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EDITORIAL

The first page of *THE IRON DUKE* has been given a new look and now contains the names and addresses of the Commanding Officers of all Units associated with the Regiment. It also includes the names of all Honorary Colonels, which is an act of courtesy long overdue. The time lag between the submission of copy to the printer and its publication will inevitably cause inaccuracies, but we will do our best to keep the list up to date. A lawyer would add E. and O.E.

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The Regimental Ties at present being worn are in many cases in incorrect colours. Either the maroon is insufficiently dark or the grey is too blue, or both. The Colonel of the Regiment has, therefore, approved a correct pattern of the tie, which is to be produced and supplied only by Mrs. White, 8 Burlington Gardens, London, W.1.

Two patterns of the tie, one in repp silk and the other in silk and rayon, will be available early in March, 1955. The price when known will be published in these columns.

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The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club and the Regimental Tea will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1, on Tuesday, May 31, 1955.

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The Regimental Museum has received a gift of a blue frock coat, white breeches, Wellington boots and white shirt, the property of the Duke of Wellington. The clothes came into the possession of the United Service Club on amalgamation with the Junior United Service Club, and the former very kindly donated them to the Regiment. The clothes have been placed on a dummy and are a very valuable addition to the Museum.

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Arrangements have been made by the Archdeacon of Halifax for Holy Communion Services to be held in the Regimental Chapel in Halifax Parish Church on the following days and on such other occasions as may be desired.

- March 14—Anniversary of the raising of the 33rd Regiment.
- April 23—St. George's Day.
- May 29—Anniversary of the Battle of the Hook.
- June 18—Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.
- September—Sunday following the Old Comrades' Reunion.
- November—Remembrance Sunday.

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Readers of the last issue of *THE IRON DUKE* will recall that at the last Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association, Major R. A. Scott drew attention to the need for reading material for the 1st Battalion. Following publicity given locally in Halifax a very good response was received, and thanks to the most excellent co-operation of the Halifax W.V.S. a steady supply of reading material is now

being despatched to the 1st Battalion two or three times a week.

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An appeal has been received from the 1st Battalion for swords for loan to Officers taking part in Ceremonial Parades and similar functions. If any retired Officers have no future use for their swords and could arrange for them to be sent to the Depot, they will forthwith be sent to the 1st Battalion, where they will be gratefully received.

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The O.C. Depot has recently received a lady's Regimental Brooch, which was found in a chair in a quarter in Germany. Will the person who lost the brooch please apply to the O.C. Depot, when it will be returned.

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The sum of fifty pounds (£50) has been received from H.Q., 29th Brigade, B.A.P.O.3, by the Regimental Association. This sum has been credited to the benevolent side of our funds and will be used for charitable purposes.

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Lts. J. W. Hayes and D. B. H. Dowdy, after completing their term of National Service, have left the Regiment, but have promised to continue their contributions to *THE IRON DUKE*. Such concrete evidence of their sustained interest in the Regiment is a source of great gratification to the Editor, and certainly to our readers. We are most grateful to them. We also welcome a new artist in Cpl. R. H. May, now at Imphal Barracks, York. Some of his work appears in this number and will undoubtedly add to the gaiety of nations.

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There is a hint in the Sub-Editorial of the 1st Battalion that they may be coming home this year. A most welcome item of news, if correct, and one that will set rugger playing Units trembling in their shoes.

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Notes for the April number of *THE IRON DUKE* should reach the Editor not later than March 1.

THE REGIMENTAL BADGE

In THE IRON DUKE of October, 1953, the Editor published a letter in which I commented on certain slight differences between the coloured badge published in 1938 in THE IRON DUKE No. 40, and the Regimental Cap Badge. Subsequent investigation confirmed that the badge in THE IRON DUKE No. 40 is incorrect. Further research has been made to check all details of the badge in order to ensure a correct design. Both the Duke of Wellington and the College of Arms (Mr. Anthony Wagner-Richmond Herald) were approached for their advice.

As a result, a corrected badge was drawn, and after being approved by the Duke of Wellington, was submitted to the Regimental Council for consideration.

The Regimental Badge in use up to 1938 had various forms; mostly incorrect. In that year an attempt was made to produce a correct badge and, after consultation with the College of Arms, the coloured reproduction in THE IRON DUKE No. 40 was the result.

Unfortunately, the 33rd part of that badge was incorrect in three details—the Pennant, the Coronet and the Mullet, or five-pointed star. The LXXVth part of it conforms to the design that was given Royal approval in 1927 (Army Order 370 of 1927), and is correct.

The Pennant in THE IRON DUKE No. 40 is shown as being entirely white, charged with a St. George's Cross. The pertinent part of the blazon, or heraldic description, of the Great Duke's crest is as follows: "... a forked pennant (gules) flowing to the sinister, one-third per pale from the staff argent, charged with the cross of St. George." This means simply a red forked pennant flowing to the right (the observer's right, the shield bearer's left), and that a third part of it nearest to the staff is silver, or white, and on the white is a cross of St. George. The Pennant in the 1938 badge does not conform to the blazon, and is obviously incorrect.

The ducal coronet (which, incidentally, is not a coronet of rank, but is merely a crest coronet from which the crest issues) is a minor detail. In the 1938 badge it was incorrectly designed.

The Mullet is the mark of cadency or difference for the third son of the family. Arthur Wellesley, as a third son, could bear his father's arms charged with a mullet. When he himself was ennobled in 1809 and created Duke of Wellington five years later, he received his own grant of arms. He took his family arms, added his own supporters', and was given, as an augmentation of honour, a small escutcheon on his shield. He had no need to difference his arms with a mullet. Furthermore, in the blazon there is no mention of either crest or shield being charged with a mullet.

The Great Duke's arms could not be confused with his brothers'. Firstly, his elder brother, Richard, was by then a peer in his own right, with his own arms, and secondly, his younger brothers would continue to difference their father's arms with their own marks of cadency.

Finally, the present Duke of Wellington made the following observation on the subject of the mullet:

"I have long regretted that the Regimental Badge was incorrect. . . . I would suggest that the mullet be omitted."

The redesigned badge, incorporating all the alterations discussed above, was approved by the Regimental Council on June 4, 1954, and has now been adopted.

A reproduction has been included in this issue of THE IRON DUKE.

Coloured transfers of the badge the same size as the reproduction can be obtained from the Administrative Officer at the Depot, price 6d. each. Large transfers can also be obtained and cost 1s. each.

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1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

Since the beginning of September life in Gibraltar has continued its erratic course. One day, boring, dull, heavy with the coming Levanter, is followed by one in which the whole twenty-four hours is not long enough for all that must be done. A curious place, Gibraltar—by no means the worst station in what used to be called the Empire. Not so hot as Aden, more soccer grounds than Dalhousie, cheaper than Singapore, more entertainment than Tel-el-Kebir, why is it so unpopular? Perhaps because it is so close to home geographically and spiritually. In Hong Kong no one can fly home for the weekend: here for the price of a London suit one can be home in six hours. It is most unsettling. Again, the shop people here speak English, they use half-crowns and threepenny bits. They are more demonstrably loyal than we are ourselves, and the police wear the same uniform as in Halifax. Yet they appear to be Spaniards. No such doubts perplex us in Seoul or Singapore: it is all quite different! "To hell with Engineer Lane—where is Gibbet Street?" Anyway, we are going home next September.

The only major events during the period have been the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Royal, for whom we provided a Royal Guard of Honour, and the laying-up of the Royal Sussex Colours. The 1st Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, have just been presented with a new stand of Colours. It was therefore decided, on account of their being one of the "Siege Regiments," that their old ones would be laid up in the King's Chapel, Gibraltar. The Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Lashmer Whistler, accompanied by four of his Officers, flew out from England with the Colours. On October 24, we had the honour of providing the N.C.O.s of the Colour Party and the Escort to the Colour.

In competitive sport we have kept our end up. Detailed accounts of the Command Rifle Meeting, cricket and swimming appear elsewhere. Despite the "Spanish Incident," we understand that agreement has been reached with the authorities over Rugby and golf, which must be played in Spain. Lest readers may consider that success is going to our heads, we must confess that in the Inter-Unit Cookery Competition our placing was abysmal. We trust that by December 25 the standard will have improved and that the NAAFI poultry will have escaped the fate of Major Emett's.

Finally, your Sub-Editor, with mixed feelings of relief and regret, passes on his quill to his successor and wishes all members of the Regiment, past, present and unborn, a Happy Christmas and a glorious future.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since our last notes were written the hectic tempo of sporting life of late summer here in Gibraltar has finally ended. We have embarked upon a very full winter season of social life and sport of practically every description. Alas, as yet, no rugger!

In October, we were pleased to receive a short visit from Gen. Sir Lashmer Whistler, Colonel of the

Royal Sussex Regiment, Lt.-Col. Glennie, and Major Harrison-Stanton, on the occasion of the laying-up of the old stand of Colours of their First Battalion in the King's Chapel. The Escort to the Colours for this parade was provided by the "Dukes," we hope marking the beginning of a long and lasting association between the two Regiments. We would like to take this opportunity of recording our thanks for the excellent silver and enamel menu card holder which they presented to us to commemorate the event. On Sunday, October 24, we held a Cocktail Party in their honour, at which we were able to display the Colours prior to the laying-up ceremony that evening. His Excellency, The Governor, was one of the many guests to be present.

We were entertained royally by the Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes during October, whilst in November we exchanged innumerable visits with Her Majesty's ships, including those of the Home Fleet, who were with us for a month. With the coming of winter we have reintroduced three dinner nights a week, Thursday being the weekly guest night, with the Band in attendance. We also have a Regimental Guest Night every month.

We congratulate Major and Mrs. Grieve and Capt. and Mrs. Booth on the birth of their respective daughters, Elizabeth and Hilary, and Major and Mrs. Milligan on their marriage in October. Capt. Booth has now passed the Regular Commission Board, and after a month's leave has returned from England's sterling draught ale to the doubtful pleasure of Gibraltar's bottled beer. Chris Wood and David Cowell came first and a very close second in the Command Rifle Championship, while John Barkshire won both the three and one mile events in the Gibraltar Athletics Association Meeting. Both he and Tony Mesquita are intensely respected in the Mess for still being sound in body and mind after a month's charter of Richard Aykroyd's decrepit "Hot Rod."

Since September, Officers have been coming and going with uncompromising regularity. Lts. Naughton, Dasent, Berry, Lupton and Southerst are all on courses in U.K. Hugh Le Messurier has gone to be G.2 at the School of Infantry; Michael Hardy is now G.3 Southern Command; and Dennis Shuttleworth has left us to become an instructor at Mons Officers' Cadet School. We welcome the company of Bryant Fell, Henry Kelly and Raymond Green in their place, and also Mike Smythe just arrived on H.M.S. *Glory* from Malaya after two years' service with the East Yorkshire Regiment. At present we have with us Capitaine Jean Delerne, 6^{eme} Regiment de Tirailleurs, from Casablanca, who is studying British military technique and acquitting himself creditably at bridge and after dinner sports.

Sgt. Fenn has taken over the arduous duties of Mess Sergeant, and despite a harrassing winter routine has still retained his cheerful mien.

Before we close these notes we in the Mess feel we must express sincere sympathy to Tony Mesquita, pulterer-cum-vet., on the unfortunate demise of two of the Mess's six turkeys (R.I.P.). We do, how-

ever, look forward with anxious expectation to the success of his persevering efforts up to December 25.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The Mess is now half as big again as when we last recorded our doings and opinions. The Royal Engineers, in a grand spurt to pass the post before Christmas, have at last presented us with the new caterer's room which R.S.M. Pearce planned last Christmas; and have completed the new silver room. We are unfortunate with the silver room, however. After storing Sgt.-Mjr. Randall's massive pile of laundry until he has enough money to pay for it, there is no room for the trophies, which still remain *chez mallet* in the old storeroom. We have now, of course, far more trophies to display than when we arrived on the Rock, thanks to C/Sgt. Norman and company, and we honestly believe that the trophies which he and his *confrères* won have never been as clean as they are now. Our caterer is supposed to change monthly and so until the beginning of October they did. When Sgt. Garrity discovered that a new room was almost ready for occupation he decided to defend the job to the last man and the last round. We seem to have done well as a training ground for Officers' Mess Sergeants. Sgt. Fenn moved up in the social scale as soon as he had completed his tour of duty, and now proudly flaunts his officially-approved long hair in the R.S.M.'s face.

We congratulate Sgt. France on his "A" grading obtained at Netheravon. He is making a habit of this. Sgts. Jones and T. A. Pratt also receive our felicitations on reaching their new rank.

We had a most enjoyable "Tramps' Ball" in October. C/Sgt. Robins took charge of the arrangements and managed to make the anteroom look very effectively tattered and torn for the occasion (where did those items of wooden furniture come from?). Some members and their wives excelled themselves in their get-up, and the guard looked most suspiciously at the motley crew who came in the barrack gates. A small dance band and a large roast chestnut barrow helped to make the occasion. We also thank S.Q.M.S. Wood and S/Sgt. Fagg for the excellent fish and chips supper.

Following hard on the heels of that most memorable party came the Home Fleet, once more to swell our profits and raise our roof with their yells of "Oggie, Oggie." The R.S.M. and Sgt. Perrin went to sea for a day on H.M.S. *Aisne*.

We are sorry to say goodbye rather suddenly to Sgt. Gray when he went home to England for compassionate reasons. We hope that all will be well and that he will settle down happily. Sgts. Wilson and Nicholson are both at Hythe, one on a Platoon Weapons Course and the other studying signals. Sgt. Wilson tells us that his instructor in platoon weapons is Sgt. Penn, who left the Battalion in January, 1953. We hope that will not prejudice Wilson's chances of a good result. Sgt. Nicholson should be able to pick up a lot of wrinkles from our old signals sergeant, Sheehan, who is still instructing there.

The Orderly Room Sergeants' table needs an extension on it. Both O.R.Q.M.S. Hall and C/Sgt. Hallsworth have been sitting side by side at it like a pair of Siamese twins for the past two months.

They seem unable to decide who IS Orderly Room Sergeant. At any rate, O.R.Q.M.S. Hall managed to get in a fortnight's leave and C/Sgt. Hallsworth is a most worthy member of our indoor games league team. The Indoor Games League is proving a very popular turn. We visit each Mess in succession and also entertain them on our ground. We are handicapped for home games by having no billiards table in the Mess, and we have to use the NAAFI table, which is typical of the worst kind of NAAFI equipment. One irate opponent, indeed, told us it was the worst table on the Rock. His only consolation was that it is just as bad for us as for him.

Sgt.-Mjr. Frier and Sgt. Batty keep going down to the docks in the early hours of the morning to catch fish, but so far Sgt.-Mjr. Frier has caught nothing more eatable than a heavy cold. We look forward to the day when we can supplement our diet with sea trout or some other kind of the fish he can describe at such length.

CORPORALS' CLUB

After a period of inactivity, the Corporals' Club has at last started to hold a periodical "Smoker," which has been gratefully welcomed by members. Our Mess Meetings now produce a plethora of suggestions, which shows promise of many more entertaining evenings to make the winter months pass quickly.

Since the last edition we have held two social evenings, both of which were most enjoyable. At our last social, held in the "Key's Tavern," we were able to invite members from various Messes on the Rock.

Our members at Casemates have at last moved back into their Mess, which has been redecorated. But, alas! Those at Moorish Castle still have no Mess, as the lift has yet to be repaired. N.C.O.s at Casemates are enjoying a little more privacy in the Dining Hall, as they have now an area partitioned off.

We would like to wish Cpls. Barker, Eastwood, Greensmith and L/Cpl. Turner the best of luck in civilian life, also to Cpl. Hartley, who is now a training instructor at the Depot. We would like to offer our congratulations to Cpls. Pratt and Jones on their promotion to sergeant, and would like to welcome all our new members.

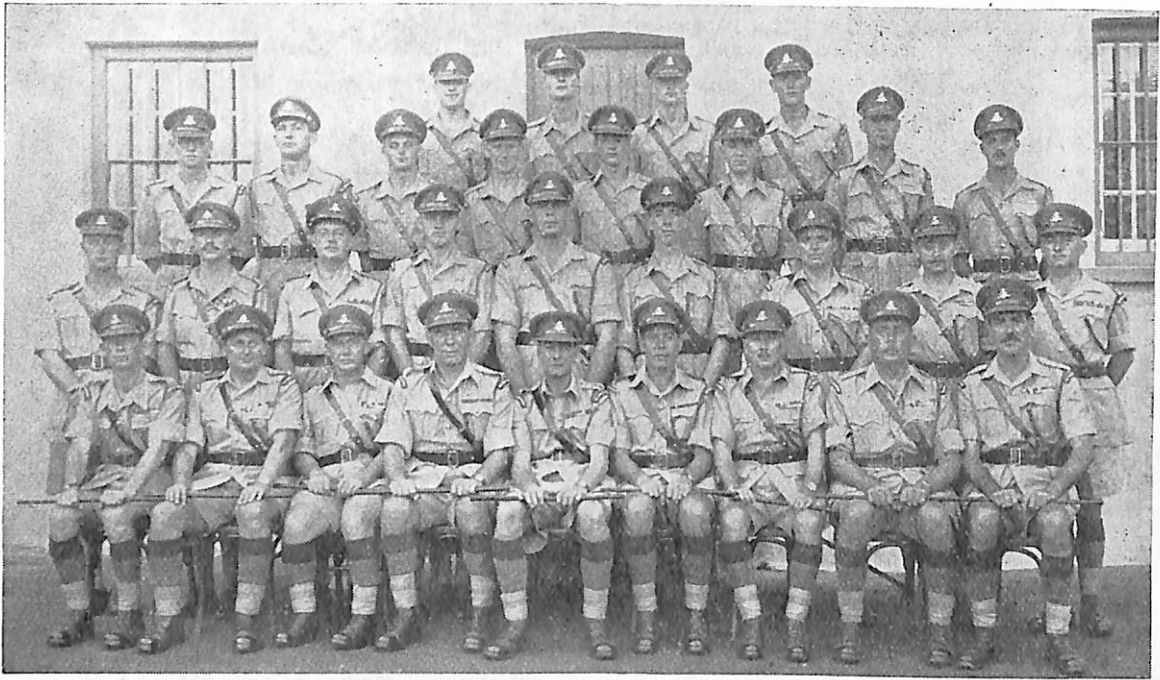
"A" COMPANY

Recruits may come, recruits may go, but Company Headquarters goes on for ever. Recruits certainly have come and gone at a rapid rate—262 since May and a further 111 expected soon.

On our last Pass-Out Parade, Brigadier Matthews, the C.R.A., inspected the parade and presented the best recruit prizes to Pte. Bucci (1 Platoon) and Pte. Mawe (2 Platoon).

We were sorry to lose this third intake, but the Rifle Companies have gained some first-class men.

Unfortunately, our opening gambit is not quite correct, for Company Headquarters has had its changes too. L/Cpl. Turner has left us for R.H.E., and Pte. Bailey has taken over his duties as pay clerk. Cpl. Hartley has gone to the Depot as an instructor, and many of our other instructors have



THE OFFICERS

2 Lt. Fell, 2 Lt. Reddington, 2 Lt. Pell, 2 Lt. Faithfull
 Lt. Shuttleworth, Lt. Cowell, 2 Lt. Raybould, Lt. Wood, 2 Lt. Barkshire, 2 Lt. Kelly, Lt. Mitchell, Lt. Miller
 Capt. Hardy, Capt. Streatfeild, Capt. Scott-Evans, Lt. Hind, Lt. Campbell-Lammerton, 2/Lt. Mesquita,
 Capt. Isles, Capt. Blakey, Lt. (Q.M.) Kenchington
 Major Le Messurier, Major Firth, Major Grieves, Major Davidson, Lt.-Col. Moran, Major Roberts,
 Major Jones-Stamp, Major Kavanagh, Major Emmett

returned to their own Companies after giving us sterling service.

Lt. Hind has joined us as a Platoon Commander, and Sgts. France and Sullivan are our two Platoon Sergeants. It must have been a wrench for Support Company to lose them.

C/Sgt. Alton is now running backwards and forwards from our stores to the Drums, doing two exacting jobs at once (we have had to lend C/Sgt. Robins to the Signal Platoon). Buglass and Hetherington still sweat over the laundry, L/Cpl. Spence and Cpl. Ledgard run the Company Office, whilst Young and Rampley hang on to their "old jobs."

Congratulations to Young (16) on his excellent win in the Unit Novices' Boxing Competition, and to Cpl. Connor for a fine effort in his special bout against Scargill, of "H.Q." Company.

The Ceremony of the Keys is our next objective, this Company providing the Outpost Platoon. It is a simple yet impressive ceremony, and we are glad to have been chosen for it. Thirty men are required and there is keen competition amongst the sixty recruits to gain a place in the Platoon.

Our present organisation is as follows:—
 Company Commander Capt. D. E. Isles.
 Second-in-Command 2/Lt. J. E. Pell.
 C.S.M. C.S.M. J. Clark.
 C.Q.M.S. C/Sgt. Alton.

1 Platoon Lt. Hind, Sgt. Sullivan,
 Cpls. Moss, Holland.
 2 Platoon Sgt. France, Sgt. Miles,
 Cpls. Green, Marshall.

"B" COMPANY

We welcome the return of our Company Commander after a month's leave in England, and extend our greetings to Mrs. Milligan. Good luck to them both.

2/Lt. Kelly joined us from Eaton Hall in October, and was soon installed as temporary M.T.O. Cpls. Johnson and Spurr have rejoined us, the former from a Platoon Weapons Course in the U.K. and the latter after a spell of training in "S" Company.

Capt. Blakey (recently on a diet and now Messing Officer) has left us to become Second-in-Command of "H.Q." Company. In August, 2/Lt. Camidge returned to the Depot, where Cpl. Busfield followed him prior to taking War Office Selection Board. Cpl. Eastwood returns to civilian life with a few of the old hands in a week's time. The Sergeant-Major is taking a well-earned rest after only one week's leave in two years.

We congratulate Sgt. T. Pratt, Cpl. Meredith, L/Cpls. Stoye, Waterhouse and Pearce on their promotion.

Early in November the Company furnished a Guard of Honour for the Commander-in-Chief,

Home Fleet, who was pleased with the parade, and was known to have made many complimentary remarks.

In the Cricket Inter-Company League Competition, we defeated all the teams except the winners, Support Company. There were some exciting matches and great keenness was shown by all who played. Sgt. T. Pratt, L/Cpls. Myers and Allen showed good all-round form, while 2/Lt. Camidge bowled steadily. These four represented the Battalion 2nd XI frequently. Cpl. Carter played several hard-hitting innings, while Pte. Beadle also showed good form with the bat in critical situations. Several cricketers have joined us from recent "A" Company intakes.

Everyone in the Company has had plenty of football, but the 1st XI has not really settled down yet despite the presence of more than reasonable talent. However, Sgt. T. Pratt has played regularly for the Battalion, and Howley, Emery and Harley have also represented the Battalion team.

Rugger has been non-existent. Ptes. Bates, Stead, Wright, Fox, Wood (29) and Emert entered for the Novices' Boxing Competition, Wood and Emert reaching the finals. So far we have had little hockey, but hope to coach the majority of the Company during the coming months. Meanwhile, 2/Lt. Faithful has played regularly for the Battalion XI. Pte. Moore has kept goal in all the Battalion 2nd XI matches. 2/Lt. Kelly, L/Cpl. Allen, Ptes Sergeant and Northrop have also played. We hope to start winter rowing in the near future.

The Company helped the Battalion maintain its good name in the Command Shooting Meeting, Cpl. Marshall doing especially well to win the Junior N.C.O.s' Cup. The Company team was: Sgt.-Mjr. Frier, C/Sgt. Webster, Sgt. Bailes, Cpls. Marshall, Busfield, Ptes. Lyall and Gibson. Cpl. Meredith, Ptes. Kinder, Kitchen and Knowles deserve mention for their work on the firing point and in the butts.

We would also like to mention the appearance of our budding "Barrymore," 2/Lt. Reddington, in the local production of the "Chiltern Hundreds." He has, we believe, been voted "the man whose ear we would most like to bite" by the local girls' school.

Pte. Knight, our Company clerk, having had his leg in plaster due to 2/Lt. Faithful's misplaced energy during a basketball encounter, now has the last laugh. Founder Knight and Secretary Faithful have now been joined by Cpl. Meredith, recently arrived from the hospital, to the envy of both in the season's latest style.

The Order of Battle is as follows:

Company Commander	Major Milligan.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. Frier.
C.Q.M.S.	C/Sgt. Webster.

No. 4 Platoon

Platoon Commander .	2/Lt. Reddington.
Platoon Sergeant ...	Sgt. T. Pratt.
Corporals	Cpls. Ryder, Spurr, Marshall.

No. 5 Platoon

Platoon Commander .	2/Lt. Faithful.
Platoon Sergeant ...	Sgt. F. Pratt.
Corporals	Cpls. Wilkinson, East- wood, Wood.



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No. 6 Platoon

Platoon Commander .	2/Lt. Kelly.
Platoon Sergeants ...	Sgts. Peach, M.M., Bailes.
Corporals	Cpls. Johnson, Meredith.

"C" COMPANY

In our last notes we bewailed the shortage of men. A glance at the present parade state now shows a strength of one hundred and four. This, of course, does not reflect the numbers available for training, which has been seriously hampered by Guards of Honour, fatigues and coping with the backlog of the London dock strike.

The Company furnished a Royal Guard of Honour on September 27 and October 3 for H.R.H. The Princess Royal, who expressed herself very pleased with it. Several men also took part in Guards of Honour for the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, and for the Chief Justice at the beginning of the Legal Year.

The highlight of this period was the Command Rifle Meeting, at which "C" Company was not entirely disgraced. We won the Falling Plate Competition out of thirty teams competing. The team comprised Lt. Wood, C.S.M. Randall, C/Sgt. Lancaster and Pte. Gibbon. We were seventh in the Sten Competition, and in the Minor Units we were third. In the Sub-Units Competition we were fifth out of twenty-six teams competing. These results were in no small way due to the energy and enthusiasm of Sgt.-Major Randall. Some very promising young shots have joined the Company, and we hope to have

an even better team for the Battalion Rifle Meeting in February.

We have a fairish soccer team this season and we are expecting great things from them in the Minor Units League. It will be remembered that last season we entered a joint team with "D" Company which we should undoubtedly have won had we not taken over one draw from our predecessors, which caused us to lose the league to H.M.S. *Rooke*, with whom we drew. This year we have played four games, winning four. The team has been trained by Sgt. Bastow, who we shall be very sorry to lose shortly. He has been a tower of strength to our games since he joined the Company in March, 1953. Smith, Harman and Woodhouse have all been playing regularly for the Battalion team.

We also have some up and coming young boxers. At the Battalion Novices' Meeting we were treated to some very good hard fights. Especially notable were the Bowering twins, Morgan and Sugden, and those two battling giants, Booth and Murphy. The latter has now been joined in the Company by a compatriot, which will give him someone to talk to.

We made a start at hockey and try to play at least once a week on Monday mornings. Owing to fatigues and other commitments this has not always been possible. The Colour-Sergeant has been trying to train a side, and we hope he may be successful. 2/Lt. Barkshire has been playing for the Battalion 1st XI and 2/Lt. de Mesquita for the 2nd XI. The former is also in training for the road running. At the Gibraltar Athletic Association Meeting he won both the one and the three mile events.

At long last the Company Commander has managed to evacuate the dank cell which served as Company Office. We have moved to a similar room at the other end of the block. It has several advantages though. Firstly, one does not have to flatten oneself between the two walls of a main sewer 1 foot 6 inches apart in order to get in. Secondly, a kindly D.C.R.E. has promised to insert two large windows looking out onto a concrete patio. Here that cheerful throng awaiting the daily petty sessions will stand silhouetted against a background of lush tropical blooms promised by Mr. Aykroyd, the head gardener. Lastly, after eleven and a half months of badgering the Quartermaster we have a SAFE of our own. So delightful is the promise of this temple of comfort, convenience and beauty that the Company Commander doubts his ability to tear himself away to go home to lunch. Meanwhile, as the Sergeant-Major says, it is still a bit "Hacky"!

Departures both to the Territorials and the Depot are again too numerous to list individually. There are few we would not have restrained were we able.

"D" COMPANY

During the last three months the Company has gone through many varying changes. We are now very nearly up to strength, with a complement of 93 men. Mr. Hind has gone to rest in "A" Company, and Mr. Southerst rejoined us from "A" Company only to leave us soon afterwards for a course at Hythe. To take their places we welcome 2/Lt. B. T. Fell and 2/Lt. C. R. Green from Eaton Hall *via* the Depot. Our Second-in-Command, Capt. Booth,

arrived back from a successful Regular Commission Board to greet a new addition to his family. The Company joins in congratulations on this event.

The Company Commander's promise of no second place in the swimming was amply justified. We obtained a total of 115 awards in all, and the Minor Units Swimming Shield now gazes down from the wall of his office. Major Emmet has now taken over the Battalion soccer—resulting in C.S.M. Jobling being continuously harassed by the constant ringing of the telephone by a large number of persons with various soccer queries. The Company soccer team has got well into its stride and has been victorious in all but its first match.

Soldiers of the Company have taken part in the Guard of Honour to welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, and for the opening of the Assizes, the first time that the Army have performed this office.

We appear somewhat battle scarred, for C.S.M. Jobling has now joined C/Sgt. Nichols with a plaster on his arm—a hockey injury, or so we are led to believe. Battalion sport has seen the Company well represented. Cpl. Fitzhenry and Pte. Connor were both awarded their Battalion Cricket Caps, and Pte. Anderson was selected for the Battalion Shooting Team. Cpl. Fitzhenry and Cpl. Evans are playing regularly for the Battalion Football Team. The basketball team were defeated in the final of the Battalion Inter-Company Knockout Competition by "H.Q." Company.

The Company did particularly well in the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition—we had no fewer than fourteen men competing. 2/Lt. Fell and Pte. Clark (96) both won their weight, and Pte. Davison (57) was judged to be the best loser throughout the competition. Pte. Glossop gave a fine display of boxing in a special bout on the final night, and although he was giving away over a stone he won the fight on points. A very fine performance.

We say farewell to our old faithfuls, Sgt. Simpson and Cpl. Davie, who have left us as Training N.C.O.s for the Depot; Sgt. Wilson has recently gone on a course to Hythe—we hope to see him back soon. Civvy street claims from us Cpls. Greensmith and Conroy, L/Cpl. Beardsall and Pte. Spenceley, and we wish them all the best of luck in their new life.

The Order of Battle now stands as follows:—

Company Commander	Major E. J. P. Emmet, M.C.
Second-in-Command	Capt. D. Booth.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. J. Jobling, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. F. Nichols.
<i>No. 10 Platoon</i>	
Commander	2/Lt. C. R. Green.
Sergeant	Sgt. D. J. Wood.
Corporals	Cpls. Fitzhenry, Holliday.
<i>No. 11 Platoon</i>	
Commander	2/Lt. B. T. Fell.
Sergeant	Sgt. A. Arundel.
Corporals	Cpls. Bailey, M.M., Hall, Evans.
<i>No. 12 Platoon</i>	
Commander	2/Lt. J. G. Raybould.
Sergeant	Sgt. G. Pickersgill, M.M.
Corporals	Cpls. Chilvers, Lee.

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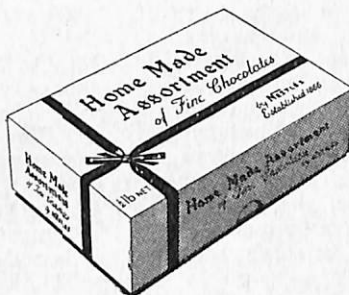
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SUPPORT COMPANY

During the past few weeks Cadres have been impossible as reinforcements have not been coming our way, but have been going to the Rifle Companies to raise their meagre numbers. Instead, a few N.C.O.s have been lent to "A" Company to assist in the continuation training of newly-arrived drafts from the Depot. All this means that we are far below strength, even for the lowest establishment on the Rock.

In the meantime, Officers and N.C.O.s have been attending courses at the Support Weapons Wing at Netheravon. So far all have returned with very good results. Details are as follows:—

3in. Mortar Course ...	Sgt. Sullivan	"B" Grading
Machine Gun Course	Lt. Miller ...	"B" Grading
	Sgt. Houghton	"B" Grading
120mm. Bat. Gun Course	Lt. Mitchell ...	"B" Grading
	Sgt. France ...	"A" Grading

Congratulations are due to all and, in particular, to Sgt. France who, as a result of his course, was asked to return to the School as an instructor.

In the Command Shooting Meeting our team, consisting of C/Sgt. Norman, Sgt. France and Pte. Coe, won the Sten Match. In the Young Soldiers' Cup we produced nearly all the Battalion Team—Ptes. Hellowell, Ellis, Litherland, Barnsley and Hallos—and were placed third. C/Sgt. Norman is to be thanked for the very hard work he put in.

The Company has again done well in the Inter-Company sporting events. At swimming, due mainly to the outstanding performances of Cpl. Flood, we won the Battalion Championship. The following represented the Company: Cpls. Flood, Innes, L/Cpls. Morrison, Bray, Ptes. Ackroyd, Baker, Brook (27), Dixon, Hallos and Laherty. We also won the Inter-Company Cricket League Competition, beating all the other Companies in turn. The following played in these matches: Major Grieve, Capt. Hardy, Lts. Dasent, Mitchell, Miller, Sgt.-Mjr. Williams, Sgts. Batty, France, Spring, Cpl. Spurr, L/Cpls. Bray, Wilson, Brook, Ptes. Ackroyd, Baker, Birdsall, Dawson, Clarkson and Rusby.

Before closing we must record the departure of Capt. Hardy, who has left us for a staff appointment at Headquarters, Southern Command. He is much missed by all members of the Company. Cpl. Barker, pay clerk, and L/Cpl. Brook, Company clerk, have returned to civilian life, and their places have been taken by Ptes. Leaf and Riding. We wish them luck and prosperity, and all members of the Company expect a slight reduction in their fare when they book their tickets at Todmorden Station.

MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Since our last notes we have had no new arrivals in the Platoon and no one has left us. Sgt. Houghton has returned from his course at Netheravon, and we congratulate him on obtaining his "B" Grading.

Lt. Miller was only with us for three weeks after returning from Netheravon. He decided he needed more time to recover from his leave in U.K. and went

to hospital for a month with malaria, or so they tell us.

Sgt. Spring has been away from us for seven weeks and has been instructing the Gibraltar Defence Force Territorials during their annual camp.

We have at last been able to fire our guns again, and this time at a greater range than 30 yards, as we had been doing previously on the miniature range. We took part in the Infantry Officers' Day fire power demonstration using a Section. We fired by ourselves at the normal and rapid rates and then joined with the other weapons of the Battalion as a grand finale. Those who watched the demonstration said it was most effective. Anyway, we certainly enjoyed ourselves and everyone had a chance to fire the guns again for the first time for nearly six months.

We congratulate Pte. Brook (27) on being selected for the Battalion Soccer Team. At present he is attending an N.C.O.s' Cadre and his voice is heard every morning on the Square as he instructs a squad at drill under the guidance of the R.S.M. Cpls. Johanson and Spurr are in the Company Soccer Team. Ptes. Barnsley, Ellis and Helliwell represented the Battalion in the Garrison Rifle Meeting when they shot for the Young Soldiers' Team.

L/Cpls. Wilson and Bray have caught "fishing fever" and are often seen returning at dusk with their rods over their shoulders, but with not much to show for many hours' waiting. May bigger and better fish come their way.

Pte. Rusby, our Platoon storeman, is fighting a continual battle against the weather in order to prevent our equipment from rusting in the humid atmosphere.

We are now looking forward to January, when, we have been told, we are to be made up to establishment and training will be the top priority.

Finally, we send our best wishes to all ex-Machine Gunners and hope their "Tap" is still consistent.

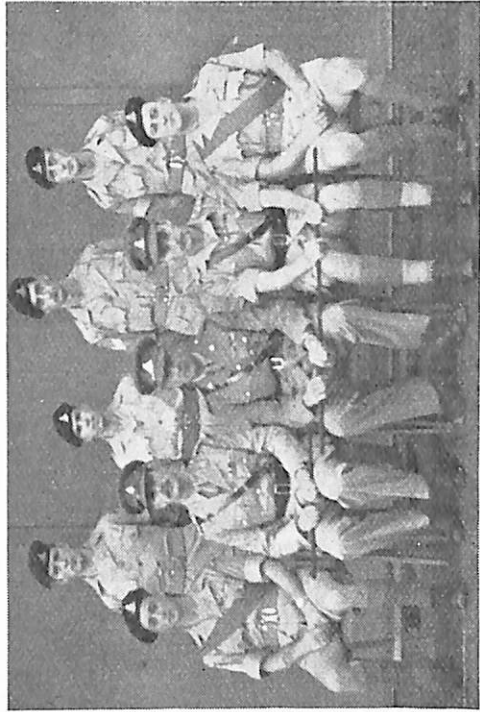
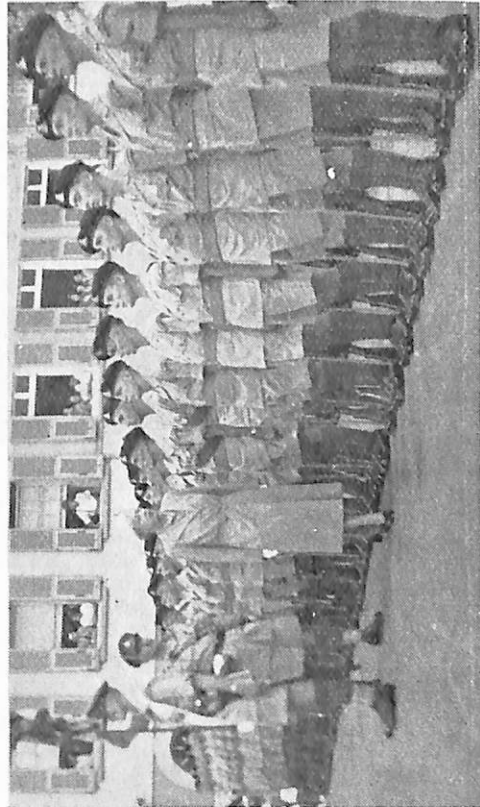
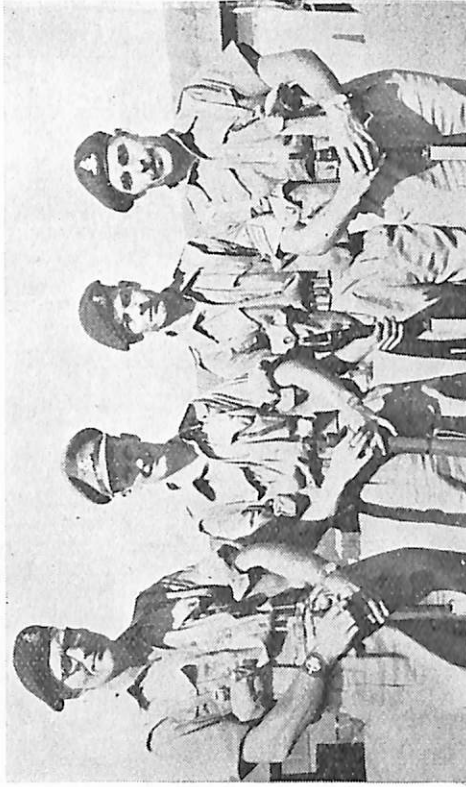
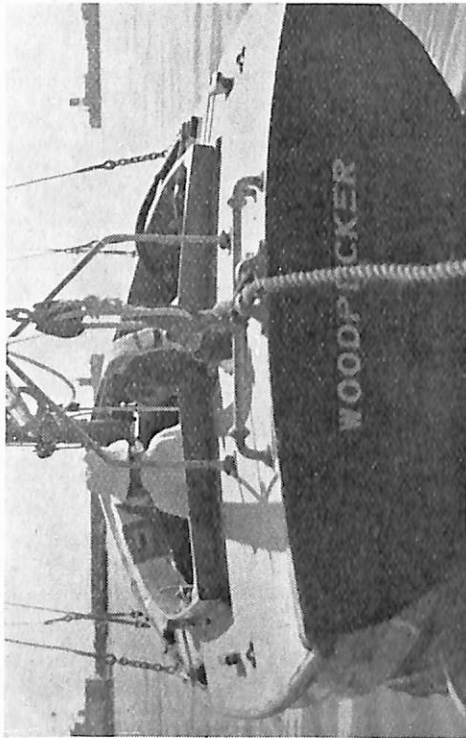
3IN. MORTAR PLATOON

Since our last notes, training within the Platoon has been very limited. We have, however, been able to fire our mortars. We took part in an Infantry Officers' Day, and most of the men in the Platoon were able to see their bombs blasting the sea once again.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Morrison and Pte. Litherland on reaching the final of the light-welterweight in the Novices' Boxing Competition, L/Cpl. Morrison being the winner on points after a good, hard fight. L/Cpl. Egley and Pte. Ackroyd will be leaving us soon. We wish them both the best in civilian life.

For the last month we have not seen much of Sgt. Sullivan ("The Voice"), as he is now lent to "A" Company to train recruits. We hope he will make them all good soldiers and, of course, earmark the best men for the Mortar Platoon.

We congratulate the following on becoming marksmen with the rifle in the Classification this month: Cpl. Innes, Ptes. Henderson, Baker, Robinson (26) and Longman. Pte. Henderson got the highest score of the day with 112 out of a possible



1. "Woodpecker," 2. "C" Company, winners of the Watkins Cup (Falling Plate) at the Command Rifle Meeting. Left to right: C.S.M. Randall, Lt. Wood, Pte. Gibbon and C/Sgt. Lancaster. 3. Arrival of H.R.H. The Princess Royal at Gibraltar on 27 September, 1954. H.R.H. inspecting the Guard of Honour, accompanied by Major Jones-Stamp; 2 Lt. Pell carrying the Queen's Colour. 4. "Safe and Skilled Driving Competition Teams: Back row: Pte. L. Fox, L.Cpl. W. Ellis, Cpl. J. R. Brittain Pte. R. Walker; Front row: Sgt. J. Waite, Capt. J. L. Streatfield, M.C. (M.T.O.); Lt.-Col. R. de la H. Moran, O.B.E. (C.O.); Capt. W. Blakey, Sgt. R. Webb.

115 (Rifle Companies will have to watch the Mortars at the next Rifle Meeting!).

Sgt. Dickie is now back with us after his short stay with the Gibraltar Defence Force. I may add that he is now well-known by most of the locals in Gibraltar.

We are all looking forward to January, as we are told that we shall then be up to full strength, and so at long last we shall be able to get down to some serious training.

The Company Football Team includes six of our members—L/Cpl. Morrison, Ptes. Robinson (26), Ackroyd, Coe, Baker and Henderson. We are no Spartaks but at the time of writing we have played three and won three matches. Sgt. Batty and Pte. Godden still play for the Battalion at hockey, and we must congratulate Sgt. Batty on being selected for the Combined Services.

Finally, we send our best wishes to all Mortarmen past and present.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

Since our last report, training as such has been limited, our time having been spent in practising for the Infantry Day. This provided a sharp anti-climax to all our practice of the preceding weeks in which we fired the mobile 17-pounder into the sea from a cliff just south of Catalan Bay and had watched with a certain amount of amusement, and apprehension on the part of the Platoon Commander, our H.E. shells ricocheting perilously close to passing ships.

On the day itself there was a sea fog, and when we fired the "bedding in" round into it, the shell as normally ricocheted and exploded far in the fog, the explosion being closely followed by a ship's hooter. This halted our activities for the day and we sadly went back to barracks.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Chivers and Wren on their promotion and the following on becoming marksmen with the rifle in the Classification this month: L/Cpls. Chivers, Wren.

Cpl. Flood is at present away in U.K. loosening his muscles on the 120mm. Bat., while Sgt. France is attached to "A" Company training the recruits, and only occasionally appears to offer "technical" advice on Tewts. We congratulate him on the result of his 120mm. Bat. Course. He passed out with an "A."

Pte. Pardon has returned returned from leave in U.K. after a most adventurous trip home in a privately-owned yacht, which had a certain amount of difficulty with gales and had to put into Oporto, in Portugal, for repairs.

Though we are now well settled here, the general impression is that it will be pleasant to leave and be able to train properly in some European country and not just make believe on the M.T. Square.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Since our last contribution many changes have taken place. The command of the Company has been assumed by Major Firth. Capt. Scott-Evans is P.R.I. and Major Le Messurier, after a short period commanding the Company, left to become G.S.O.2

at the School of Infantry. Lt. Cowell is Assistant Adjutant and Lt. Campbell-Lamerton is Acting Temporary Pronto, while Lt. Berry learns the mysteries of signalling at Hythe. We now boast the luxury of a Second-in-Command and welcome Capt. Blakey. Our shooting team did some good work in the recent Garrison Meeting, gaining first in the Sub-Unit Cup, third in the Sten and reaching the semi-finals of the Falling Plate Cup.

The activity which is predominant at the moment is soccer. We have played five Minor League games and have won three of them. We are hoping to complete the rest of the calendar without conceding further points.

Our comings and goings have continued and are far too numerous to mention individually. Promotions have been rather more than normal and we congratulate Sgt. Jones, Cpls. Gunn, Falkingham, Nelson, L/Cpls. Lee, Evans and Booth on their recent promotions.

With the introduction of winter hours the employed are no longer winkled from their beds at the unearthly hour of 0545. They are allowed to recline until 0630 and are required for parade at the humane hour of 0800. The Wednesday R.S.M.'s parade finds quite a goodly number carrying a rifle and having a welcome change from their normal activities.

Christmas will soon be on us. The parcel post is already heavy and we are looking forward to a really festive season. So in conclusion may we take this opportunity of wishing the compliments of the season to all past and present members of Headquarter Company wherever they may be.

SIGNAL PLATOON

The Platoon has certainly seen a great deal of movement these past two or three months—what with the Cadre finishing and Lts. Naughton, Berry and Sgt. Nicholson away on their respective courses in the U.K. the Platoon is only represented by a few old faithfuls.

We all welcome back C/Sgt. Robins, who has joined us again until Sgt. Nicholson returns. His main task besides the Cadre is to instruct the acting Signals Officer, Lt. Campbell-Lamerton, the *locum tenens*.

Congratulations to Cpls. Falkingham, Gunn and Nelson on their second stripe. Well done!

The Cadre finished extremely well, with 16 men getting their flags. Unfortunately we could only keep six of them for further training; the remainder went out to Rifle Companies.

In games the Platoon has done extremely well, beating our rivals, the Drums, many times at soccer. We also won the Headquarters Company Basketball League. We congratulate Ashton, Mitchell, Firth and Scargill on attaining places in various Battalion teams. Scargill has proved a person not to argue with. He entered the Novices' Boxing and had to be taken out, leaving behind him a trail of lifeless bodies.

Finally, we wish good fortune and every happiness to Cpl. Cannon on his forthcoming marriage.

THE BAND

After a very enjoyable and well-earned leave we, once again, have our diary full of engagements and very few free evenings. It is rumoured that, on a recent day off, some members of the Band were found wandering helplessly about, dressed in their No. 1 Dress, having automatically changed after tea in anticipation of their usual nightly engagement.

During the visit of the Home Fleet we have performed occasionally for the Navy. On one unique occasion we played with the Bandmaster and half the Band on H.M.S. *Agincourt* and the other half on H.M.S. *Aisne*. The Bandmaster is still trying to recover from the sight of the Band moving up and down, in opposite directions, in front of him.

We have to say goodbye to L/Cpl. Hawkridge, who decided that he could earn more money baking bread for housewives in England, and Bdsm. Baxter, who has completed his colour service. We wish them all possible luck in their future.

We now have seven Band Boys who, we hope, will add lustre to the Band in future.

We recently had the honour of performing in front of the Princess Royal for a Garden Party and a dinner at the Convent. Early in the New Year we are combining with the Royal Marines to beat Retreat on the naval football grounds.

We have had made some magnificent music stand banners in red velvet which were displayed for the first time at the Cocktail Party in honour of Gen. Sir Lashmer Whistler.

THE DRUMS

Despite the increasingly heavy calls of Civvy Street, the Drums still continue to be very effective.

The long and exacting round of ceremonial continues, the highlight since our last notes being two Guards of Honour for H.R.H. the Princess Royal. Perhaps the most impressive ceremony, however, was the laying-up of the Colours of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, a truly memorable occasion.

Unfortunately, there has been a decline in the sporting world, the only branch in which we may hold up our heads being basketball. Although collectively weak we are still able to supply individuals for representative Company and Battalion teams. Drummers Reddy, Garside and Chantler assist the Company Basketball Team. Reddy and Garside appear in the Company soccer side and occasionally in the Battalion side.

Cpls. Gunning and Umpleby, together with L/Cpl. Welsh, are to be congratulated on their recent promotions.

The writer is of the opinion that Drum-Majors are, like the mythical Phoenix, extinct. Drum-Major Alton makes periodic appearances on parades, afterwards retiring gracefully into the depths from whence he came, namely, "A" Company Stores. Here he wrestles with the "Q" problems of the Company.

This opportunity is taken to welcome Major D. C. Roberts, who has once again become Adjutant. Older members will recollect he carried out the same duties at Strensall.

We eagerly await the arrival of Christmas, while counting up credits and dreaming of U.K. leave.

MOTOR TRANSPORT

The highlight of our activity this autumn has been the "Safe and Skilled Driving Competition" for all Army Units in Gibraltar, which was held on September 10. In most of the tests one was required to do something which was almost impossible, but not quite, such as passing a vehicle between two barriers with half an inch to spare on either side, and the prospect of this counter had lain somewhat heavily on our shoulders. However, we managed somehow to work the oracle and the two teams entered came in 1st and 2nd respectively—strangely enough, but for an unfortunate mistake both teams would have tied for first place. The result was celebrated afterwards in suitable fashion at the "Bull and Bush," and this had to compensate for the fact that no trophy was awarded. The teams were as follows:—

<i>1st Team</i>	<i>2nd Team</i>
Capt. J. L. Streatfeild, M.C.	Capt. W. Blakey
Sgt. Webb	Sgt. Waite
Cpl. Brittain	L/Cpl. Ellis
Pte. Fox	Pte. Walker

One rather puzzling aspect of the competition was that each team consisted not of those who normally drive W.D. vehicles, but of an Officer (who never drives), a Warrant Officer or Sergeant (who seldom drives), a Corporal and a Private.

In order to make good our losses of drivers and to build up a reserve within the Battalion, we have been holding 6-week courses continually since the end of July. This has just enabled us to keep up to strength, but the reserve is still rather nebulous. From now on, however, it should increase steadily. We were very sorry to say goodbye to many long-standing members of the M.T. who have left us recently for the rigours of civilian life, among whom are Cpl. Fox, Ptes. Fox, Dally, Goddard, Thompson, Ellison, Middleton, Norfolk and Edmondson. We wish them the best of luck. Finally, all our congratulations to Cpl. Almond, of R.E.M.E., who has been with the Regiment a long time, on his recent marriage. We offer him all best wishes for his happiness.

SPORT

CRICKET

Our last notes covered the cricket season up to August 21, when the season had some five weeks to go and the deciding matches in both the League and Cup were still to be completed.

The arrival of Lt. Mitchell in mid-August gave the side a more balanced appearance and no longer dependent so much on the batsmen.

On September 4 we played the R.A.F., our main rivals on the Rock, in what appeared to be the deciding match for the League. Batting first, we made a good start, putting on 50 runs for the first wicket. Then the middle batting failed and we were 99 for five wickets. The tail, which seldom batted seriously, came under orders to play cricket and do its stuff, raising the score to 175 and occupying the wicket for well over an hour. This was important as we did not want to give the R.A.F. longer than two and a half hours to get 170 odd on a fast scoring ground.

The R.A.F. started badly against good sustained bowling, and reached 145 for seven wickets when bad light stopped play and what seemed likely to be a tremendous finish came to nothing.

Our next match was a challenge against the Gibraltar Cricket Club, who normally play the Combined Services. This ended in a comfortable victory. The Battalion declared at 205 for six and the G.C.C. were all out for 111.

In the semi-final of the Knockout we again met the R.A.F. Batting first, R.A.F. found Lt. Mitchell and 2/Lt. Raybould on top of their form and were skittled out for a mere 62 runs. These were duly knocked off by Major Grieve and Capt. Hardy for the loss of only one wicket.

The League fell into our hands as R.A.F. drew their last match against Fortress Engineer Regiment, and in the final of the Cup we had an easy victory by eight wickets against 28 Coast Regiment, R.A. Thus we had captured our objective by winning both the League and the Knockout Cup.

Throughout the season we were never in want of batsmen to make runs. Major Grieve, Lt. Shuttleworth, Capt. Hardy, 2/Lt. Faithful, Pte. Ashton, 2/Lt. Raybould, and the tail, too, when allowed to bat, all played their part. With Lt. Mitchell and Pte. Fitzhenry to open the bowling, and 2/Lt. Raybould, Sgt.-Mjr. Williams, and Lt. Shuttleworth to follow, no side on the Rock could score many runs against us.

The fielding improved throughout the season and on occasions was very high class. Pte. Connor, a late arrival from the Depot, took many good catches close to the bat. Major Davidson, who completed the side, kept wicket solidly after Lt. Gilbert-Smith's departure.

Sgt. Batty often batted well, and Sgt. Pratt bowled with life and stamina, and both were unfortunate not to find a permanent place in the team.

One of the features of the season was the continued success of the 2nd XI, a young side with many recruits, all of whom with time may well find a place in the 1st XI.

Major Grieve, Capt. Hardy, Lt. Shuttleworth, 2/Lt. Raybould, 2/Lt. Faithful, and Lt. Mitchell all played for the Combined Services under the captaincy of Major Grieve who, together with Lt. Shuttleworth, were the Combined Services' outstanding batsmen.

Support Company won the Company League, beating Headquarters Company by a mere 13 runs in an exciting final game.

Finally, we owe a great debt to Major Grieve for his able and determined captaincy.

The final 1st XI averages were as follows:—

BATTING				
	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average
Capt. Hardy	22	4	1,183	65.7
2/Lt. Faithful	12	4	449	56.1
Major Grieve	22	5	872	51.3
Lt. Shuttleworth ...	23	5	899	49.8
Lt. Gilbert-Smith ...	12	2	472	47.2
Lt. Mitchell	4	1	143	45.6
R.Q.M.S. Dawson ...	9	2	203	29.0

Pte. Ashton	15	3	324	27.0
2/Lt. Raybould	13	4	221	24.6
Sgt. Batty	10	—	223	22.3
L/Cpl. Spence	8	—	172	21.5
Major Davidson ...	16	5	228	20.8
C.S.M. Williams ...	8	3	76	15.2
Pte. Connor	7	2	59	11.8
Lt. Dasent	13	2	129	11.7

The following also batted: Lt.-Col. Moran, Sgt. Pratt, Pte. Fitzhenry.

BOWLING

	Overs	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Lt. Mitchell	126	272	37	7.4
2/Lt. Raybould ...	135	438	37	11.84
Pte. Fitzhenry ...	209.2	542	46	11.78
C.S.M. Williams ...	244.3	643	52	12.3
Sgt. Pratt	57	164	13	12.9
Lt. Dasent	113	446	33	13.5
Lt. Shuttleworth ...	136	484	30	16.2
Major Grieve	75	337	19	17.7

SOCCER

The excitement in England over the advent of the soccer season reaches far beyond her shores, and Gibraltar was quickly caught up in the ensuing enthusiasm. The training and picking of teams has been a constant factor in our minds, and the "Dukes," with Major Emmett as Officer-in-Charge of Soccer, have not been idle. Several trials against other clubs, both local and military as well as within the Battalion, have taken place. The Battalion 1st XI played its first and only Inter-Unit League game to date against the Royal Army Service Corps, and it was obvious from the 2—0 defeat that keenness alone was not going to win us matches. Although the Fleet automatically took away two grounds, Major Emmett has arranged with two of the leading local civilian clubs to help train and prepare the team. This, we hope, will give us an advantage in fitness and skill over our future opponents on the Rock and help us to win both League and Cup, that elusive double.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Sgt./Instr. Meadows on captaining the Combined Services' side against the Gibraltar Football Association in the annual Poppy Day game, and Lt. Campbell-Lamerton, Cpl. Fitzhenry, Ptes. Woodhouse, Smith, Waite, Hawksworth and Cfm. Jones on having a trial for the Combined Services' side. The following are members of the Battalion 1st XI Club: Sgt./Instr. Meadows (captain), Sgts. Evans, Pratt, Cpls. Fitzhenry, Evans, L/Cpl. Brook, Bdsm. Berry, Dmr. Reddy, Ptes. Waite, Smith (72), Harman, Howley, France, Woodhouse and Cfm. Jones.

We hope in the next issue to be able to relate that the hard work we have put into the training of the Battalion Team has achieved some success.

SAILING

The summer sailing season came to an end in September. All the boats are now laid up and the great work of getting them ready for next May is already well advanced. Winter sailing is achieved by hiring service craft from the Royal Navy, but the delivery of these boats has been delayed. The Regiment has booked a whaler, which carries a crew of about five, and there should be some exciting if chilly racing every Saturday afternoon until next April. The all ranks' dinghy, *Maribelle*, will also be in commission throughout the winter for those real enthusiasts who do not mind how rough and cold it gets.

On September 25, an end-of-season Subscription Dance was held by members of the Hindoostan Sailing Club (The Officers' Sailing Club). The dance was held in the Mess and the various rooms were transformed by flowers distributed with a magic touch by Alec Firth and Angela Ince. The garden, with its fountain and its floodlit palm trees, formed a warm and moonlit background.

The object was to achieve a "financial cushion" and thus eliminate any crisis over funds. Faith, amongst other things, was pinned on David Cowell's "Bars," and as they turned out to be almost too crowded they certainly proved their architect's worth.

A highspot of the evening was when the Commodore and Flag Officers of the Rumble-belly-pore Yacht Club arrived to pay a formal call on the Commodore of the Hindoostan Sailing Club—the Colonel. The visitors were attired in full Rumble-belly-pore Club uniform (*inter alia*, topis and dotis), and added a good deal of atmosphere in every direction. Looking back, we have not really quite forgiven Peter Pope, who led this sally.

Profits fell somewhat short of the target, but were satisfactory, and the dance was a dazzling success in every other way.

A solid tribute must be paid to the Mess Staff, who worked long and hard to ensure that the "machinery" did not falter.

RIFLE CLUB

We can think of no better way of relating the activities of the Rifle Club during the period under review than by saying that a great deal of time and effort was put into practising for the Gibraltar Command Rifle Meeting. We give the results with a few explanations and congratulate those who contributed to our successes.

RESULTS OF THE GIBRALTAR COMMAND
RIFLE MEETING*Grand Aggregate Cup* (Grand Total 1,393 points):

1st ...	1 D.W.R. ...	957 pts.
2nd ...	R.A.F. Gibraltar ...	817 pts.
3rd ...	R.E. Gibraltar ...	756 pts.
4th ...	R.E.M.E. Gibraltar ...	640 pts.

Number of teams competing—8.

Minor Units Cup (Grand Total 481 points):

1st ...	"S" Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	410 pts.
2nd ...	R.A.F. "B" ...	388 pts.
3rd ...	"H.Q." Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	381 pts.
4th ...	"B" Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	375 pts.

Number of teams competing—25.

Inter-Unit Match (Total 912 points):

1st ...	1 D.W.R. ...	573 pts.
(Awarded Munro Cup)		
2nd ...	R.A.F. Gibraltar ...	475 pts.
3rd ...	R.E. Gibraltar ...	442 pts.
4th ...	H.M.S. <i>Barfleure</i> ...	375 pts.

Number of teams competing—8.

Sub-Unit Match (Total 286 points):

1st ...	R.A.F. "B" ...	217 pts.
(Awarded King's Regiment Cup)		
2nd ...	"S" Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	211 pts.
3rd ...	"C" Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	199 pts.
4th ...	"H.Q." Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	194 pts.

Number of teams competing—25.

Sten Match (Total 138 points):

1st ...	"S" Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	199 pts.
(Awarded Sten Cup)		
2nd ...	"H.Q." R.E. ...	186 pts.
3rd ...	"H.Q." Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	186 pts.
4th ...	"B" Company, 1 D.W.R. ...	184 pts.

Number of teams competing—25.

Falling Plate:

Winners: "C" Company, 1 D.W.R. (Awarded Watkins Cup).

Runners-up: R.E.M.E. "B."

Semi-finalists: "S" Company, 1 D.W.R., and "H.Q." Company, 1 D.W.R.

Officers' Match (Total 360 points):

1st ...	R.A.F. Gibraltar ...	278 pts.
(Awarded R.E. Cup)		
2nd ...	1 D.W.R. ...	269 pts.

Number of teams competing—8.

Young Soldiers' Match (Total 480 points):

1st ...	R.E. Gibraltar ...	247 pts.
(Awarded Young Soldiers' Cup)		
2nd ...	54 A.A. Regiment, R.A. ...	230 pts.
3rd ...	1 D.W.R. ...	230 pts.

Individual Match (Total 300 points):

Officers:

1st ...	Lt. Wood, 1 D.W.R. ...	229 pts.
(Awarded Champion Shot and Officers' Cup)		
2nd ...	Lt. Cowell, 1 D.W.R. ...	228 pts.

W.O.s and Sergeants:

1st ...	W.O.II Curnow, R.E.M.E. ...	214 pts.
(Awarded W.O.s' and Sergeants' Cup)		
2nd ...	Sgt. Bailes, 1 D.W.R. ...	213 pts.
3rd ...	C/Sgt. Norman, 1 D.W.R. ...	200 pts.

Corporals and Privates:

1st ...	Cpl. Marshall, 1 D.W.R. ...	221 pts.
(Awarded Curry Cup)		
2nd ...	Pte. Seymour, 1 D.W.R. ...	213 pts.
3rd ...	Cpl. Young, R.A.F. ...	211 pts.
4th ...	Pte. Ainsworth, 1 D.W.R. ...	192 pts.
5th ...	Cpl. Fuller, F.E.R. ...	192 pts.
6th ...	L.A.C. Pentland, R.A.F. ...	188 pts.
7th ...	Pte. Anderson, 1 D.W.R. ...	171 pts.
8th ...	Cpl. Innes, 1 D.W.R. ...	154 pts.



The Commanding Officer with competitors in the Command Rifle Meeting and some of the trophies won

In the competition for the Grand Aggregate Cup, scores in the Inter-Unit Match were added to the combined average scores of the Sub-Unit Match and Sten Matches. We entered four Sub-Unit teams in each of the latter matches, these being "H.Q.," "S," "B" and "C" Companies, between which there was little to choose but for "S" Company, who won the Minor Units Cup awarded to the Sub-Unit with the best aggregate score in these matches.

The Falling Plates Match provided the usual thrills and at one stage it looked as if the final was to be composed entirely of "Dukes," but the luck of the "H.Q." Company team did not hold and they were beaten by R.E.M.E. "B."

The Officers and Young Soldiers all shot well but did not quite reach the standard required to win first place.

The Individual and Young Soldiers' Match was a long drawn out and anxious affair. We should like to thank and congratulate C/Sgt. Norman for all the work he put into training of individuals and teams and to console him with the fact that his efforts hampered his chances of personal success in this last match.

HOCKEY

With rugger non-existent, hockey has come to the fore more than in previous years. We have enjoyed many excellent games on the hard, fast grounds here.

The Battalion XI has so far won four of its five league matches and is gradually developing into a constructive team despite a succession of injuries. 2/Lt. Faithful, inside-right, is out for a month, and Sgt.-Mjr. Joblin's continued absence from left-back threw an unwelcome strain on the defence, especially in the earlier games.

Three players who deserve mention are 2/Lt. Barkshire, Pte. Ashton and L/Cpl. Spence, none of

whom had touched a hockey stick before this season. Barkshire and Ashton have established themselves in the XI. The former's positional play at centre-half is outstanding of late, while Ashton is rapidly settling down in the most difficult position on the field, left-half. When these two have learn to disguise their passes they should, with Lt. Mitchell, who has been in consistently good form, make a powerful half line.

L/Cpl. Spence has filled the breach at left-back solidly, although lack of experience has occasionally told against him. He is unfortunately another on the injured list at the moment. At right-back, Capt. Isles has been like the Rock of Gibraltar itself, and his clean striking of the ball has been a lesson to all. In goal, Sgt. Batty has rarely shown his last year's hesitation and has earned himself a place in the Combined Services XI. Other who have played regularly for the Combined Services are Lts. Mitchell, Faithful and Cpl. Holland.

Of the forwards, Lts. Miller and Faithful have combined well on the right, the former producing great dash and hard-hit centres on the wing. Cpl. Holland, who has shown himself equally at home in any of the forward positions, has also combined well on the left with Major Grieve, who, although slightly slower than last year, is well up amongst the goal-scorers. At centre-forward, Dm.-Mjr. Alton started the season with some good goals, but has, we hope only temporarily, lost his shooting form.

After a poor start to the season the defence is rapidly settling down to some constructive hockey, and instead of remaining a separate entity as it had threatened to do, is now linking up well with the forwards. There has also been a marked improvement in stickwork. The forwards started the season with a bang, but recently have not been making the most of their opportunities in the circle. However,

with the defence now supplying them with better and more frequent passes, we hope to remedy this goal shyness.

This year we have entered a 2nd XI in the Minor Units Competition so as to give more opportunity to those learning the game. A promising start was upset by the 1st XI taking three of the best members, in addition to several players returning to the U.K. The defence has been excellent, but has unfortunately received little support from the forwards. Pte. Moore has played steadily in goal, while 2/Lts. Fell and Mesquita have both played several times for the 1st XI. Pte. Bailey has been a tower of strength at right-back and is another of those who had never played before coming to Gibraltar.

Unfortunately, due to the Home Fleet requiring half our allocation of pitches during the past month, and to a spell of heavy rain, we have been unable to coach the 2nd XI and Company teams as much as had been hoped. However, with the departure of the Fleet we hope to further the work of the hockey coaching arranged at the start of the season.

Another welcome innovation has been the "A" Team, composed of both 1st and 2nd XI players, which plays civilian clubs on Saturdays. This has provided good hockey for those who are keen but not up to 1st XI standard, and an opportunity to practice and experiment in less of a needle atmosphere. It is practice that we need most at present.

However, throughout the Battalion hockey has shown an all-round improvement and, with more of the men becoming interested to learn the game, is definitely flourishing.

Teams on November 20, 1954:—

1st XI.—Sgt. Batty ("S"), Capt. Isles ("A"), L/Cpl. Spence ("A"), Lt. Mitchell ("S"), 2/Lt. Barkshire ("C"), Pte. Ashton ("H.Q."), Lt. Miller ("S"), 2/Lt. Faithful ("B") (captain), Dm.-Mjr. Alton ("H.Q."), Major Grieve ("S"), Cpl. Holland ("A").

2nd XI.—Pte. Moore ("B"), Pte. Bailey ("A"), 2/Lt. Mesquita ("C"), 2/Lt. Green ("D"), 2/Lt. Fell ("D"), Sgt. Garrity ("H.Q."), 2/Lt. Pell ("A"), L/Cpl. Allen ("B"), Capt. Scott-Evans ("H.Q."), Pte. Godden ("S"), Pte. Haigh ("D").

ATHLETICS

With all other sport rained off on the day, the first road race to be run under the auspices of the Gibraltar Amateur Athletic Club was the only big event.

Returning a time of 31 mins. 30 secs. for the four and threequarter mile course, Lt. Barkshire (1 D.W.R.) won a very fine race, with Cpl. Howett (28 Coast) keeping another runner of the "Dukes," Pte. Emery, out of second place.

Eighteen runners started off from Cross of Sacrifice on a signal from the starter, Mr. E. V. Andlaw, president of the Amateur Athletic Club, and from the start Barkshire, Howett and Emery led the way. At Bleak House the two leaders were neck and neck, Emery was about 100 yards behind, and the rest of the field well back.

Coming towards "The Mount," Barkshire began to edge ahead of Howett and maintained his lead to win.

Barkshire was one of the top performers when the Amateur Athletic Club staged their first-ever meeting at the Victoria Stadium, where he won the three miles and one mile events. Howett was third in these two events.

Over certain points of the course the wind was very strong and was described by Barkshire as "simply hell at Bleak House." Only two of the 18 runners failed to finish.

SWIMMING

We are glad to be able to record that not only did the Battalion win the Garrison Inter-Unit Life Saving Competition sponsored by the Royal Life Saving Society, but we shattered the Garrison Record by gaining a total of 341 awards during the season.

The previous record of 248 awards was held by 78 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery.

The Garrison Minor Units Competition was won by "D" Company with 119 awards, with "C" Company and "H.Q." Company in second and third places with 79 and 66 awards respectively.

The Deputy Fortress Commander, Brigadier Lucas, presented the trophies at a special Battalion parade, when his eloquence in praising our effort was somewhat embarrassing!

BOXING

This season we have a promising "ring of boxers"—or it is "clout of boxers"?—and have high hopes of doing well in the Command meetings.

We had our Unit Novices' Competition early in November and the standard was higher than that which one normally expects from novices.

The results on the final night were as follows:—

Bantamweight:

Pte. Murphy ("C")

Runner-up: Pte. Booth ("C")

Lightweight:

L/Cpl. Bowering ("C")

Runner-up: Pte. Emett ("B")

Light-Welterweight:

Pte. Clarke (96) ("D")

Runner-up: Pte. Sugden ("C")

Welterweight:

Pte. Young ("A")

Runner-up: Pte. Wood ("B")

Light-Middleweight:

L/Cpl. Morrison ("S")

Runner-up: Pte. Litherland ("S")

Middleweight:

2/Lt. Fell ("D")

Runner-up: Sgt. Pickersgill ("D")

Special Bouts:

Pte. Scargill ("H.Q.")

Runner-up: Cpl. Connor ("A")

Pte. Glossop ("D")

Runner-up: L/Cpl. Brown ("H.Q.")

The prize for the best loser of the whole competition was presented by the Commanding Officer to Pte. Davidson ("D"), who fought a very plucky fight against Bowering in the semi-final.

We are now in training for the rest of the competitions, which consist of: Command Novices, Unit Individual, Command Individual and Command



She Don't Love Me Any More
(By E. Mellors)

Team Competitions. The best of luck to our boxers in all these competitions.

The following are the results of the Command Boxing Competition:—

	Points
1. 1 D.W.R.	47
2. 54 A.A. Regiment, R.A.	22
3. 28 Coast Regiment, R.A.	20
4. R.A.F.	16
5. R.A.M.C.	9
6. R.E.M.E.	7

<i>Flyweight</i>	
Pte. Pogson 1 D.W.R.	v. Pte. Pickles * ("C") 1 D.W.R.
<i>Bantamweight</i>	
Pte. Evans 1 D.W.R.	v. Pte. Murphy * ("C") 1 D.W.R.
<i>Featherweight</i>	
Pte. Flather * ("C") 1 D.W.R.	v. Gnr. Walker 54 A.A.
<i>Lightweight</i>	
Gnr. King 28 Coast	v. Cfn. Field * R.E.M.E.
<i>Lightwelter</i>	
Pte. Di. Cadillac * ("H.Q.") 1 D.W.R.	v. Gnr. Singleton 28 Coast
<i>Welterweight</i>	
L/Cpl. Morrison 1 D.W.R.	v. Gnr. Lloyd * 28 Coast
<i>Light-middle</i>	
Gnr. Heal * 54 A.A.	v. L.A.C. Verallo R.A.F.

Middleweight

Gnr. Fergusson
54 A.A.

v. Pte. Litherland *
("S")
1 D.W.R.

Light-Heavyweight

Pte. Evans * (w.o.)
R.A.M.C.

v. Cpl. Gough
R.A.F.

Heavyweight

S.A.C. Burton
R.A.F.

v. Pte. Carr * ("D")
1 D.W.R.

Brigadier G. Lucas, C.B.E., kindly presented the prizes.

* Denotes winner.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH BOYS ARE ADMITTED TO THE DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL

1. The School is a boarding school to educate boys up to secondary school standards. Its purpose is to give free education, board and clothing to the sons of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers or men serving, or who have served, in the Army. Sons of Officers who originally enlisted on a normal engagement in the Regular Army and were afterwards promoted to commissioned rank are also eligible for admission.

The School is intended primarily for boys who wish to make the Army their career and whose parents or guardians desire them to do so.

2. Boys can be registered for admission between the ages of eight and eleven years, and admitted to the school after their ninth and before their twelfth birthdays. They are normally admitted at the beginning of the school year, in September, and to be considered for admission in any year a boy must be registered before January 1 of that year. Before admission all boys are subjected to an educational, general and medical test as to their suitability for admission.

The final decision as to a boy's suitability for admission rests with H.M. Commissioners, who will review the progress of the boys. Should a boy not be making sufficient progress the question of his retention will be considered.

3. Preference in general is given to total orphans, to those whose fathers have been killed in action or have died while in the Service or after leaving the Service, and to motherless boys whose fathers are serving abroad.

4. A boy will normally leave the school at the end of the school year (July) in which he reaches the age of 15 years, but, if selected, he may remain at the school for an additional year, at the end of which he will again be considered for retention until the age of 18 years or until he has completed the course of studies for which he has been selected.

5. Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Guston, Dover.

REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

SUB-EDITORIAL

Although an account of the Old Comrades' Reunion Dinner appeared in the last issue of the *Iron Duke*, no reference was made to it in our notes as they had been despatched to the Editor before the event. We should like to take this opportunity, therefore, to say how much we enjoyed the week-end and how pleased we were to see so many ex-members of the Regiment once again. The event is a major one in the Depot calendar and we look forward to a still bigger gathering next year.

It has not previously been recorded in these notes that we now have our own chapel within the Depot. It is one of the few such chapels in Northern Command and is used primarily for Padre Hours. On the more material side we also now have a combined cinema and TV room, which is located in the old C.R.S. building. As the room is equipped with armchairs and is centrally heated, it is very comfortable and we are informed it is one of the best in the Command.

There have been two Pass Out Parades during the quarter and these are mentioned in the Training Company notes. Our only other ceremonial occasion was on Remembrance Sunday, when we attended a combined Church Parade and Service with 382 Medium Regiment (D.W.R.), T.A., at Halifax Parish Church. Wreaths were laid in the Regimental Chapel and afterwards Lt.-Col. J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., took the salute at a March Past.

Our Annual Inspection will have taken place by the time these notes appear in print. A formidable new Army Form has been produced on which to record our sins of omission and commission. The inspection is due to take place just after Christmas, which is almost a case of adding insult to injury.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess is in the throes of a reorganisation, but slowly order is returning and with it some developments which may be of interest to readers. These include provision of new curtains for all rooms in the Mess, new stair carpet, the complete carpeting of the entrance hall and the construction of a proper library, which will also include the archives. The library is not yet complete, though work on the bookcases has commenced.

We have had one Regimental Guest Night, when we entertained Col. N. T. Bentley, Lt.-Col. T. Houghton, Lt.-Col. F. W. C. Thomas, who commands an R.A.P.C. Unit due to move into Ovenden Camp, and Major J. V. Hawkins, O.C. Depot Yorks and Lancs. Our only other social occasion was when we entertained the members of the Sergeants' Mess. Before the proceedings commenced all members of both Messes fired ten rounds on the miniature range. The average score of the two teams was with .25 of each other, with the officers leading by that amount. We are glad to record that two members of the officers' team obtained the two highest scores. Of the other

activities that followed we are more reticent. Visitors to the Mess have included Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege and his successor as Brigade Colonel, Col. C. D. Trimmer, the Brigade Adjutant, Major A. T. Edmunds, and Major C. I. E. Haslock. Two very welcome guests who each stayed for a fortnight whilst doing their annual training with the 7th Battalion were Stanley Metcalfe and Peter McAlister.

The adequate staffing of the Mess is always a problem and the C.O. was in the depth of depression when he discovered he had included a soldier who had been a waiter before enlisting, in a draft for the 1st Battalion. He only cheered up when, as a result of some excellent co-operation with Major Allsop, who is with the Leeds Recruiting Centre, he was able to enlist another waiter.

DEPOT SERGEANTS' MESS

We welcome to the Mess C/Sgt. Western, home from Germany pending discharge, and S.S.I. Clarke, A.P.T.C., who relieves S.S.I. Edminson, who is now in the Scottish Command.

Sgt. Hayne, having resisted all efforts to persuade him to become a "Regular," was released early in December. We take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck for the future. Sgt. Tuttiet, R.E.M.E., has left us for Carlisle and the R.A.C. and we hope he will enjoy his tour there as much as he enjoyed his stay in Halifax. Our congratulations go to Sgt. and Mrs. Dawson on their recent marriage, with every good wish for their future happiness.

We had the pleasure of entertaining a contingent of the 5th Battalion Old Comrades on October 9. Visits to the Regimental Chapel in Halifax Parish Church and to the Museum were arranged. We then showed them the film of the Freedom of Huddersfield Parade, after which we settled down to the serious business of the evening, i.e. the consumption of liquid refreshments and the exchange of reminiscences.

Our latest effort was a games and social evening with the Officers, the first half taking place in the Sergeants' Mess and the second in the Officers' Mess. The first event took place on the miniature range in the afternoon where all members of both Messes fired ten rounds, the result being obtained by computing the average score. Victory went to the Officers. The evening's activities commenced with the showing of two films made in Gibraltar, one of the Queen's visit and the other of the 1st Battalion Trooping the Colour. We then continued with the games and, after varying fortunes, the Sergeants scraped through by eight to seven. On completion of the games we all went to the Officers' Mess for the rest of the evening, where we had a meal and songs were sung in styles varying from "Jolson to Crosby," but, in spite of this, a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Our Christmas draw promises to be very successful judging by the number of tickets that

have been sold. However, our Christmas activities will be reported more fully in the next issue.

TRAINING COMPANY

At the time of writing we have 160 recruits under training. As a result, we have obtained authority to increase our establishment up to five training platoons. The staff for the additional platoon will, if our plans work out as we intend, be employed primarily on Weapon Training.

There have been the usual and inevitable changes in our staff. Sgts. Mountcastle and Simpson have joined us from the 1st Battalion, the former having done a drill course at the Guards' Training Battalion. He came second on his course and he is to be congratulated on this very satisfactory

result. At the same time we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sgts. Milton and Sargeant for obtaining "A's" on the Brigade Senior N.C.O.s' Weapon Training Cadre.

There have been two Pass Out Parades since our last notes. That on September 8 was taken by Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege just before giving up his appointment at H.Q., Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade. The best recruits were Ptes. Tiffany and Hilton. Alma Platoon (Sgt. Taylor) won the Platoon Shield. On October 27, Brigadier F. L. Martin, D.S.O., Commander 149 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), took the Salute and on this occasion Ptes. Bancroft and Worthington were the best recruits. The Platoon Shield was won by Delhi Platoon (Sgt Sargeant).

7th BATTALION, T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

Although these notes will be in print too late to wish readers a Merry Christmas, we can at least wish them the best of health and happiness for 1955.

Due to the very uncertain weather and the usual poor attendance following Annual Camp, it has not been possible to do any outdoor training during the past two months. Indoor training has continued, however, with success, and the Battalion Officers have participated in a series of Officers' Days.

The past few months saw a spate of inspections by our Brigade H.Q., The Command Secretary, The Command Paymaster, Ordnance, R.E.M.E. and Records. Since the permanent staff are still with us, we deduce they must have produced most of the right answers.

Brigadier F. L. Martin, D.S.O., our Brigade Commander, carried out his inspection on November 28. He visited all Companies, meeting as many of our T.A. members who could make the occasion. The programme included a half-way halt for lunch at Wellesley House.

With the move of the Officers' Mess from Milnsbridge T.A.C., the Sergeants have moved in, and we wish them every success in building up a Sergeants' Mess.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Officers' Mess at our new headquarters at Wellesley House has now been opened. From every point of view it is a great improvement on our last Mess and makes a milestone in the history of the Battalion.

Much of the credit for this achievement lies with the Commanding Officer, who, with diplomatic skill, persuaded the Territorial Association not only to acquire the building but to furnish it in a comparatively short space of time. Everyone now seems satisfied except perhaps the treasury department of the Territorial Association, who must no doubt be surprised at the speed with which their money has recently been spent.

The two principal rooms, the lounge and the dining room, have been well furnished, though there is still a need for a few extra pieces to fill up the blank spaces. The Depot have already generously contributed towards the furnishing of the Mess, and we hope that a few more gifts will be forthcoming from other sources.

There is a large garden to maintain, but we hope that by the time the summer season begins the garden beds will show an early return of flowers and not weeds.

Our main social event since Annual Camp has been the Officers' Regimental Ball, which was held on October 8 at the Masonic Hall in Greenhead Road, Huddersfield. Unfortunately, we chose a popular date for this dance as several other functions were held in Huddersfield the same evening, the dance therefore was not quite so well supported as we originally expected. Nevertheless, many people came from near and far afield, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Huddersfield. The hall was generously decorated with flowers and there was an impressive display of Mess silver.

Two selected members of the Corps of Drums dressed in scarlet, stood guard over the drums during the early part of the evening, and later, through the ingenuity of the R.S.M., they appeared in a similar position beside the Colours, which had been uncased in the supper room. Everyone appeared to enjoy the evening, and the dance was considered a general success by all.

The winter programme is gradually gaining momentum and we shall have several functions to report in the next issue of THE IRON DUKE, including our farewell party to Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, who after six years as Honorary Colonel gives up his appointment in December. This will be a sad event for all, but we shall be compensated by the knowledge that he will continue to remain a close friend of the Battalion, and that we shall be able to seek his advice and assistance whenever we need it.

In conclusion, we welcome to the Mess the following National Service Officers who have recently joined the Battalion after completing their two years' full-time service, 2/Lts. Hicks, Crowe, Duffy, Dowdy and Hutchinson.

OFFICERS' REUNION DINNER

A welcome reintroduction, which we hope will now become at least biennial, was the 7th Officers' Dinner Club, which met on Saturday, November 13. This Dinner Club is open to all serving or ex-Officers of the 7th, 1/7th or 2/7th Battalions. Almost equal members of each Battalion turned up, and 38 passed a most enjoyable evening together.

The dinner was held in the T.A.C., Milnsbridge, and although the luxury of the hotels used in the past years could not be fully reproduced, great credit goes to the permanent staff of the 7th, and especially to C.S.M. and Mrs. Hardisty, who turned a rather austere Drill Hall into a banqueting hall, gay with Regimental drapes in maroon and French grey. The dinner was by candlelight, with the Battalion silver and new table centre cloth, recently presented to the 7th by the Dinner Club, added a delightful finishing touch.

It was noticeable that the Officers present were, with the exception of Col. Hinchcliffe and Lt.-Col. Holcroft, all representative of the 1939-45 war and later.

It is to be hoped that earlier veterans will communicate with the Adjutant, 7 D.W.R. (T.A.), Wellesley House, Huddersfield, so that next time they can be invited.

SERGEANTS' MESS

This may be considered a red letter day in the history of the Sergeants' Mess, as it must be some considerable time since we had notes in these columns.

It is always difficult to know how to begin after such a long period of silence, so it is probably a good idea to start with a few words on the main event of the year—Annual Camp. From the Mess point of view it was a great success. We were pleased to be able to entertain our opposite members in 4 K.O.Y.L.I. (T.A.) during the first week, and in the second week we had our own Officers in together with members of the 4 W. Yorks (T.A.). Both events proved to be very successful and we are pleased to relate that the DUKES showed the remainder of the Brigade home, if somewhat winding.

We were able to put on really first-class entertainment due largely to the efforts of Sgt. Hodges, of 8 Foresters (T.A.). Amongst other things he nonchalantly consumed one electric light bulb, one pint tumbler and one goldfish, the latter being returned in due course to its bowl, without apparent ill effect.

On "Middle Sunday" we combined a family party with farewells to C.S.M. Maltby on his retirement from the T.A.

Now we have a Mess at the Drill Hall, Milnsbridge, it is intended to run regular social evenings and to extend invitations to other Units in the area. In conclusion, we say farewell to C.S.M. Radcliffe, of "B" Company. We shall miss his stentorian voice in the early hours of the morning.

"C" COMPANY

We are pleased to report that ex-C.S.M. F. H. Stringer has volunteered and we welcome him as our Colour Sergeant. Since the Company was formed three years ago we have scraped along without a "Q," but knowing F.H.S. we look forward to improved feeding in the field next year.

During the summer we were encouraged in our miniature range shooting by winning the Battalion Inter-Company Competition, and in consequence have entered the National Small Bore League. So far we have gained four points out of a possible six. This is the result of hard practice and especially the efforts of L/Cpl. Hall, L/Cpl. Booth and Pte. Jackson, to mention only three.

It has been said before that we have the makings of a first-class canteen at the Spider at Wellesley Barracks, but so far we have been unable to run it due to the lack of support. Stocks are being built up again and we hope to start off with a flourish in the New Year, when we would welcome a visit from any of our friends in the Regiment.

"D" COMPANY

The inside of our Drill Hall has been completely renovated, and with the task almost completed, the decorators have left a little space for some useful indoor training.

In the very near future we hope to organise some social activities for "D" Company and the W.R.A.C. Platoon who share our Drill Hall on Thursday evenings. The ladies appear willing to supply the feminine touch.

Mr. Machen, our Battalion H.Q. R.Q.M.S. and Drill Hall caretaker, has the Company Canteen well established, and we look forward to seeing many more local faces.

We welcome Capt. Barnes to the Company as Second-in-Command, and feel sure that the M.M.G. Platoon will bear its loss with fortitude.

On Monday and Tuesday nights we still have the Band and Drums to harass us with harmony, and although they sometimes drive us demented with discord, they are nevertheless welcome guests.

During December we are acting as hosts to the 2nd Cadet Battalion as their St. Paul's Street Drill Hall is being taken over by G.P.O. for Christmas.

Our miniature range is kept well aired by local rifle clubs, and we are glad to have them with us. We would like them to bring their shooting prowess into the T.A.

"H.Q." COMPANY

The period between camp and Christmas is usually a quiet time, but this year there is much activity. On Armistice Sunday the Company represented the Battalion on two parades. In the morning there was a march past the Mayor after a Remembrance Service in the Parish Church. After lunch at Fitzwilliam Street T.A.C. we were whisked to Lindley. There we were inspected by the President of the British Legion, who is also our Commanding Officer.

The Company for both parades was almost at full strength. At Lindley we were led by the Corps of Drums. This was their first public appearance, and under the leadership of Drum Major Noon they put on a creditable performance.



Courtesy: The Halifax Courier and Guardian

Since these parades we have had three applicants wishing to join the T.A. The moral is that if we want more recruits we must have more parades.

There is much activity at the present time on the miniature range, shooting in the T.A. Small Bore Competition, and we are fortunate in having both keenness and good shots.

There is an indoor signal course running at present, and next month an M.T. course will be starting. Perhaps now that the petrol restriction has improved we shall be able to have a bit more driving practice before next camp.

In the past it has always been an easy matter to borrow something from Battalion H.Q., for they were our lodgers. Now they have moved to a building of their own we have a little further to walk. It is very nice to have the place to ourselves, even though the canteen beer sales have slumped.

Since our last notes, C.S.M. Lamb has been transferred to "A" Company, and in his place we welcome C.S.M. Hardisty, who is having a second tour with us as a P.S.I. He has just returned from a tour in the Far East, where he served with 1 R.N.F. in Korea and as a Weapon Training Instructor in Singapore. We hope he will soon settle down and enjoy himself at Milnsbridge.

"S" COMPANY

All of us have to write sad notes sometimes, and we are sorry that on this occasion it is one of our

saddest. That renowned warrior, C.S.M. "Smack-on" Ackroyd, who joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1920, has at long last decided to retire. Rising as he did to ship's R.S.M. he reached the pinnacle, and came back as C.S.M. to help out the Territorials. He has at all times proved a unique tower of strength and one of the most popular Warrant Officers the 7th has ever had. His knowledge and understanding of men are assets we shall greatly miss. The success of Support Company has in no small measure been due to his efforts.

We also say goodbye to Capt. Colin Barnes, another of the post-war originals of Support Company, and wish him good fortune in "D" Company. As M.M.G. Officer his enthusiasm permeated all barriers and he succeeded in passing the Territorial volunteer spirit into all ranks, be they N.S., N.S.V. or Irishmen.

A dinner is to be arranged for Capt. Barnes and C.S.M. Ackroyd, and it is hoped that many ex-members of "S" Company will be able to attend.

Our P.S.I., Sgt. Fogarty, though really a signaller, has been on a mortar course and has decided to "take on with the T.A." and remain with us for another year.

"A" COMPANY

The period following camp is usually something of a close season in T.A. activities. This has not been so in "A" Company this year, as during the

last three months with Battalion H.Q. firmly established now at Wellesley House, we have moved into our rightful inheritance at last at Friendly (or is it at Sowerby Bridge?). With a brand new sign on the wall outside we can fairly claim to be re-established at last.

C.S.M. Lamb has come to us as P.S.I., and after much hard work succeeded in getting things ship-shape for the Brigade Commander's annual inspection on November 28. Such indispensables as Distribution Board and sand table model are now either in being or in course of construction. Even the hot water geyser in the Social Club has been repaired, although it must be admitted that when it was first "fired" it tended to ignite "to the detriment of the firer." Thereupon, ex-C.Q.M.S. Pickles, now caretaker of the T.A.C., was firmly appointed as Number One on the geyser. It is not, however, proposed to send him on a course. Mr. Pickles, who served in both wars, is delighted to have a Social Club at Sowerby Bridge.

We hope to have established a canteen account and to have got a bar going before Christmas. In fact, all that is now required really to bring the T.A.C. to life again is more regular attenders in the evenings. We are now able to fire on the miniature range and we have won one match and lost one in the T.A. Postal Competition, with one result to come in. Let us hope that soon there will be keen competition to get into the team.

"B" COMPANY

Our main interest at the moment is in this National

.22 Small Bore League. Due to the matches having to be completed each fortnight, we are kept well on our toes practising. The league is providing an opportunity of finding latent talent amongst our shooting wallflowers. There are prospects of greater glory next year in the Decentralised and Divisional Competitions.

The Company has suffered rather a serious blow with the resignation, for domestic reasons, of C.S.M. Radcliffe. He has been a tower of strength to this Company for the past seven years. When dining him out we presented him with a magnificent chiming clock, being inscribed "From all members of the Company."

Although this is our quieter period of the T.A. year, we are hoping that a more intensified and interesting New Year's programme, both for training and socially, will draw greater numbers to Drill Halls on training nights.

LATE NEWS

Col. G. B. Howcroft, M.C., T.D., J.P., has been appointed Honorary Colonel in succession to Col. W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D., D.L., whose tour of duty expired on December 3, 1954.

Col. Howcroft joined the Battalion on December 1, 1914, and served throughout the First World War. He succeeded Col. Hinchcliffe as Commanding Officer in 1939 when the latter was appointed to command the newly-formed 2/7th.

Col. Hinchcliffe has served as Honorary Colonel since 1948, when he succeeded Col. R. R. Mellor.

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

The period of these notes, ever dull in a T.A. Regiment, has been dubbed a time of mixed events and mixed feelings, often contrasting and yet contriving, when the Regiment attends to its musketry, its competitions, its ceremonial parades, and does some stocktaking for the ensuing year; when attendances are poor and we check up on "obligations" and at the same time bless our loyal supporters.

The Musketry Competitions were held at Deerhill in September. It was a pleasant day, with sufficient wind to make the shooting a test of real skill, and, incidentally, the shooting was all round of a high standard, possibly the Regiment's best to date. We must congratulate the Colonel on winning the Officers' Cup, after being well run up by Lt. R. H. Hirst, the present holder, and Major F. R. Gadd, the former having journeyed from Kent specially to compete. "Q" Battery retained the Chamber of Trade Cup, but "R" Battery lost the miniature range competition to R.H.Q. However, they wrested the Bentley Shaw Challenge Cup from "P" Battery. Our congratulations also to "P" Battery for being the best Battery and thereby once again winning the Mellor

Shield. Also to "R" Battery for taking the Mrs. Denys Hirst Challenge Shield and for having the best troop. To "Q" Battery for gaining the most marks for musketry and so winning the Ripon Cup.

There have been three ceremonial parades during the period. The Regiment, with its Old Comrades, held its own traditional Church Parade on October 10. There was quite a good attendance, although some of the Old Comrades were not present. Could this have been due to a very successful O.C.A. trip to the Depot the night before? Our Padre, the Rev. H. Tuff, C.F., preached the sermon and the Hon. Colonel of the Regiment, Col. K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., took the salute on the march past after the service. After the parade, the Hon. Colonel presented B.S.M. Woodcock with his B.E.M. Medal, awarded to him in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Thirty-one years' loyal service to the Regiment—congratulations! Sgt. Walker, of "R" Battery, also received the Territorial Efficiency Medal—well done, too! The Officers then entertained their ladies to drinks before lunch, which, it is said, some Officers did not have until 4 p.m.!

A detachment of men, mainly from "R" Battery, under the command of Captain B. N. Webster, represented the Regiment and lined a section of the Royal route on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Bradford on October 28. The Regiment and a good contingent of the Old Comrades took part in the local parade of all Services on Armistice Day Sunday. The Regimental Band was very much in evidence and was at full strength. They played almost continuously for the whole period and are to be congratulated on their performance.

In October there was an Officers' Radar Training Day under the Brigade T.I.G., and it was perhaps very gratifying that the attendance of the Officers proved to be 100 per cent. It was a good day and a valuable one. After this, all Officers "hope" to pass their Trade Test!

There was a very good attendance this year at the Officers' Dinner Club, some 80 Officer attending. Judging by the late hour at which members departed, it was a particularly "good" evening. Guests include the Mayor of Huddersfield; Brig. R. Elliott, D.S.O., Commander, 69 A.A. Brigade; Lt.-Col. D. P. Bryce, County Association; and Major A. C. S. Savory, Commanding Depot, D.W.R.

"R" Battery held, in October, its first "prize-giving" function which took the form of an informal dinner, after which the Hon. Colonel presented the prizes. Many of the serving Officers and ex-Officers and their wives were invited as guests, and after the ceremony everyone joined in the dancing.

Our congratulations to Major W. F. England, M.B.E., R.A., on his majority—the Regiment is indeed honoured to have a Major Adjutant and a Major Quartermaster! Also to Major J. A. Bearder on being awarded the T.D. and Major A. W. R. Brook on being awarded First Clasp to his T.D.

5th Battalion Officers' Dinner Club

The six "Aged Gentlemen" who visited the Regiment in camp this year were not quite as "aged" as usual, in fact, the average age must have been in the early forties. They spent a very pleasant weekend. Unfortunately, Col. Sykes, owing to a family bereavement, was unable to attend, thereby breaking

his record of not having missed a camp since he joined the Regiment.

Three other visitors to camp were Mr. Gilliard, hon. secretary of the O.C.A., Mr. Kemp, hon. treasurer of the O.C.A., and 74-year-old Mr. Steve North, who must be one of the oldest members of the Regiment to visit camp and to sleep under canvas. He is an example to us all.

It will be of interest to members of the Dinner Club to know that one of our members, Professor T. E. Jessop, M.B.E., M.C., M.A., Dean of the Faculty of Arts at University College, Hull, has been elected vice-chairman of the Methodist Church Conference, and in twelve months' time he will hold the highest position that a layman can hold in Methodism. I am sure that we all congratulate Professor Jessop on his appointment. We should also like to remind him that although he keeps in touch with us it is thirty-four years since he attended a dinner.

Many members of the Club will be delighted to hear that Sgt. Woodcock, late "B" Company, 372 and 371 Batteries, was awarded the B.E.M. in the Queen's Birthday Honours, a very well deserved honour after thirty-one years' loyal service to the Regiment. May he continue to serve for many more years.

Col. J. W. Hirst, O.B.E., T.D., R.A.M.C., retired from the T.A. on May 1, 1954, thereby probably completing the longest period of ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT in the T.A. of any one in the Regiment or the Dinner Club. He was commissioned to the 1st/5th on June 5, 1915, and served as a Combatant Officer till September, 1918. He was then released to continue his medical studies and went on to the T.A.R.O. On March 23, 1923, he was commissioned in the R.A.M.C. and appointed M.O. to the 5th Dukes, and continued in that appointment till after the outbreak of war in 1939, when he was appointed S.M.O. 31 A.A. Brigade. After serving on hospital ships, and being sunk twice, he was promoted Colonel and appointed A.D.M.S. Gaza (M.E.F.) in February, 1943, and held that appointment till he was disembodied in 1946. On the re-formation of the T.A. in May, 1947, he was given the command of 147 Brigade Field Ambulance with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and in 1950 he was again promoted Colonel and appointed A.D.M.S. 49th Armoured Division, thus serving thirty-one years without a break, in addition to over three years' active service in the First World War and four years T.A.R.O. service whilst completing his studies.

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673 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A.

As this is our first report since Annual Camp, comment should be made on our 15 days at Towyn in June. Not unnaturally or unexpectedly it rained—to such an extent that issues of rum and gum-boots almost became Regimental Standing Orders! Despite this very great setback, we had a successful camp, the most important feature being an N.C.O.s' Cadre Course which resulted in the promotion of eight junior N.C.O.s to the rank of sergeant. Our congratulations are due to these new members of the Sergeants' Mess, whose influence is already being felt on weekday drill nights.

Another feature of this fortnight's training was a totally unexpected practical exercise in winching stranded vehicles and guns out of the barren bog-land of Trawsfynydd Ranges—those who were present will not forget in a hurry the lessons so hardily learnt there!

Since camp we have had a very pleasing and welcome influx of 17 N.S.V. and three T.A. volunteers, whom we hope to see as candidates for one or more "tapes" at the coming week-end camps in the spring.

The Regiment is very proud to congratulate Sgt. J. Fletcher, of "P" Battery, on his award of the Bronze Medal of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire. This was presented to P.C. Fletcher (as he is known in the local Police Force) at a special parade at the T.A. Centre, Keighley, by the Chief Constable of the West Riding in recognition of Sgt.

Fletcher's complete disregard of danger to his own life when rescuing Mr. John Ginley from a fire at his home. We feel sure that readers of this article will join us in congratulating Sgt. Fletcher on this magnificent example of bravery.

Autumn, 1954, has seen a very considerable "face-lifting" operation throughout the five Regimental Drill Halls. A general process of redecoration has improved lecture rooms and canteens immensely, and "P" Battery Sergeants have as a result recently opened their new Mess in the traditional way with a party which will not easily be forgotten.

Our very sincere congratulations go out to Lts. G. W. Parrish and J. S. B. Firth on their promotion to the rank of Captain. Both of these Officers well deserve their promotion and we trust that the woes of civilian life will not remove them from our midst for many years.

At the time of writing, an Officers' Training Course is in progress, the emphasis being placed on the Regiment's role as a highly mobile L.A.A. Regiment with 50th Infantry Division. This has been very well attended and it is generally felt that those who once had rather woolly ideas on high-speed deployment now have a very concrete knowledge of the cohesion and forethought required.

This article goes to press in anticipation of the Divisional Artillery Dinner and Exercise "Bumble-puppy" on the week-end December 11-12, which we expect to be as enjoyable and instructive as usual.

VALE

This year is marked, one hesitates to say marred, by the retirement from the Active List of a very old friend who has served the Army and, indeed, all the Fighting Services most faithfully for a quarter of a century. It was in 1880 that Blanco, after extensive trials at Hythe, The Horse Guards, Pimlico and Poona, was adopted in the place of pipeclay, as the officially approved equipment cleaner. Pipeclay had had a long run: as far as we know it supplanted woad in the dim ages. Today life moves at a quicker tempo, and Blanco, while still a comparative youngster, is time-expired. Henceforth, his activities will be confined to the peaceful atmosphere of Wimbledon and Lords.

In the first years of his service, Blanco was all white, but with the introduction of khaki in the Boer War he followed suit and became what the authorities call "drab," having, no doubt, in mind a colour that should be uniform throughout the Army. Nor for the first or last time had they overlooked the sturdy Regimental spirit of independence. In no time Blanco had blossomed out in a variety of shades wide enough to suit all tastes, from the sickly green of arsenic to the pallid chrome of old lace. Commanding Officers with aesthetic sensibilities had the choice of an intriguing list of titles, such as Pea Soup, Liver and Bacon, Jaundice, Hogs Wash, Morning After, Eau de Bilge, and Boue de Paris. Long and earnest

controversies accompanied every change in command, and at times a Battalion might present a parti-coloured appearance while the canteen was stocking up. A general trend in favour of the more delicate pastel tints at the beginning of the century was attributed to the influence of the pre-Raphaelites, but with the advent of Surrealism a preference for cruder, more manly shades became widespread. In the earlier 'twenties a rich mustard was all the rage; today a chaste eau-de-nil seems generally prevalent. With the coming of the U.S.A. Provost Corps, white again leapt into prominence, replacing red as a warning to evil-doers, and Tennyson's "White Flower of a Blameless Life" took on a new meaning.

The newcomer, we are told, can be applied dry with a brush (boot, hair or tooth), and the lakes of viscous green that used to engulf our barrack rooms before an annual inspection will soon be only a memory.

But let us not grudge a tear at the passing of this old and faithful friend. Let us grant him the honorary rank of R.S.M. so that he may enter that Valhalla where rest the spirits of soldiers, whose names are known to all, but have never appeared on any muster roll—Colonel Bogey, Colonel Blimp, Sergeant John Gilpin and Corporal Trim.

R.S.M. Blanco, farewell!

O.P.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Accessions

- The Museum Committee have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the following articles which have been acquired by the Museum between May 20, 1953, and February 28, 1954.
- 427 *Colonel R. Caulfield*, The Border Regiment, (by purchase), Berwick on Tweed, May 20, 1953. A Crimea Medal, bars Sebastopol, Inkermann, Alma in good condition. Engraved: "S. Borrows, 33rd Regiment."
- 428 *Executors of the late Captain R. M. Hill*, M.B.E., T.D. The personal medals of Captain Hill, comprising: M.B.E. (Civil); G.S. and Victory Medals, 1914-1918; G.S. and Defence Medals, 1939-1945; T.D.; Territorial Efficiency Medal. Medal presented to Captain Hill by the Legion of Frontiersmen for Long Service and Efficiency.
- 429 *Executors of the late Captain R. M. Hill*, M.B.E., T.D., May, 1953. One Crimea Medal, bar Sebastopol, fair condition, C/Sgt. W. Sugden, 33rd Foot; one Crimea Medal, bar Alma, fair condition, 2615 Sgt. James Blake, 33rd D.W.R.; one Queen's South Africa Medal, good condition, 4529 Pte. J. Ford, West Riding Regiment; two replica V.C.'s unnamed.
- 430 *Mr. H. Middleton-Hands*, Carlton Ho, Smethwick, Staffs. May 29, 1953. Portion of organ from the Cloth Hall, Ypres, 1917. Sheet of music, much worn, same source.
- 431 *Brigadier G. Fleming*, Norton Beauchamp, Kewstoke, Weston-Super-Mare, May 29, 1953. A Toby mug featuring the first Duke of Wellington and commemorating his death. 7 in. high.
- 432 *Mr. J. Wilkinson*, 51 St. James Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, June 6, 1953. A German swastika medal from the Hermann Goering barracks, Berlin.
- 433 *Mr. J. Postgate*, 29 George Street, Whitby, Yorks, (Band Cpl., 1906, 2nd D.W.R.), June 9, 1953. Frame containing embroidered reproduction at quarter-scale of pre-1906 Honorary Colours, 76 Regiment.
- 434 *Brigadier G. Fleming*, (see No. 431), June 9, 1953. One coloured print, "Waterloo," painted Heath, engraved Sutherland, published Jenkins; one engraving "The Duke of Wellington."
- 435 *Mr. Bottomley*, 10 Kirkgate, Silsden, near Keighley, June 13, 1953. Framed fragment of K.D. South African War period, overprinted with Christmas Greetings, 1899, 7 in. by 5 1/2 in.
- 436 *Major R. Wood*, 24 Salisbury Street, Skipton in Craven, Yorks, (Hon. Secretary, O.C.A., 6th ("S") Battalion, D.W.R.), August 7, 1953. One Military Medal, 1914-1918, good condition, 2249 Pte. J. E. Beadley, 1/6th West Riding Regiment, T.F.
- 437 *Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. Tyler*, (late 24th Regiment), Beacon Cottage, Trelleck, near Monmouth, August 13, 1953. Uniform of his uncle, Arthur John Tyler, born June 22, 1871, 2 Lt. West Riding Regiment, June 18, 1892, Lt. September 11, 1895; Special Service Officer, South Africa, September 23, 1899; died of wounds received on March 12, 1900, in action north of Mafeking. Comprises: One full dress scarlet tunic, white facings, D. of W. buttons and collar badges; 2 Lt.'s badges of rank; one scarlet mess jacket, white cuffs, claret facings, D. of W. collar badges and buttons; ribbons of the Rhodesia Medal; 2 Lt.'s badges of rank.
- 438 *A. West & Partners, Ltd.*, 4 Abbey Orchard Street, London, S.W.1, August 13, 1953. By purchase: a framed photograph of the Joint Parliamentary War Memorial, (1939-1945), stained glass window in Westminster Hall.
- 439 *Miss A. M. Cane*, St. Mary's, 29 Upland Road, Eastbourne, August, 1953. By purchase: chair which belonged to the first Duke of Wellington.
- 440 *Mrs. N. Gage-Brown*, Shocks Green Cottage, Mason's Bridge, Redhill, September 2, 1953. Two gilt star badges of rank, (1 in. diagonally); thirteen large and six small D.W.R. jacket buttons.
- 441 *Mr. F. A. O'Kelly*, M.M., 2 Greenwoods Terrace, Wheatley, Halifax, September 4, 1953. Silver shooting medal, D.W.R., "Best Shot L/Cpls., 1922"; won by donor.
- 442 *Commanding Officer*, 382 Field Regiment, R.A., (D.W.R.), T.A., (4th Battalion), The Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax, September 8, 1953. Thirteen pictures, framed letters, etc.: (1) Letter from the first Duke of Wellington to Mr. Chalklen, 1830; (2) The Duke of Wellington and staff crossing the Bidassoa, 1813; (3) The Duke of Wellington, (Evans, 1815); (4) Napoleon Bonaparte, (Evans, 1815); (5) The funeral of the Duke of Wellington; (6) Officer if the 33rd Regiment, (undress), 1830; (7) The 33rd (1st Yorkshire West Riding) Regiment, (Hakes); (8) The 33rd (1st Yorkshire West Riding) Regiment, (Ackermann), 1855; (9) Group photograph taken on the occasion of the march of D.W.R. through the West Riding, 1904; (10) The 33rd (1st Yorkshire West Riding) Regiment, (Ackermann), 1853; (11) Group photograph—officers, 1st Volunteer Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment in camp; (12) The Peninsula heroes assembled at the U.S. Club, 1847, (Knight); (13) The Waterloo heroes assembled at Apsley House, June 18, 1845, (Knight).
- 443 *Mrs. W. Taylor*, 37 Delph Hill Terrace, Halifax. Widow of the late C.S.M. W. Taylor, 3841, D.W.R., 1893—1908—1919; died September 7, 1953, aged 79. September 10, 1953. Personal documents of C.S.M. W. Taylor: manuscript Battalion Orders, 8th D.W.R., Gallipoli; maps and sketches, Gallipoli.
- 444 *Executors of the late Major W. T. McG. Bate*, D.W.R., "Prospect," Palmerston Way, Alverstoke, Hants, September 21, 1953. Personal effects of the late Major Bate comprising: Medals.—(In lined case, with set of miniatures), Queen's South Africa, bars South Africa 1902, Transvaal, Orange Free State, Cape Colony, 1914-1915 Star, G.S. and Victory medals; other miniature medals (un-named); Egypt, 1882 with bar Suakin, 1885; Khedive's Star, 1882.
- Books*.—Two D.W.R. Mess Rules, 1908; one D.W.R. Standing Orders, 1924; the story of the Havercake lads, and an account of their march through Yorkshire, 1904.
- Uniform*.—Pair of Major's crowns; one pre-1902 crown; one S.D. jacket, badges of rank on cuff; one full-dress sash; one set sword belt and slings—full dress; two full dress tunics.
- Arms*.—One Snider carbine.
- 445 *Cpl. D. Brayshaw*, 1st D.W.R. from Korea, September 28, 1953. Ten Chinese propaganda and other pamphlets, picked up in Korea.
- 446 *Captain G. C. Tedd*, D.W.R., October 1, 1953. Metal tags and strips from Japanese arms and equipment.
- 447 *Mrs. V. Ryde*, Poundfield House, Old Woking, Surrey. (A great grandchild). October 2, 1953. Letter dated December 7, 1830, from the Duke of Wellington to Major-General William Cameron, regarding the raising of Volunteers and Yeomanry.
- 448 *Major A. C. S. Savory*, D.W.R., October 2, 1953. Two Southern Rhodesia 2d. stamps, 1953, issued to commemorate the events of the Rhodesia Campaign, 1893. The stamps depict a mounted infantryman.
- 449 *Lieutenant-Colonel G. Uphohn*, D.W.R., October 8, 1953. Buttons, etc., comprising: 22 large tunic buttons, 33rd Regiment; 13 small tunic buttons, 33rd Regiment; one belt buckle 33rd Regiment; three shako and helmet plates; one D.W.R. badge; three scrolls.
- 450 *Mr. G. W. Harris*, 4 Rusherwyke Close, Stoneleigh, Ewell, Surrey, October 10, 1953. By purchase: all in one case—One Crimea Medal, bar Sebastopol, fair, Pte. T. Cox, 33rd Foot; one Turkish Crimea Medal, (un-named), fair; one Abyssinia Medal, fair, 3819 T. Connorton, 33rd D.W.R.; one L.S. and G.C. Medal, fair, 2515 Pte. T. Connorton, 108th Foot.
- 451 *Relatives of the late Pte. J. H. Bradley*, 2nd D.W.R., (enlisted 1892), December 16, 1953. Medals of Pte. Bradley, 2nd D.W.R.: Rhodesia, 1896; 1914-1915 Star; G.S. and Victory Medals.
- 452 *Captain D. H. Wood*, 1st D.W.R., January 1, 1954. One notice board—38th Parallel; one notice board—The Black Dukes; one Chinese Standard; two copies of 1st D.W.R. Roll of Honour, one with Church of England, the other with Roman Catholic, form of Memorial Service.
- 453 *W. H. Court & Son*, Solicitors, 7 Upper Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.1. Executors of the late Mrs. M. Gibson, January 11, 1954. One sword Infantry Officer's pattern, marked "J.D. & S." engraved G.V.R., with leather scabbard and sword knot. Property of Arthur Lionel Gibson, 2 Lt. 7th D.W.R., killed in action, August 8, 1915.
- 454 *Major A. D. Bateman*, R.A., T.A., 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., T.A., (D.W.R.), Lyndhurst, Sutton in Craven, near Keighley, January 21, 1954. Uniform of Colonel C. M. Bateman, D.S.O., commanding 1/6 W. Riding Regt. 49th (W.R.) Div. 1914-18. Comprising: One full-dress helmet, Infantry Officer's, complete; two pairs blue overalls, Infantry Officer's; one patrol jacket, blue, "V" neck; one patrol jacket, blue; one scarlet mess jacket; one scarlet mess waistcoat; one scarlet tunic; one white buckskin sword knot; one white web belt.
- 455 (a) *Lieutenant-Colonel G. Uphohn*, D.W.R., from Dr. Stanley Beale, Belmont Cottage, Shaftesbury, Dorset, February 11, 1954. A cambric handkerchief, embroidered with dual coronet and "W," once the property of The Duke of Wellington. This handkerchief was in the possession of Mrs. Edwards, 23 Chester Street, Berkeley Square, a Lady in Waiting to the Duchess of Kent, mother of Queen Victoria. She left it to a Miss Tanner of Woolhampton, Berkshire, by whom it was left to Dr. S. Beale, who has now presented it to the Museum.
- 455 (b) *Dr. Stanley Beale*, February 14, 1954. Two envelopes addressed by the first Duke of Wellington to the Duchess of Gloucester and franked and sealed by him.
- 456 *Museum of the R.M.A.S. per Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Boulbee*, Curator, R.M.A.S., February 15, 1954. One officer's shako plate, 33rd Regiment, 1861.
- 457 *Mr. E. V. Howell*, The Shack, Timsway, Staines, Middlesex. By purchase: one silhouette figure, Lieutenant, 33rd Foot, 1823.
- 458 *Castle Museum, York*, per Mr. B. H. B. Milner, Custodian, Arms and Armour, February 17, 1954. Catalogue; "The Military Collections," Castle Museum, York, 1953.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to announce the following deaths.

At Mirfield on December 1, 1954, the death occurred of Col. James Walker, D.S.O., T.D., who commanded the 1/4th Battalion in the 1914-18 war, at the age of 75. Col. Walker went out to France in 1915 with the 4th Battalion, then commanded by his brother-in-law, Lt.-Col. H. S. Atkinson. Promotion came rapidly and he was in command of the Battalion at Thiepval on September 3, 1916, during a fierce attack, when he displayed conspicuous gallantry. In 1917 he took over the 5th Battalion and led it into Germany after the armistice. He returned to the 4th Battalion, which he commanded until his retirement in 1925, and in 1936 he was made Honorary Colonel. His courage in the field was outstanding. He was awarded the D.S.O. and Bar, was six times Mentioned in Despatches, and received French and Belgian decorations for his personal bravery. He commanded the Home Guard in the recent war and was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of the West Riding in 1939. He was a director of Martin's Bank, and as a magistrate and a leading Liberal he gave valuable public service for many years in the West Riding. For fifty years he and his brother, Sir Ronald F. Walker, were Sunday School teachers at Ravensthorpe Congregational Church.

He took an intense personal interest in the Regiment and was a frequent and very welcome visitor to the Depot in past years. But above all he will be remembered for the sympathy which he had for all ex-Servicemen and the countless acts of generosity which were known to him and the recipient alone.

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On October 25, 1954, at Brighton General Hospital, Miss Winifred Ava Simner passed peacefully away. She was one of the few surviving links with the old 76th Foot, having been born at Tonghoo, Burma, when the left half of the Battalion was stationed there from 1868-1871. She was the daughter of the late Major Benjamin Simner and grand-daughter of Mr. Abel Simner, a famous philanthropist in the early part of the last century, and one of the founders of the Y.M.C.A. As a little girl she became known as the Regimental mascot, and had many interesting recollections of the old days in India. Later she entered the Civil Service and was employed for twenty years as a permanent official at the War Office. At the outbreak of the 1914-18 war she was appointed to organise the women clerks in the Army Pay Department at Hounslow. On retirement she lived for many years at Wimbledon, where she was well-known for her interest in social welfare. She had a deep affection for the Regiment and to the end of her long life retained a keen interest in all its activities.

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The death occurred on November 3, 1954, of Edgar Maitland Ward, of Forrest Avenue, Marsh, Huddersfield, in his 79th year.

Sgt. Ward had been honorary financial secretary

of the Volunteer Service Company, D. of W. Regiment, South African Field Force, Association since its formation in January, 1930, until it came to an end in November, 1950.

He went out to South Africa with the first Volunteer Service Company. He also joined up in the First World War, but was not fit to go overseas, and spent some time at the Depot as schoolmaster. He was a member of the 5th Dukes O.C.A. He was very active in organising reunion meetings and dinners for his South African comrades.

In civil life he was headmaster at Lindley (Huddersfield) Church School. Mr. Ward leaves a widow and two children. His son, Charles A. Ward, is in the R.A.F.

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The death occurred on November 22, 1954, of Mr. Fred Smith, of 1 Daisy Bank, Clover Hill, Halifax, one of the best-known of former Halifax headmasters. During the 1914-18 war he served with the 1/4th Battalion, and such were his personal services that when the Battalion official history came to be written, almost an entire chapter was devoted to him. Everyone was delighted when the Meritorious Service Medal was awarded for his great services.

He maintained his interest in the Battalion and the welfare of ex-Servicemen all his life, and he became chairman of the Battalion's O.C.A. and vice-chairman of the British Legion. He was tireless in his work for children, especially the orphans of ex-Servicemen, and cripples, organising and financing with the help of his friends gift schemes and holidays. In addition to many personal friends more than twenty-five public and philanthropic bodies were represented at his funeral, a testimony to the widespread affection and respect in which he was held.

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G. J. L. Whitbourn, Esq., late 8th (K) Battalion, D.W.R., died at his home, Hollygrove, Fittellworth, Sussex, on October 17, 1954, aged 70. He was unmarried. He was wounded at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, in 1915, and invalided out with the rank of sergeant. Though few people were allowed to know it, his wound caused him considerable pain all his life. Despite this, however, he was always good company and he was always a keen supporter of his church, the school, British Legion and the village cricket, football, bowling and rifle clubs. He served in the Home Guard throughout the last war. He was always ready and willing to help anybody. It has been rightly said of him that he was a father to the entire village.

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Brigadier R. J. P. Wyatt, D.L., M.C., J.P., died at his home, Cissbury, Findon, Worthing, Sussex, on October 22, 1954, aged 62. In 1914 he joined the 8th Service Battalion, D.W.R., and was Transport

Officer to the Battalion in Gallipoli. He also served in Egypt and France, holding various staff appointments. He was mentioned in despatches on three occasions. He was A.D.C. to Gen. Plumer in Palestine. After that war he joined the staff of the Ministry of Labour, from which he transferred to the Sudan Political Service for five years. In 1927

he was appointed Organising Secretary, S.E. Area, of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. He commanded the 4th Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment (T.A.) for four years in the 1930s, and in July, 1939, was given command of a T.A. Infantry Brigade. He was chairman of the Worthing Magistrates for the last nine years of his life.

PERSONALIA

BIRTHS

On September 26, 1954, at the Military Hospital, Gibraltar, to Toddles, wife of Major C. F. Grieve, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a daughter (Elizabeth Jane Catriona).

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On September 27, 1954, at the General Lying-in Hospital, S.E.1, to Elizabeth (daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. M. V. Le P. Trench) and Major R. H. D. MacNairra, a son (Michael Richard Trench).

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On October 25, 1954, at the British Military Hospital, Gibraltar, to Eva (*née* Simpson), wife of Capt. D. Booth, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a daughter.

MARRIAGE

On October 14, 1954, at Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield, Major John Scott Milligan, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Milligan, of Halifax, to June Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Threapleton, of Huddersfield.

CORRESPONDENCE

AGENT OF THE 33RD

June 9, 1954.

DEAR SIR,

I am enclosing a few notes on Mr. Richard Cox, who founded the business which was later, in 1832, to become known as Cox & Co. The facts are taken from the old ledgers of the 33rd.

Yours faithfully,
K. R. Jones.

89 Woodland Drive,
Watford,
Herts.

Mr. Richard Cox was agent of the 33rd Foot in 1765. Who was Mr. Cox and what exactly did he have to do in his capacity as agent?

Mr. Cox was born in 1717 and brought up in London, where his father lived in Bartlets Buildings, Holborn, with occasional visits to the local Manor at Quarley in Hampshire which was leased to the family.

In 1758 Mr. Cox was appointed agent to the First Regiment of Foot Guards, by their Colonel, General Sir John Ligonier, K.C.B., who was later to become a Field Marshal and be granted an Earldom. The agencies of many other famous regiments followed, including that of the 33rd Foot.

The work of the regimental agent was pretty extensive. He had to feed, clothe, equip and pay the whole regiment and account to the commanding officer for all monies spent, as well as paying his patron a sum of money known as an "off reckoning," for his appointment.

In Mr. Cox's ledgers for the 33rd Foot in 1765 he recorded that there were nine companies each consisting of three sergeants, three corporals, two drummers, two fifers and 47 privates. Amongst the items expended, other than the pay of the officers and men, were payments for the subsistence of the recruiting parties and about £600 a year for clo(a)thing.

Lieutenant-General Sir John Griffin-Griffin signed for the correctness of the accounts on December 15, 1769 in London. Other senior officers on the strength were Colonel Lord Cornwallis and Lieutenant-Colonel Hildebrand Oakes.

Mr. Richard Cox continued as agent of the 33rd for some years and after his death in 1803 the connection with the Regiment was maintained through his grandson, Richard Henry Cox, his cousin, Mr. Charles Greenwood and later other members of the Cox family.

By 1805 the strength of the 33rd had increased to 40 sergeants, 40 corporals and 760 privates. The senior officers were Colonel The Hon. Major-General Sir A. Wellesley who was later shown as Lieutenant-General Arthur Marquis of Wellesley, and Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Elliott.

THE LATE BATTLE

Dear Sir,

As 1954 marks the centenary of the campaign in the Crimea I feel that some mention of the Battle of the Alma would not be misplaced. The following is taken from a newspaper cutting:

"Every hour furnishes us with some fresh account of heroic gallantry, daring adventure or miraculous escape at the battle of the Alma.

"It will be remembered that the 33rd Regiment lost the most men in killed and wounded in that desperate fight. The Regiment went into action, 616 men and 40 sergeants strong; it came out with a loss of 232 men and 30 sergeants.* The gallant Commander of this brave Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel F. R. Blake (brother of Mr. F. W. Blake, one of the Directors of the Bank of England) was wounded in the wrist, and from what we have heard read from a private letter, both the gallant Colonel and his brave horse were worthy upholders of the ancient renown of this celebrated corps. It appears that the 33rd crossed the river in deep water up to their arm-pits under a shower of balls, and were first to reach the opposite bank, the 23rd close upon them. Colonel Blake rode down so steep a pitch to the river that his horse went in head foremost and was completely underwater for some seconds. The Colonel never dismounted all day, though the other mounted officers of his Regiment were obliged to do so from their horses being wounded or unsteady. Colonel Blake's horse continued to carry his master with one ball in his jaw, one in his side, and a contusion from grape in his chest; besides these, one ball was lodged in the saddle, another in the holster, where the pistol stopped it, and a sixth ball hit the Colonel in the left wrist, ran up in the sleeve to the elbow where it came out, having grazed the flesh of the arm but it was not of any importance.

"The Colonel was close to the colours all the time and saw three of his officers struck down in succession. General Brown addressed the Commanding Officers of the Light Division afterwards, giving their men the highest praise and saying he had never seen so withering a fire and believed none of them would ever see the like again. The balls in the horse were extracted and the animal was doing well and likely to recover. The 33rd at Waterloo did not suffer nearly so much as at the battle of the Alma."

Captain H. U. Burke, 33rd Foot, also mentions the battle:

* An account of the battle by Major A. C. S. Savory appeared in THE IRON DUKE, No. 87, January, 1953. The total losses in the 33rd were 259, compared with 135 at Waterloo.—*Editor.*

"Nr. Alma,
"Crimea.

Sept. 22, 1854.

"Dear—,

"Thank God I have got through the awful battle of the day before yesterday and considering I have slept without a tent, covered only by the clothing I can carry on the march, since the 14th, I am very well.

"The Russians are a formidable enemy and had every advantage of ground, position and assisted by artillery—but nothing could withstand the real pluck, the bulldog determination of our fellows, and we dislodged them from their position and forced them to run away.

"The 23rd and ourselves were first in the field and our losses were the most severe. Our wounded are gone on board ship. Poor Montague, I regret

to say, was shot dead in the field, the only 33rd officer. Eight officers 23rd shared the same fate. Six officers 33rd are wounded.

"I got a bullet through the shako but thank God I am able to tell you I am well."

Although the 33rd took no part in the Battle of Balaclava, Captain Burke's brief account of this may be of interest:

"On the 25th (October) there was a most unfortunate action with the Russians who attacked the Turks and made them run away without, I believe, firing, and captured from them seven of our guns.

"The Light Cavalry through a mistaken order from Lord Raglan through Captain Nowlan, 15th H. to whom the blame is attached and who, poor fellow, was killed, made a most brilliant, but uncalled for and mistimed charge on some Russian guns."

H.U.B.

Yours faithfully,
D. N. S.

GIBRALTAR STORY 1836

August 31, 1954.

Dear Sir,

I have read with great interest the article entitled "Gibraltar Story 1836" by 2 Lt. J. W. Hayes in THE IRON DUKE, No. 93 for July. There is one serious error. No Company R.A. embarked at Cork on September 26, 1836, nor did the transport *Sovereign* reach Gibraltar "some 10 days later." In fact, No. 2 Company, 9th Battalion, R.A. embarked at *Woolwich* on the transport *Sovereign* on October 4, 1836, and landed at Gibraltar on November 5, 1836.

The point is of little importance except perhaps to show how dangerous it is to accept statements of facts from newspaper cuttings. The true facts could in this case have been found from the Muster Rolls of the R.A. in the Public Record Office, London (War Office 10 series) or from the Monthly States—Gibraltar, 1836 (War Office 17 series). The latter give full details of all arrivals and departures.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. S. LAWS,
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REMINISCENCES OF A SUBALTERN IN THE BOER WAR, 1899-1902

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

PART VI

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, THE BATTLE OF
PAARDEBERG

Several accounts of this action have already appeared in *THE IRON DUKE* (the late Major Houghton's on page 212 of Volume IX, 1933, and the late Col. Exham's and my own on pages 262 to 265 of Volume XXVI, April, 1950); so I will not make any further mention of it.

On the morning of February 19, we retired from the river bed in twos and threes across the battlefield to the ridge from which the advance had started the previous day. Parties were left to bury the dead and bring in the wounded, who had lain out unattended all night. We were not fired on owing no doubt to the fact that Cronje had asked for an armistice, which, however, was refused. The Battalion eventually assembled about two miles from the river and out of sight of the Laager, and we had a most welcome meal, as many of us had had nothing to eat except a portion of a biscuit and an emergency ration since 4.30 p.m. on the 17th, nearly 40 hours. We now heard of our total casualties in the battle, which were: one Officer (Lt. Siordet) and 22 other ranks killed, and two Officers (Capts. De Gex and Greenwood) and 104 other ranks wounded.

At about 1.30 p.m., while we were resting, Lord Roberts, who had only just arrived on the scene, came round visiting Regiments, attended by Gen. Kitchener. He was enthusiastically cheered, and spoke a few words to us, complimenting us on our conduct yesterday. A little later a Boer carrying a white flag arrived; the men thought this meant surrender, and cheered madly, but as our artillery began firing again it was proved to be false.

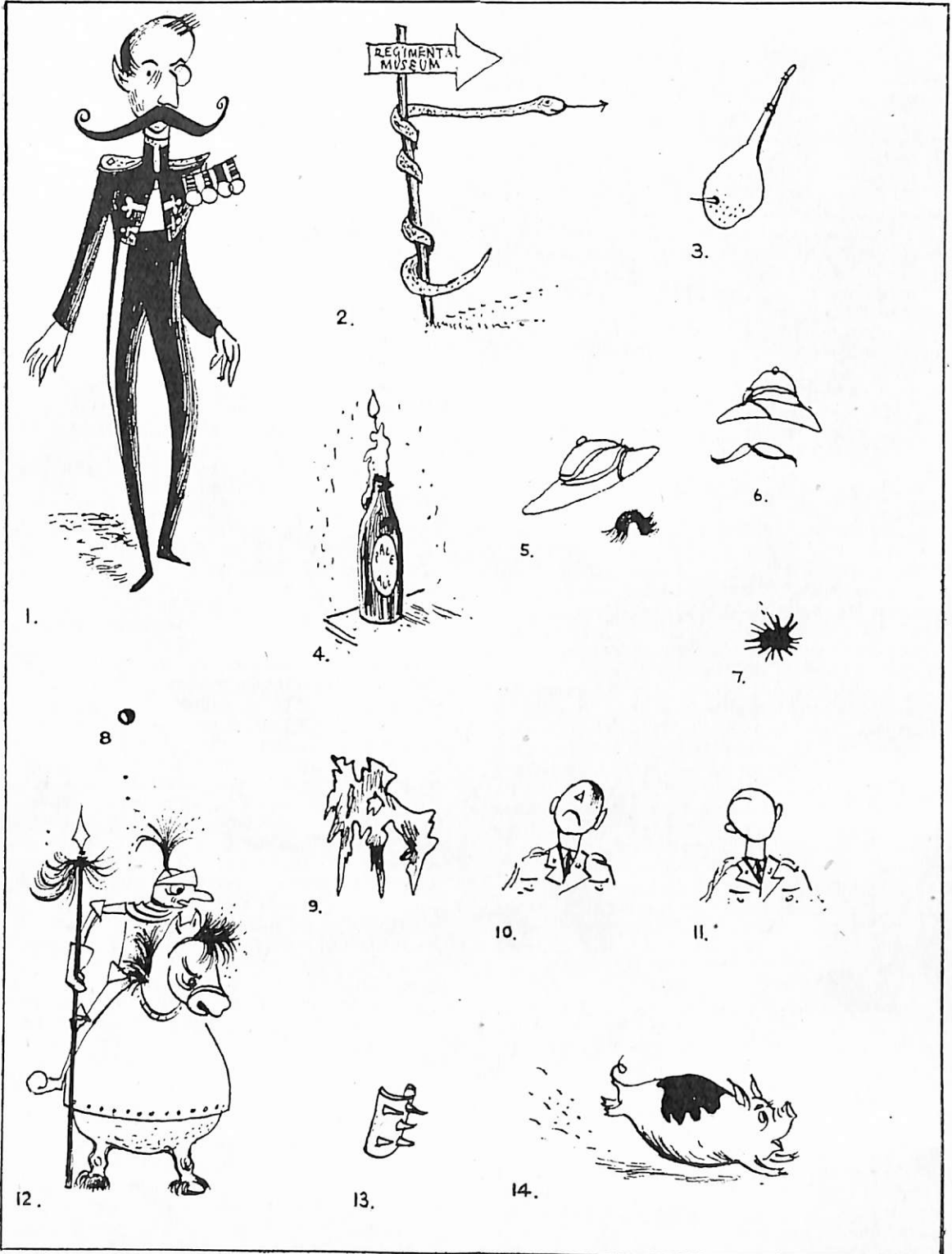
There was quite a respectable collection of guns now, at least 80, all firing on to the Boer Laager, which was plainly visible behind the trees lining the river bank. In the evening we took up a position on the ridge as escort to the guns, parties lying down between the batteries, and had a grandstand view of the shelling. Gen. French's cavalry could be seen on the high ground to the north of the Laager. They had dashed back after relieving Kimberley, and completed the surrounding of Cronje's force. Nearly all the artillery fire was concentrated on the Laager, which was some 2,000 yards from where we lay, and a number of wagons were burning fiercely, and ammunition exploding. At dusk the guns were withdrawn except for one battery, which kept up a slow rate of fire all night. It was a very cold night and an issue of rum was most welcome.

Next morning, February 20, we retired, and the artillery came up again and continued the bombardment. Our transport had now arrived so we were able to have a proper cooked meal and our valises. During the day we had a bathing parade, half the Battalion at a time, and were able to wash off the accumulation of several days' dirt, and also wash our shirts and socks. The river here was out of range of the Boers, and the field hospital tents had been pitched near it. Acworth and I visited the latter and saw De Gex, wounded in the thigh, and

Tidmarsh, who had sprained his ankle early in the day of the battle. We also chatted with some of our men. While we were there a man came in to tell us that the Battalion was parading, and we immediately heard heavy firing, so hurried back to camp. Half the Battalion had already marched out, and Acworth took command of the other half and we followed them. We lined the ridge by the guns again, some desultory rifle fire making us keep our heads down; and then we had a stirring sight when a team of bluejackets came along dragging their 4.7 naval gun with tow ropes. They had a job to get it up on to the ridge, but soon had it in action. They were very cool about it, laughing and joking all the time, though they attracted a good deal of fire. The guns, except the 4.7, retired at dusk, and we took up our forward position again, which had been improved by some other Unit.

We were glad of this cover next morning, February 21, as a good deal of fire was opened on us at daylight. It was at this time, just as it was getting light, that we noticed a lot of men and wagons on our right front not far from the Laager, and thought at first it was the Boers trying to break out. Suddenly a terrific fire was opened on them from the Laager, and they beat a hasty retreat, having a good many casualties and leaving some wagons behind. We found out afterwards that it was part of the 7th Division who had come up during the night and had lost their way. We were rather amused during the morning when a Staff Colonel and a War Correspondent rode up and began asking questions about Sunday's battle; they soon attracted fire, and the Colonel said: "This is no place for us, let's get off," and they galloped to the rear.

An unfortunate incident had occurred the previous day. A party of Kitchener's Horse, a mounted infantry unit raised in the country, had been sent during Sunday's battle to occupy a large, flat-topped kopje on our right flank. They were an undisciplined lot and had left a few men on top while most of them went down to a farm at the foot called Osfontein. The result was that a force of Boers, coming up to try to relieve Cronje, took the hill and made them all prisoners. The kopje (now christened Kitchener's Kop) was an important feature as it overlooked our camp and could enfilade our right flank. A field hospital that had been pitched near the kopje had to be evacuated, and the tents were left standing. No attempt had so far been made to recapture the hill, though the artillery had paid it some attention. But on February 23 our Brigade were ordered to attack it. We had been on outposts the previous night and were kept in camp in reserve, so we had a good view of the battle. The Buffs, I think, led the advance, and with the other two Battalions very soon retook the kopje, together with some 80 prisoners, a very dirty, ill-kempt looking lot. A large number of Mauser rifles, bandoliers, etc., were brought in and a few presented to our Mess. It was believed that the Boer force engaged had been reinforced by some Commandos under De Wet, who had already begun to be renowned for his skill and daring.





DIGGING UP THE PAST

BY A DUKE IN SELF-IMPOSED EXILE

Written in this Year of National Service, 1954 A.D.

It is the proud boast of almost every Infantry Regiment that its own Regimental Museum contains far more varied and interesting exhibits than any other. To further the claims of our own Regiment, it is my intention, gentle reader, to take you on a conducted tour round the veritably priceless collection based at Wellesley Barracks, Halifax. Fall in outside, then, and don't forget your cameras, sketchbooks and shooting sticks, for the course is long and the weary must needs lag behind.

Perhaps the first unusual feature (Picture No. 2) is the quaint direction sign situated just outside the Orderly Room. Said to be regarded as the unofficial mascot of the Regiment, this snake, captured during the African campaign of '59, was petrified in this remarkable position after inadvertently drinking a Company Commander's type of pink gin. N.B.—The eyes do have a peculiar pink tinge.

And now the man (Picture No. 1) who has at the cost of much time and money brought together this huge mass of exhibits and assembled and catalogued them in a manner worthy of the Victoria and Albert Museum. Gentlemen, allow me to present Lt.-Col. (now retired) the Rt. Hon. Alistair Forbes Poppleton Smith, M.C., M.B.E., A.B.64 (1).

Now follow descriptions and drawings of some of the more unusual exhibits:

(3) Club (*circa* 567). Doubtful attribution. Eminent authorities have in their time classified it as (a) Corporals' Mess billiard cue; (b) tennis racket used by Tippoo Sahib; (c) cricket bat belonging to Fuller Pilch.

(4) The actual bedside lamp used by Capt. G. R. Spofforth White, M.C., on the Somme.

(5 and 6) Sun-helmets and moustaches as worn by the Adjutant and R.S.M., Khyber Pass, 1903.

(7) Blot (greatly enlarged) on Regimental escutcheon.

(8) Cricket ball (greatly reduced) which was propelled by one Pte. Van Geloven (of W.Y.R.) through the Officers' Mess plate glass window in the summer of 1953.

(9) Jersey worn by Dukes' three-quarter in match v. Royal Signals, 1928.

(10) Normal expression assumed by Duke of Wellington's subaltern whenever another Yorkshire Regiment is mentioned.

(11) Normal expression assumed by Duke of Wellington's subaltern whenever any other Regiment is mentioned.

(12) Actual working model of the Iron Duke. It is said that the Duke's inability to extricate himself from this suit of armour led to the invention of the tin opener.

(13) Shinguard of type used in World Cup, Hungary v. Brazil, 1954.

(14) Pig (how did that get in here?).

(15) Ashanti chieftain with knobkerry captured intact by 1st Battalion, 1895.

(16) Ape brought back from East Africa, 1854, by 5th Battalion. The C.O. of that time recognised its morale-boosting potentialities owing to its remarkable likeness to the R.S.M.

(17) An XIXth century print entitled "Honest, Corp., somebody swiped me razor-blade."

R. H. MAY.

PERSONALIA

(Continued from page 31)

Mrs. Marjorie Crofton, the widow of Capt. Cyril Desmond Jebb, who was killed at Mons when Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, and of Mr. J. Johnston May, was married in July, in London, to Brigadier Roger Crofton, C.I.E., M.C., late Royal Artillery and Indian Army. They are making their home in South Africa.

Capt. J. Bond writes from New Zealand that his present abode on the top of a hill is getting a little

too much for a youngster of 86, and he is moving down to a more accessible house. His new address is No. 23 Ingoldsby Street, Waltham, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Lt.-Col. H. K. Umfreville, D.S.O., has left the nursing home in Richmond and is now in Roehampton Hospital, where he expects to remain for a month or two for treatment.

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 155, The Iron Duke, No. 94

In the following extract Thain describes the attempt to storm the fortress of Bergen-op-Zoom, reckoned impregnable by the French. This disastrous operation, which cost many lives, including that of Brigadier-General Gore, recently commanding the 33rd, is rendered all the more tragic by the fact that three weeks later to the day the defenders surrendered the place without a shot being fired. Wellington's invasion of France had brought about the collapse of the Empire.—Editor.

Bergen-op-Zoom, Tuesday, March 8, 1814

We marched at 12 o'clock in light order to Huybergen, where we halted a couple of hours. Most of us were billeted in a large monastery, which is the only thing remarkable in the village. The 55th (now 2nd Battalion, The Border Regiment), under Major Hugg, and 69th (now 2nd Battalion, The Welch Regiment), under the immediate command of Major Muttelbury, came in, and we then got an unexpected order to march under the orders of Col. Morris, of the 69th. It was just dusk and we had already marched 10 miles when we now set out on the Bergen-op-Zoom road.

This was a thing that we never once had thought at all probable. Some snow was on the ground, otherwise it was very dark and we had a very bad road over some sand hills. After marching six or eight miles we were halted, and the Commander of the Forces ordered Officers commanding Corps to make known to their Officers and men that we were within a five-minute walk of Bergen, which we were going to attempt to take by surprise. The Grenadiers were then called to the head of the column, ours being senior took the lead. Ladders, supports, by our 7th and 8th Companies, were placed four deep in front of the Grenadiers, a sergeant and six of our Grenadiers preceded the whole.

As Lt.-Col. Elphinstone was Second-in-Command, it was necessary that someone of our Officers should attend Col. Morris to take any message to Col. Elphinstone which the former might think necessary. Col. Elphinstone honoured me with this appointment. In the meantime, the feint attack commenced on our right. Col. Morris was ordered not to move until he heard the firing from the attack on our left. As soon as he heard this, which was to commence precisely at $\frac{1}{2}$ P 10, he was then to

advance and surprise a subaltern's piquet of 15 men which was in the covert way, which done he was to scale where the guide would show him and direct that the 55th and 69th should move along the rampart one to the right and the other to the left, if they met any armed body they were to challenge by "Orange Boven," and if answered by "God Save the King" they were to be considered as friends. It was some minutes more than $\frac{1}{2}$ P 10 o'clock when Col. Morris gave the word to advance, but we had not heard a single shot on the left. As we went up the glacis, the sentries fired at us and retired. We darted across the palisades. After this I am unable to tell what parts of the fortification we passed, for it was as dark as possible. However, we ran to our left then turned at a right angle to the right when we met with high palisades. It was in getting over these that our Grenadiers in their ardour would not wait long enough for the ladders to move over before them as they ought to have done, but rushed on; in consequence, some confusion ensued and the ladders were deserted and left. Col. Morris, Capt. Mitchell, the guide and myself got over these palisades first, and running on we were challenged by the French sentries on the rampart above us by "Qui vive la" when the foolish fellow of a guide, instead of being as still as death, roared out "Orange Boven! Orange Boven," which made the troops in our rear give a cheer of three times three! After this, of course, our intentions were no longer concealed, and the enemy threw up an abundance of blue lights to discover exactly where we were, which were followed by a tremendous fire of grape and musquetry on the spot. Col. Morris, Capt. Mitchell, the guide and myself pressed on to the piquet house, followed by the 33rd Grenadiers who had so imprudently left the ladders in their rear. But the piquet had retired within the

works, in fact, it was absurd to expect that they would be there, after the noise we had just been making, and we kept pressing forward to our right. We met with another row of palisades having passed which we came to the place where we ought to scale. Here we discovered that there was not a single ladder with us and only one company of Grenadiers! I was instantly despatched to the rear to bring them up. The firing was now dreadful from the rampart. I found the ladders at the palisades where they had been left, some on one side and some on the other, and the head of the column had moved down into the outer ditch on the right where they were stopping. I collected as many men as I could and made them follow me with some ladders. When I got back to the place where I left Col. Morris, I found that he had been wounded and carried off, as had Capt. Guthrie, commanding our Grenadier Company, the whole of which had been obliged to fall back for shelter. Whilst I was telling Capt. Mitchell that I had brought up some of the ladders he received a second severe wound which obliged him to be carried off also. It now became my duty to tell Col. Elphinstone what had happened, but he no sooner had assumed command than he was wounded and taken off. Major Muttelbury was the next senior officer, but he having no orders, and not knowing of whom to get any, ordered the whole to retire, but it was in such a direction that we were entirely enfiladed by a heavy fire of every description which threw the troops into confusion. We were, however, soon formed again on the road from which we had advanced.

Bergen-op-Zoom, Wednesday, March 9, 1814

At about 1 o'clock this morning we were ordered round to the left to support the Guards who had effected an entrance. We got in by the ladders which they had planted. Here, instead of pushing forward and taking possession, we were ordered to lie down on the snow, where we remained for two hours exposed to occasional shot from the town. The Guards met with no opposition, for Brig.-General Gore with a handful of men had taken possession of all that part of the rampart, so that they were received at the top of the ladders by their friends. General Gore was killed and his small force driven back by superior numbers on the head of the column of Guards, who, however, did not advance in the same direction to support them. It was past 3 o'clock A.M. when General Cooke ordered the 33rd to proceed to the left and support the Royals under Colonel Muller at the Water Port Gate. We accordingly left the 69th and Guards in the bastion where we had entered, and took up a position on the inside of the Gate, where we remained until daybreak.

At daybreak, I could perceive that we were behind a house which was filled with wounded Officers and men. In our front was a kind of canal which ran up into the heart of the town, over this to the right was a stone bridge beyond which was an arsenal from the windows of which we were a good deal assayed. On the east end of this arsenal was a work in possession of the enemy with a ditch round it, from this they fired two guns all last night upon some of our

artillery in the place. On our left was the Water Port Gate in the gorge of which was the head of the column of the Royals. The flank companies were, however, in the town and under the bridge. When daylight appeared the 91st (now the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) came scrambling over one end of the work in our front pursued by the enemy at the point of the bayonet. We were ordered first of all to charge and save them, upon which the Grenadiers and first company darted through the enemy's fire and along the bridge, where we were surprised to find that the regiment had been counter-ordered and were again in their former position. We were now close under the windows of the arsenal but screened from the fire by some heaps of wood, past the end of which we kept up a smart fire on the enemy at the guns. For want of support our flanks were threatened, we therefore thought it prudent to retire, which we did through showers of shot with the loss of only two men wounded. We however did not join the regt. but kept behind a house on their right and rather to the rear. It was a most provident thing that we did so, for this house would have prevented the regiment from seeing the force which came to turn our right flank which became unsupported by the retreat of the Guards from the position in which we had left them. We, by being there, gave timely notice to Major Parkinson, who immediately fell back behind the parapet, having previously ascertained that the Royals had quitted their position without Col. Muller having given the slightest intimation of his intention although we were placed under his orders. Now the Guards had left our right, as the Royals had our left unprotected, consequently both were in imminent danger.

We notwithstanding kept up a smart fire for more than half an hour. Then seeing that the enemy were turning their guns upon us Major Parkinson withdraw the men by degrees from behind the parapet across the ditch. We then got upon an inundated country which luckily as the tide had ebbed, had not much water upon it, but was covered with large sheets of ice. We had to walk over this for almost a mile and a half before we were at all sheltered from a cross fire and we had to wade through several streams up to the shoulders. We were soon formed and dispositions having been made for the retreat of the force, we were ordered to take up our old quarters in Kalmphout, where we arrived about 5 o'clock in the evening, quite faint with fatigue and hunger. I could not swallow anything but tea which revived me immediately and created an appetite.

Kalmphout, Thursday, March 10, 1814

I could scarce move this morning every bone of my body was so sore by bruises and the extreme exertion which I had made yesterday. Our loss was dreadful, one battalion of Guards came out of the place commanded by the Sergeant-Major. The Royals all laid down their arms and General Cooke was taken prisoner. The loss of our Regiment was trifling compared with that of others. We had only two sergeants and 26 rank and file killed, eight officers and 30 wounded, and two officers and 53 taken.

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NEW BRANCHES

We have started off two new branches here in the Halifax area. One is in the town centre and is based on the Boars Head. The first meeting took place on Wednesday, December 1, and Mr. F. Stringer was elected secretary-chairman. R.S.M. R. Pearce agreed to assist in chairmanship until a chairman was appointed. Mr. V. Prince and Mr. F.

Pearce were also elected as officers of the branch.

The other branch is known as the King Cross Branch and meets at the Old King Cross Inn, King Cross, Halifax. The secretary-chairman is Mr. W. Walker.

It is hoped that this notice will catch the eye of local members and they will give the branches most conveniently situated to them all the support they can.

6th BATTALION O.C.A.

The Annual General Meeting of the 6th Battalion O.C.A., was held at the Wellington Hotel, Keighley, on October 9, 1954. The report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1954, were read and approved. The following officers were re-elected: President, Col. F. Longden Smith, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P.; chairman, Major H. Dixon; vice-chairman, Mr. W. H. Minnikin; hon. secretary and treasurer, Capt. H. J. Lawson.

The meeting was followed by the Annual Reunion Dinner, at which Col. F. Longden Smith presided, and which was attended by 100 members and guests. The latter included Major A. C. S. Savory, O.C.

Depot, Major D. J. Tanfield, representing the 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (6th D.W.R.), Major R. Wood, who was until recently the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Association, and Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., secretary, Regimental Association, D.W.R.

The toast "The Association" was proposed by Brigadier C. H. E. Lowther, to which Capt. H. Farrar responded. "Our Guests" was proposed by the Chairman of the Association, Major H. Dixon, and Major A. C. S. Savory, O.C. Depot, in his response, thanked the Association for an enjoyable evening and appealed to all members to encourage those young men who are about to be called to do their National Service or are thinking of taking up



“The Lieutenant of the Tower of London”

THE silhouette reproduced above was painted by Thomas Rowlandson in the latter half of the 18th Century. Whoever the Lieutenant was at that time, it is more than likely that his bankers were Cox and Co., since it was in 1758 that Lord Ligonier first appointed Mr. Richard Cox as Official Finance Agent, a function which continues to be discharged today by the Cox's and King's Branch of Lloyds Bank.

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the Army as a career, to state their preference for the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and so ensure a steady flow of local men into the Regiment.

The date and place of the next A.G.M. and Reunion Dinner will be announced later.

10th BATTALION

“I would say that the young man of today is every bit as good as you chaps were,” Col. F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., who commanded the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in Korea—notably at the Battle of The Hook—told Officers and men of the 10th (Service) Battalion of the Regiment who fought in France, Belgium and Italy in the Great War at the Coming-of-Age Reunion Dinner at the Market Tavern Hotel, Bradford, on Saturday evening, October 23.

He said he had read through the history of the 10th Battalion and had found that the spirit and fighting qualities of the Unit must have been magnificent. The 1st Battalion of today and the 10th Battalion of the Great War had three things in common—the excellence of their Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior N.C.O.s, the fine fighting qualities of the private soldier, and the fact that they were happy Battalions, which made them successful Units.

He had the highest opinion of the National Service soldier, who had proved himself in Malaya, against the Mau Mau, and particularly in Korea. He described the intense shelling to which the 1st Battalion were subjected on the night of the Battle of The Hook—10,000 shells on one Company position 150 yards by 50 yards. While that was going on protective patrols and fighting patrols and reconnaissance patrols had to be produced, and the Chinamen were not more than 50 or 60 yards away. “Those young men of 19 and 20 withstood that shelling,” said Col. Bunbury, “and went out night after night on patrol, and I did not have a single case of cowardice in the Battalion the whole time I was there.” (Applause.) The Battalion won more decorations than any other similar Unit in Korea—two D.S.O.s, 10 M.C.s, seven M.M.s, 17 Mentions in Despatches, and one American Bronze Medal. For six months that was “a fair average.”

It was most fitting that those still with the Battalion received their decorations from Her Majesty The Queen when, with H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, she visited Gibraltar last May. The way she and her husband asked questions about the Battalion's doings in Korea and the Regimental Colours showed without doubt their genuine interest in our Unit, and he was perfectly sure Her Majesty and the Duke would go away with the “Dukes” in their minds and would still remember them. “You of the 10th (Service) Battalion,” concluded Col. Bunbury, “have set the example, and I think we of the 1st Battalion have followed it.” (Applause.)

Col. Bunbury was proposing the health of the 10th Battalion, and the Chairman, Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C., responded.

In spite of the fact that the Battalion was disbanded 35 years ago, there was an attendance of 79 at the Reunion, prior to which a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph in Victoria Square, Bradford.

The officers—Lt. Wood (chairman), Mr. Walter Barker (honorary treasurer) and Mr. George R. Goodchild (honorary secretary)—had been re-elected at the annual meeting. A message of loyalty was sent to Her Majesty The Queen, and a telegram in reply was read to the gathering.

Among others present were Major J. C. Bull, M.C. (Winchester), Second-in-Command of the 10th Battalion, Lt.-Col. D. J. Stewart (O.I./C. Administration, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax), Major A. C. S. Savory (O.C. The Depot, Halifax), Capt. R. Bolton, M.C. (Surrey), Capt. R. S. S. Ingram (Surrey), Capt. S. Currington (Surrey), the Archdeacon of Craven (the Ven. T. J. Williams, M.C.), a former Padre of the Battalion, Capt. F. H. Baume and Lt. J. Davis, M.M. (Birmingham), Lt. Eric Dixon (Derby), Lt. E. L. M. Lumb (Hipperholme), R.S.M. R. Pearce (The Depot, Halifax), and Mr. S. E. Code (secretary of the Regimental Association, Halifax), besides men from Barnoldswick, Baildon, Shipley, Huddersfield, Halifax, Leeds, Todmorden, Sowerby Bridge, Ilkley and Ferrybridge.

Since the Annual Meeting, the Committee have met and considered the scheme for the reorganisation of the Regimental Association so as to incorporate within that body, though not interfering with the conduct of their affairs, all O.C.A.s and branches. It was decided to accept the draft rules and the Honorary Secretary was appointed to represent the 10th Battalion O.C.A. on the Management Committee.

OBITUARY

The ranks of the 10th (Service) Battalion, disbanded in 1919, are gradually thinning. At the Annual Meeting in October it was reported that besides the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Harold Bray, of Bradford) the following had died during the year: Mr. George Binns (Greetland, Halifax), Mr. Leslie Smith (Hipperholme), Mr. Joe Dent (Brighouse) and Mr. Wright Firth (Earby).

All these men were well-known to their colleagues and were enthusiastic supporters of the Battalion's O.C.A. until illness prevented them attending the annual reunions. Mr. Binns, for instance, sent a generous contribution to the funds every year. The O.C.A., through the Regimental Association, were able to help Mr. Smith during his illness, and they did the same for Mr. Wright Firth, who, at one time, served on the Earby U.D.C. But Mr. Joe Dent passed away before the same could be done for him. Joe was what Yorkshire people know as a "card," and nobody who knew him will ever forget him as "D" Company's storeman during the Great War or as a man who took great care of his C.Q.M.S.—the late Edgar Shuttleworth, who also came from Earby.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS SOCIAL NEWS

One of the main objects of Old Comrades Associations is the keeping alive of the spirit of comradeship

we all enjoyed when serving, by holding re-unions and social functions. Sometimes the slightest pretext suffices to arrange a get-together such as when somebody on holiday meets an old acquaintance—a few more Old Comrades are rounded up and some bar at the local becomes a re-union. Recently a meeting of branch Secretaries was held at a hostelry in a mining village (incidentally Old Comradeship appears to flourish more widely in mining communities than elsewhere). The meeting was called to discuss business generally; but a particular emphasis was on the chances of running socials on an inter-branch basis. Someone proposed that a function should be arranged at Regimental Headquarters with all branches taking part. Needless to say this proposal was carried with great gusto and the date arranged to coincide with the departure of the O.C. Depot on the conclusion of his tour of duty. News of the branch Secretaries meeting had spread through the Old Comrades grapevine and within an hour about 20 more veterans of Turkey, Egypt, Palestine, Singapore, India, Malta and many points east and west—mainly east—had muscled in and we went over all the old tales we all know so well. It was not long before "The Dukes went down the hill," as they have done so many times in the past when "Dukes" meet on such convivial occasions. Great stuff these re-unions!

On July 10 we had the combined social. About 200 members and their wives attended from Doncaster, Sheffield, Wakefield and Ossert, South Kirkby and South Elmsall branches as well as Halifax members. R.S.M. Pearce had arranged the new gym with decorations, large bar and plenty of provisions. About half-way through the evening, opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Major and Mrs. Davis of a cutlery set and travelling clock as a token of our appreciation for their support and interest in the Association branches during their stay here in Halifax. Major and Mrs. Davis attended most of the branch functions and made many friends amongst the Old Comrades. They even went down the mine with a party arranged by the South Kirkby chaps; an experience they will remember. Mrs. Davis along with other ladies in the party actually mined a piece of coal which they proudly bore home as a memento of the occasion.

After the presentation the show went on with people either circulating about and chatting or joining in the impromptu dance that had been started by a few enthusiasts. It was a good show and I believe thoroughly enjoyed by everybody and it is hoped that it will presage other and more ambitious programmes in the social side of the Association's activities.

Before closing these notes we should like to add a word of welcome to Major and Mrs. Savory and hope that they will have an enjoyable stay with us. Major Savory we already know for his deep interest in Old Comrade Association matters from days here as Adjutant some two years ago. We have no doubt we shall have all the support we require from him.

Lastly our thanks to R.S.M. Pearce and his staff for their kind co-operation without which the show could not have been the success it was.



The Field of Remembrance, 1954

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

The winter is now upon us once again, and as usual nothing of importance was done during the summer months until the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 3, at Chelsea Barracks. Once again we were indebted to the London Irish Rifles O.C.A. for allowing us to hold this meeting in their Club. Although we received several letters of regret the number attending was very poor, being about 10, together with Capt. Connolly. As a result the meeting was soon over and it was agreed that no further functions be arranged for the time being until members begin to take a little more interest in the affairs of the Branch.

As in previous years, the Branch was represented at the Regimental Plot at the Field of Remembrance. This ceremony was attended by Messrs. Hearsom, Wood, Sykes, Temple, Clothier, Guy, Richards, Briscoe, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Butterworth, and as the weather was very bad we know that it did prevent some members who previously always attended from being present.

It is still an up-hill fight to get members to take an interest in the affairs of the Branch, and it is, of course, realised that to some to attend means quite a long journey and having to leave early to make the last train home. Nevertheless, the number of members living in the London area is considerable, and it

is hoped that they will make a special effort to come along, together with their friends, to our H.Q. at Chelsea Barracks.

If you are not sure of anything the undersigned will be only too pleased to help, and remember, it's not your money we want, it's your company and comradeship.

The Annual Reunion Dinner will be held again next year, but up to the present the place has not been fixed, but it will be at the end of April or beginning May, so please look out for the date in the next issue of the magazine and also the National newspapers.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Review of the Year

The Branch recently completed the fourth year of its existence. Those of us on whom most of the work of running the Branch and organising functions, etc., falls might be excused from wondering occasionally if it is all worth while, especially when it is remembered how many apparently enthusiastic old "Dukes" forgathered at the inaugural meeting.

What can have happened to those eager voices on that first night? And what, too, has happened to those members who attended so regularly during the first year or two after the Branch was formed, but, alas, have gradually dropped out one by one since? We miss their support and so often the benefit of their opinion, because it must be remembered that our aim is to be a full branch of the Regimental Association, not merely an organisation representing only a small proportion of those who once served in the Regiment, and who could all so easily still be a part of it in spirit.

However, if some of us do occasionally have doubts, it is only while we pause for breath, or look around for those former pals who have failed to turn up at one or another of our gatherings. But surely it is the absentees who are missing most, and there are really no grounds for fears, as was proved by the attendance at the Branch Annual Dinner—the greatest since our first year. What else are our friends missing?

Apart from the regular Branch meetings, when the business side of the organisation is discussed, and our usual monthly socials, several visits elsewhere have been arranged during the year. In July we had our Children's Outing, when we visited Humberston, near Cleethorpes, and in view of the poor weather generally throughout the summer we were most fortunate in the day. There was one shower, when we took refuge in the coach, but mostly it was fine, and although there was a cool wind the children were too busy running around and playing games to notice it. Our treasurer, "Blimey" Goodwin, seems to have a natural aptitude for keeping children occupied and happy, and moreover, he so worked it that no matter what the game or competition every child got a prize. The numbers were not quite so great as in the previous year, which may partly have been due to the poor weather during the preceding week or two, but certainly those who went enjoyed the day.



Doncaster & District Branch

A Group taken at the Branch Annual Dinner

From L. to R.: "Daddy" Pollard (oldest member of the Branch), Capt. John Satterthwaite (Branch Chairman), Capt. S. G. Dunn, Training Officer, Depot, and Capt. Walt. Ley (in background)

*Courtesy: The Yorkshire Evening Post
and Doncaster Chronicle*

The next function of importance was a Combined Social Evening at Halifax, when several branches joined to present to Major and Mrs. John Davis a token of our appreciation for the great interest they had shown in the activities of the Regimental Association during their tour of duty at the Depot, and to wish them all success on being appointed to a staff job in the Far East. We were also pleased to meet again Major Tony Savory, who many members will remember came to Doncaster and spoke to us at the first meeting we ever held. Now that he is back at the Depot we hope to see more of him and of the other many friends we met there.

A party from this Branch again visited Halifax for the A.G.M. and Annual Dinner of the Regimental Association. As befitted such an important occasion, one detachment travelled by Rolls Royce, but it would be telling tales now to explain how it was that some of the occupants had to finish the last lap of the journey by other means and the driver failed to get there in time for the dinner! There were so many old pals there it was not a case of finding anyone we knew, but trying to make time to have a chat with them all.

And it was through meeting there some of the chaps from South Elmsall, a newly-formed but obviously very active branch, that led to a coach party from South Elmsall coming over to visit us in Doncaster. Occasions like this inevitably cause that old question to crop up a dozen or more times in the evening—"do you remember . . .?" It is good though to hear some of the old yarns again, and news of those we have not seen for years, and that is why we are looking forward to a return visit to South Elmsall, which we hope to make even before this article is in print.

Possibly the highlight of the year was our own

Branch A.G.M. and Fourth Annual Dinner. The A.G.M. was sparsely attended and the business consisted mostly of formalities, but as stated at the beginning of this review it is a great pity that more old "Dukes" do not take more interest in their own Association. The dinner and the entertainment which followed, however, left us no cause for regret whatsoever. Nearly 60 members and friends sat down for the meal, and amongst our guests were Capt. Dunn, Training Officer, the Depot (deputising for the C.O., who had another engagement the same evening), the R.S.M., Sid Code, and others.

After the loyal toast, and permission to smoke had been given, there were but two speeches—one from Capt. Dunn, giving us welcome news of the 1st Battalion and happenings at the Depot, and a short reply in acknowledgment from our chairman, Capt. Satterthwaite, which included a brief account of some of our main doings. Next followed dancing to the music provided by Eddie Edwards and his Quartette, songs from a much-appreciated tenor, Norman Stanley, accompanied by Miss Margaret Satterthwaite, with a few games and competitions interspersed under the supervision of our excellent M.C., Ted Pollard. Fortunately we had an extension of the licence, but 11 o'clock came round all too quickly. Even then the evening did not finish, and it was a pity when such things such as "last buses" eventually caused the party to break up.

Those who have read this report so far will no doubt be interested to know that this Branch is not only concerned with the old saying "eat, drink and be merry." During the course of the year two cases were brought to our notice where assistance from the Association funds was required. These were both carefully investigated, including in one case personal calls at the house, before the claims were passed on to

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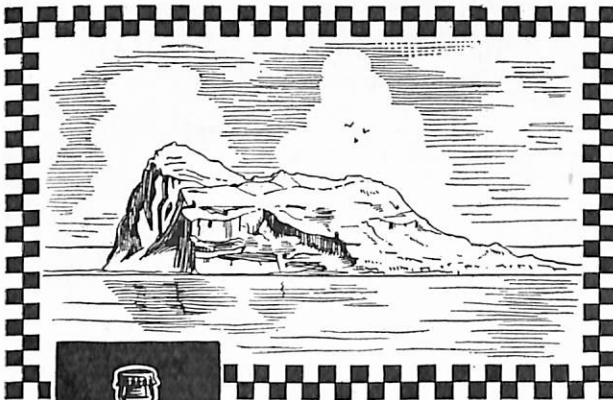
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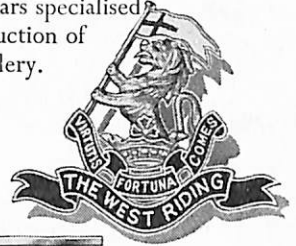
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Halifax with our recommendations. It is instances such as these, apart from the wonderful spirit of comradeship and maintenance of the old traditions, that make the Regimental Association well worth while.

Probably most of those old "Dukes" who read this article and who live in Doncaster and district are already members of the Branch. If they are not,

or if they know of any other old "Duke" in this district who has not yet joined, then the obvious thing for them to do is to contact without delay either the hon. treasurer, Mr. E. J. Goodwin, 55 High Street, Doncaster, or the Branch secretary, Mr. Ray Coates, 80 Kirton Lane, Thorne, near Doncaster.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1954

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stock of Badges, as at 31.10.1953 ...	1	8 0	Grants received on behalf of Members	6	0 0
Grants to Members ...	6	0 0	Members' Subscriptions ...	4	17 0
Annual Dinner ...	18	10 6	Annual Dinner—Sale of Tickets ...	17	0 0
Children's Outing ...	13	0 0	Contributions towards Cost of Outing	5	5 0
Cost of Christmas Cards and Diaries ...	5	3 0	Sale of Christmas Cards and Diaries ...	4	12 0
Donations ...	3	0 0	Sale of Badges ...		8 0
Printing and Stationery ...	2	6 0	Refund from H.Q. on account of Print-		
Postages ...	4	0 0	ing, Stationery, etc., 1953 ...	6	19 0
Depreciation on Radio Set & Amplifier	2	0 0	Proceeds of Raffles, etc. ...	7	2 6
	55	7 6	Donations ...	2	5 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure ...		1 0	Stock of Badges in hand (10 x 2s. each)	1	0 0
	55	8 6		55	8 6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT OCTOBER 31, 1954

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Accumulated Surplus—</i>								
Balance as at 31.10.53 ...	21	8 1			Radio Set and Amplifier at			
Excess of Income over					cost ...	15	0 0	
Expenditure for the year					LESS Depreciation pre-			
ended 31.10.54 ...		1 0			viously written off ...	10	0 0	
			21	9 1	Depreciation for year ...	2	0 0	
								3 0 0
					Stocks of records (presented			
					to Branch) ...			- - -
					Wooden Chest and Lock			
					(presented to Branch) ...			- - -
					Panel (presented to Branch)			- - -
					Stock of Badges ...			1 0 0
					Cash at National Provin-			
					cial Bank ...	16	19 1	
					Cash in Hand ...		10 0	
								17 9 1
			21	9 1				21 9 1

We certify that we have examined the books of The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association, Doncaster and District Branch, for the year ended October 31, 1954, and that to the best of our knowledge and belief the Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet have been truly and correctly drawn up.

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