went wrong on his first sail, resulting in the dinghy turning over. The only damage caused fortunately, was one wrist-watch, one shoe, S.M. Renton, one shirt, a packet of cigarettes, Sgt. Arundel and Jonah Lee. This disaster took place about two hours before the Company's Aquatic Sports began, so there is little wonder at S.M. Renton winning the plunging competition. The results of the Aquatic Sports were as follows:

800 Yards Free Style.—Pte. Blay, (M.T.).

100 Yards Free Style.—Pte. Ruston, (A.C.C.).

Diving.—Pte. Ruston, (A.C.C.).

100 Yards Back Stroke.—Mr. Cowell.

50 Yards Free Style.—Pte. Ruston, (A.C.C.).

Plunging.—S.M. Renton, (R.A.E.C.).

100 Yards Breast Stroke.—Drum. Reddy.

4 x 50 Yards Relay.—Employed team comprising of S.I. Meadows, (A.P.T.C.), L/Cpl. Burgess, Drum. Bye, Pte. Ruston, (A.C.C.).

The meeting, held in the evening, ran very smoothly and quite good times were returned for some events. Mr. Berry who organised it, very nearly walked into the dock whilst announcing the results. At the end, medals were presented by Mrs. Streatfeild.

In conclusion we say farewell to Mr. Dowdy and Mr. Hayes who have served us so well as Artistic M.T.O. and Educationalist, also to Sgt. Davis, (R.A.E.C.). Other arrivals and departures have been dealt with in departmental notes, so we close wishing all past and present members the best in the future, and looking forward to a successful winter season.

### THE BAND

At the time of writing most of the Band are enjoying a well-earned leave. Some are in U.K., some in Tangier, and some reclining in their quarters with no orders to obey but those of their "better halves." They all return on September 8, we hope refreshed and ready for another year of varied duty.

This summer, apart from our usual round of Keys, guards of honour, Officers' Messes, etc, we have given a series of concerts to the local population, both in the town and on the beaches. These, we believe, have been enjoyed, and the City Council's contribution to the Band Fund, and, incidentally, to the bandsmen, was greatly appreciated.

A very pleasant Band trip, ably organised by Major Kavanagh, was thoroughly enjoyed. Two R.A.S.C. launches were hired and the whole Band sailed merrily round the Rock. Anchored off various beaches, we enjoyed some pleasant swimming also beer and sandwiches supplied by the Band Fund. We returned to harbour about 6 p.m., and although the sea was rather rough as we rounded the Rock, no one was disgraced and a vote of thanks was accorded by all, to Major Kavanagh.

We welcome the following new arrivals to the Band and hope their stay with us will be pleasant and profitable for them and us: Bdsman. Wilson, Freeke, Kinsman, Briggs, Lambert, Towers; and Boys Barrett, Hamilton, Heslop, Norcott and Trigwell. We send our best wishes with Bdsman. Eldred who has left us for a course at the School of Music, and expect big things of him on his return.

We extend our congratulations to Bandmaster Seed on his award of the Meritorious Service Medal. If he keeps receiving awards at this rate it will cost him a small fortune having them mounted Court fashion.

We are having new banners for the music stands made, which will be a great improvement on the existing ones.

Although, no doubt, Trooping the Colour will be mentioned in everyone's notes, we cannot close without mention of the fact that the work we did,



in conjunction with the Corps of Drums, was hard and exhausting at times, but well worth while.

### DRUMS

Since our notes in the last IRON DUKE life has been one great round of ceremony, with Trooping the Colour naturally taking pride of place. Other parades have included a guard of honour for Field-Marshal Montgomery and the monthly Ceremony of the Keys.

At the July Garrison Regatta the Drums took part in a comic centipede race, an event which caused great mirth to the onlookers. The official result was a draw, after which everyone endured a severe ducking. We had to admit defeat when the enemy captured a bugle entrusted to Drm. Sage. This, however, was later recovered.

The usual departures and arrivals have taken place and we take this opportunity of welcoming Ptes. Spencer and Brightmore. However, to offset these additions we have lost Drms. Young and Hayes to Civvy Street. Drms. Chadwick and Gallagher will join them later this month.

Drum-Major Alton has been in charge of, and has trained, the Battalion water polo team, which has enjoyed quite a successful season, winning four matches for the loss of one. Drm. Reddy has had a regular position throughout the season and we all hope he may continue to do so. Drm. Gallagher has had a successful season to date with the Battalion first and second cricket elevens.

Sgt. Galley and L/Cpl. Gunning are to be congratulated on their recent promotions. May their stay with us be long. Congratulations are also due to Drm. Welsh on his recent marriage and, to use the time-honoured cliché, "May all his troubles be little ones."

The Greek Navy entertained us handsomely after a recent parade, held as a memorial for their men killed in the last war.

Once again we wish the best of luck to all ex-drummers of the Battalion wherever they may be.

### MOTOR TRANSPORT

The last few months have been difficult ones for M.T. We have lost drivers from one cause or another at an alarming rate and the only replacements are recruits who have to be trained from scratch. Cpls. Downey and Crosby and L/Cpl. Fickling are among more than a dozen who have left us during the last three months. However, we have managed to keep going in spite of other commitments, such as Trooping the Colour, drill, weapon training, skilled driving competitions, education and various sporting activities, not to mention an outbreak of malaria cases. A word of praise is due to all drivers and vehicle mechanics who have made this possible.

We are looking forward to the return of Cpls. Sykes and Wass, who have been attending courses in U.K. News has just been received that Cpl. Wass got an "A" grading and we offer him our congratulations.

Congratulations also to Pte. Walker, who was married in July. He is shortly leaving us and we wish him the best of luck.

### SIGNAL PLATOON

The emphasis since the last notes were written has definitely been on action. The Platoon—at least, those permanent members who are left—have been occupied in Trooping the Colour, cadres, rowing and swimming to a degree which would make a regiment at home gasp.

Our first tentative cadre of 12 men produced good results; 10 out of the 12 qualified for their flags as trained signallers and four were retained in the Platoon to replace R.H.E. signallers. The others, in accordance with Battalion policy, have been put back into general circulation and are now variously employed: two as batmen, one in the M.T. and the rest in ordinary duties. However, in the words of Gilbert (or was it Sullivan?), we have got "em on the list." The troop caused a gap of six weeks before the next cadre could begin. It was a long time; parades nearly every morning and N.C.O. instruction squeezed in where possible in preparation for the big task ahead when the new double cadre began.

At this time also the rowing team, consisting of Sgt. Smart (R.A.E.C.), Cpls. Cannon and Mallinson, L/Cpl. Nelson, Pte. Rosier, Drm. Lofthouse and Mr. Naughton, who acted as trainer and cox, put in some hard work in preparation for the July Garrison Regatta. In the event we beat our first round opponents handsomely, but were knocked out in the next round by a very good crew of officers from the 54th H.A.A. Regiment. Nevertheless, we have hopes for the August Regatta. The new crew has two changes: Sgt. Smart and L/Cpl. Nelson have had to drop out, one through pressure of work, the other through malaria. Their places have been taken by two of our new cadre, Richardson and Firth.

This cadre—22 men this time—has started off very well and we are expecting great things from them. In sport Connell and Richardson have passed the R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross award for life-saving and Jackson, Blakeburn, Scargill, Mitchell, Mallinson, Briggs and Pettinger have passed the Bronze Medallion award.

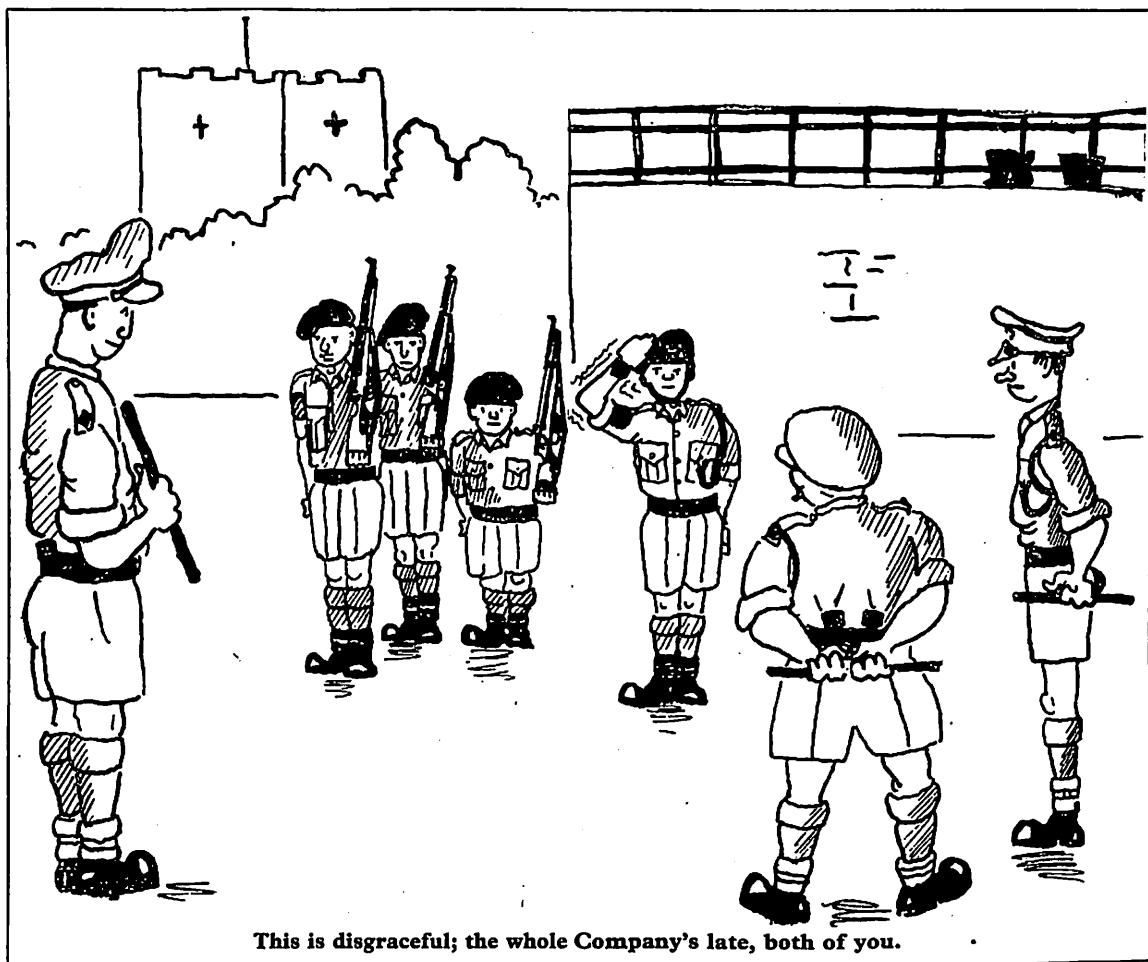
We all welcome Lt. Berry, who has joined the Platoon and who will assume the duties of R.S.O. when Lt. Naughton leaves in October to attend his Russian language course in U.K. Mr. Berry and Sgt. Nicholson are to attend the next Hythe signal course and we wish them the best of luck. Following the general trend, both officers have also qualified for their R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross.

The list of R.H.E. is large. We would have liked them to stay on, but they had other ideas. Still, we are very sorry to lose them and can only say "Well done" and "Vaya con Dios."

### RIFLE CLUB

After our absence from Bisley in 1953 we were again represented there this year, but only by five veterans of Bisley and not by a full championship team. The lack of time, of range allocations or a sufficient number of experienced shots, together with the travel problem, were responsible for this.

At the beginning of June five of us who had been



This is disgraceful; the whole Company's late, both of you.

training for a few weeks on the small 30 yards range at Gibraltar found ourselves being rapidly transported from the sunny Mediterranean in a Shackleton aircraft of the R.A.F. to the almost equally sunny shores of Cornwall. There we were left to make our way to Mons O.C.S. at Aldershot, who had kindly agreed to accommodate us until Bisley started. We were welcomed very hospitably indeed and met several old friends.

Having arrived in England out of the blue it was difficult to obtain ranges to practice on, but, thanks to that wonderful co-operation one finds in the Army when help is needed, we were able to share parts of the various ranges at Ash with local units who were shooting with the same end in view. Then with the kind help and co-operation of R.M.A., Sandhurst, and in particular Colonel Upjohn, the chief instructor, and Captain Harrison of the 60th Rifles, the W.T.O., we had the use of the R.M.A. ranges all to ourselves, where we practised solidly for a week and improved considerably. We moved to Bisley on June 20, where we were joined by a team from the Depot, and again met many old

friends. We felt at home again at last and soon settled down to the familiar routine of practice week.

The first match was the Royal Ulster Rifle Cup Falling Plates match, which took place on July 24. In the first round we drew R.M.A., Sandhurst, "A" team, whom we beat, which might be considered rather ungrateful after their kindness towards us. In the second round we were knocked out by the R.A.P.C. Depot team, who were beaten two rounds later by the winners, 1st Rifle Brigade, with a slower time than we had been beaten in. The next day we got down to serious shooting with the Roupell Cup, a deliberate shoot of seven rounds at each of 300, 500 and 600 yards. In this shoot one point can drop or raise one anything up to 10 places in the final order of merit. Lts. Wood and Cowell came 25th and 26th respectively.

Next came the first match of the first stage of the Army Championship, the Henry Whitehead Cup. All five of us got scores which placed us in the running for the Army Hundred, provided we did well in the Roberts Cup, the second match in the first stage. The practices in the Henry Whitehead

Cup were spaced out over a period of four days, so that the tension and anxiety as to our final results were great. The Roberts Cup was fired over a period of two days and here chances of attaining the Army Hundred were made or marred. As will be seen from the results, two of our number fell, while the rest went on to gain glory in the second stage of the championship, the Army Hundred Cup. We congratulate Mr. Wood and C/Sgt. Norman on being selected to shoot for English Regiments VIII in the Methuen Cup, a team match open to all three Services.

We felt, when it was all over, that our visit to Bisley was well worth while and we have now a basis

for the team we hope to send next year.

As these notes are written the local Command Meeting looms ahead, for which practice has started and about which more will be heard in the next issue.

#### ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

	1st Stage		2nd Stage		Final position in Army Championship
	Henry Whitehead Cup	Roberts Cup	Army Hundred Cup	Total	
Lt. C. M. Wood ..	161	116	169	446	19
C/Sgt. Norman ..	162	129	145	436	31
Pte Seymour ..	161	112	154	427	55
Sgt. Bailles ..	165	98			
Lt. Cowell ..	150	92			

## SPORT

### ATHLETICS

The athletics season started in May. We had one month in which to train and hold our Battalion meeting and produce a team for the Garrison meeting. This was a formidable task, since the only athletics track was at the other end of the Rock.

Despite this handicap, training began on a piece of waste ground near Casemates Square and daily men received instruction in the field events. Companies were able to hold their own individual athletics meetings at Europa.

The Battalion Athletics Meeting was held at Europa on June 4. The weather was not ideal for fast times, but events showed that individual performances were satisfactory. The main lesson from the meeting was that, if the Regiment was to achieve any success in the Garrison meeting, intensive training would have to start. Five days remained before the meeting and during this period Lt. Kenchington concentrated on our entrants for the field events, while Lt. Dasent was teaching our relay teams the art of baton changing.

June 9 saw a cold wind blowing down the back straight. The three miles team had been placed third in their event on the evening of the 8th. Grinnol came in first for the Battalion; he was fifth in the race. The first event in the Garrison meeting was the 4 x 110 yards relay. Lt. Gilbert-Smith left the starting blocks well; Bds. Gaunt breasted the tape to place the Regiment third. In the high jump both Burgess and Tate cleared 4 ft. 11 in., and once again we were third. In the long jump L/Cpl. Greensmith won the event with a jump of 19 ft. 4 in. Our medley relay team came under starter's orders at 1530 hrs. Gaunt handed the baton to Greensmith, who ran well to pass it on to Lt. Dasent for the 220 yards; Lt. Naughton ran the final 440 yards to place the team second. Disaster followed, for the team was disqualified for a faulty baton change. This deprived the Regiment of 16 points, which, as the meeting neared its end, indicated that we would have to win the final relay if we were to win the meeting.

The final race was the 4 x 440 yards relay. Lt. Naughton ran the first quarter and finished slightly behind 28th Coast Regiment. Lt. Shuttleworth ran the second quarter admirably and handed the baton over to 2 Lt. Pell. The R.A.F. team was now leading by 10 yards. The third string ran hard and the final hand-over took place with the R.A.F. team leading by 20 yards. It was obvious to the spectators that Lt. Dasent realised the Herculean task that faced him. In the first 220 yards he failed to close the gap, so that on the back straight he was lying about 15 yards behind the R.A.F. runner. With a beautifully timed burst he took the lead and amidst scenes of the wildest jubilation breasted the tape first. The Garrison Athletics Shield had gone to the Battalion as a result of the final race, the points showing that 1st D.W.R. and 28th Coast Regiment were equal with 162.

In retrospect the season was a success, but it showed that the Regiment was strongest in the track events. If we are to sweep the board next year more attention will have to be paid to field events and training for them should be carried out during the winter months.

#### BATTALION ATHLETICS MEETING RESULTS

100 Yards.—Bds. Gaunt, Lt. Gilbert-Smith, L/Cpl. Greensmith. 10.8 sec.  
 220 Yards.—Lt. Naughton, Lt. Dasent, L/Cpl. Greensmith. 25 sec.  
 440 Yards.—Lt. Dasent, Lt. Naughton, 2 Lt. Pell. 57.2 sec.  
 880 Yards.—Sgt. Houghton, 2 Lt. Pell, 2 Lt. Hayes. 2 min. 17.8 sec.  
 One Mile.—Pte. Hudson, Sgt. Houghton, Pte. Ashton. 5 min. 10 sec.  
 Three Mile.—Pte. Twibill, Pte. Grinnol, Pte. Burton.  
 High Jump.—Pte. Tate, L/Cpl. Burgess, Cpl. Unthank. 4 ft. 11 in.  
 Long Jump.—L/Cpl. Greensmith, L/Cpl. Harrison, Pte. Evans. 18 ft. 10½ in.  
 Shot.—L/Cpl. Spence, Lt. Gilbert-Smith, Cpl. Flood. 33 ft. 3½ in.  
 Discus.—Cpl. Flood, Pte. Wren, Drm. Cooper. 82 ft. 6½ in.  
 Victor Ludorum.—Sgt. Houghton. "S" Company.  
 Champion Company.—"S" Company.  
 Old Soldiers' Race.—Lieutenant-Colonel Moran, Major Grieve, Cpl. Trinder.

#### GARRISON ATHLETICS MEETING

4 x 110 Yards Relay.—Lt. Gilbert-Smith, Pte. Maxfield, L/Cpl. Greensmith, Bds. Gaunt. 3rd.  
 4 x 220 Yards Relay.—Lt. Naughton, L/Cpl. Harrison, L/Cpl. Greensmith, Lt. Dasent. 1st.  
 4 x 440 Yards Relay.—Lt. Naughton, Lt. Shuttleworth, 2 Lt. Pell, Lt. Dasent. 1st.  
 4 x 880 Yards Relay.—2 Lt. Pell, Sgt. Wilson, Lt. Shuttleworth, Sgt. Houghton. 3rd.



*One Mile.*—Pte. Grinnol, Sgt. Houghton, Pte. Ashton, Pte. Hudson.  
*2nd.*  
*Three Miles.*—Pte. Grinnol, Pte. Twibill, Pte. Bayliss, Pte. Burton.  
*3rd.*  
*4 x 120 Yards Hurdles.*—Captain Hardy, Pte. Evans, L/Cpl. Hawk-  
 ridge, 2 Lt. Lupton. *3rd.*  
*High Jump.*—Pte. Tate, L/Cpl. Burgess. *3rd.*  
*Long Jump.*—L/Cpl. Greensmith, L/Cpl. Harrison. *3rd.*  
*Shot.*—Lt. Gilbert-Smith, L/Cpl. Spence. *4th.*  
*Discus.*—Pte. Fitzhenry, Bds. Cooper. *5th.*  
*Medley Relay.*—Bds. Gaunt, L/Cpl. Greensmith, Lt. Dasent,  
 Lt. Naughton. *6th* (disqualified).

### CRICKET

Half-way through the Gibraltar cricket season the 1st XI has already established itself as a power on the Rock. With most of last season's Korea XI still available, a well-balanced side has developed despite a certain lack of aggression from the opening bowlers.

The batting has been particularly impressive with Major Grieve, Captain Hardy, Lt. Shuttleworth and Pte. Ashton in excellent form. On very few occasions have the early batsmen failed, but it is indicative of the general batting strength that, on one occasion when runs were urgently required, No. 10 in the order produced 104 not out in 49 minutes!

In the absence of Lt. Mitchell, who is on a course in U.K., the opening bowling has been chiefly entrusted to S.M. Williams and Pte. Fitzhenry. The latter bowled well at the beginning of the season, and S.M. Williams after a slow start has improved and is now among the wickets. In the spin department the side is well-equipped with three leg "tweakers" and one off-break "trundler." This comic relief has been provided by Major Grieve, Lt. Shuttleworth, Lt. Dasent and 2 Lt. Raybould.

The standard of fielding has not been consistently high. Brilliant catches have been taken, and many simple and vital ones dropped. The ground fielding has generally been of the highest order although our wicket keeper has been called upon to take many a return around his ankles. There has, however, been a general improvement in this during recent weeks.

Before his departure at the end of July, Lt. Gilbert-Smith played some valuable innings and made some remarkable stops in the field. Lt. Miller has recently returned to the side after a course in U.K., and two valuable arrivals from Eaton Hall are 2 Lts. Raybould and Faithfull. A new recruit Pte. Ashton has already been mentioned for his most valuable century.

At the time of writing the Battalion and the R.A.F. are holding the top place in the Services League, and the deciding game between our two sides is due to take place in early September.

The following members of the XI have been selected to play for the Combined Services against the Gibraltar Cricket Club in the annual series of "Tests": Major Grieve, Captain Hardy, Lt. Shuttleworth and 2 Lt. Raybould. Major Grieve is to be congratulated upon his performance in the first game, in which he captained the winning side and scored 165 not out. Taking a fresh guard and adjusting his cap after scoring 100, he was well on the way to a double century when he decided that the Services should declare.

Although there is no league competition, our 2nd XI has won most of its games quite comfortably and has maintained the standard set by the 1st XI. Many of the team have played with the 1st XI, and the side contains many accomplished cricketers who would normally play regularly for a regimental side.

The inter-company league competition is nearing the closing games and, although cricket is a strange game, we shall be surprised if "S" Company does not retain the trophy which they won last season in Korea.

The 1st XI averages are given below up to Saturday, August 21.

### BATTING

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average
Captain Hardy	15	3	944	78.75
2 Lt. Faithfull	6	2	230	57.5
Lt. Shuttleworth	17	4	697	53.6
Lt. Gilbert-Smith	12	2	472	47.2
Pte. Ashton	8	2	244	40.6
Major Grieve	15	2	515	39.6
R.Q.M.S. Dawson	9	2	203	29.0
Sgt. Batry	8	—	218	27.25
2 Lt. Raybould	6	1	125	25.0
L/Cpl. Spence	7	—	147	21.0
C.S.M. Williams	6	2	72	18.0
Lt. Dasent	12	2	117	11.7
Major Davidson	10	1	103	11.4

### BOWLING

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cpl. Pratt	44	128	11	11.6
Pte. Fitzhenry	138	390	33	11.8
C.S.M. Williams	192	468	36	13.0
Lt. Dasent	105	418	31	13.45
2 Lt. Raybould	63	263	17	15.5
Major Grieve	72	330	18	18.3
Lt. Shuttleworth	114	424	23	18.4

### GOLF

It is regretted that these notes were omitted from the last issue of THE IRON DUKE.

On April 9, 1954, the Regimental Golf Meeting was held on the Campamento golf course, which lies just over the Spanish border. This course has been made since the war as a result of the efforts of enthusiastic Gibraltarians, but membership is also extended to members of the Services. It is a good test of golf.

We had a beautiful day for our meeting with 10 entrants for the silver putter and 12 for the wooden spoon. Rivalry for the silver putter was keen, for among the entrants was Bob Moran with several seasons of golf in the U.S.A. behind him, and Derek Roberts who had lately returned from the Royal Melbourne, Australia. Another was Pat Hall, a previous winner, who was spending a few days in Gibraltar after jumping out of H.M.T. *Windrush*. As a result of the day's play, Charlie Grieve won the silver putter, and Bill Blakey, the wooden spoon. It is worth recording that not least among the pleasures of the day was the lunch and wine provided by the club. The day ended with a cocktail party for officers and their wives and friends at which the prizes were presented. Edward Emmett arrived before nightfall. In spite of cheating outrageously he failed to complete the course.

### HINDOOSTAN SAILING CLUB

Although the sailing element of the Battalion has not exactly swept the board as regards winning cups, it has never the less, been a memorable season.

Probably the greatest event was the arrival of the "Victory" class boat *Woodpecker* from England, which caused quite a sensation. The Commodore's policy this year has been to encourage and train beginners. Great progress has been made in producing new helmsmen, although it takes time to coax certain would-be yachtsmen away from the bar, bathing belles, canasta tables, and other subsidiary temptations of the club house. There are, of course, some experienced sailors whose duties, regimental, family, cricket or otherwise, prevent them from getting out as often as they would like. The latest converts are Edward Emmett and John Milligan. The former has been seen crewing, wearing a brand new panama, while the latter took the helm with great dash the first time afloat in a "Victory."

The annual regatta of the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club was marred, fashionably enough this year, by roughish weather. The R.N.S.A. dinghy *Penelope*, brilliantly steered by Hugh Le Messurier and crewed by Simon Berry, was the only "Duke's" boat actually to win a cup, but nearly every H.S.C. member "had a go" during this four-day event.

#### ALL RANKS SAILING

The all ranks' dinghy *Maribel* is going fairly strong now. Led by Sgt. Arundel, the Battalion sailing secretary, and S.M. Renton, (R.A.E.C.), quite a number are getting interested, including Ptes. Hobson and Raper and C/Sgts. Norman and Nichols. Somebody capsized the boat the other day which is a step in the right direction. An involuntary swim is an undisputed milestone on the road to great helmsmanship.

Finally one must not forget to mention L/Cpl. Green and Pte. Gibbon. They have worked very long hours taking good care of the boats, while playing their full part in the Royal visit, trooping, shooting, and the Army Education Scheme. The unit pioneers have been indispensable in maintaining the gear. Pte. Wood in particular has been helpful.

#### ROWING

It was not until May that we realised that rowing was a big thing on the Rock and that the "Dukes" were expected to participate in three regattas which were to be held in July, August and September.

A frantic search was made for someone who knew anything about this sport and as a result Lt. Cowell was made Rowing Officer. The rowlocks were just beginning to turn when he was called away to Bisley and Lt. Naughton took his place. The Battalion was in a fix; nobody from the top downwards knew the first thing about the sport. However, we raked up six willing crews, put three in whalers ("S" and "C" Companies and Sergeants' Mess) and the others in gigs ("H.Q.", "B" and "D" Companies) and told them to get on with it. After every spell of rowing the coxes would swap tips and pool their newly acquired knowledge until by the time the July regatta arrived most of the crews were in really good shape. We, naturally, did not really expect to clear the board against the experienced Rock crews, but we were determined to do our best.

On the first day "D" Company drew a bye, "S" Company were beaten by R.A.S.C., "B" Company were beaten by R.A.O.C. "B" (eventual finalists), the Sergeants' Mess were beaten by R.A.O.C. "A" (eventual winners), "C" Company (whalers) were beaten by R.A.O.C. "B," and in the last race of all "H.Q." Company beat No. 32 Squadron R.E. "B." This was discouraging, but we were up against the best teams on the Rock.

The second day the competition split into two: losers of Monday held their own races and the winners carried on trying for the July oar and the July cup. In the winners competition "H.Q." Company were beaten by 54th H.A.A. Regiment and "D" Company by R.A.O.C. "A" (finalists). In the losers competition "S" Company got a row-over and "B" Company were beaten by the officers of 54th H.A.A. Regiment. The Sergeants' Mess got a row-over and "C" Company were awarded a bye.

The last day of the regatta saw the "Dukes" out of the main competition, but with three boats in the losers competition. Unfortunately, however, the Sergeants' Mess were drawn against "C" Company. "S" Company opponents retired and the Sergeants' Mess beat "C" Company to enter the finals. Among the "Dukes" excitement was high for the final of the losers. The Sergeants' Mess had done consistently better times than "S" Company during training, but for the race their normal cox was sick. Also comparative times over the course really meant little, as conditions of wind and sea in the harbour could change greatly within even half an hour. The race started and right from the gun "S" Company went off like a machine, rowing beautifully at about 42 strokes to the minute. They leapt ahead, kept increasing their lead and finally, still pulling beautifully, sped over the finishing line to win by several lengths.

An account of the regatta would not be complete without mention of the centipede race. This race takes place in whalers and there are no rules for competitors, except that they may not use oars. The Drums entered a crew of 15, garbed in fancy dress and armed with flour sacks, soot, stirrup pumps, poles, etc., and sporting a bugle. Their opponents were the F.E.R., who were similarly arrayed. The race was a desperate affair which the "Dukes" would have won except that Cooper, their cox, forgot which way to turn the tiller. The moment the finishing line was crossed the two crews, having indulged in a preliminary bombardment during the race, then proceeded to board each other and provided a most amusing spectacle for the watching crowd. The result was declared a draw.

Finally, enthusiasm in the Battalion has been tremendous, thanks in no small way to our coxes, Lts. Hind and Naughton, 2 Lts. Aykroyd and Hayes, S.M. Renton, Sgt. Spring, Cpl. Cannon, L/Cpl. Wild and Pte. Waterhouse.

#### SWIMMING

Swimming in its various forms is, naturally enough, a major activity on the Rock and, although the Battalion has not held any aquatic sports for the past 17 years, we have succeeded, even with the

recent loss of most of our Korean veterans, to keep our heads above water.

There are three types of competitive swimming organised by the Command: water polo, aquatic sports and an inter-unit life-saving competition. This competition is organised to stimulate interest in the training of Service men to become capable of saving those in danger of drowning. The unit obtaining the largest number of Royal Life-Saving Society awards during the season in comparison with its strength is the winner. The Royal Life-Saving Society have presented a magnificent shield for this competition.

After a slow start in getting instructors trained, we gained impetus by the beginning of July and now hold no fewer than 224 awards to date. This means that a very large proportion of the Battalion has been examined and passed by civilian examiners as capable of saving a drowning person should the occasion arise.

It should be mentioned here that the rules for the competition lay down that the entrance fees for these examinations must be paid for by the individual taking the exam and that he must not be subsidised. It is a pleasure to be able to record how willingly the men of the Battalion have responded and how keen so many of them have become to take the higher awards of the Society.

The competition closes on October 1 and we hope to be able to write in the next issue of THE IRON DUKE of our success in winning this R.L.S.S. trophy.

Early in August companies held their own swimming sports in preparation for the Battalion individual championships at the end of the month.

As rifle companies are at present so weak in numbers, the majority of the talent was seen to be in "H.Q." Company.

The Battalion meeting proved this to be true and "H.Q." Company had a fairly easy victory over "S" Company for the inter-company championship, "D" Company leading the rifle companies by taking third place in the competition.

Cpl. Flood ("S" Company) gave us an excellent exhibition of diving and Pte. Ruston ("H.Q." Company) was found to be our best individual free-style swimmer, with a time of 28 seconds over 50 yards. Pte. Morris ("D" Company) won both 50 and 100 yards breast stroke with the times of 37 seconds and 1 minute 33 seconds respectively. S.M. Renton (R.A.E.C.) won the plunge with a distance of 57 ft., 6 in. short of the Garrison record.

Gibraltar Command held both individual and inter-unit championship meetings. The standard of the swimming was very high. The Royal Air Force, who train their Coastal Command team, including an Olympic trialist, at Gibraltar, have won the inter-unit championship from 54th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery. The "Gunnery" have the benefit of Gibraltarians undergoing six months' National Service. The Gibraltarian, who has spent most of his leisure hours since an early age in the sea, is not, unnaturally, water fit.

The Battalion team did well in the first year to gain fourth place. S.M. Renton did much to get our second in the plunge. Although he and Cpl. Flood gave an excellent display of diving from the 3-metre board, they were in this event beaten by the R.A.F. by a decimal point. Our free-style team did well in all events and gained third place in the 4 x 100 yards. The timings were extremely good at these meetings and the Garrison records were broken for every event except the 100 yards breast stroke.

In the individual meeting we managed to get six competitors into the finals, and of these Cpl. Flood won the diving championship and Pte. Ruston, after a tremendous race, gained second place in the 100 yards free-style.

We shall do even better next year after further training.

Lastly, water polo, perhaps the most gruelling of all sports. Major Barry Kavanagh got a team together in May and has succeeded in winning every match in the inter-unit league except against the R.A.F. and 54th A.A. Regiment. No mean feat.

The regular Battalion team has been as follows: Pte. Reddy ("H.Q."), Major Kavanagh, Pte. Connor ("H.Q."), Pte. Williamson ("D"), Cpl. Flood ("S"), Pte. Ruston ("H.Q.") and L/Cpl. Robson ("D").

Swimming, a sport of such value to every individual in all walks of life, has again become an integral part of our daily lives.



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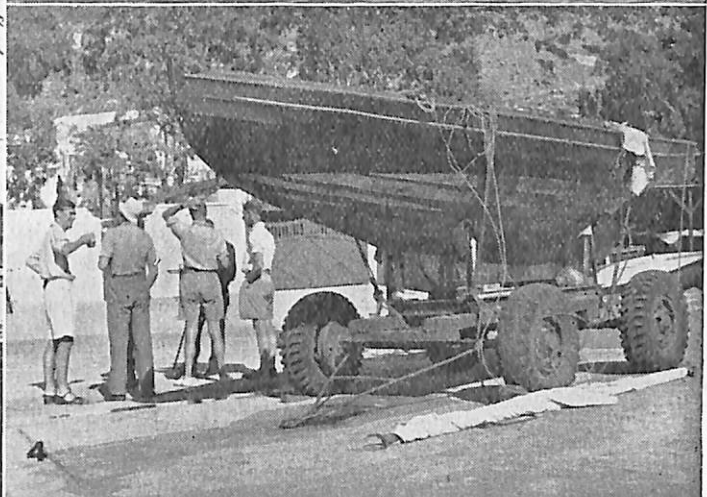
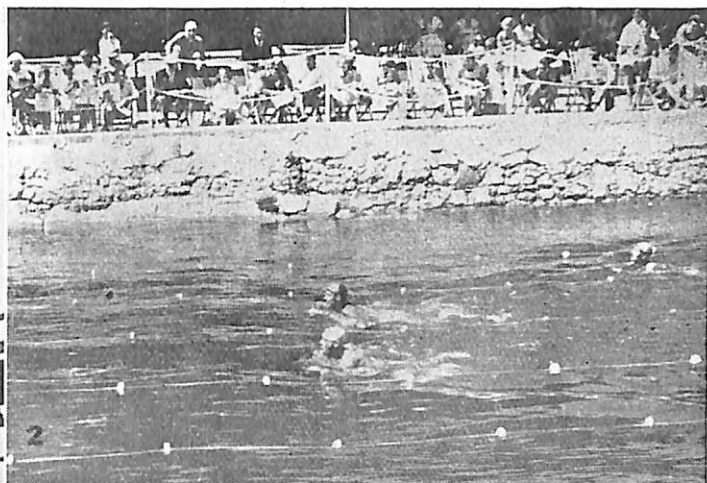
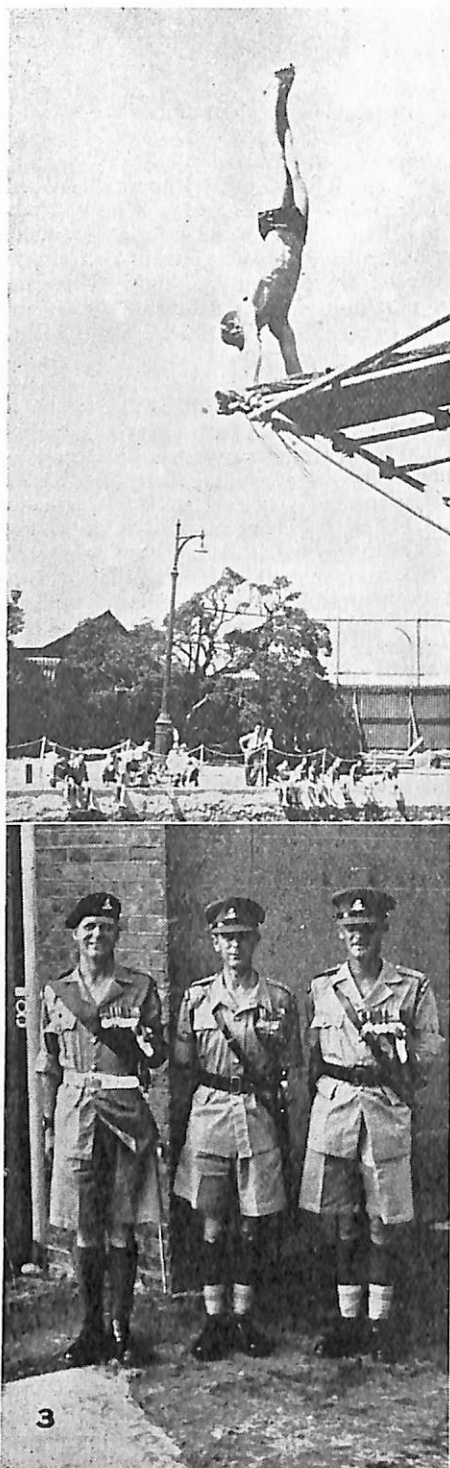
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2. Battalion Swimming Sports
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4. The Victory Class Yacht "Woodpecker" on arrival at the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club from England
5. "B" Company gig crew shoving off



## REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

The period since the publication of our last notes has been comparatively quiet, the main event being the departure of our Commanding Officer, Major J. H. Davis, for Japan and the arrival of his successor, Major A. C. S. Savory.

As the notes are despatched to the Editor we are about to play in the final of the Northern Command Cricket Cup against 4 Training Regiment Royal Signals. We hope that the result will be available for publication in the Stop Press news. This is the second time in three seasons that we have reached the final. Considering that most of the other teams that enter for the competition are all well stocked with Yorkshiremen, we feel our record is a creditable one.

### OFFICERS' MESS

We have had two functions in the Mess during the quarter. The first one was a Guest Night when we bade farewell and *bon voyage* to Major Davis and welcomed Major Savory. On the second occasion we had the Mayor of Halifax (Alderman Barber) and the Mayoress to tea, on the occasion of a Passing Out Parade.

The Mess has been quite full recently, with officers awaiting posting to Gibraltar and the reverse traffic of officers returning from Gibraltar for release from their National Service. At times we have had as many as seven officers living in the Mess and to us, that is a vast number.

We wish to conclude, by placing on record our appreciation of the kind gift of an oil painting of The Duke of Wellington, which has been placed in the dining room. It has been given to us by Lieutenant Colonel L. H. J. de la M. Herepath, and his sister Miss E. M. Herepath in memory of their father, the late Colonel Lionel Herepath, C.B.E.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

Recently we have had some enjoyable week-ends, when quite a number of ex-Mess members have come along and the numbers, we are pleased to say, are increasing. Amongst those who have visited us frequently are, Tug Wilson, Sammy Ambler of B.O.R. fame, Big John Dawes, Matty Wood, Spike Stringer, ex-Sgt. Belfitt, ex-Band Sgt. Page, Orissa Teal and Walt Walker.

C.S.M. J. Quest arrived from Gibraltar and, although with the 7th Battalion, is resident in the Mess and often entertains with a song. Sgt. Buck Bailey left us to join The York and Lancaster Regiment in M.E.L.F., Sgt. Pennington to Paris and S.H.A.P.E., and S.I. Throssell to warmer climes. They leave with our best wishes. We welcome to the Depot S.I. McAllister, R.A.E.C. and S.S.I. Edminson, A.P.T.C. We hope they will enjoy their stay.

Visitors for a few days each, have been Sgt. Bailes ex leave and Bisley, Sgt. Brown en route for Harrogate and civilian life, C/Sgt. Robins and Sgt. Mountcastle. The latter is due to attend a course at the Guards Drill Wing, Pirbright, and will then join our Training Staff.

Sgt. Craven is still in command of pumps and

prides himself on serving the best pint of beer obtainable in Halifax.

By the time these notes are published, we shall have said farewell to C/Sgt. (ORS) Johnny Hallsworth to Gibraltar, and we are wondering if he will take with him the chair he has graced so long, and which must now be his by right of length of occupation.

In conclusion we congratulate Sgts. Clark and Taylor on obtaining their substantive ranks, and Sgt. Milton on winning the Shield for the Best Platoon of the 22nd Intake.

### TRAINING COMPANY

The number of recruits under training has steadily increased and at the moment we have no less than six platoons. Two of these have completed their basic training and are awaiting drafting to the 1st Battalion. The most recent intake is a very large one and includes no less than 25 men who have enlisted direct from civil life. Most of them are on the 22 years engagement and their names will no doubt become familiar in these pages in years to come.

The standard of shooting of the various intakes has remained high and considering the fact that our Classification range is anything but ideal, this reflects great credit on both the Instructors and the men themselves. Recent results in the Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade Shooting Competition have been as follows: 21st Intake, 2nd; 22nd Intake, 2nd.

We would particularly like to congratulate Pte. Anderson of 21st Intake who collected all three prizes for Shooting (best rifle, best LMG, and best combined shot), a feat only equalled once before. He subsequently went to Bisley with our team and we hope the experience will prove useful.

The present organisation of the Training Company is as follows:

*Company Commander:* Captain S. G. Dunn.  
*C.S.M.:* C.S.M. R. Wood. *Training Subaltern:* Lt. C. R. Huxtable.

*Alma Platoon:* Sgt. T. Taylor.

*Delhi Platoon:* Sgt. J. Sargeant.

*Training Subaltern:* 2 Lt. M. J. Hedges.

*Dettingen Platoon:* Sgt. D. Brayshaw.

*Corunna Platoon:* Sgt. D. Milton.

We also have a small platoon (Paardeberg) of regulars, who are doing continuation training until such time as they are old enough to join the Battalion.

### SHOOTING AND SPORT

#### ATHLETICS

On June 18 we held our Waterloo Day Sports Meeting. This consisted of a Basket Ball Competition, normal athletic events and a shooting competition. Honours were well divided, the Officers and Sergeants team winning the Basket Ball, the Permanent Staff winning the athletics and one of the training platoons (Delhi) carrying off the shooting honours. In the aggregate of all events the

Permanent Staff were the winners. At the conclusion of the day Mrs. Dunn presented the prizes.

**BISLEY**

For the first time in many years we sent a team to Bisley. We entered for the Staff and Schools Central Match and the Parachute Cup. We came 7th in the former out of thirteen teams. We also entered three individuals in the Army 100. Although we had no great success we hope that the experience gained will be useful next year.

**CRICKET**

Although our season has been much hampered by the weather, it has been a thoroughly satisfactory one.

To reach the final of the Northern Command Cricket Cup we played and defeated teams from York Military Hospital, 6th Battalion R.A.O.C., and Depot West Yorkshire Regiment. Of these games that against 6th Battalion R.A.O.C. (the cup holders) was far the closest and therefore most exciting. 6th Battalion R.A.O.C. batted first and scored 146 runs in 30 overs. We were then allowed a similar number of overs to beat their score. By the commencement of the last over we had scored 141 and still had several wickets in hand. Helped by a wide, we reached 145 with one ball to come (having lost three wickets in the process). The excitement was now more like that of a Cup Final than a cricket match. A high and lofty hit resulted in one run. The second and winning run was attempted; but the batsman was run out before it could be completed. By the rules of the competition each side had to bat for a further six overs. 6th Battalion R.A.O.C. scored 46, which we managed to beat in under six overs thanks to some forceful batting by 2 Lts. Raybould and Faithfull.

Result of the Northern Command Cricket Final:  
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Depot D.W.R. .. .. 66

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4 Trg. Regt. won by 10 wickets.

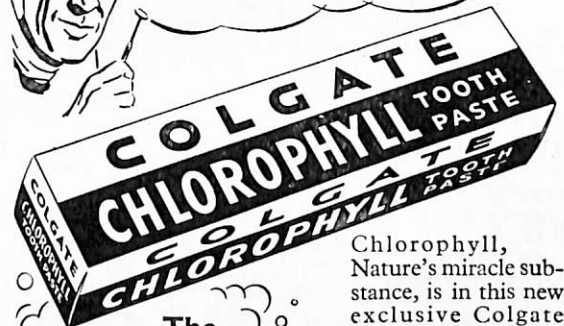
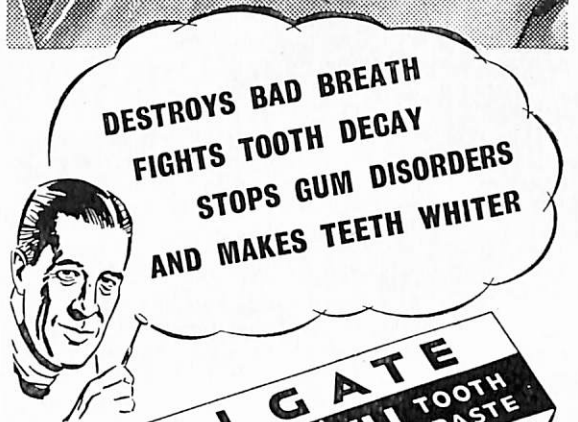
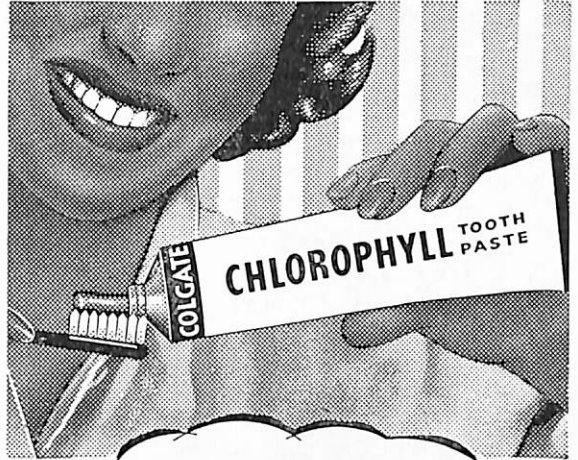
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## 382 FIELD REGIMENT, R.A. (4 D.W.R.), T.A.

### ANNUAL CAMP

The Regiment went down to Westdown Camp, Salisbury Plain for camp from July 18 to August 2.

The move down was accomplished without major incident, probably the most important being the discovery of luggage on the station platform after the departure of the train, subsequently found to be the property of O.C. train.

The camp was found to be well sited and comfortable and the weather was much kinder to us than to our fellow "Dukes." It must be placed on record that "Short Sleeve Order" was in operation for a whole half day. One member of the Regiment was seen to possess very brown arms and neck and opportunity was taken to exhibit these charms. It is suspected that he had brought some pressure to bear in causing the above order to be published.

As we camped during the period amongst those taking part in Exercise "Hen Harrier" opportunities for firing were somewhat limited but, by putting in extra hours on the few days we had a range allocation, we managed to make full use of our ammunition allotment with some excellent results.

All day long the noise of the battle rolled as "Hen Harrier" was in operation. The Plain was covered in what appeared to be minor dust storms being blown hither and thither in the breeze. Against all instructions the camp was invaded by a host of Centurions and a very harassed Orderly Sergeant approached the Adjutant, in the early hours of the morning, to stem the flow. The Adjutant declined.

Half time at camp saw a host of less fearsome vehicles entering camp. The trip to Southsea was under way. A fair turn up on Church Parade, the following day, showed that the majority at least managed to embark on the returning buses.

### OFFICERS' MESS

Shortage of space ruled out the usual Guest Night and a Cocktail Party was substituted. We were pleased to welcome a goodly number of guests who must have found it very difficult to spare the time.

Colonel N. T. Bentley, lately commanding the Regiment, managed to tear himself away from business to visit us once again. Captain D. W. Greenwood came along with him. We are always pleased to see them and any other old members who would like to visit us.

Our Honorary Colonel unfortunately could not be with us this year. After his illness he had been advised not to come down. One of the highlights of our camp was therefore missed. We have it on good authority that he had talked Mrs. Goldthorp into a move down to London (half way) with a view to a possible extension of his trip just a little further (say to Salisbury). Mrs. Goldthorp saw through the ruse however.

### W.O.s AND SERGEANTS' MESS

A guest night was arranged for the Commanding Officer and Officers of the Regiment. Darts were played and songs sung, the standards of both leaving

much to be desired. An unusual feature of the evening was the training demonstration arranged by senior members of the Sergeants' Mess. It was a very faithful repetition of one seen earlier in the day, and the aged and well tried principle of "looking before leaping" was shown to be still worth bearing in mind.

The camp ended in a frenzy of packing and cleaning. A report has just come in together with a congratulatory letter from G.O.C. 49 Armoured Division, stating that the state of cleanliness of the pool vehicles handed in was "outstanding." We are very proud of this.

### HONORARY COLONEL

Colonel Goldthorp, our Honorary Colonel for the last 5½ years has, reluctantly we hope, informed us that he feels he cannot carry on after his present term which ends on October 25.

All ranks are extremely sorry to hear this and we hope that he will not forget us as we shall not forget him.

His successor has not yet been announced.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS

Almost all time that can be spared is taken up with maintenance of all vehicles, arms and equipment. The powers that be, descend in force on September 20 to inspect the lot. It is becoming increasingly harder to find time to use the equipment in between inspections.

### CONVERSION

For the last time these notes are being written under the heading 382 Field Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A. On October 1, the Regiment becomes a Medium Regiment, the conversion to be completed by November 1.

We are to be equipped with American 155 m.m. Howitzers—Self Propelled—one of which the members of the unit saw at the School of Artillery where the Gun Drill is being laboriously translated into a language intelligible to British gunners.

More guns will be on the way over soon, but further news of the major upheaval will be left to the writer's successor as sub-editor.

### POSTINGS—SECOND IN COMMAND

Having achieved two Camps in a little over one year, Major P. J. White, R.A., 2 IC., has been appointed to command 633 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., (T.A.), who reside just over the frontier in Rochdale.

Our congratulations and best wishes go with him when he leaves us on October 22.

**Owing to lack of space we regret that letters from correspondents and a list of recent additions to the Regimental Museum have been held over**

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

The three Battery Commanders, tense of purpose and bound together by "their Union," clad in sodden raincoats with the rain dripping from their sopping hats and their boots squelching in the mud, were making an inspection of the regimental lines to decide which tents should be abandoned. They had condemned a few tents and ordered trenches to be dug around others. Presently they approached the last tent in the lines, an island stronghold valiantly holding out against the rising water; it was undoubtedly the worst. They halted in the water outside the tent, and several enquiring faces peered up at them from the tent flaps below. Whilst arrangements were being made to move these men their spokesman leaned out and pleaded, with a smile: "We're all right, sir. We'll move when it gets bad." In the meantime, the Camp Fire Engine had arrived and was spasmodically but enthusiastically pumping water from the main thoroughfare in front of the lines into the dyke beyond!

This true anecdote from our Annual Camp at Towyn this year more than exemplifies the two main factors of our Camp this year—bad weather and good morale. Bad weather at all the wrong times, on arrival and just when we wanted to shoot—good morale at all the right times: on arrival and just when we could not shoot.

The Regiment suffered some bad luck over the *Sunday Times* Competition for which it had duly entered some considerable time before Camp. "P" Battery, which was selected to represent the Regiment in the competition, although, like the others, late in settling down to shooting in the first week, due to the wet days earlier on, did a very good shoot of some twenty rounds on the Friday. Hopes were high and chances great. We had been tipped as the winners by more than several gunnery notables. On the day of the competition things went well for half an hour, and then BANG! something bust in the equipment. It was such a bust-up that by the time it was diagnosed it was too late to repair it in time to allow us to shoot that day. They allowed us to begin again the next day, but alas, it rained all the day! The C.I.G. felt we had not had a fair run for our money through no fault of ours. He put up a case to the powers-that-be for us to begin yet again the following day; but alas! the answer was "No." Discouraging though all this was, morale scored another bull! Rumour has it that some made vows never to read the *Sunday Times* again!

On the middle Sunday the "aged gentlemen" were traditionally welcomed, but we missed very much our Honorary Colonel, Colonel K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., who was unavoidably

absent for the first time ever in all his long service with the 5th Dukes. Perhaps here we might mention the other absentees, the Padre and the Doc, both of whom normally attend most of Camp (Doc did attend the first week-end at personal inconvenience); we missed their benevolent faces in the N.A.A.F.I. van! Our visitors saw the traditional tug-of-war eagerly fought and won for the second year running by "R" Battery, and also the Regimental Church Parade which was greatly enhanced by the presence of a regimental band, practising in the adjoining camp!

A special trip to Aberystwyth was organised on the middle Saturday for the whole Regiment. Traditionally, the trip was seen off by the Battery Commanders, who came in for some cheering, particularly when the wind carefully lifted the hat of one, and nicely deposited it in a puddle; but Sgt. Jacques, who tripped and fell headlong into the mud in his anxiety to complete a roll call, got the biggest cheer! One tradition was broken, however—there was no mountaineering expedition into the mists of Cader Idris; the mists were too swirling, and perhaps Anno Domini came into it somewhere. There were plenty of motoring parties which made gentle tours amidst the lovely scenery in warm but cloudy weather. It is reported that the Adjutant is still treading carefully, having guided the Battery Commanders Union on one of these tours over a precipitous mountain road by his careful map-reading!

Although this was a poor Camp for shooting, and there were set-backs on account of the wet weather (many of us at the end of this deplorable summer must now almost look back on this fortnight as a good one!) and on account of technical difficulties beyond our control the Regiment did well; particularly it gained some very good marks for being able to prove its equipment accurately; and, what matters most, it maintained its "above average" report.

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## 7th BATTALION, T.A.

### SUB-EDITORIAL

Since last going to press we have looked forward to, and now look back upon Annual Camp. This year it was held at Harwood Dale, a picturesque corner of the Yorkshire Moors, near Scarborough. Although it must be admitted that the natural beauty of the camp site was often marred by rain, all ranks bore the discomfort with remarkable cheerfulness.

The highlight of the camp was the Parade and March Past in honour of the visit by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Philip Christison. At the conclusion of the inspection, Major G. V. Ashton, commanding "C" Company, was presented with the Territorial Decoration. The turnout and drill was remarkably good, and the steadiness of the Battalion on parade in a grass field with an uneven surface was of the highest order.

Various trophies were competed for during Camp, as well as on the Sports Day. "B" Company won the Cup for the best Company lines and also the Sports Cup. "A" Company had the best kit layout, "C" Company the best guard, and "D" Company won the inter-Company tug-of-war.

The Families Day on "Middle Sunday" was a great success, due primarily to being nearer home than in recent years. All Companies had buses to bring friends and relations from their home areas to the camp. All went well except for the small matter of a very heavy shower at midday and the fact the bus drivers took a little finding when parties were waiting to go to Scarborough for an afternoon's "sub-outing."

A number of well deserved promotions were made during the camp period, Captain Moncrieff to Major, Lts. Crowther, Field, Cowie and Harding to Captains. Amongst the senior N.C.O.s C/Sgt. Hawksworth was promoted C.S.M. and Sgt. Lee to C/Sgt.

After a lapse of a number of years, the Band and Drums have found their feet once more. For the last few months a small nucleus have gathered together once a week at Fitzwilliam Street T.A.C., Huddersfield. The Drums in camp were twenty-four strong and were able to lead the Battalion with confidence and competence. The Band although not strong in numbers, were strong in spirit and played at numerous camp functions. Mr. B. Noon, who was appointed Bandmaster, was compelled to resign through ill-health whilst at Camp. The sound foundations that he laid paid dividends, and we were fortunate in having Mr. E. Page, one of the Q.M.'s civilian staff, and ex-Band Sgt. of the 1st Battalion, who was able to take over the Bandmaster's appointment straight away. The next task is to form a Regimental Dance Band.

With the close season approaching we look forward to an increase in social activities in all T.A.C.s, and completing the move of Battalion H.Q. to Wellesley House. M.T. are now wholly in and the Q.M. has one foot in.

### OFFICERS' MESS

As this issue goes to press, Mess life passes into "suspended animation" for a very short time as we take stock of our year's achievement, and allow members and the mess staff to recover from the rigours of Annual Camp. Our camp officers' mess finished on a high note on August 14 and we now start another year's cycle of Mess activities.

All our energies during the last three months have been devoted to preparing a very full Mess programme in Annual Camp. This included a Guest Night, a mid-Sunday Cocktail Party, five Dinner Nights and various other miscellaneous events, that were flavoured at times with unexpected bugle calls of rare quality and a few scattered thunderflashes.

In retrospect we can justifiably say that the Mess achieved their target and despite temperamental weather, all members expressed general satisfaction for what they saw, tasted and drank. For the small core of regular Mess attenders, it was particularly enjoyable and gratifying to see and meet so many of the younger officers of the Battalion. We can state with pride that our younger generation (and no less the more matured) did justice to the traditions of the Regiment both inside and outside the Mess. On one occasion, they even enhanced their reputation by winning the officers inter-unit relay race at the "Beer and Bangers" party at Brigade Headquarters.

Whenever the occasion demanded, the Band and Drums distinguished themselves at the various Mess functions which they attended. Though few in number, the Band created a wonderful impression by their enthusiasm and the lively playing of the instrumentalists. Their performance on one Guest Night held on August 6 was highly commended by all who were present. The Mess for this occasion was generously decorated with flowers, greenery and silver. The Depot had very kindly lent us some silver pieces to adorn the dinner table. These added to our own and illuminated by candles, made a most effective setting for the excellent dinner produced by our chef, Mr. Surtees.

We had much pleasure in welcoming among our guests, General Christison, Major-General Colquhoun, G.O.C. 50 Infantry Division, Brigadier Martin, Commanding 149 Infantry Brigade, Colonel Bryce, Secretary (West Riding) Territorial Association, Colonel Howcroft, Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper, Commanding 5 West Yorks, Lieutenant-Colonel Barker Commanding 4 K.O.Y.L.I., Lieutenant-Colonel Hollesworth, D.A.C.G., Major Savory, Commanding The Depot.

We had the pleasure of having, together with his son Richard, our Honorary Colonel, Colonel Hinchcliffe, for a long week-end. His spartan efforts in the use of a canvas bath were an example we all might emulate.

On August 8, we held our Sunday Cocktail Party which was followed by a cold buffet luncheon.



*Courtesy: The Halifax Courier and Guardian*

Fortunately during the early part of the day the weather was fine for a change and we were able to entertain many of the guests "out of doors" in our garden enclosure. The announcement for lunch seemed to be the signal for an avalanche of rain. This we understand is not without precedent in previous years. Nevertheless, spirits remained high to the end and it was a most enjoyable party, made all the more so by the presence of so many of our wives.

We were very glad to welcome to this party the Mayor of Huddersfield, Alderman J. Armitage, J.P., Brigadier Martin, Colonel and Mrs. Cumberlege, Mrs. T. Haighton, Mrs. E. M. Haighton, the Commanding Officer's mother, and many other guests.

Unfortunately a number of our invited guests, including the Earl and Countess of Scarborough and the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax, were unable to come.

In concluding these notes on Mess activities at Annual Camp, we should like to say how privileged we were to have General Christison with us at camp for a short stay, and we hope that he will visit us again next year.

Our news before Camp fills only a few lines in comparison. At an informal gathering at Battalion H.Q., Captain Scott Evans was presented with a farewell gift in token of our appreciation for all the

good work he did during his tour as adjutant of the Battalion. It was unfortunate that time did not permit us the chance of "dining him out," but we hope he will give us the opportunity at a later date.

Our Commanding Officer's appeal to late Commanding Officers of the 7th Battalion has received a wonderful response and we have already been presented with valuable silver pieces for our new Officers' Mess at Wellesley House. We sincerely hope that the donors of these generous gifts will pay the new Mess a visit sometime so that we can show our appreciation personally.

Our thoughts and energies are now turned towards making Wellesley House our new Mess abode. We view the prospect with every satisfaction as we know that it will be a great improvement on what we are leaving behind.

While in Camp, Colonel Hinchcliffe told us of two interesting family connections with the Battalion. 2 Lt. Mallalieu, our Signals officer, is a fourth generation, but only the third member as there was a break. Lt. Rothery can claim to be the first direct third generation. His grandfather, Major W. U. Rothery was Colonel Hinchcliffe's Company Commander, at Milnsbridge.

#### "A" COMPANY

Probably "A" Company's chief claim to fame in Camp lies in the fact that on the Battalion exercise,

as soon as the first sound of shooting was heard the Company promptly disappeared. They then proceeded to defy the best efforts to find them, of several umpires, directing staff and spectators, including it is believed, the Brigade Major.

The pride of the training programme, a river crossing, had to be abandoned owing to shortage of assault boats.

The defence of "John Cross" (shades of Duffers Drift) had also to be cut owing to shortage of time.

As for the "Free for All" exercise, at one stage this seemed to become a practice in the realm of diplomacy rather than the art of war. The Company Commander burnt his tongue on No. 1 Platoon's brew up, supervised by Sgts. Uttley and Pollard.

To complete our week-end training we are hoping to lay on several Sunday parades using friendly T.A.C. facilities and also the local moors. This will simplify admin. and log. and also bring a buzz of life to the drill hall. "A" Company's attack on the "White House" on Blackstone Edge might be welcomed by the landlord, but is unlikely to be approved by the Waterworks Authority.

We did not distinguish ourselves in the Battalion Sports, but this story would have been different had we been able to play the Rest of the Battalion at cricket. We have several good class club cricketers in the Company including Cpl. Ryan (Bradford and Yorkshire), Cpl. Telford (Kings Cross), Cpl. Barber (Littleborough), Cpl. Brownbridge and L/Cpl. Fielden (Todmorden).

As for the future, we are hoping to arrange a shooting match against the "back room" at Lewins (a hostelry not unknown to officers of the Regiment), and also a Company dance. C.Q.M.S. Lee, Sgt. Uttley and Sgt. Pollard, are our regular attenders and upon them will fall the burden of keeping things going through the winter months. We are hoping that Lt. Carter, Foresters, who now works in Halifax, will be coming along to see us as often as possible to sit in the 2 IC's chair.

### "B" COMPANY

Once again we have put Annual Camp behind us except for the memories and experiences gained which will undoubtedly stay with us for some time.

Thinking of the wretched summer weather we have experienced, it would seem that we were most fortunate in Camp, in having far more fine and warm days than otherwise. This fact, of course, made a great deal of difference as Camp would have been obviously a morass under conditions of incessant rain.

Although we had to wait until the last Friday of Camp to know the result of the "Best Company" Competition it must be admitted there was an air of confidence throughout the Company that "B" would pull it off. Thanks are due to all ranks for the splendid way in which they worked so that we could attain the required result. It is nice to know we are the first Company to win the Competition since it has been re-instituted by the Commanding Officer.

The display of our Company signs in the Company colour brought forth many comments—mostly

admiring, but some attributing the thought and effort to the use of the Ox Gun. We trust other Companies will follow suit and brighten the lines a little.

Although we were knocked out of the Football Cup in the semi-final, and the Tug-of-War in two straight pulls, we managed to win the Track Events Cup on Sports Day. Lt. Allen Carter (Foresters attached D.W.R.—of whom we hope to see more in the future) did a magnificent job by winning the 2½-mile road race. Pte. W. A. Buckley showed splendid bursts of speed to win the sprints (even without spiked shoes), and it was amusing to see C.S.M. Radcliffe deposited on his nose in the wheelbarrow race prior to gaining second place with Cpl. Williamson to Pte. Hall and Pte. Hey.

The "Free for All" exercise proved a winner and was enjoyed by all participants (except the Company Commander when led through bracken so deep it came over his head!). Pte. Cooper, who took over the duties with No. 5 Platoon of i/c "Stewpot" in the field, made too good a job of it as he filled all to bursting point, returned to Camp to find himself promoted to the exalted rank of Lance-Corporal (paid!)—and C.O.S. for the following day!

It is regretted that Pte. Gibbons tried to supplement the meat ration by leaving a slice of his finger in the potato-peeling machine, and it is to be hoped he will soon be well again and back at work.

As usual our C.Q.M.S., C/Sgt. Wood, worked with quiet efficiency and ensured all our requirements were met at the time and place appointed.

The highlight of Camp was the advent of the families on Middle Sunday, and apologies are made to the Post Corporal who, on returning from duty, found his tent had been borrowed to provide a Ladies "Powder Room" on the sports field. (The responsibility of the Company Commander.)

The Battalion Exercise provided us with an interesting and not too strenuous day on the moors. Sufficient to say that "B" Company took advantage of an unexpected smoke screen to disrupt the Ex planning!

Those of us who went to Guisborough with the Battalion Rifle Team almost laughed with delight when it started raining, making us feel far more at home (or should I say "at Deer Hill"?) than sunshine could have done. We should probably have been dazzled by sun glinting on a foresight blade!

Summarising, it can be said it was another good Camp. There were too many outstanding incidents and personalities for all to be mentioned. Our ranks were swelled by intakes from the Royal Leicesters and the Foresters, and we owe them thanks for fitting in the way they did and for working alongside the Dukes as a team. To those who have completed their tour of duty as N.S.M. we hope they have enjoyed their experience and have, at least, imbibed some part of the T.A. spirit we are proud of. To those who have yet to experience Annual Camp—don't worry; they provide more interesting and enjoyable times than otherwise. And the worst that can be said of the T.A. is that we are doing a service to our Country.



*Courtesy: The Halifax Courier and Guardian*

Finally, good work again, "B" Company. Keep it up in the future as you have done in the past.

#### "C" COMPANY

Being but week-end soldiers, these notes have by circumstances to be only about short periods each year. Since last writing these notes, we have had two week-ends at Deer Hill Ranges, and competed with the weather in firing our range courses.

Annual Camp has come and gone and we hope a pleasant memory to all who came. We arrived at 1800 hrs. on Sunday, after travelling in a special train from Halifax with "A" and "S" Companies. Being the Halifax Company, we regrettably took our own weather with us. Settling in was soon accomplished under the fatherly eye of C.S.M. Bye, and training started at the veritable crack of dawn the next day. All the same, on that same day we managed to turn out the best Battalion Quarter Guard of the whole camp. On the Sports Day, we took the football honours under the able captaincy of Pte. Rennie (7th Platoon) and reached the finals of the tug-of-war. On the training side, 7th Platoon won the inter-platoon patrolling competition.

At the end we all left a lot fitter and browner and satisfied that we had had an excellent camp, with plenty of hard work, and good use of the recreational transport.

#### "D" COMPANY

As these notes are being written the military atmosphere is much in evidence. The Company has been augmented by a detachment of A.E.R. persons who have fitted in very well. Throughout the training on these Yorkshire Moors many useful lessons in fieldcraft and tactics have been learnt. During a patrol exercise carried out during the first week, considerable ingenuity was shown in producing "mess-tin" meals.

In the Battalion Sports the Company won the tug-of-war and came second in the final Company placings.

In the last week the Company worked well as a sub unit during the Battalion exercise. It is to be hoped that the spirit which served us then will continue throughout the year.

Rumour has it that the decorators are showing signs of starting at our T.A.C. We will believe it when it happens.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

We all found the work a little harder than we expected, especially the M.T. Platoon, who found it was a major operation just lifting the lads into Scarborough for the evening. The cooks also had a difficult job this time, for in addition to the bad weather they had rather poor conditions under which to perform. However, as usual, our old



"stand-bys," Sgt. Cusick, Sgt. Sash and Cpl. Bullock rose to the occasion. The Signals Platoon had a full training programme and managed to keep to it. The first week consisted of a refresher course and was attended by junior officers from each rifle company. The Divisional Commander looked in at the course one day and he seemed quite impressed. The R.P.s under Sgt. Smith also deserve a word of praise, although they did not manage to get out of camp on training, they did a fine job in camp and they were at all times a smart body of men. Another word of praise must also be given to Cpl. Whitaker and his merry men—the Pioneers; after all the effort they put in the camp site must surely be a better place now than when we went in.

The biggest surprise we had in "H.Q." Company, and in the Battalion for that matter—came from the Band and Drums. After only a few days together practising, these lads played delightfully well. They played at both the Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess, and the Drums led the Battalion whenever possible. The Corps of Drums is very much with us once more, and with a few more recruits the Band will be on parade as well. So come on, those of you who live near by and can read music.

Before we finish this contribution we should like to take this opportunity of saying good-bye to C.S.M. Maltby on his retirement, and we thank him sincerely for the many years he has worked for the T.A. He will be very pleased to hear that his position is now occupied by his nephew, C.S.M. Haworth. We wish them both good luck.

### "S" COMPANY

This was our "easy" camp and, in between the showers, we had quite a good time. The Assault Pioneers under Lt. McAlister and Sgt. Muxworthy had a very instructive course. Our thanks also are due to W.O.2 Clamp of the R.E., who is a P.S.I. with the 130 Fd. Engr. Regt. (T.A.). We learn that Operation "Flask" was very successful!

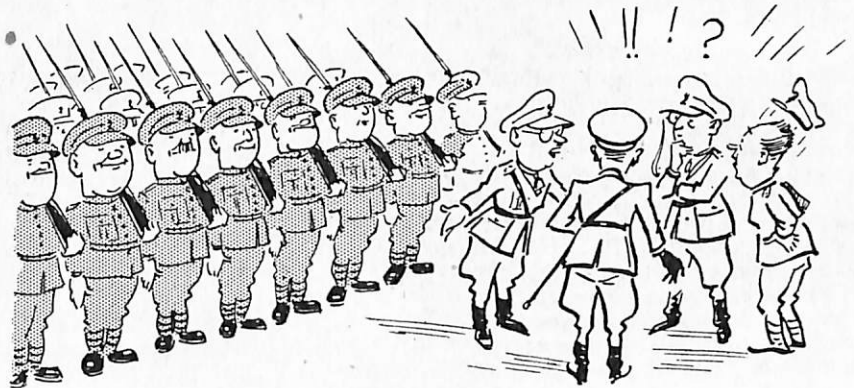
The Anti-Tank Platoon with C.S.M. Fitton our "tame" gunner and Capt. Crowther (whom we congratulate on his promotion), were disappointed at not being able to fire and having little to do on the Battalion exercise. They are now up to strength, so training will be more progressive and a full firing programme next year is promised. The Mortars, who now have two Oxons as officers, Capt. Cowie (whom we congratulate on his promotion) and Lt. Metcalfe, have reached a very high standard of mortar work, and in the proposed Brigade Championships next year should do well.

The Machine Gun Platoon "shot" a demonstration for the Huddersfield Cadets at Strensall and hit the targets sufficiently to impress the boys. Their general training under Captain Barns and Lt. Kingdon has been well done, and Sgt. Kenny is hopeful that they will do well in the Army Championships in the autumn.

Company H.Q. have all done good work and Cpl. Ellis is to be congratulated on his promotion. C.S.M. Akroyd got a "mention"—in the local paper.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. HAROLD BRAY

We deeply regret to announce that the death took place very suddenly on September 7 of Mr. Harold Bray, of Sandford Road, Bradford Moor, Bradford, who had been Honorary Treasurer of the 10th (Service) Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, O.C.A. since its inception in 1933. In recognition of his services the members presented him with a wristlet watch, and his wife and daughter with gifts, a year or two ago. Mr. Bray served with the 10th Battalion in the Great War in France, Belgium and Italy. He was first a signaller, but was then transferred to Battalion H.Q. as a member of the Orderly Room Staff.

In civil life he was with the English Electric Co. Ltd. at their works at Thornbury, Bradford, and previously had for many years been employed by Bradford Dyers' Association Ltd. During the last

war he was an officer in the local Home Guard Battalion. He leaves a widow and daughter.

At the funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Laisterdyke, Bradford, the O.C.A. were represented by Lt. E. L. M. Lumb, Mr. W. Kershaw and Mr. George R. Goodchild (Honorary Secretary), while the Bradford Federation of ex-Service Associations, with whom Mr. Bray was formerly associated, was represented by Mr. G. H. Heighway (Honorary Treasurer).

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### MR. FRANK MURPHY

We also deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Frank Murphy, who enlisted in the Regiment at Bradford in 1897. He served with the 1st Battalion until 1912, when he was transferred to the Indian "Signals", with whom he served in Mesopotamia in the 1914-1918 war. He was captured at Kut and retired soon after the war, since when he lived in the Barkingside district of Essex.

## PERSONALIA

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

Major R. H. Ince has been awarded the American Bronze Star Medal of the Legion of Merit, in recognition of gallant and valuable services in Korea.

We offer him our warmest congratulations.

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### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

#### MR. P. T. McLINTOCK AND MISS F. CHRISTISON

The engagement is announced between Peter Thomson, younger son of the late Sir Thomson McLintock, Bt., and Lady McLintock, of 37 De Vere Gardens, W.8, and Fiona, youngest daughter of General Sir Philip Christison, Bt., and Lady Christison, of The Croft, Melrose.

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#### MR. P. A. MITCHELL AND MISS D. J. PRATT

The engagement is announced between Peter Anthony Mitchell, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mrs. W. G. Cockcroft, The Red House, Branksome Park Road, Camberley, and Diana Joan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pratt, Wheelsgate, Wych Hill Way, Woking.

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#### MR. E. J. H. DASENT AND MISS R. M. CARTWRIGHT

The engagement is announced between Edward John Hastings Dasent, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Dasent, of Highgate, London, and Rachel Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Cartwright, of 8 Rothsay Road, Bedford.

### APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been announced:

Brigadier R. H. N. C. Bray, C.B.E., D.S.O., to be Director of Land/Air Warfare, The War Office from December 12, 1954, and to be Temporary Major-General.

Brigadier R. K. Exham, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., to be D.D.M.O. (A) The War Office from December 1, 1954.

Major F. P. A. Woods is now a Permanent President of Courts Martial with BETFOR at Trieste.

Major C. J. Maclaren is leaving Headquarters, Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade at York, and will be taking up an appointment as D.A.A.G. (AG) Records, at the War Office.

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Convinced that there is "no future" in being a Chelsea pensioner, ninety-four-year-old Sgt. William Cotton, who joined The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in Halifax in 1885, has returned to South Africa.

Sgt. Cotton served with the "Dukes" in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Barbados, and South Africa, where he remained after his discharge from the Army.

He again enlisted in the Regiment in 1914, and served in France and Gallipoli. Later he returned to South Africa and served in the North African Infantry.

On the outbreak of the Second World War, he again came to England to offer his services, but the War Office considered he was over the age limit.

He set off for South Africa again and on the way

his ship was torpedoed, but he was rescued after being two hours in the water.

In November, last year, Sgt. Cotton returned to England and was admitted to Chelsea Hospital as a pensioner.

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Lieutenant-Colonel H. K. Umfreville, D.S.O., is now in Kings Ride Nursing Home, 289 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey. He is bed-ridden, but cheerful and would welcome visits from old friends. Visiting hours are up to 12 noon, and from 2 p.m. onwards. Richmond is about thirty minutes from Victoria by underground and a 37 bus, from near the station, passes along Sheen Road. Both his daughters are in Richmond.

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We regret to learn that Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. B. Ince, has been ill in St. Thomas' Hospital, Godalming. We hope he will make a speedy recovery.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, sends us the following letter which he has received from Lt. P. B. L. Hoppe, now with the 2 Parachute Regiment, which will interest many of our readers.

Officers' Mess,  
2 Parachute Regiment,  
M.E.L.F. 28.  
August 25, 1954.

DEAR COLONEL STEWART,

I am writing to ask whether it would be possible for you to send me another copy of the last number of THE IRON DUKE. I gave my copy of the last number to Rodney Harms when I saw him in Beirut during June.

I was extremely fortunate to be given the opportunity to visit Beirut. I was one of two officers of the Brigade who were allowed to accompany a squadron of the Mediterranean fleet making a courtesy call on the capital of the Lebanon.

I saw a good deal of Rodney and we had a very good time together.

He showed me round the town and also the Arabic college which I visited up in the hills. The visit lasted five days and was an experience I shall remember for a long while. Rodney seemed very fit and well and hadn't changed a bit. A little later in June John Stacpoole also met him in Beirut when accompanying the Brigade cricket side who had a match versus the Beirut Gentlemen. I don't think Rodney actually played; from what I can gather of the game it was soon over.

I hear from Battalion H.Q. that Jim Newton will be joining the Battalion in November. He is now at the Brigade Depot at Aldershot. 2 Para, the last of Brigade to leave the Zone, pull out on August 18. We will be stationed at Talavera Barracks, Aldershot. John Stacpoole has just taken over the Signals Platoon and will be going on that course in November, when I also expect to do a Mortar Course at Netheravon.

There are three "Dukes" in the Battalion at present: John and myself, and also a National Service officer, who has extended his service, called Giles Nixon. I believe his father was in the Regiment during the war, he tells me, in the 8th Battalion. I have added all this as I think you'll be interested to hear how we are all coping in the Paras.

I am sir,

Yours sincerely,

P. B. L. HOPPE.

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

BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL M. V. LE POER TRENCH

5TH INSTALMENT

### THE ACTION AT KLIP DRIFT

February 16, 1900.

We were roused at 3 a.m., and had coffee and biscuits round the camp fires; very welcome as it was very cold. I had orders to join "G" Company, Captain de Gex's, as his subaltern; Maples had gone sick. We fell-in in quarter column, and on joining up with the rest of the Brigade and two batteries of artillery, the whole column moved off in mass. There were some M.I. out in front, but I could not help thinking of the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, and hoped we were not in for the sort of surprise they got. One realised that it would have been impossible to keep touch otherwise, in such a featureless country in the dark.

We had marched about three miles when the sun rose, and we could see the line of the Modder River

on our right and some low kopjes to the front. As we descended a slight slope we had the order to extend. The M.I. were in front and all was quiet when there was a sudden burst of fire from the kopjes. The M.I. dismounted, their number threes galloping to the rear each leading two horses, with bullets sending up little spurts of sand all round them, while we advanced steadily forward. This was our baptism of fire, so eagerly looked forward to, though rather unpleasant in actuality. There was not a scrap of cover until we reached a depression running across our front, in which we lay down. It was impossible to see any target to fire at as the Boers were too skilfully hidden. A further advance was made under cover of a spruit\* running towards the front, and from it we extended again in open

\* Dry watercourse

ground. De Gex was on the right of the Company near the river, while I was on the left a good distance from it, and there we lay under fairly well-aimed fire.

Meanwhile the artillery had opened shrapnel fire on the kopjes, without however, making any difference to the Boer fire. The Buffs were advancing on our left. Just behind where I lay was a dead bullock, which the Boers had evidently taken the range of, as bullets were continually striking all round it. After about two hours an order was passed down the line from De Gex that we were to double, one at a time, to the river bank, about 200 yards from where I lay, and on assembling there, we moved along under cover of the river bank, which flanked the enemy's position. We lined the bank prepared to open fire on any targets that showed up, when the Oxfords, who were on the opposite side of the river, started firing over our heads, not realising that we were there. De Gex sent a man over to stop them and to inform them of our position. Very soon after, we saw Boers galloping away from the kopjes in a westerly direction, but they were too far away for us to hit them. The Buffs, who had advanced almost up to the kopjes, were mainly responsible for their leaving it.

The Battalion now formed up and advanced in extended order in the direction the Boers had taken, coming on to several wagons and some saddlery left by them. Shortly after, another line of kopjes came into view, where the Boers had taken up a fresh position. At about 1,000 yards from it there was a slight depression which gave some protection from rifle fire, and here "G" Company remained in support while "A" and "E" Companies advanced to the attack. The Oxfords were attacking on our right with the Buffs in support, and the Gloucesters advanced on the left in an endeavour to outflank the Boer position, but the opposition was too strong, and our companies and the Oxfords did not get very far before they had to lie down. The Gloucesters had a number of casualties and had to retire behind our ridge. I could see men dropping, through my field glasses, and stretcher-bearers going out to pick up the wounded. The Boers now opened fire with a gun killing a number of mules, and forcing the water and ammunition carts, which were behind where we lay, to withdraw to a safer place. One shell, which fortunately did not burst, landed in the middle of a fire some Gloucesters had made to cook on, and round which a number of them were sitting; it did no one any harm, though it certainly scared them. The gun had our hollow too well marked, and we were glad when our artillery opened fire and silenced it.

At about 1 p.m. "G" Company had orders to reinforce the firing line, and we advanced in extended order and filled up the intervals in "E" Company's line. There was no cover at all, and bullets were striking the ground all round us, but I saw no one hit near me. Lying for hours with the sun beating on one's back was trying, and thirsty work, and De Gex allowed a few volunteers to go back with water bottles to the water carts to have them refilled. The man who took mine never turned up again, but Sgt. Owen of "E" Company, who lay near me, had got his back and kindly gave me a drink from his. One

could see nothing of the Boers, nor any sort of target to fire at. Colonel Lloyd and Tyndall, moved about the line with great courage and coolness, occasionally sitting on anthills, scanning the position through their glasses.

At about 5 p.m. the welcome order came to advance, which we did in a general line, getting to within about 400 yards of the kopjes, where we lay and opened fire on likely looking spots. My part of the line had to cease firing as the Gloucesters, who had advanced on our left moved across in front of us. Several men near me were hit, and I heard some of the Gloucesters shouting for a doctor, as they had had an officer wounded. It was now getting dark, and we could see the flashes from the Boers rifles, and after a short advance we were ordered to fix bayonets, preparatory to charging the position. It was an exciting moment expecting to do a bayonet charge, when the Boer fire suddenly stopped; the Boers had hurriedly left. Our bugles sounded the cease fire (just like at a field day), and companies assembled and called the rolls. Shortly after this a water cart came up with bully beef and biscuits, which we sorely needed, not having had anything to eat since 3.30 a.m. Outposts were put out and we bivouacked behind the ridge where the second advance had started from. Our casualties were one man killed and two officers and 27 men wounded. The officers were my late skipper Captain Taylor, who was hit in the wrist during the last part of the action, and Captain Harris, who, though wounded in the heel while lying down, continued to lead his company to the end. These casualties were very light considering that we had been under fire in the open most of the day.

We had no blankets or overcoats that night, and woke shivering and quite stiff at dawn. It had rained in the night, and although my clothes were quite damp I had slept through it. It was a serious matter having no water bottle and I went in search of the man who had taken mine, and found that he had lost it during the final advance. However, the doctor lent me his horse and I rode across the battlefield and by good luck found it. We had no breakfast and were soon on the march again. We heard that the Boers were fighting yesterday were Cronje's rearguard, left to cover his retreat from Magersfontein. Our wounded were left behind to be sent back to the railway, and Harris was very annoyed at not being allowed to come on with us on a horse. During a longish halt near a farm some of the men bayoneted some sheep, which they proceeded to cook and eat almost raw. After further marching we came to the Modder river, which we crossed by a drift, and had another long halt. Here we were delighted to find our transport with rations of bully beef, biscuits and jam, and we marched off again in fine fettle. On we went in the dark with sounds of firing ahead, and many halts and changes of direction, finally lying down in our ranks for the rest of the night.

On the eve of going to press we received a copy of the May number of "*Cahiers des Voltigeurs*". This is the Journal of our allied Canadian Regiment, Les Voltigeurs de Quebec. It appears twice yearly.



## GIBBET LAW

By Mollie G. Moncrieff

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A contribution to the vexed question of how to dispose of criminals was furnished by Halifax, Yorkshire, in medieval times, when the town became unique in that it employed a gibbet for the purpose. Edinburgh, of course, had its "Maiden," which dealt with political prisoners in much the same manner as the French guillotine, but the principal English cities remained faithful to the gallows as the recognised means of handling the recalcitrant, so that if a highwayman, escaping the noose at Tyburn, decided to embark upon a ride to York, he stood a reasonable chance of meeting with a similar reception at the other end.

Halifax is also unusual in that it possesses a beacon and a Roman road, and shares with two other localities (for want of a better term) the distinction of being the subject of a thieves' litany, which reads: "From Hull, Hell and Halifax, Good Lord deliver us." This prayer originated as a result of a royalty granted by the king to the Norman Earls of Warren, resident in Sowerby, to execute thieves and other criminals apprehended within the bounds of the manor.

From this grant arose the Halifax gibbet law, a harsh custom that long outlived the royalty of the Warrens, being protracted especially in order to protect the cloth trade, for it was an easy matter to steal the kerseys from the tenter-frames. If the culprit was caught with goods in his possession valued at more than 13d. he was sentenced to death.

At the foot of the steep hill called Gibbet Lane in Halifax may be seen a mound, surmounted by a heap of stones, which represent the remains of the gibbet. In the days when the instrument was in commission, Gibbet Lane, Pellon Lane, Hopwood Lane and King Cross Lane were in actual fact lanes with fields on either hand, though they do not look in the least like lanes today. A passer-by might well ask why robbers convicted at Halifax were not hanged as in other cities. The answer is that from feudal times onwards it was difficult to find a hangman. The inhabitants of the parish had a rooted objection to the office. It was never difficult to get a jury to sentence a man to death, for human life was not of great value, but when the population of a town amounted to only 90, as it did in Halifax in 1379, no man cared to be branded as the hangman by his neighbours. Halifax was not alone in experiencing this difficulty. At Romney, for example, the bailiff was called upon to find the gallows and rope, and the prosecutor to produce the hangman. If he was unsuccessful, he was committed to prison in company with the felon, until he declared himself ready to handle the latter himself.

The Halifax gibbet was a result of one, Hodgekins, a local clothier, catching three thieves and bringing them to the gallows. Hodgekins chose one of his neighbours, a very poor man, to play the part of hangman, but he refused, in spite of the high payment offered him. Then a man whose cloth had been stolen was requested to act as executioner, but

he answered: "When I have the skill to make a man, I will hang a man, if it chance that my workmanship does not suit me."

Others were asked, but all declined. Even a vagabond who was passing and was seized and commanded to do the deed, replied: "Not so, my masters, you cannot compel me." At last it was proposed that Hodgekins, as the one who had suffered the heaviest loss, should do it himself. "Not I," he declared, "though my loss were ten times greater than it is."

In desperation the town promised liberty to the prisoner who would hang his two comrades. But here honour among thieves held good, and finally there was no alternative left but to release all three.

Hodgekins was exceedingly chagrined on this score. He went to court and complained bitterly to the king that the privilege of his native town for hanging thieves was "not worth a pudding because they could not get a hangman to truss the thieves."

There was, however, a grey friar living in a monastery in the parish, who offered, with the aid of a carpenter, to construct a gin that would cut off a man's head without direct human intervention. The king, interested in the invention, was graciously pleased to sanction its use in Halifax. All that was necessary was to pull out the pin that held the axe aloft, so that it slid down the grooves in the high posts on to the victim's neck. In cases where the theft had been of a horse, sheep or cow, the animal in question was yoked to the pin to set the axe in motion, thus dispensing altogether with the human element.

The last gibbet trial took place in 1650, when Abraham Wilkinson, John Wilkinson and Anthony Mitchell were convicted of the theft of 16 yd. of russet kersey valued at 9s., a black colt and a grey colt worth 108s. in all. The verdict, undersigned by 16 jurymen, concludes:

"By the antient Custom and Liberty of Halifax, whereof the memory of Man is not to the Contrary, the said John Wilkinson and Anthony Mitchell are to suffer death by having their heads severed and cut off from their bodies at Halifax Gibbet; Unto which Verdict we subscribe our names the 30th day of April, 1650."

Oliver Cromwell spoke vehemently against the severity of the Gibbet Law when addressing the Second Protectorate Parliament. "The truth of it is," he said, "there are wicked, abominable laws that will be in your power to alter. To hang a man for sixpence, for thirteen-pence, I know not what! To hang for a trifle and pardon a murder, is in the ministration of the law, through the ill-framing of it. I have known in my experience, abominable murders quitted. And to see men lose their lives for petty matters! This is a thing that God will reckon for, and I wish it may not lie upon this nation a day longer than you have opportunity to give a remedy."

'It is regrettable that the men of Halifax did not condone these clement ideas, for their retention of the custom gave the town a bad name.

# THE KOREAN

By Major R. E.



This photograph shows the plaster of the obverse (head) side of the Korea Medal, to be awarded to members of the Forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire for service in Korea. The design is the work of Mrs. Gillick. The effigy closely resembles the uncrowned effigy recently approved for use on the coinage, but is in higher relief.



This photograph shows the plaster of the reverse side of the Korea Medal, to be awarded to members of the Forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire for service in Korea. The design is the work of Mr. Carter Preston and is a representation of Heracles slaying the Hydra, with the word "Korea" in the exergue.



Here is the United Nations Medal for which British Servicemen will be eligible. It is of bronze alloy and 1½ in. in diameter. There will be a clasp bearing the word "Korea."



# WAR MEDALS

AUSTIN, M.C.

In 1949 I wrote several articles for THE IRON DUKE bringing the list of campaign medals awarded to the different battalions of the Regiment up to date, i.e. up to and including the award of the General Service Medal (Army and R.A.F.) for operational service in Palestine, 1945-48.

The two medals for the Korean War of 1950-53, in which the 1st Battalion played a distinctive part are now being issued to individuals, and, for historical reasons, details of these medals, including illustrations, descriptions and terms of award, should now be published in THE IRON DUKE.

## THE KOREA MEDAL

Under the authority of Army Order 103/1951, His late Majesty King George VI approved a new medal being struck to commemorate service by the British Commonwealth Forces, on behalf of the United Nations, in repelling aggression in Korea.

The medal, which is called The Korea Medal, is of cupro-nickel, and 1.4 inches in diameter.

The obverse shows the classical effigy of Her Majesty the Queen facing right with the inscription "ELIZABETH II DEI GRA : BRITT : OMN : REGINA F : D : ✠" round the circumference.

The reverse shows an allegorical representation of Hercules, sword in hand, grasping a multiple-headed Hydra by the tail and about to stab it. In the exergue is the word "Korea."

The riband is 1.4 inches in width and consists of three yellow and two blue alternating stripes. It is stated that the blue represents the United Nations, so one is left with the presumption that the yellow represents the colour of the North Koreans and Chinese.

The medal is stamped round the rim with the recipient's number, rank, name and unit in small impressed block capitals.

The Army qualifications are:

- (a) Service of one day or more on the posted strength of a formation or unit in Korea during the period July 2, 1953, to July 27, 1953, inclusive.

- (b) For official visits, inspections, etc., by Army personnel on duty, 30 days either continuous or aggregated service in Korea. Operational service of less than 30 days being actually rendered at the time of the Armistice on July 27, 1953, and terminated thereby will qualify personnel for the Medal.

Service in Japan is not qualifying service for the Korea Medal.

## THE UNITED NATIONS' SERVICE MEDAL

Under the authority of Army Order 149/1951, His late Majesty King George VI approved the acceptance by personnel of the British Commonwealth Forces of a United Nations' award for service in repelling aggression in Korea. The medal was established as a result of a United Nations' General Assembly resolution of December 12, 1950.

The medal, which is called "The United Nations' Service Medal," is of dulled light bronze, 1.4 inches in diameter.

The obverse shows a representation of a globe of the world surrounded by an olive wreath, which is the badge of the United Nations.

The reverse has the inscription "FOR SERVICE IN/DEFENCE OF THE/PRINCIPLES OF THE/CHARTER OF THE/UNITED NATIONS" in five lines of Roman capitals.

A bar bearing the word "Korea" forms part of the suspension of the medal, the medal and bar being stamped out in one piece.

The riband is 1.5 inches wide and consists of nine blue and eight white alternating stripes.

The medal is issued unnamed and is ordered to be worn immediately after the (British) Korea Medal.

The Army qualifications are: Service of one day or more on the posted strength of a formation or unit in Korea or Japan during the period June 27, 1950, to a date not yet laid down, provided that the Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations' Forces has published the eligibility of the formation or unit in General Orders.

## EXTRACTS

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

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

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

Continued from page 72, The Iron Duke, No. 92

Loenhout, Tuesday, February 8, 1814

Our necessities were inspected, as an order was issued for regiments to be completed with everything for the field.

Loenhout, Wednesday, February 9, 1814

I delivered the accounts of the 1st Company over to Mr. Macquarie. Orderly officers of companies are to report every morning an hour before

daylight to the Captain of the day that their men are accoutred and ready to turn out.

*Loenhout, Monday, February 14, 1814*

Parades, etc., as usual. This village is very small and yet has a large church which in the inside is beautiful. A large painting of the Descent from the Cross is by Rubens. Loenhout is three miles from West Wesel, seven from Hoogstraten and about equidistant from Breda and Antwerp, i.e., fifteen or sixteen miles.

*Loenhout, Tuesday, February 15, 1814*

Archbold and I walked over, after morning parade, to the village of Hoogstraten, about eight miles to the west of this. It contains a nunnery with a small chapel; there were, however, none but some old nuns, and very few even of these. I was not surprised at this when I perceived that every part of it had been numbered off by the French for the reception of soldiers, like the other houses of the place. The great church is magnificent and its steeple very high. Several of the works of Rubens still are remaining to adorn the walls. The painted windows must once have been beautiful, but are now very much mutilated. This church was built in 1600. The principal monuments are that of Antoine de la Laingen, Premier Comte de Cette Terre and that of the Prince of Salm, both of the most beautiful polished marble; the latter is by Van Dael.

*Loenhout, Thursday, February 17, 1814*

The 33rd was reviewed by Maj.-Gen. Taylor,

previous to his returning to England, who was pleased to express his entire approbation of our appearance.

*Loenhout, Saturday, February 19, 1814*

Was on advanced picket at the Windmill.

*Loenhout, Sunday, February 20, 1814*

Col. Elphinstone was so good as to lend me one of his horses and we rode over to Brecht together. This village has nothing to particularise it. The inhabitants are poor, and employ themselves in the manufacture of lace, which, however, is of a quality much inferior to that made at Brussels. The prices they put upon it were for the broadest kind, two guilders per ell, that is, supposing the guilder at 1s. 10d. to be 3s. 8d. English. But the fine Brussels lace is twenty, thirty and forty guilders per ell. The ell is about three-quarters of an English yard.

*Loenhout, Monday, February 21, 1814*

The 33rd marched to-day to Groot-Zundert, which was then the headquarters of the Army. Groot-Zundert is a village on the Antwerp and Breda road, 9 miles from the latter and six miles from Loenhout. It contained nothing remarkable.

*Groot-Zundert, Tuesday, February 22, 1814*

Boyce being very ill, I was most of the day making up his Company's accounts.

*Groot-Zundert, Wednesday, February 23, 1814*

Was on Regimental Court-martial.

*To be continued*



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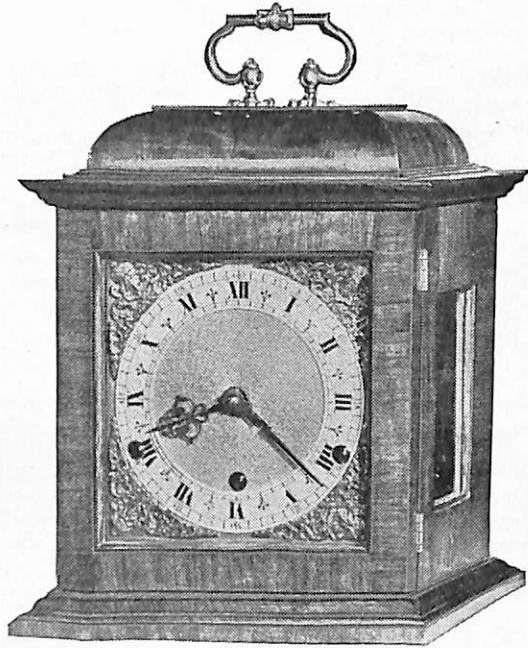
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# Annual General Meeting of the Old Comrades' and Regimental Associations of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment

HELD AT HALIFAX ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1954

## AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Secretary's report.
3. The accounts for the year ended June 30, 1954.
4. Report on the amalgamation.
5. Rules of the Regimental Association.
6. Appointment of Vice-President.
7. Any other business.

*Present:* General Sir A. F. P. Christison, Bt. (Chairman), Major-General W. M. Ozanne, Major-General K. G. Exham, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Brigadier C. W. B. Orr, Colonel C. R. T. Cumberlege, Lieutenant-Colonel R. de la H. Moran, Major A. C. S. Savory (O.C. Regimental Headquarters) and some 60 other members.

The Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 1740 hrs.

## MINUTES

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

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary read the Committee's report of the previous year's working of the two Associations, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

## ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts of the two Associations were produced and circulated amongst those present. 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.

At this juncture in the proceedings the Chairman called for a vote of thanks to the Secretary (Mr. Code), saying he felt he was voicing the thoughts of those present that the Associations had had a

very successful year and that this was in no small measure due to the hard work put in by the Secretary. This was carried by acclamation. Mr. Code thanked the Chairman and those present for their expressions of goodwill.

## AMALGAMATION

Major A. C. S. Savory, C.O. of the Regimental Depot, reported progress on the proposal, made three years ago, to amalgamate the Old Comrades' Association and the Regimental Association. There were many snags, he said, because of the complexity of the trust funds involved and it was now proposed to form an Association with a committee which would administer these separate funds rather than amalgamate them. The total of these funds, with holdings at par, was in the nature of £50,000.

## RULES

It was hoped to get revised draft rules prepared by Christmas. These would be circulated to branches and others and, provided that no serious objections were raised, they would then be published. In the event of any serious objections publication would be deferred till after the next annual general meeting.

Major Driver, hon. solicitor of the Associations, next spoke of the many legal technicalities that had cropped up in connection with the different trusts we administered, but added that he wished to allay the fears of those who might be feeling that trusts might be altered; they would not be altered in any way whatsoever. It might also appear that we were a long time in getting these funds tied up—or tidied up was perhaps the better word—but we were going ahead and he assured the members present we should have something concrete before long. The Chairman and Major Savory associated themselves with this prediction.

## APPOINTMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Major-General Exham proposed we should take

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advantage of Colonel Cumberlege's retirement, coupled with the fact that he would be living in Yorkshire, to ask him if he would be willing to be an officer of the Association and to take on the office of Vice-President. Seconded by Major-General Ozanne and supported by Captain Shepherd.

Colonel Cumberlege replied that he would be honoured to accept and would do all he could to further the interests of the Associations. Carried unanimously.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Major Scott said that he had read the account of a visit to the Battalion by the editor of the *Halifax Courier and Guardian* and had been concerned to learn that the Battalion was short of literature.

He had been in touch with the Battalion and had found this was still the case and he had also been in touch with the War Office welfare branch and the W.V.S. The aim to remedy the situation was simple. All members and branches had to do was to gather together all the reading matter they could and take it to the nearest W.V.S. centre, labelled "The D.W.R., Gibraltar." The W.V.S. would do the rest.

Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter proposed we should have two patrons of the Associations; we already had one—His Grace the Duke of Wellington—and he was now proposing that we should ask the Earl of Scarborough to be the other. This was seconded by Captain Falkingham. The meeting passed the resolution unanimously.

Major-General Exham brought up the question of branch banners. Colonel Moran offered to explore the possibilities of banners being made in Spain in order to cut down the expense incurred by the provision of banners for all branches. It was decided to take advantage of this offer and see what could be done. The Secretary said he would consult all branches on this matter and get their views.

Mr. Morley asked that more inter-branch meetings should be arranged and the Secretary replied that this point was being taken care of. It was hoped that inter-branch socials would become a regular feature in the future.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which the Chairman declared closed at 1810 hrs.

## Annual Reunion Dinner

SEPTEMBER 18, 1954

There was a very "full house" this year for the dinner, some 300 actually sitting down to a very enjoyable repast provided by our caterers. This figure represents our best ever attendance and there is no doubt about the growing popularity of this annual event. The dining hall, considered quite spacious in the ordinary way, appeared to be at bursting point when all were seated. It is already forecast that next year we shall at least have 400 at the dinner; our problem is just where to put them. However, we are only dealing with this year in this report, so we will let next year's headaches alone for the time being.

The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Philid

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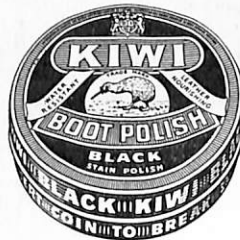
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Christison, presided and others present were Major-General K. G. Exham, Major-General W. M. Ozanne, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Brigadier C. W. B. Orr, Colonel C. R. T. Cumberlege, Lieutenant-Colonel R. de la H. Moran and Major A. C. S. Savory.

There were also present two of our V.C.s, Major H. Kelly, V.C., M.C., and Mr. Henry Tandey, V.C., D.C.M., M.M. Major J. H. Huffam, V.C., was unable to be with us this year.

The toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by a former member of the Regiment, now an in-pensioner of Chelsea Hospital, Mr. F. Bridge. He served with the 6th and 10th during the 1914-18 war. Responding to the toast, General Christison said that the 1st Battalion had been blazing a new trail on the paths of glory. It had come out from Korea with glory and had served with distinction at Gibraltar. The Battalion had put up a great show at both the visit of the Queen—when she made history by holding an investiture of Korea awards on the deck of the Royal yacht—and later at the Trooping of the Colour at Gibraltar.

The annual reunion this year, he thought, was unique: what other regiment at its annual reunion would have present three generals and two recipients of the V.C. It was a very proud occasion.

The President had read out previously letters and telegrams of apology from Brigadier Green, Colonel Ince, Brigadier Fraser, Major Laverack, Colonel Dalrymple, Major Tedd and Major Huffam, V.C. All sent their best wishes for a successful evening.

So ended another reunion and easily our most successful so far. Although most members and wives, etc., go home on Saturday night, quite a contingent remain over until Sunday morning and sleep once more in barracks. I said sleep, but from all reports what is left of the night is spent in "telling the tale" and generally reunionsing all over again. However, after breakfast there is a steady flow of homeward-bound heavy-eyed travellers. Except, of course, the Sheffield branch, who appear to have a great attachment to the Regimental Depot and usually start a minor show of their own in the Sergeants' Mess at noon. But all good things come to an end and by evening on Sunday all have departed to their civilian "stations."

As a matter of interest, besides contingents and parties from all our branches we had members attending from as far afield as Cornwall and Durham. It was a reunion in every sense of the word.

In conclusion, we at Regimental Headquarters send our best wishes to all ex-"Dukes" wherever they may be and to those members who may be unable to visit us through ill health or other reasons we sincerely hope that circumstances allow you all to be with us next year.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1954

My Committee again have great pleasure in presenting their report on the previous year's working.

#### CASE WORK

During the past year we have received 200

applications for financial assistance from the funds controlled by your Committee. Including two Mitchell Trust Fund and one 2nd Battalion Charitable Fund cases, we have assisted, financially, altogether 156 applicants. We have turned down 36 cases as not being in real need and a further eight cases did not bother to pursue the matter when asked to complete our application form. Of the cases granted monetary assistance, 96 were helped from the Regimental Association Fund and 60 came within the scope of the O.C.A. Amounts disbursed in direct aid were £684 14s. 1d. and £350 4s. 10d. from Regimental Association and O.C.A. respectively. It will be noticed this averages out at about £7 per case. It may have been noticed that, whilst the O.C.A. has had fewer calls on its resources this time—it has paid out about £50 less than last year—the Regimental Association, on the other hand, has paid out about £240 more than last year, this accounted for by the larger grants released from our funds. We made an immediate loan of £100 to a member who lost all his household goods, belongings and savings when the *Empire Windrush* sank earlier this year; this loan is recoverable. We also had a refund of £36 from the Officers' Association in the case of another member assisted by us.

In nearly all cases the disbursement of grants has been made through recognised charitable bodies, such as S.S.A.F.A., Forces Help Society and British Legion, etc., who normally look into the circumstances of cases presenting themselves as being in need of assistance. We work closely with these organisations and with the various legal aid bureaux throughout the country and utilise their services to the full. As we have reported before, social work does not mean just paying out sums of money to ex-members of the Regiment—that is usually the easy way of terminating a case—but we are able to offer help and advice on most problems that beset everyday life. This is mostly done through the organisations mentioned above or by contacting the appropriate authority which appears to be most competent to deal with a particular case.

#### INSTITUTIONS

Grants totalling £86 5s. 0d. have been paid to various institutions during the year. This is an increase over last year of £11 7s. 0d. and is accounted for by grants to British Red Cross (£4 4s. 0d.), Embankment Fund (£3 3s. 0d.) and to S.S.A.F.A. H.Q. (£4). Again we have to report no admittances or discharges from the institutions we support.

#### PENSIONS

We made one addition to our pension roll during the period under review and that was Mrs. Partridge, who lives at Bradford. Her husband, who was a well-known ex-member of the Regiment, died a few years ago. Mrs. Partridge, in common with many old age pensioners, found it hard to manage and your Committee decided to add her name to the O.C.A. pensions roll. Mrs. McGovern, an aged widow of an old ex-member, who now lives in Ireland, has had her pension increased from £3 5s. 0d. a quarter to £6 10s. 0d., thus bringing her in line with our other pensioners. Total

amounts paid in pensions amounts to £262 15s. od., an increase of £30 over last year.

#### ACCOUNTS

We give herewith a short account showing the state of the funds to the nearest pound:

##### *Income from all Sources:*

Old Comrades' Association .. ..	£689
Regimental Association .. ..	£1,567

##### *Expenditure:*

Old Comrades' Association .. ..	£727
Regimental Association .. ..	£1,596

##### *Excess of Expenditure over Income:*

Old Comrades' Association .. ..	£37
Regimental Association .. ..	£28

The audited accounts are now in course of publication in THE IRON DUKE and for those interested a full and detailed account of our finances may be seen in the next issue. Two copies of the accounts are presented at this meeting for the perusal of the members and the Secretary will be pleased to answer any queries that may appear to require some elucidation.

The Army Benevolent Fund has again made us a grant as a reimbursement for money paid out to 1939-45 war applicants. The amount we received was £500. Last year, you will remember, we received £750. Very possibly, and because we are slightly over-spent this year, we may receive a little extra from the A.B.F. when our case is considered next March. I feel we should take this opportunity to once again thank the A.B.F. for their generosity and assure them the money they so kindly allocate is disbursed in the manner they wish.

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

During the past year 13 members have completed their subscriptions and become life members of the O.C.A. As everybody knows, membership recruitment for the O.C.A. has virtually ceased, whilst the Regimental Association membership has increased steadily. During the year under consideration 248 members have paid up their life membership subscriptions—mainly from the 1st Battalion—and we have to thank, once again, R.S.M. Pearce for his unflagging efforts in this direction. No doubt we shall have a continual flow of new members now that the R.S.M. is here at Regimental Headquarters with us.

#### AMALGAMATION

This matter is being dealt with as a separate report on the agenda.

#### BRANCHES

Since our last meeting a new branch has sprung into being. Mr. F. Morley wrote and said he thought that there was room for a branch of the Association at South Elmsall. A meeting was held of ex-“Dukes” in that area, at which it was obvious

that the district could support a branch, and so a new limb of the Association began to sprout and, we are pleased to say, is now rooted soundly on its feet. Mr. Morley is the Secretary and would welcome any enquiries re membership from anyone in the Pontefract area. His address is 37 Dunsley Terrace, South Kirkby, nr. Pontefract. All our other branches appear to be doing well, except they need more members. Socials and meetings are held regularly at Sheffield, Doncaster, London, Gosport and Ossett. These branches also look after any ex-“Duke” or their dependants who find themselves in needy circumstances, and they also administer grants made to cases from Regimental Headquarters.

It might be helpful from the branch recruiting aspect if branches would send in periodical reports to the Editor of THE IRON DUKE, who, we feel sure, would find a corner in the magazine for them.

We feel that the number of ex-“Dukes” in Halifax justifies two or more branches. We would particularly like to see one in the new housing estate at Illingworth. If anyone is interested in following up this suggestion, will they please contact me and they will be given every possible assistance.

#### 1ST BATTALION

We have heard and read about the activities of the 1st Battalion in Gibraltar and the good show they put up for Her Majesty when she called there at the conclusion of her Commonwealth tour. From all reports, the Royal party were much impressed by all they saw of the Regiment. We hear, too, that the Trooping of the Colour ceremony attracted much attention and comment from those privileged to watch it. All this and Korea, too, has given ex-members of the Regiment a warm feeling of satisfaction that the Regiment's tradition of being able to acquit itself equally well in peace as in war still lives on. So again, as in our last report, we say, “Well done, ‘Dukes.’”

#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, my Committee take this opportunity to thank all those ladies and gentlemen of S.S.A.F.A., F.H.S. and kindred bodies who have, in their honorary capacity, given their time so freely in the investigation of our cases and for almonising on our behalf. We also wish to thank our Hon. Auditors for so kindly auditing our accounts and for their guidance in financial matters generally. A special word of thanks must be given to our Hon. Solicitor, Major J. E. Driver, who has put in a tremendous amount of work on behalf of the Associations. His wise counsel and sound advice have been sought on many occasions during the past year in connection with the proposed tie-up of the various funds and we feel that his services to our Associations should be widely known and appreciated.

*once a 'DUKE'*  
*—always a 'DUKE'*

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

## The Regimental Association

### Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1954

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE			INCOME			
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Grants to sundry individuals	677	18	1			
Grants to Institutions	.. 86	5	0			
Dinner	.. .. 15	6	3			
			779	9	4	
Wreaths	.. .. 7	5	0			
Printing, Stationery and Postages	.. .. 76	11	7			
Travelling Expenses, Advertising and Miscellaneous Expenses	.. .. 135	2	5			
Coronation Expenses—Queen's Review	.. .. 122	15	6			
Honorarium Secretary			341	14	6	
			475	0	0	
			£1,596	3	10	
Donations and Subscriptions from Members				306	0	7
Donations and Grants:						
Sundries	.. .. 105	2	6			
Army Benevolent Fund	.. .. 500	0	0			
			605	2	6	
Premium on Conversions of Defence Bonds				8	15	0
Interest on Investments:						
3% Savings Bonds	.. .. 294	16	0			
2½% National War Bonds	.. .. 125	11	6			
3½% Defence Bonds	.. .. 17	10	0			
3% Defence Bonds	.. .. 45	0	0			
2½% Defence Bonds	.. .. 12	10	0			
3½% Conversion Loan	.. .. 17	10	0			
P.O.S.B. Interest	.. .. 79	9	6			
2½% Funding Stock	.. .. 38	15	0			
			863	1	6	
Profit on sale of badges, etc.				16	16	6
Excess of Expenditure for year to Balance Sheet				28	7	3
			£1,596	3	10	

#### BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Fund as at June 30, 1953	.. 23,309	2	8		
Less—Balance of Expenditure over Income for year	.. .. 28	7	3		
			23,280	15	5
Mitchell Trust Fund as at June 30, 1953	.. .. 1,781	19	7		
Additions—Income year to date	.. .. 42	10	0		
	1,824	9	7		
Less—Grants	.. .. 16	14	0		
			1,807	15	7
			£25,088	11	0
Investments at cost:					
£500 3½% Conversion Loan	.. .. 379	19	9		
£1,000 3½% Defence Bonds Conversion Issue	1,000	0	0		
£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 4th Issue	.. 1,000	0	0		
£500 2½% Defence Bonds	500	0	0		
£2,100 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	.. 2,100	0	0		
£843 2s. 8d. 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	.. 701	15	0		
£2,250 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	.. 2,376	15	3		
£533 11s. 8d. 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	.. 501	5	0		
£4,100 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	.. 4,353	4	11		
£5,023 3s. 11d. 2½% National War Bonds, 1954-56	.. 5,245	13	10		
P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	.. .. 3,258	11	5		
£1,550 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61	.. 1,547	1	1		
(Market value, June 30, 1954, £22,020)			22,964	6	3
Mitchell Trust Fund:					
£1,700 2½% Defence Bonds (market value, June 30 1954, £1,700)			1,700	0	0
Stock of badges, etc. at cost			158	16	10
Cash at bank			252	15	5
Cash in hand			12	12	6
			£25,088	11	0

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Association as above set forth, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion such Balance Sheet and Accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association, and are in accordance with the books and papers produced to us.

WHITHAM & TURNEY,  
Chartered Accountants.

6 Harrison Road, Halifax.  
August 20, 1954.





## BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Accounts as at June 30, 1953 .. .. .	9,315	18	4						
Additions this year:									
Life Membership subscriptions (transferred from General Fund Income Account) ..	2	0	0						
Premium on Conversion of Defence Bonds ..	1	0	0						
				9,318	18	4			
Regimental Charitable Fund:									
2nd Battalion .. .. .	424	18	0						
3rd Battalion Officers ..	625	13	10						
				1,050	11	10			
Regimental War Memorial: Pension Fund .. .. .				115	5	4			
				10,484	15	6			
Sundries:									
Leeds & District O.C.A., balance, June 30, 1953	25	17	7						
Suspense Account, balance, June 30, 1953 ..	13	6	3						
Dinner Account .. .. .	4	10	9						
				43	14	7			
Income Accounts:									
Deed of Trust Income Account .. .. .	1,396	11	7						
General Fund Income Account .. .. .	737	8	5	2,134	0	0			
				£12,662	10	1			
							11,647	12	7
							463	10	6
							12,111	3	1
							100	0	0
							61	18	8
							379	15	2
							9	13	2
							451	7	0
							£12,662	10	1

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NOTE 1.—In addition to the Investments shown above, the following Investments are held as stated below, and the Income therefrom has been incorporated in these Accounts:

REGIMENTAL CHARITABLE FUND, 2nd Battalion:  
(held by United Service Trustee), £1,515 3½% War Loan. (Market value at June 30, 1954, £1,325 12s. 6d.).

REGIMENTAL WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS FUND:  
(held by Colonel of the Regiment and O.C. Depot as Trustees of Fund), £1,979 os. 8d. 3½% Conversion Loan. (Market value at June 30, 1954, £1,747 6s.).

NOTE 2.—Market value of Investments as at June 30, 1954:

£3,150 3½% War Stock .. .. .	2,756	5	0
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan .. .. .	4,778	6	0
£2,650 4% Funding Loan .. .. .	2,741	1	10
£621 5s. 4% Consols .. .. .	607	5	5
£300 3% Defence Bonds .. .. .	300	0	0
£100 3½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	100	0	0
£300 2½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	300	0	0
£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75 .. .. .	276	15	0
£1,000 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70 .. .. .	946	10	0
	£12,806	3	3

3rd Battalion Officers:  
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock .. .. . £406 0 0

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