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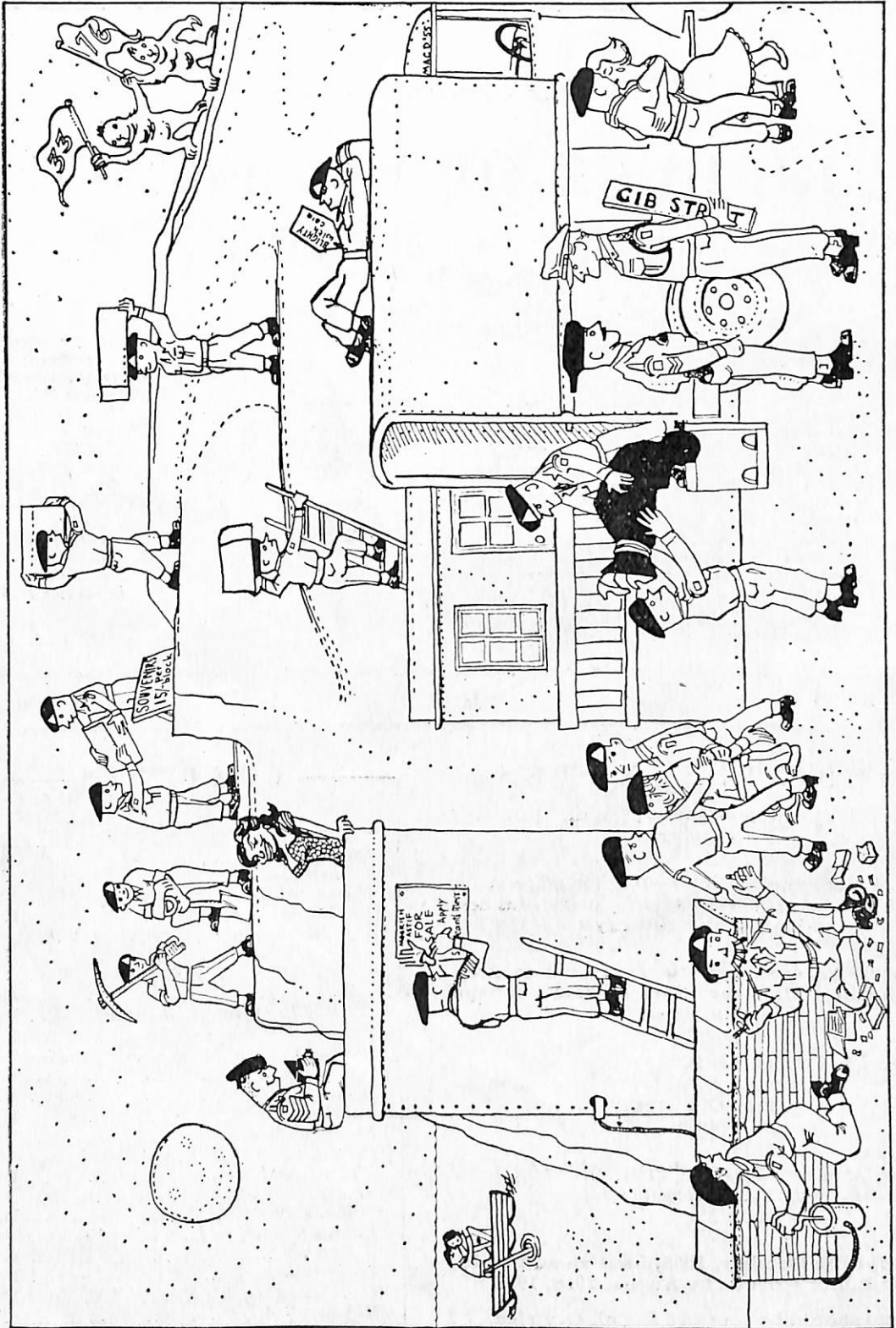
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D. H. B. Dowdy

The Souvenir Hunters

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EDITORIAL

The reorganisation of the Regiment necessitated by the abolition of A.A. Command has now assumed its permanent shape. (One can detect a cynical chuckle from some old members of our Territorial units at the word "permanent.") The three artillery regiments originally the 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions, now combine to form one, namely 382 Medium Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A.; 578 and 673 Regiments become "Q" (5th D.W.R.) and "R" (6th D.W.R.) Batteries. Thus the old titles will survive and the historical local connections will be maintained.

The 1st Battalion are due to return home from Gibraltar in September and will be stationed at Chisleton. They are sure of a warm welcome.

We publish in this number the first of a series of articles by Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, entitled "Regimental Worthies," and we hope to start shortly a series of short biographies of former Colonels of the Regiment by J. W. Hayes, illustrated by their portraits, when these are available. At the moment very few are in the possession of the Regiment—in fact one can recall only two, other than those of The Duke—earlier than the end of the last century. Mr. Hayes has undertaken the task of tracing these—a task involving much research and correspondence—and has already had considerable success. Early engravings and photographs often turn up in the most unexpected places, and any assistance that readers can give will be gratefully accepted.

The Regimental Dinner and Tea were held in spite of the railway strike, and though some members, particularly among those living in the north, could not get there, a surprisingly large number of officers and wives defied all obstacles with a determination worthy of the highest praise, and the two functions passed off most successfully.

The response of retired officers to the appeal for Mess jackets has been most generous, and as a result both the 1st Battalion and the Depot now have a large number of officers who are once again able to sit down to dinner in scarlet. We acknowledge with thanks, gifts from the following:

Colonel C. R. T. Cumberlege, Lieutenant-Colonels W. A. Waller, N. R. Whittaker, J. H. Dalrymple, F. P. A. Woods, Majors H. A. R. Bucknall, R. H. Burton, T. V. Laverack.

Our appeal for swords has been less successful and only Majors R. H. Burton and T. St. G. Carroll have responded.

Whilst on the subject of dress we would like to mention that anodised regimental buttons are now available. This type of button, whilst not as hard wearing as the brass one, does not require polishing and therefore has an inestimable advantage to those

of us who hitherto had to do our own polishing. As an indication of the cost, a set for a blazer costs about ten shillings. The buttons may be obtained from the Regimental tailors.

The Royal Artillery have organised a Tattoo at Woolwich in aid of their Charitable Fund. This will be the third of its kind and will take place from September 21 to 24, at 7.30 p.m., with a daylight performance at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24.

Details and tickets may be obtained from the Tattoo Box Office, Artillery House, 58 Woolwich Common, London, S.E.18.

The Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School was founded one hundred years ago to provide for the maintenance and education of the daughters of soldiers (other than officers). The cost of running the school is borne mainly by voluntary subscriptions, but parents are normally required to contribute to the maintenance of their child, according to their financial circumstances. Orphans and daughters of soldiers in the Regular Army are usually given preference—but others are eligible and each case is considered on its merits.

The current number of "Cahier des Voltigeurs," the journal of our allied Canadian regiment, contains a description of the unveiling in Quebec by M. St. Laurent on November 22 of a monument to the memory of Sir Wilfred Laurier, before a very distinguished assembly. A detachment of the Voltigeurs, together with the Regimental Buglers, attended on this historic occasion. In the course of his speech the Prime Minister said:

"It is no mere coincidence, I am sure, that the Voltigeurs de Quebec have been invited to find the Guard of Honour. As Colonel of the Regiment I deeply appreciate the fact that you have thought fit to link with this ceremony members of the Regiment of which Sir Wilfred Laurier himself was Honorary Colonel from 1899 to 1919."

The Council of the United Service Corps wish to bring to the notice of other ranks about to leave the service the opportunities of employment which can be provided by their organisation. The chief types of employment available are commissionaires, clerks, messengers and receptionists, mainly in the London area. Full details can be obtained from The Secretary, United Services Corps, 19 Hand Court, Holborn, London, W.C.1.

The Army Art Society is holding its 24th Annual Exhibition in London during October. Intending exhibitors should apply to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Cuthbert Orde, Chelsea, London, S.W.3.

Contributions to the October issue of THE IRON DUKE should be in the Editor's hands by August 29.

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

The past three months have seen the Battalion achieve some considerable success on the sports field by winning the Inter-Units Soccer Cup, completing the "double" in the Hockey—by being top of the league and winning the Cup—again by winning the Major and Minor Units Road Racing and finally by winning both the Major and Minor Units Basket Ball Competitions.

H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Rock with the Home Fleet on March 26, and we had the honour of providing the Army contingent of the Combined Services Guard of Honour which was paraded on the quayside. The 1st Battalion Queen's Colour was carried by 2 Lt. J. E. Pell.

We were very pleased to have a visit from Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O., in March when he very kindly presented the M.S.M. to Bandmaster Seed, and the L.S. and G.C. Medals to C.S.M. Clark and C.S.M. Randall on a Battalion parade.

It was with regret that we saw General Sir Gordon H. A. MacMillan, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., leave Gibraltar on April 2; he passed our own outpost on the Frontier—Four Corners Guardroom—to cheers from assembled members of the Regiment.

In May, a training camp was established near Sandy Bay on the east side of the Rock and it is intended that each of the Rifle Companies and "S" Company should spend about three weeks there in order to get officers, N.C.O.s and men together for a period of concentrated training and an opportunity to practice being self-supporting in the field.

Chisleton and a field formation, however, will give us ample opportunity to be so, and it is with mixed feelings that we leave Gibraltar for perhaps the quieter times of training for modern warfare.

OFFICERS' MESS

The highlight of Mess life since our last notes has been the visit of Major-General Exham, who came out on H.M.S. *Ocean* and returned, after one false start, in a R.A.F. bomber. We were very pleased indeed to see him once again and we think that we managed to entertain him during his all too short visit. During his stay we held a very successful Guest Night when we dined out the retiring Governor, General Sir Gordon H. A. MacMillan, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C., D.L. Other guests included Vice-Admiral Carllil, Flag Officer Training Squadron, Brigadier G. Lucas and Mr. J. J. Cunningham, Jimmy Davidson's father-in-law and an old friend of the Regiment.

The middle of March saw the unfamiliar uniform of the Senior Service in our midst. Sub-Lt. Moy and Midshipmen Cramer, Boxall and Walton were attached to the Battalion for a week to study first-hand the life of the P.B.I. It can be said, with some certainty, that they seemed to enjoy their stay, and we should like to take this opportunity to thank

them for their kind presentation of a silver ash tray to the Mess.

The day of the Regimental Golf Match dawned fine and clear and many envious eyes followed the cars of "golfers" through Four Corners. In the evening a cocktail party was held in the Mess, at which Jimmy Davidson was presented with the silver putter and Jeremy Cumberlege, "a chip off the old block," with the wooden spoon. A report from Spain was received, stating that the one handed golfer, John Raybould, was hitting vicious leg-breaks in all directions and the caddies had put in for danger money. Still, good or bad, the golfers enjoyed themselves.

Full marks must go to Chris Jenkins and his team of gardeners, who put in many hours of hard work in the Mess gardens. The introduction of S'Arengo, the peacock, did nothing to help matters, his diet consisting of flowers and greenstuff. How the gardeners must hate him. In the gardens competition we were runners-up to the Sisters' Mess—our claim being that the Sisters' charm was more appreciated by the French judges than our sherry.

Our thoughts are now turning towards England and Chisleton once again. It will be pleasant to be in a formation once more. We have just about had our fill of ceremonial duties out here.

Tony Firth commanded the Combined Services guard of honour for the new Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman on May 20. Ask him why his face is red!

We welcome Jeremy Cumberlege to the Battalion, also 2 Lts. Carter, Cooper, Granger and Birch. We have said a sad farewell to Douglas Jones-Stamp who has left us for the "horrors" of Germany; he is much missed here and his many friends both service and civilian wish him and "Tushey" well.

Stop Press:—We have just had a very welcome visit from Brigadier "Bonzo" Miles and Colonel George Taylor who are spending a few days in Gibraltar in the course of a tour in Spain.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The Paardeburg ball was mentioned in the last issue. We wish to record our thanks to C.S.M. Callaby and his helpers for staging a successful function. We were rather overwhelmed at the number of guests who turned out, as it was a wretched rainy evening. Shortly after this our good friends the Royal Marines took Sgt. Perrin and three men for a five-week trip on H.M.S. *Tyne*. Sgt. Perrin seems to have enjoyed himself thoroughly. When the Home Fleet returned, they brought with them H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh for whom a guard of honour of all three services was found. C.S.M. Randall, C.Sgt. Robins, Sgts. Blezard and Garrity were the senior ranks of the guard.

The winter series of indoor games matches against other Messes culminated in a dance at the Central Hall at which the prizes were awarded. We attended this in force but we had few prizes to

collect, our only winners being C.S.M. Williams and Sgt. Houghton who won the darts doubles. In March the Corporals visited the Mess for a games evening, in return for a most enjoyable evening they gave us in their club the month before.

We had a number of informal dances on Sunday evenings throughout the spring. Square dancing has become most popular, particularly amongst the wives and senior members. In order to become more adept at it, the President of the Committee, Band Sergeant-Major Waterman arranged a course of instruction on Wednesday evenings in the Mess. After a few lessons it became obvious to the bystanders that "Dukes" Sergeants were well ahead in the requisite skill required by this form of boisterous exercise.

When H.M.S. *Corunna* came into dry dock for a long refit early in April, we challenged her senior hands at whaler-pulling, soccer, shooting and indoor games. All fixtures were much enjoyed by both sides, and in the outdoor events we successfully swept the deck! The sailors were very much taken aback by our whaler teams' effort in defeating them by some 15 lengths, and by seeing them strike 40 over the greater part of the course. All our old hands turned out on the soccer field, and again we won; though on this occasion not by such a definite margin. The score was three goals to two, at full time, when our veterans limped thankfully off the field. R.Q.M.S. Dawson, C.S.M. Williams, C.S.M. Jobling and C.Sgt. Alton all showed flashes of their old form, and the sailors took good care to keep out of the way of Sgt. McKenzie when he started getting up full speed.

In the shooting match, despite C.S.M. Frier, we won by five points—mainly due to the good shooting of Sgts. Wilkinson and Bailes. On retiring indoors to continue the fray with dartboard and domino the honours were more even. The boat race was won this time by *Corunna* as Sgt. McKenzie seized up after half a pint. We must not let this occasion pass without congratulating S.S.I. Meadows on his very sporting effort in turning out for the Mess' soccer team only half an hour after he had played for the Battalion in the Inter-Unit Cup Final. A game which had run to extra time on a boiling hot day. Thank you.

We have said goodbye with regret to C.Sgt. Nichols who went to the 7th Battalion, Sgt. Garrity on release, Sgt. Peach to the 7th Battalion, Sgt. Pratt to the Depot staff, Sgt. Fenn to the R.M.A. Sandhurst, and with greatest reluctance to O.R.Q.M.S. Hall, M.B.E., who is to be congratulated on his promotion to W.O.1, on his appointment to a documentation team at Records, York. We wish them all every success in their new ventures.

We welcome from the Depot C.Sgt. Burke, who is temporarily Officers' Mess steward and Sgt. Brayshaw who has taken O.R.Q.M.S. Hall's place in the Orderly Room.

We congratulate Sgt. Flood of "S" Company on his promotion into the Mess and hope he will enjoy himself with us. S.S.I. Meadows and S.Sgt. Bedford (R.A.E.C.), are to be congratulated on the increase of a crown to their chevrons.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Let us start with the St. George's Day ball. This was a roaring success, and we had a grand buffet. Members of other Corporals' clubs in the Garrison were invited, and all agreed that the assembly rooms was an excellent setting for this annual event.

We invited the Sergeants' Mess members to a social evening in our club a week or two before the ball, and had the usual vocalists giving "turns." The C.O. presented trophies to the winners of a previous indoor games competition, Cpl. Thomas and L.Cpl. Broomhead were presented with tankards for winning the billiards and darts match respectively, whilst the dark horse L.Cpl. Harris won the one for snooker.

The invitation was returned a little time later and we went to the Sergeants' Mess where an enjoyable time was had by us all.

Among the team chosen to shoot at Bisley in July are Cpls. Elston, Holliday, Crossfield, Mawe and L.Cpl. Jemison. Good shooting.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Hewitt and L.Cpl. Harris and wish them success in Civvy Street; also Cpls. Evans and Johannson who have left for the Depot.

Congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. Wapett on the birth of a son, and to Sgt. Flood on his promotion.

"A" COMPANY

Since our last notes "A" Company has seen a great deal of comings and goings, unfortunately the latter has been the foremost, thus leaving us somewhat of a skeleton Company.

Our greatest blow is the departure of Captain D. Isles, who is taking up a Staff appointment as G.S.O. 2 Northern Army Group, Germany. The Company take this opportunity of wishing him all the best for the future.

Another departure from the Company is Lt. Smyth, who has gone to England on a M.T. course. It is very unlikely that we shall see him back in the Company, but we all hope that his sympathies will be with us when we phone the M.T. in the future!

The last draft of recruits we are to receive in Gibraltar have completed their continuation training with us, and have been posted out to other Companies.

Lt. Campbell-Lamerton has returned from his *Exchange au Pair* visit with the French army. He says that his visit did not entirely take place in Paris but on the *Massif Central*, doing manoeuvres. He tells us that his association with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment didn't appear to go down too well, as they kept telling him how great was Napoleon! The Battle of Waterloo must have been fought again and again!

We have a small draft of regular recruits from the Depot, who are training with us—mainly shooting in case there are any potential young soldiers for the Bisley team. Another addition to the Company strength is the Bisley Cadre under Lt. Wood, whom we rarely see except for administration purposes.

The Band boys have been attached to the Company for training and games under Cpl.

Ashton. They have a fairly hectic sports programme against the local Grammar School.

Owing to the size of the Company we are unable to produce a strong enough sports team to compete with the other Companies, which has resulted in our sportsmen being distributed to strengthen the other Companies within the Battalion—mind you though the "A" Company spirit is still very much alive.

Our order of battle now stands as follows:

O.C.: Lt. Campbell-Lamerton.

C.S.M.: C.S.M. J. Clarke.

C.Q.M.S.: C.Q.M.S. R. Alton.

No. 1 Platoon: Cpl. Smith (Recruits).

No. 2 Platoon: Cpl. Ashton (Band Boys).

No. 3 Platoon: Lt. Wood.

(Bisley Cadre)

"B" COMPANY

Once again it is time for your correspondent to view the preceding three months of "B" Company's existence from the comparative quiet and sunny seclusion of the verandah of the Gorbals. The one very real boon which Gibraltar has to offer is delightful spring and early summer weather. Long days of fairly dry south-westerly winds, deep blue skies decorated by occasional billowy cumulus clouds and the ever present friendly sun. Later the east wind will come and with it the gloomy Levanter, perching on top of the Rock like a monstrous white saucer, and causing as it does, sweat, toil and rather frayed tempers in the Company office.

This however, is the exception rather than the rule. Looking back, since our previous notes were written, we remember the last of the rain at the end of March, followed by a gradual increase in temperature, reaching its climax about a week ago when we thankfully poured our tired bodies into khaki drill. This long spell of good weather has done much to brighten our views of Gibraltar as a whole, and has encouraged sport, and training for it, to a degree which three months ago we scarcely thought possible.

Now that summer has arrived, arrangements have been made for each Company to retire—in toto, to the remoteness of Sandy Bay training camp on the eastern side of the Rock. Our turn comes in July, and with it our long and eagerly awaited experience of night exercises and patrols. Our spies with great skill and bravery, and notwithstanding "D" Company's strong security arrangements, have recently reported that Sandy Bay camp is achieving a considerable success.

Mention should here be made of the improvement in Company morale—particularly the Sergeant Major's—due to the appreciable increase in our Company strength. Employments are not so numerous as they were six months ago, and the Company on parade these days really looks like a Company and not an amorphous Platoon.

Parades we have had a-plenty since our last issue. We provided a part of the guards of honour for His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, and the C.-in-C. Mediterranean Fleet, when they arrived here on March 26. We paraded on the square at

Casemates to cheer lustily the departing Governor, General Sir Gordon H. A. MacMillan; and again on St. George's Day, when Mrs. R. de la H. Moran graciously presented us all with the white rose of York.

Our last guard of honour we shared with "C" Company for the new Governor of Gibraltar, Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman. On this occasion 2 Lt. Cumberlege carried the Regimental Colour. This month we shall be providing N.C.O.s and men for the guard of honour for the Governor of Algeçiras when he calls on His Excellency.

During the past three months we have, together with "C" and "D" Companies provided the guard on the convent—the Governor's residence, and we like to think that our guard was a credit to the fair name and ducal splendour of our Regiment. No offence "C" and "D" Companies, but . . . well!

In shooting the Company has done well. In the Battalion rifle meeting we won the Inter-Company Cup (modified Hopton Cup). Our team consisted of C.S.M. Frier, C.Sgt. Robins, Cpl. Parker and Ptes. Northrop, Stead, Sutcliffe and Sergeant. We are all training hard now for the Command rifle meeting to be held in September.

The Company athletic meeting was won by No. 6 Platoon, mainly due, our correspondent feels, to their good fortune in the attachments from our Company H.Q. Resultant timings, though not exceptional, were undoubtedly a credit to the Company.

In the Gibraltar Minor Units Road Races the Company team did well gaining sixth and fourth places respectively. They did a considerable amount of training and we consider that as 18 teams entered the competition, the placings were very commendable. The team consisted of 2 Lt. Faithfull, Cpl. Busfield, L.Cpls. Allan and Hartigan and Ptes. Emery, Thornton and Dorward. Ptes. Emery and Thornton also ran in the Battalion team which won the Major Units Road Race.

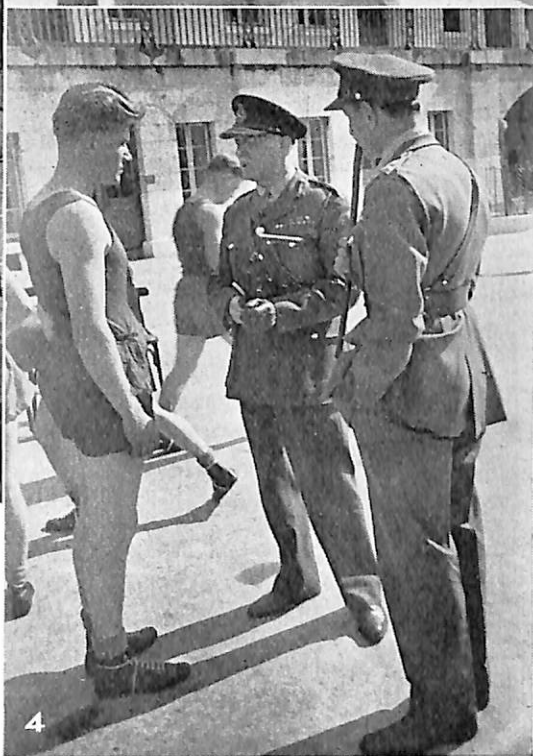
No. 5 Platoon were the only Platoon who distinguished themselves in any way in the Platoon flag competition. After a very shaky start their final placing was fifth. They reached the finals of the falling plates and basketball competition, and semi-final of the hockey.

L.Cpl. Hartigan was awarded the Battalion boxing belt for the best boxer of the year. The presentation was made by Mrs. R. de la H. Moran on the St. George's Day parade.

We welcome to the Company 2 Lt. Cumberlege an old and familiar name, and also Cpls. Wakefield and Ashton from "H.Q." Company, to which Mr. Rawson has been temporarily assigned as Messing Officer. We wish C.Sgt. Robins good luck at Bisley in June. Congratulations to Cpls. Wright and Parker, and L.Cpls. Wood, Hartigan, Henry Brook, and Ward on their promotion. We have paid a sad farewell to Sgt. Peach who has left us for the 7th Battalion.

The Company order of Battle is as follows:

Company Commander Major J. S. Milligan.
2IC 2 Lt. Reddington.



1 "B" Coy., Winners of the Inter Company Shooting Shield: Left to right, Pte. Sergeant, Cpl. Bosfield, C.S.M. Frier, Pte. Sutcliffe, Sgt. Pratt. Absent: C.Q.M.S. Robins and Pte. Stead.

2. Battalion Rifle Meeting, 1955. Colour-Sergeant W. Norman, Champion Shot 1955, carrying the Cox Gold Medal.

3. Company Sergeant-Major Randall, receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O.

4. Cpl. Brown (captain) talking to Major-General Exham after the boxing team photograph. Cpl. Brown's father, Sgt. S. G. Brown, who served with the Regiment before the last war, was also a great boxing enthusiast.

C.S.M.	C.S.M. Frier.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Sgt. Robins.
<i>No. 4 Platoon.</i>		
Platoon Commander	..	2 Lt. Cumberlege.
Platoon Sergeant	..	Sgt. Pratt.
<i>No. 5 Platoon.</i>		
Platoon Commander	..	2 Lt. Faithfull.
Platoon Sergeant	..	Sgt. Perrin.
<i>No. 6 Platoon</i>		
Platoon Commander	..	2 Lt. Kelly.
Platoon Sergeant	..	Cpl. Johnson.

"C" COMPANY

On April 23, "C" Company regretfully said farewell to Major D. S. D. B. Jones-Stamp. We thank him for all the hard work he has done for the Company and wish him and his family the very best of luck for the future. We welcome Major A. B. M. Kavanagh, M.C., back to "C" Company and wish him a successful command.

The Company has of late done very well on the sports field. The football team deserves a special mention. They won the Minor Units North End Cup and narrowly missed winning the Minor Units Cup when they played the winners of the South End, R.E.M.E., Nos. 2 and 3 Platoons. From the Company the following have represented the Battalion, Cpl. Wild, L.Cpls. Wells, Harman, Parker, Smith (72), Crow and Ptes. Blench and Woodhouse.

Another outstanding success was the Minor Units Road Racing. We were second in the first race and won the second, thus making us the Minor Unit Road Racing Champions. On both occasions 2 Lt. Barkshire was the first home and Pte. Rushbrooke came fifth and seventh respectively. The indoor games are going well and the Company is now leading in the league. If the present form is maintained there is no reason why we should not win the competition.

Once again the chaos of training for Athletics is on. The usual difficulties of bad feet, sore heels, guards, fatigues, transport and other duties have been avoided as far as possible by magnificent efforts on the part of Major Kavanagh and the C.S.M. The results of the Company sports held on Wednesday, May 4, were as follows:

One Mile: 1, Pte. Rushbrooke; 2, L.Cpl. Balmforth; 3, Pte. Fairbanks.

High Jump: 1, L.Cpl. Bowering; 2, Pte. Hesselton; 3, Pte. Yeomans.

Long Jump: 1, Pte. Blench; 2, Pte. Ryan; 3, 2 Lt. Lupton.

Discus: 1, Sgt. Chadwick; 2, Pte. Brunning; 3, L.Cpl. Crow.

100 yds.: 1, Pte. Garland; 2, Pte. Flesher; 3, Pte. Alcock.

Three Miles: 1, Pte. Rushbrooke; 2, L.Cpl. Balmforth; 3, Pte. Morgan.

Shot: 1, L.Cpl. Crow; 2, Pte. Garland; 3, Sgt. Chadwick.

440 yds.: 1, L.Cpl. Smith (72); 2, L.Cpl. Crow; 3, Pte. Heeley.

Hurdles: 1, 2 Lt. Lupton; 2, L.Cpl. Wells; 3, Pte. Woodhouse.

880 yds.: 1, Sgt. Kirk; 2, L.Cpl. Smith (72); 3, L.Cpl. Sweeney.

220 yds.: 1, Pte. Alcock; 2, Pte. Heeley; 3, Pte. Robinson.

Preparations for our camp at Sandy Bay on June 10, are well advanced. Judging from the amount of work done by "D" Company and the various reports received from Sandy Bay, life there should be both interesting and entertaining. It will certainly be a unique experience to have the whole Company together—and for three weeks.

On May 16, we changed into khaki drill and needless to say the weather immediately changed back to winter and a requirement for battledress.

Cpl. Elston is to represent the Company in the Battalion shooting team shortly to visit Bisley.

The following are to be congratulated on being selected as the Commanding Officer's stick orderly on three successive "Government House" guards provided by the Company: Ptes. Ambler, Liddermore, Hesselton and Fletcher.

Officers and N.C.O.s are at present distributed as follows:

Company H.Q.:—Command, Major A. B. M. Kavanagh; 2IC, 2 Lt. Lupton; C.S.M. Randall, C.Sgt. Lancaster and L.Cpl. Dewhirst.

No. 7 Platoon.—2 Lt. de Mesquita, Sgt. Taylor, Cpls. Wild, Stowell and Armitage, L.Cpls. Wells, Sweeney, Cross and Tierney.

No. 8 Platoon.—2 Lt. Jenkins, Sgt. Kirk, Cpls. Silcock, Kelly (P.R.I.'s Clerk) and Elston (att. "A"), L.Cpls. Crow, Smith (72), Harman, Bowering and McGowan.

No. 9 Platoon.—2 Lt. Barkshire, Sgts. Chadwick and Miles (Sergeants' Mess), Cpls. Smith (35) (att. "A"), Bowering and Smith (42), L.Cpls. Balmforth, Prior and Turton.

"D" COMPANY

Since our last notes went to press, Gibraltar has been released from the grip of the winter rains and now basks in the sun, which during the spring and early summer makes the climate so agreeable. After a spell of warm weather, it was with considerable relief that the Battalion changed into khaki drill and fortunate that "D" Company was chosen as the first to use Sandy Bay training camp where opportunities for bathing are only restricted by the unpredictable east winds. No. 10 Platoon left as the advance party a week before the main body, and found ample opportunities for painters, glaziers and bricklayers to pursue their civilian occupations. Buildings received a coat of white-wash, windows were replaced and a cattle fence was erected to prevent people from slipping over the cliff. A marquee sited in an old gun position, served as a dining hall and the food was prepared in a field kitchen using Aldershot ovens, a lazyman's boiler and No. 1 burners. This work in the morning sun caused both old and new members of the Company to welcome the reopening of the famous "Dog and Lamposte." Training is now well under way and by means of demonstrations and then practice we are busily preparing for our return to field training in England.



Di Cadillac

On May 28, the Battle of the Hook was remembered by a Company party which began with a concentration of thunderflashes at 1945 hours to simulate the beginning of the enemy bombardment on "D" Company two years ago. Cpl. Wakefield (A.C.C.) and Pte. Fitzhenry entertained the men in their own inimitable styles and a trio from the Regimental Band provided the music. Once again, the notorious cow, under the provocation of Major E. J. P. Emmett, M.C., gave Nelly a paralysing blow in the tummy. The following day we held a Memorial Service which was conducted by Padre Burns. The lesson was read by C.S.M. J. Jobling, M.M. and the Roll of Honour by Lt. E. J. H. Dasent.

The excellent bathing facilities at Sandy Bay have already led to the formation of lifesaving classes under Sgt. Wilson. The number of entries is most encouraging and the Company is very optimistic about retaining the Minor Units Shield which they won last year.

Although none of the Platoons in the Company won the Platoon flag competition, No. 11 Platoon, who won the barrack room competition and came third in the final overall result, were also the first Rifle Platoon to be placed in order of merit. No. 10 Platoon, despite their disastrous start fought back and after beating No. 11 Platoon in an all "D" Company final of the seven-a-side soccer finished seventh. No. 12 Platoon were ninth.

Our programme of sport has continued to be heavy and has been characterised by an inability to finish strongly. After their mid-season lapse the soccer team rallied and were unbeaten in their last few games—their most noteworthy success being the defeat of the R.N. local team, who were then the league leaders.

Similarly the Company hockey team reached the final of the inter-Company knockout after defeating "C" Company but were beaten two goals to one by "S" Company in an extremely hard fought game.

In the Minor Units road running championships the Company finished fourth and 2 Lt. Green, Ptes Haig (11) and Clarkson were selected to run for the Battalion team. Following this, training for the Company sports began. These were held on May 6, and won by No. 11 Platoon. Immediately afterwards serious preparation for the Battalion athletic meeting started.

The results of the Company Sports were as follows:—

100 Yds.: 1, 2 Lt. Granger; 2, Sgt. Wilson; 3, L.Cpl. Brown.

440 Yds.: 1, Sgt. Wilson; 2, Pte. Cross; 3, L.Cpl. Wood.

One Mile: 1, Pte. Ellam; 2, Pte. Evans; 3, Pte. Green.

Hurdles: 1, 2 Lt. Granger; 2, L.Cpl. Brown; 3, Pte. Ellam.

Long Jump: 1, Pte. Kenyon; 2, 2 Lt. Granger; 3, Pte. Phayer.

Shot: 1, Cpl. Bohem; 2, Sgt. Wilson; 3, Pte. Morley.

220 Yds.: 1, Pte. Cross; 2, Pte. Bayles; 3, L.Cpl. Brown.

880 Yds.: 1, Pte. Kenyon; 2, Pte. Haigh (11); 3, 2 Lt. Birch.

Three Miles: 1, Pte. Clarkson; 2, Pte. Haigh (11); 3, Pte. Briggs.

High Jump: 1, 2 Lt. Fell; 2, Pte. Gregory; 3, Pte. Shaw.

Discus: 1, Cpl. Bohem; 2, Pte. Phayer; 3, Pte. Glossop.

Lt. Campbell-Lamerton was attached to the Company for the Battalion sports and training was held daily under 2 Lt. Granger. The Battalion athletic meeting saw the Company founder after a tremendous struggle—being beaten to second place by "S" Company by one single point. The absence of Ptes. Haigh (11) and Kenyon in the 1-mile race and the long jump respectively led to a last minute reorganisation and consequent weakening.

The .22 shooting season ended with the Company being narrowly defeated in the inter-Company knockout final by "H.Q." Company. Cpl. Mawe represented the Battalion "A" team and L.Cpl. Jemmisson and Ptes. Tolley and Sullivan the "B" team.

Early in March interest turned to the Battalion rifle meeting. The Company team appeared to stand an excellent chance, but failed to live up to its early promise. Pte. Nicholl, however, is to be congratulated on being the best shot of the young soldiers and also second in the individual rifle competition. Cpls. Mawe and Holliday, L.Cpl. Jemmisson and Ptes. Nicholl and Anderson are also to be congratulated on their selection to go with the Battalion team to Bisley.

Arrivals have included 2 Lts. M. J. Granger and T. J. M. Birch from Eaton Hall, who have taken over Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons respectively, whilst 2 Lt. B. T. Fell has gone on attachment to the 3-in. Mortar Platoon. Other arrivals are Cpl. Bohon from the Regimental Depot and Cpl. Scargill from "H.Q." Company.

Sgt. Fenn has left us for the R.M.A. at Sandhurst, Cpl. Evans for the Regimental Depot, and Ptes. Holmes, Baines and Jackson (95) for Civvy Street. We wish them all the best of luck.

Our order of battle now stands as follows:—

Commander	Major E. J. P. Emmett, M.C.
Training Officer ..	2 Lt. R. G. Southerst.
Administrative Officer	2 Lt. G. C. Cooper.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. J. Jobling, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. E. Webster.

No. 10 Platoon

Commander	2 Lt. C. R. Green.
Sergeant	Sgt. R. Wilson.
Corporals	Cpls. W. Morris and H. Scargill.

No. 11 Platoon

Commander	2 Lt. M. J. Granger.
Sergeant	Sgt. A. Arundel.
Corporals	Cpls. Bailey, M.M., and L. Bohon.

No. 12 Platoon

Commander	2 Lt. T. J. M. Birch.
Sergeant	Sgt. G. Pickersgill, M.M.
Corporals	Cpls. R. F. Chilvers and P. Lee.

"S" COMPANY

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	Major C. F. Grieve.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. R. Williams.
<i>Mortar Platoon</i>	
Commander	Lt. E. J. H. Dasent.
2 IC	2 Lt. B. T. Fell.

Sergeants	Sgts. Batty, Dickie and Sullivan.
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M.M.G. Platoon

Commander	2 Lt. J. G. Raybould.
Sergeants	Sgts. Houghton and Spring.

Anti-Tank Platoon

Commander	Lt. P. A. Mitchell.
Sergeant	Sgt. France.

The period covered by these notes began in the midst of a desperate struggle for the Platoon Flag. These excitements were viewed with mixed feelings inside the Company, the Machine Gun Platoon seemingly considering a small flag not worthy of much effort. The Anti-Tank Platoon felt that the Mortars needed a little pushing, and the Mortars were only seen during the last fortnight when there was a break in the clouds. Of course, they won through—and eventually landed!

Not purely by coincidence, most of these notes seem to be concerned with some sort of sport, and when the hockey finished and the Office became repopulated, athletics became the priority. A very successful Company meeting was held at Europa, when the Machine Gun Platoon redeemed themselves by winning the inter-Platoon competition after a close struggle. Fine weather, excellent organisation and the display of considerable talent made it a pleasant and satisfactory day's sport.

This event was followed by the Battalion meeting in which we had to surrender the shield to "C" Company, but second place was ours despite allegations of undue good fortune from the Pundits at Sandy Bay. Lt. Dasent's speed with able support from the remainder of the team earned this position.

To complete the sporting notes, we extend our congratulations to Cpl. Brook and Pte. Kent, who were members of the Battalion soccer team which defeated R.E.M.E. in the very hard-fought final of the Murray Cup.

The last three months have seen considerable changes in the composition of the Company. Lt. Miller on return from leave in England became Assistant Adjutant, his place being taken by 2 Lt. Raybould from "D" Company. Another arrival from "D" Company was 2 Lt. Fell, who is now Lt. Dasent's second-in-command. Sgt. Dickie and Cpl. Johansson have been temporarily posted to the Depot, a great loss to the Company. L.Cpls. Wren and Godden and Pte. Hadfield are at present on an S.A.S. course, where we wish them the best of luck.

We are unfortunate, too, in losing Pte. Clarkson, and in the near future L.Cpls. Sherwood and Bayliss and Pte. Longman. They leave us all for civilian life; we hope to see at least some of them back to the fold again.

By the time the next notes are written the Company will have attended the training camp at Sandy Bay. It is safe to say, we feel, that afterwards there will be a larger number of fishermen, even more burnt backs, and numerous surprises if training lives up to expectations. We shall see.

M.M.G. PLATOON

Since our last notes the Platoon Flag Competition has been completed and almost forgotten, especially by this Platoon. One consolation was the presence of three other Platoons below us in the final placings, but the less said about it the better.

Two new cadres have been completed and the strength of the Platoon has risen accordingly. During this period we have lost, however, Lt. Miller, who on return from leave in England disappeared, temporarily we hope, into the Adjutant's office. 2 Lt. Raybould has arrived from "D" Company to take over the Platoon until the move to England. Cpl. Johansson has recently left us for the Depot, where he is to be an instructor, and we wish him the best of luck after his excellent services to the Platoon. Sgt. Houghton is temporarily an absentee also, being in England on compassionate leave. We hope to see him again shortly.

Despite these defections we emerged triumphant in the Company Sports held on May 12. After a close fight all the way, the result depended upon the three miles, the last race, and L.Cpl. Peebles, having won the mile earlier in the afternoon, repeated his success in fine style and we had won.

Albert Dawson distinguished himself by winning the discus and taking second place in the shot. These two were very well supported by the rest of our athletes, and the result is that nearly half the Platoon are in strict training for the Battalion meeting.

By the time our next contribution to THE IRON DUKE is being written we shall almost be ready to begin the move home, a very eagerly awaited event. Before then, however, we shall be spending three weeks at the new camp at Sandy Bay. This is also an event we look forward to, and here our many fishermen will come into their own. No doubt there will be many good stories about the camp to appear in our next notes.

3-IN. MORTAR PLATOON

Since our last notes the Battalion Platoon Flag Competition has been completed, and we are glad to say the 3-in. Mortar Platoon was victorious. This is the third time we have been successful, although last time we shared the honour with No. 8 Platoon, "C" Company. We came fourth in the drill and the Platoon should be congratulated for their extremely smart turnout and first-class drill. Thanks to the captaincy of Major C. F. Grieve, our Company Commander, we were easy winners of the inter-Platoon six-a-side hockey competition, the team being: Sgt. Batty, Ptes. Baker and Laherty, L.Cpl. Godden, Lt. Dasent and Major Grieve. In the soccer we did well to reach the semi-finals, when we were beaten by No. 12 Platoon, "D" Company. However, we made up for this by being led to victory by our Platoon Commander in the basketball competition. The Falling Plates competition saw us beaten by No. 6 Platoon, "B" Company. The final overall result naturally pleased the Platoon Commander, Lt. E. J. H. Dasent, especially when on St. George's Day the Battalion was drawn up on Casemates

Square for the presentation of the Flag to the Platoon by the Commanding Officer.

Our congratulations to L.Cpl. Kelly on his promotion to Corporal. We say farewell to L.Cpl. Godden on transfer to the Airborne Forces Depot, where his aptitude for boxing and hockey will no doubt be an asset. Pte. Clarkson, our late Storeman, has gone home to return to civilian life; he was the last mortarman to go who saw action with us in Korea. Before our next notes we shall have said farewell to Pte. Longman and we shall lose the services of a very good Platoon cook; also Pte. Twibill, who is hoping to transfer to the R.A.P.C. and remain here in Gibraltar with the Command Paymaster.

We welcome into the Platoon 2 Lt. B. T. Fell as our second-in-command, and hope his stay with us will be a happy one. We welcome from "A" Company Ptes. Greenwood, Wright, Mann, Wells, Taylor, Wilkinson, Rothery and Lockwood.

Congratulations to Pte. Kent who has played for the Battalion Soccer XI throughout the season, and to Pte. Embleton who played basketball for the Battalion and for the Combined Services on three occasions.

The Platoon were honoured by being part of the Battalion street-lining contingent on Friday, May 20, when Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman, K.C.B., C.B.E., arrived to take over the Governorship of Gibraltar, the Platoon Sergeant regrettably having to miss an afternoon's fishing to do escort to the Colour.

Finally, we promise Captain E. M. P. Hardy that we will show him the Platoon Flag on our arrival in U.K. in September. In closing we wish all old mortar-men the best of luck in the future.

ANTI TANK PLATOON

Since our last notes we have all been very busy either taking or helping in cadres, and now we have an enormous army of 34 men.

During March the Inter-Company Flag Competition was completed and we managed to finish sixth. We won the Falling Plate match, which was part of the competition, mainly due to the untiring efforts of C.Sgt. Norman.

Congratulations to Sgt. Flood and L.Cpl. Baker on their promotion.

L.Cpl. Wren and Pte. Hadfield were accepted for the S.A.S. and left us a short time ago.

The Company Athletic Meeting was held early in May and the following must be congratulated on their success: Sgt. Flood, who won the 100 yds. and 110 yds. hurdles and was second in the discus; L.Cpl. Bayliss, who won the long jump; Cpl. Lodge, second in the 440 yds.; Pte. Waddington, second in the high jump; and Pte. Jackman, who ran very well in the three miles and finished second.

L.Cpl. Bayliss has decided to return to civilian life in July. We shall be very sorry to see him go as he has done an excellent job of work in the Platoon Stores.

We put on a demonstration of the 120-mm. gun for all the officers on the Rock, for which we received a "well done" chitty from the Deputy

Fortress Commander. Lt. Mitchell immediately placed this in a file marked "Personal."

The new Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman, K.C.B., C.B., arrived on May 20 and most of the Platoon were in the Battalion street-lining party.

At the present moment our Platoon Commander, Lt. Mitchell, is enjoying a well-earned rest in England after taking his promotion examination, which we hope he passed successfully.

The main topic of conversation at the moment is the impending move to U.K. We expect to arrive in Chiseldon in mid-September. So roll on Salisbury Plain.

"H.Q." COMPANY

It has been a most successful quarter for our sporting activities. In the soccer world we finished fourth in the Minor Units North End League, and were finalists in the Inter-Company Knockout Competition. We were narrowly beaten by 3 goals to 2 after a hard match by "C" Company. In the tug-of-war we were successful, both the lightweight and catchweight contests falling to us in the inter-Company knockout. We also won the .22 shooting knockout and came second in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, losing a considerable winning margin in the last shoot. The athletics season is already upon us, and we have high hopes of being successful. We have had our own sports, and a most pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by everyone. Results were as follows:—

100 Yds. Relay: Signals.

220 Yds. Relay: Signals.

440 Yds. Relay: Signals.

880 Yds. Relay: Signals.

One Mile: Pte. Conway (Signals); runner up, Pte. Harland (Drums).

Three Miles: L.Cpl. Mallinson (Signals); runner up, Pte. Burton (Employed).

Shot: Dmr. Bye (Drums); runner up, Cpl. Adcock (Band).

Discus: Cpl. Burgess (Employed); runner up, Bds. Gaunt (Band).

Long Jump: Pte. Conway (Signals); runner up, Pte. Wilcock (Signals).

Hurdles: Cpl. Mitchell (Signals); runner up, L.Cpl. Chantler (Drums).

Boys 880 Yds.: Boy Norcott; runner up, Boy Heslop.

Boys High Jump: Boy Norcott; runner up, Boy Grizell.

Final Placings

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| 1. Signals. | 2. Band. | 3. Employed. |
| 4. Drums. | 5. Mechanical Transport. | |

The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Firth. Our 110 yds. relay team won the Invitation Relay in "S" Company Sports, just beating our rivals, "C" Company.

We have made many changes of a temporary nature, C.S.M. Callaby (acting R.S.M.), C.S.M. Munro taking over the duties of the C.S.M., and Sgt. Fenn, attached from "D" Company, carried out the duties of C.Q.M.S. L.Cpl. Lee took a well-deserved rest at home and Pte. Stageman took over ably while he was away. The more

permanent changes were that 2 Lt. Pell came to us as W.T.O., and Sgt. Fenn unfortunately left us to take up an appointment at R.M.A. Sandhurst. The most permanent change, however, is the marriage of Pte. Cartridge—congratulations to them both.

By the time these notes come out, we shall be well on our way in our preparations for Chiseldon.

SIGNAL PLATOON

The Platoon Commander and Sgt. Nicholson returned from their course at Hythe in January, the latter maintaining the Sergeants' high tradition of a "B" grading. We offer Sgt. Nicholson our congratulations. In February we welcomed back a very old friend of the Platoon—Sgt. Sheehan. He had just returned from instructing in Signals at Hythe. We are only sorry that his wife and family were unable to accompany him.

Our first nine-week cadre ended at the end of April; 19 signallers classified. We congratulate them all and particularly the top two, Ptes. Meaghan and Bancroft on excellent results.

The Platoon gave a very good account of itself in the Inter-Platoon Flag competition. We were fourth, equal with the Mortars (our ultimate rivals), in the barrack room inspection. C.Sgt. Robins took the drill in the absence of Sgt. Nicholson, and we took second place. The road race we won easily, getting eight of the team in the first 42 runners. L.Cpl. Firth trained us, and L.Cpl. Mallinson and Ptes. Conway and Worthington must be mentioned as showing excellent form. Under L.Cpl. Mallinson's direction (L.Cpl. Firth having departed for a spot of leave in England) the team then went on to represent the Company in the Minor Units Road Race in which we finished third. L.Cpl. Mallinson, and Ptes. Conway and Worthington also ran in the Battalion team which won the Major Units Race. The final event of the Inter-Platoon Flag competition, the basketball, was our undoing. We were knocked out in the first round, and the Mortar Platoon, who had been close on our heels, won the event, and in doing so gained those few extra points to win the competition. To them we say: "Well done."

April brought a large number of promotions: Cpls. Gunn and Falkingham became substantive; L.Cpls. Ashton, Crossfield, Firth, Holmes, Mitchell and Scargill were promoted Acting Corporals; and Pte. Stockell appointed Lance-Corporal. We offer them all our hearty congratulations.

The Platoon made a delightful liason with the cable ship *Mirror* during her visit, and the Platoon Commander and Cpls. Mallinson, Firth and Scargill and L.Cpl. Mallinson spent an enjoyable morning learning the hazards of ocean cable laying, followed by a very pleasant drink with the ship's crew.

Cpl. Gunn has departed to England, bound for R.S.I. 16 at Hythe. We wish him the best of luck and a safe and sane return!

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

Since our last notes we have experienced a chapter of accidents, mostly of a very minor nature,



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but for some unknown reason one or two of the drivers have shown a marked propensity for scraping senior officers' cars! Sgt. Waite has become so adept at filling in the required forms that he is seriously thinking of retiring from the army to set himself up as a claims investigator.

We say good-bye to Sgt. Garrity and Ptes. Shaw and Edwards who have left us recently, and wish them good luck in civilian life. We very much missed Sg. Garrity and Pte. Shaw in the games side of the Platoon Flag Competition in which we did not excel, partly through lack of talent and partly through lack of opportunity for practice.

Driver training has proceeded apace under the auspices of the Royal Army Service Corps. This has just finished and we now have nearly 100 trained drivers in the Battalion who will be available when we arrive in England.

Mr. Smyth and L.Cpl. Howarth are at present on courses at home and Pte. Booth is about to leave for an accounting course. Craftsman Williams joined us recently, and is a welcome addition to our inadequate establishment of vehicle mechanics.

Our congratulations to Cpl. Sykes, who has recently returned from leave in England, on the birth of a son. Congratulations also to Cpl. Tweed, both on his recent marriage and his promotion to Corporal. We hear that Cpl. Brittain and L.Cpl. Davey are contemplating matrimony, and at the present rate we shall have few bachelors left. We have only just recently heard that L.Cpl. Howarth obtained a very high grading on his recent course—an "A." Our many congratulations go to him for his very fine effort.

REGIMENTAL BAND

We start our final summer season in Gibraltar with few changes in the make-up of the Band and an engagement book which makes us feel tired every time we glance at it. We announce with regrets that the old firm "Barry" and "Bandy" has been broken up with the departure of Major A. B. M. Kavanagh, M.C., who has handed over Band president to take over the onerous duties of Company Commander. We shall all miss his smiling face, also his barrel of beer the next time he wins the lottery. We welcome in his place Major A. D. Firth, M.B.E., M.C., and assure him of our support at all times. It is interesting to note that the initials B.B. have changed to T.B., and we are all wondering if our next president's name will begin with S, making the well-known initials of S.B.

Our congratulations are extended to the Bandmaster who was presented with his M.S.M. by Major-General Exham, and to the Band Sergeant on his promotion to Band Sergeant-Major.

We are able to hold our heads a little higher in the sporting world this time. Bandsman Berry has represented the Battalion at football for the whole of the season and was able to play in most of the important games. We managed to achieve second place in the Company Athletics Meeting and have five members who will represent the Company in the Battalion meeting and, we hope, in the Command.

Our Band Club funds are looking extremely

rosy and we are all looking forward to a trip into Spain or to Tangier later in the summer.

Even the Band wives are taking up music in their spare time, and the local choral society has been enriched by the addition of a couple of beautiful (?) soprano voices for their forthcoming productions of "Trial by Jury" and "Carmen." The orchestra for this show is composed mainly of members of this Band and is ably led by the Bandmaster on his violin.

Our next notes, we hope, will be read, if not written, in England, and we are all looking forward to renewing old acquaintances in the near future.

SHOOTING

With the coming of spring the .22 league finished and full-bore shooting commenced. The Battalion .22 teams can look back with satisfaction on the season's results, though the satisfaction was a little fractured when both teams lost their final matches. However, the overall results were still no mean achievement, the position being:

"A" Team: Played 17—won, 15; lost, 2.

"B" Team: Played, 17—won, 13; lost, 3; drawn, 1.

The season's individual averages indicate how closely the "B" Team followed the "A" Team.

"A" Team: C.Sgt. Norman, 95.94; Lt. Wood, 95.58; C.Sgt. Robins, 94.88; Pte. Leach, 94.55; Captain Cowell, 94.50; 2 Lt. Pell, 94.50; Sgt. Bailes, 94.17; Cpl. Mawe, 94.17; Pte. Seymour, 93.23; L.Cpl. Norman, 93.00.

"B" Team: Pte. Sullivan, 94.47; Cpl. Crossfield, 93.47; Pte. Mitchison, 93.46; L.Cpl. Jemmission, 93.41; Pte. Higgins, 93.23; Pte. Tolley, 93.11; Pte. Astbury, 92.76; Pte. Wellock, 92.58; Pte. Litherland, 90.30.

As mentioned in the last notes, the first event in the full-bore field was the Battalion Rifle Meeting, held from March 1 to 4. All concerned in the organisation worked very hard and the meeting went very well indeed. The weather unfortunately suddenly went "English" on us on the third day, and we had howling winds and driving rain for most of the finals. Each day's shooting commenced with an hour's pool bull, from 0900-1000, and quite a number of hitherto undistinguished shots found, to their amazement as much as 35s. (on one occasion) being pressed upon them. The first match of the meeting, the Inter-Company Sten Match, was won by "S" Company. It was a fairly close match, and afterwards one heard such phrases as, "Well, I got a misfire," floating around to account for the difference between winning and losing. The rest of the day, in brilliant sunshine, was taken up by the inter-company rifle and L.M.G. match, which was won by "B" Company, and the first round of the inter-platoon falling plates knock-out competition. The morning of the next day we had the second round of the falling plates competition, and the Serial 2 inter-company rifle and L.M.G., which "H.Q." Company won.

After lunch, the individual rifle entries settled down to a placid two-sighters and 10 rounds application, in almost ideal conditions. The third day saw the weather break and the going at times

became very difficult. However, we pressed on, for we were working to a fairly tight time-table. Old hands were heard to say: "They don't stop at Bisley for rain." The young soldiers' rifle and L.M.G. shoot was won by "S" Company team, and the individual rifle entries (those who stayed the course) shot off their rapid and snaps. By this time the rain was coming down in torrents and it was being driven by a near gale, so it was decided that in spite of what they did at Bisley, we were stopping. The last day saw us getting just as wet, but the invitation match was shot off, being won by 54 AA. Regt., R.A., and the Officers v. Sergeants match, which involved a 100-yds. dash, was won by the Sergeants' team. Mind you, they have draught beer in the Sergeants' Mess. After that, rain again stopped play and the time-table was put back half a day. So on the last day for the second time, on which the weather smiled wanly, those rugged individuals, the rifle shots, doggedly ploughed through their finals, to select the best shot in each class. The semi-finals of the

falling plates between Anti-Tank Platoon and No. 6 Platoon and No. 5 Platoon and the Signals Platoon were won by the Anti-Tank Platoon and No. 5 Platoon. After a short rest the finals were shot off, being won in a very close match by the Anti-Tank Platoon. The results of the individual rifle match were:

Best Individual Shot: 1 D.W.R., C.Sgt. Norman.

Best Shot, Officers: Lt. Wood.

Best Shot, W.O.s and Sergeants: C.Sgt. Norman.

Best Shot, Corporals and Privates: Cpl. Holmes.

Best Shot, Young Soldiers: Pte. Nichol. Pte. Nichol, a newcomer to Battalion shooting, is also to be congratulated for being second in the final order of merit.

The grand aggregate cup was won by "S" Company. The prizes were given away by the Commanding Officer, and so, wet, but cheerful, ended the Battalion rifle meeting for 1955. We are now training a team for Bisley, and leave at the beginning of June, with high hopes. We shall see!

Battalion Sports News

HOCKEY

The 1st XI finished a successful season by completing the cup and league double. The standard of play, however, during the last few weeks of the season, never reached the heights that had been attained during the league programme. This was due partly to several compulsory positional changes and partly to a prolonged spell of inactivity due to bad weather. However, considering that the 1st XI beat the R.A.F. 1st XI in a league match 6—0, the 2nd XI deserves mention of its worthy effort in holding down the 1st XI's score to two goals.

Throughout the season the 2nd XI's defence was steady, but it was not until late in the season that the forwards finished off their approach work properly. The 2nd XI finished the season playing constructive hockey, obviously having gained much more experience since their shaky start in November, eventually ending half-way up the Minor Units League Table, having won 4 and lost 6 matches.

It is worth mentioning that no fewer than 10 Battalion players represented either one or both of the Combined Services or Army teams in Gibraltar. They were: Lt. Mitchell, 2 Lt. Faithfull, Cpl. Holland, Sgt. Batty, 2 Lt. Southerst, Lt. Miller, Captain Blakey, Cpl. Ashton, Captain Isles and Major Grieve.

In the inter-company knock-out competition, "S" Company narrowly defeated "D" Company by 2—1.

Knock-out Competition. Semi-final: 1 D.W.R.,

3 goals; F.E.R., 1 goal. Final: 1 D.W.R., 2 goals; R.A.F. 2nd XI, 1 goal.

Cup Final Team.—Sgt. Batty, Captain Isles, 2 Lt. Southerst, Lt. Mitchell, 2 Lt. Barkshire, C.Q.M.S. Alton, Lt. Dasent, 2 Lt. Faithfull, Cpl. Ashton, Major Grieve and Captain Blakey.

SAILING

The winter sailing season came to rather an abrupt end just as the "Dukes" new whaler was getting into its stride, finishing second in the last two races. The summer season opened on May 7, and although there are few old hands left, all boats went out—with varying success. There are a number of officers anxious to learn, and so once the weather settles down and the Athletic Meeting is over, the boats should be in full use. *Woodpecker* is painted white this year. Great hopes are pinned on her new sails, which will be put into use as soon as they have been completely stretched. Other ranks sailing is again held up. There is no money available in this station to subsidise sailing for O.R.s, and so repairs, etc., are at the mercy of the more charitable officers of the Royal Engineers and other kind-hearted people with technical resources. This does not lead to prompt completion of the work. Sailing in Gibraltar is very good, and as facilities for other sports are limited, it seems a pity that more help from outside the Unit cannot be made available where other ranks are concerned. However, the repair and refitting of *Maribel* are coming along slowly, and she may be in the water in early June. Another great dance



1. The Battalion Cup Final Team lined up before the game: Front row, L.Cpl. Crow, Bdsm. Berry, Pte. Reddy, Pte. Oates, L.Cpl. Wells; Back row, Pte. Waite, Pte. Kent, Pte. Fitzhenry, S.S.I. Meadows (Capt), Cpl. Brooks, Pte. Blench.

2. Sandy Bay Camp.

3. The Cup Final, Gibraltar 1955. Pte. Oates, "D" Coy., (off picture) scoring the only goal during extra time.

4. Entrance to "D" Coy. Canteen at Sandy Bay Camp.

was held in the Officers' Mess on May 6 in aid of funds for the Officers' Sailing Club. Once again it was a memorable evening, but not a financial success, owing to a rather small attendance. The organisers, *inter alia*, Majors Milligan, Emmett, Geoffrey Cooper and Reg. Carter, could not have worked harder or produced more splendid results, and all the wives contributed to what proved to be an epic buffet. It is hoped in the next "Notes" to be able to record some successful racing results.

BASKETBALL

The Battalion has done extremely well this year in the Major and Minor Units Competitions, even though we have suffered a great loss by Sgt. Garrity and Pte. Shaw returning to England.

Firstly, congratulations to "H.Q." Company in winning the Minor Units Knock-out Competition by a decisive win in the finals against our old enemies the Fortress Engineer Regiment. The match was hard and keen right up to the last minute, the final score being 42 points to 28 points.

The Battalion team is doing very well indeed in the Major Units League, tying first place with F.E.R. with one more match to play against the latter. This should prove very exciting, as F.E.R. won last year and we are determined to win this year.

The teams are as follows:

"H.Q." Company: Lt. Campbell-Lamerton, S.S.I. Meadows, Cpls. Burgess, Connor, and Scargill, L.Cps. Mitchell and Richardson, and Pte. Reddy.

Battalion: Lt. Campbell - Lamerton, S.S.I. Meadows, Cpls. Burgess, Connor and Scargill, and Ptes. Reddy, Embleton, and Temme.

RUGGER

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining passes for entry into Spain, no rugby has been possible. However, since our last notes the following from the Battalion were selected to play for the Combined Services against a selection of the French Moroccan Air Force: 2 Lt. M. J. Granger, 2 Lt. J. D. I. Faithfull, Lt. E. J. H. Dasant, Pte. D.

Bright, 2 Lt. T. D. Lupton, Lt. M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, and 2 Lt. C. R. Green.

SOCCER

After a poor start to the season, when we lost our first two matches to mediocre opposition, we finally settled down and confounded the critics by beating the best teams in the league. Constant arrivals and departures, leave and injuries, all contributed to unsettling the team, but by the end of the season good class football was being played and we ended by winning the Murray Cup. This is a trophy presented to the winners of the Major Units Knock-out Competition. The final, played at Victoria Stadium, aroused much local interest and was attended by a large crowd. Fortress Engineer Regiment were our opponents, and after a slow start the tempo was stepped up and play was very even. At full-time it was a goalless draw, but during extra time, after numerous attacks we finally managed to get the ball into the net to win the cup and the game by 1—0. The cup and miniatures were presented by the Deputy Fortress Commander, Brigadier A. L. Matthews, O.B.E., M.C.

Our outstanding players have been L.Cpl. Crow in goal, who never let in a saveable shot; Pte. Waite at right-back, who used his weight and speed most effectively; S.S.I. Meadows, A.P.T.C. (captain), a very reliable left-back; Bds. Berry, right-half; Pte. Fitzhenry, centre-half; Pte. Wells, left-half; and Ptes. Blench, Reddy and Oates, and L.Cpl. Brook, forwards, who always tried hard. Major E. J. P. Emmett, M.C., was team manager and received, as usual, compliments on a win and brickbats (verbal, of course) when we lost, but in the end achieved the aim—in winning the cup. The following also played for the Battalion during the season: Sgts. Pratt and Wilson, L.Cpls. Bucci, Smith and Harman, and Ptes. Parker, Henderson and Woodhouse.

We are fortunate in having the great majority of our team with us next year, and we are looking forward to a successful season in 1955-56, on grass pitches after three years on hard sun-baked grounds.

REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

SUB-EDITORIAL

In our last notes we made some reference to certain improvements being made to the married quarters and the plan to place other ranks' baths and showers within the barrack blocks. More recently financial approval has been given for two other projects, namely the construction of a new annexe to the Sergeants' Mess to replace the existing wooden hut, and the installation of central heating in the Education Centre—without doubt the coldest block in the barracks. Certain improvements to the Officers' Mess have also been approved and are mentioned in the Mess notes.

Apart from the passing-out parades we have held one other ceremonial parade. This was on St. George's Day, when Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., the Officer Commanding 382 Medium Regiment (D.W.R.), T.A., R.A., took the salute and Mrs. Crossley kindly presented white roses to the officers, warrant officers and sergeants.

At the passing-out parade on March 30 the salute was taken by Colonel J. P. Carne, V.C., D.S.O., Commandant at the Army Apprentices School at Harrogate. Colonel Carne presented the L.S. and G.C. medal to C.S.M. A. S. Hardisty, who needs no introduction, particularly to those members of

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BEUTLER, L. L. B., M.B.E. (T/Lt.-Col.), A.Q.M.G., Q.(Ops.)4, War Office.

SKELSEY, W., M.B.E., to join 1st Battalion, D.W.R., September 1955.

AUSTIN, R. E., M.C., D.A.A.G., A.G.4(A), War Office.

MACLAREN, C. J., D.A.A.G., A.G.1(Records), War Office.

DAVIDSON, J., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

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DAVIS, J. H., G.S.O.2, H.Q., B.F.C.K. (to join 1st Battalion, D.W.R., September 1955).

MORAN, P. P. DE LA H., Training Officer, 7th Battalion, D.W.R.

SUGDEN, R. E., 2nd Battalion, Nigeria Regiment.

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SAVORY, A. C. S., O.C. Depot, D.W.R.

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INCE, R. H., G.S.O.2, Fortress H.Q., Gibraltar.

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WOOD, D. H., Adj., Depot, D.W.R.

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GILBERT-SMITH, D. E., M.C., Infantry Boys' Battalion, Plymouth.

STACPOOLE, H. A. J. W., M.C., 2nd Battalion, Parachute Regiment, Aldershot.

NEWTON, J. M., 1st Battalion, Parachute Regiment, Aldershot.

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QUEST, J. M.M., C.Q.M.S., Depot, D.W.R.

LYTHE, W. (A/C.S.M.), 2nd Battalion, Green Howards, M.E.L.F.

POWELL, J. F. (A/C.S.M.), 5th Battalion, W. Yorks (T.A.).

NORMAN, W., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

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the Regiment who have served with the 2nd Battalion or 7th Battalion. At present C.S.M. Hardisty is again a P.S.I. with the 7th Battalion, with whom he first served in April, 1947. A photograph of C.S.M. Hardisty receiving his award is reproduced in this issue of THE IRON DUKE.

At the second pass-out parade, on May 18, 1955, the salute was taken by Brigadier D. J. B. Houchin, D.S.O., the Commander, East and West Ridings Area, to whom we are indebted for his sympathetic consideration of the various projects to improve the conditions in the barracks, and to which reference has been made.

Once again we have very little to report concerning our activities on the sports field.

OFFICERS' MESS

The dust rarely settles in the Mess these days. We have just had the front stairs removed and before long we hope work will commence on installing central heating. We have waited so long for the latter, it scarcely seems possible that we may be warm next winter, for the first time in living memory.

The object of removing the stairs was, first to improve the effect of the entrance hall and, secondly, and no less important, to enable a lobby door to be constructed, which, we hope, will eliminate many of the arctic draughts we have suffered from.

The library, to which we have made reference in successive notes, is now firmly established, though not in all respects complete. The first bookcase has, however, been installed. It was made by Mr. Berry, the Museum Curator, to our exact requirements, the bottom half being specially designed to take the regimental archives.

Our most important social engagement has been our annual cocktail party, to which 140 people were invited. We were pleased to welcome many past and serving members of the Regiment living in Yorkshire and hereabouts and they, in turn, were pleased to see, once again, so many of their old Halifax friends. Our only regret is that we are limited, for obvious reasons, to one such cocktail party a year.

The reintroduction of Mess dress has been greeted with pleasure. At our most recent dinner night seven out of the 10 officers present were correctly garbed. For this satisfactory state of affairs we extend our thanks to the retired officers for their prompt and generous response to the appeal sent out by the Colonel of the Regiment.

SERGEANTS' MESS

In commencing our notes we must make good an omission from our last issue, in that we forgot to mention that C.Q.M.S. A. W. Wond passed through for final discharge to civilian life. He served in the Regiment for 28 years and was well known to 2nd Battalion members and at the Depot. To him we bid a fond farewell and hope that he and his family are happy in their new sphere.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Sgt. J. W. Clark, affectionately known to all as "Nobby," who died in Catterick Military Hospital on May 9, whilst serving with A.A. School, Harro-



C.S.M. Hardisty receiving the L.S. and G.C. Medal from Colonel J. P. Carne, V.C., D.S.O.

gate. The Mess was represented at the funeral by C.S.M. Wood and Sgt. Milton. To Mrs. Clark and family we extend our deepest sympathy in their grievous loss.

Recent departures are Sgt. Brayshaw to Gibraltar and Sgt. Potts to A.A.S., Harrogate. We wish them good luck and hope they are now settled down.

We welcome to the Mess C/Sgt. Nichols, Sgts. Peach, M.M., Pratt and Dickie from Gibraltar and Sgt. Sykes, R.A.E.C. We hope their stay will be a long and happy one. C/Sgt. Hallsworth and Sgt. Garrity arrived, but were soon on their way to the rigours of civilian life, and in that sphere we wish them success and happiness.

Congratulations to C/Sgt. Nichols on his promotion to W.O.2 and appointment of C.S.M. with the 7th Battalion, and to Davie and Morley on their promotion to sergeant; Davie as training sergeant and Morley as provost sergeant.

Three very pleasant social evenings were held with the Sheffield, South Emsall and Ossett branches of the Regimental Association. The Halifax Branch, our newest branch of the Regimental Association, attended each. All three socials were well attended by the branches and honorary members and a number of old friendships were renewed.

Our thanks to C.Q.M.S. Quest, who has been a great asset in helping to make our social evenings a huge success, by that great belief of his, that a well-dined person is a happy one. This belief of his must be well to the front when he plans his buffets, as they are simply wonderful, beautifully displayed and enjoyed by everyone.

The Corporals' Mess challenged us to a football match and, after being three goals down at half-time, we rallied to a good result of 4—4. In this game our right wing, Sgt. Sargent, who seemed to think that the goal was the width of the field, was later made to play goal-keeper, where we hope that he was made to realise by the corporals that the

correct place for the ball was between the goal-posts. In the return match the corporals won by 3—1 in what appeared to be a very hard game. After these games it was noticed that quite a number of our members required treatment for various complaints, mostly attributable to senile decay.

We extend our thanks to the wives of C/Sgt. Burke, Sgts. Brayshaw and Sgt. (now D/Major) Bryan for their support in helping us to enjoy our Saturday and Sunday evenings whilst they and their husbands were resident in Halifax. At present we have only four members with their wives in barracks and soon, we hear, we are to lose Sgt. and Mrs. Milton to warmer climes. To them we say farewell and *bon voyage*.

Before going to press we have just been informed that Sgt. McAllister, R.A.E.C., is due to leave shortly for Gibraltar, where we hope that he will continue his association with the "Dukes."

On Waterloo Day, June 18, old tradition is being revived and the Depot will hold a sports meeting, followed in the evening by a Sergeants' Waterloo Ball. A race for Sergeants' Mess members is to be held on the basis of yards start for years' service. It is hoped that our older members will not suffer later in the evening from the results of this race. However, we will give a full detailed account of our Waterloo Day activities in our next notes.

TRAINING COMPANY

As our notes, like our training, are bound to be repetitive, we have decided that this time we will briefly record, for the benefit of those who have not served at the Depot, how we function.

Our year is based on the workings of the National Service Act, which, in effect, means that we get an intake of N.S. men every six weeks. During a year we receive eight such intakes, varying in number from 30 to 60, and train them for 10 weeks.

Regulars join at any time; but, unless they join within a week of commencement of the training of an intake, they are held until the arrival of the next intake before commencing serious training.

The 10-week syllabus covers instruction in drill, P.T., rifle, L.M.G., grenade, Sten, field craft, bayonet, and a variety of other subjects such as regimental history and hygiene. Of the total periods available nearly half are taken up on weapon training instruction and of the remaining periods drill and P.T. account for 50 per cent. The syllabus is a full one and since recruits must pass-out in 10 weeks the missing of periods through bad weather or public holidays can have considerable repercussions.

The first two weeks of the syllabus are particularly full and is undoubtedly the worst period for recruits. However, by the third week most of them have got their second wind and settled down to the routine. At the fifth week-end parents are invited to the barracks on the Saturday afternoon and are shown round and then given tea. The numbers attending these Parents' Days are always good and the parents, practically without exception, express themselves surprised at the conditions. We sometimes wonder exactly what they have in mind before they come here. It cannot be very complimentary!

In the second five weeks recruits carry out their

physical efficiency tests, classify on the rifle and L.M.G. and sit for the 3rd Class Certificate of Education. By the end of the ninth week they are fit (many having put on several pounds in weight), and in all respects qualified to take their place in the Battalion. Those that are not, are relegated to the next intake, which by this stage has completed about four weeks' training.

We again invite the parents for the pass-out parade and, as at parents' days, the attendances are always good.

Of necessity this is only a brief resume of our activities. We conclude, however, by extending a cordial invitation to all serving and ex-members of the Regiment to pay us a visit, particularly at pass-out parades. The date of the next five of these parades will be as follows: 1955—August 31, October 12, November 23; 1956—January 4, February 15.

Since our last notes intakes 27 and 28 have completed training. Both shot very well. The former won their inter-Depot shoot and we are confident that 28 Intake will also have won. The National Servicemen in both intakes have joined 2nd Battalion The Green Howards.

Colonel J. P. Carne, V.C., took the parade on March 30 for 27 Intake. The results were as follows:

Winning Platoon: Alma (Sgt. D. Milton).

Best recruit—Alma Platoon: Pte. B. F. Sutcliffe.

Dettingen Platoon:

Pte. J. P. Collins.

Brigadier D. J. B. Houchin, D.S.O., took the parade for 28 Intake, which was on May 18.

Winning Platoon: Corunna (Sgt. T. Taylor).

Best recruit—Corunna Platoon: Pte. D. Tate.

Delhi Platoon: Pte. D. Bower.

On both parades we were pleased to have with us the Band of the York and Lancaster Regiment.

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Sergeants

BACON, W. H., *East Africa*.
 APPLEBY, G. R., *Band Sergeant, 1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 ALTON, R. A., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 ERSWELL, S. H. (A/C.Q.M.S.), *W. Yorks.*
 FIXTER, J. J., *1st Battalion, R.N.F.*
 CRAVEN, B., *Depot, D.W.R.*
 NICHOLS, F. (A/C.S.M.), *7th Battalion, D.W.R.*
 ROBINS, W. (A/C.Q.M.S.), *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 BRYAN, J., *Drum Major, 1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 BURKE, W. (A/C.Q.M.S.), *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 ELLIS, W. G., *P.S.O., Strensall*.
 RIPLEY, A.
 POTTS, S. G., *Army Apprentices School, Harrogate*.
 COSTELLO, B.
 GORMAN, R. W.
 WAITE, J., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 DOBSON, H.
 MILTON, D., *Held Depot, D.W.R.*
 HORNER, G. W. O., *Band, 1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 BRENNAN, D. J., *Amphibious Warfare Centre, Fremington*.
 TODD, R.
 KIRK, S. H., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 TAYLOR, T., *Depot, D.W.R.*
 RUSSELL, J.
 ROEBUCK, E.
 NICHOLSON, G., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 DICKIE, T. T., *Depot, D.W.R. (on loan from 1st Battalion, D.W.R.)*
 BRAYSHAW, D., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 HODGSON, S., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 BAILES, J. S., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 FERRIN, N., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 ERSWELL, J. H.
 FENN, R. C., *1st Battalion, D.W.R.*
 HOUGHTON, L., *Held Depot, D.W.R.*

7th BATTALION, T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

Annual camp being earlier this year, the first two months have been mainly devoted to preparation for this. Company training week-ends at Farnley Park, Otley, have been organised to provide opportunities for all ranks to "brush up" their tactical knowledge in readiness for the Brigade Exercise to be held at camp. It is learned that the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Philip Christison, will again honour us by attending camp for the middle week-end.

The Band and Drums have recently been "transferred" to "D" Company, at Fitzwilliam Street T.A.C., for all purposes apart from annual camp, when they will revert to their rightful place in "H.Q." Company. On a St. George's Day parade in Huddersfield the Corps of Drums acquitted themselves very well indeed, and it now remains for the Band to offer them some real opposition in the competition for musical honours.

The small-bore shooting team under the direction of Captain D. R. Siddall continue to practise hard at Fitzwilliam Street T.A.C. miniature range—we wish them every success in the forthcoming competitions.

OFFICERS' MESS

Annual camp is now close at hand and another cycle of Mess events will soon begin. When readers see these notes, camp will be a happy event of the past and we shall be back to our normal occupations, having shaken the proverbial dust from our boots. With memories of a full winter programme of Mess activities successfully accomplished, we are now preparing for the two important Mess functions of annual camp—namely, our guest night on Friday, July 1, and our middle Sunday cocktail party and buffet lunch. We sincerely hope that many of our long list of honorary members will be able to visit us during the middle week-end, when our thoughts will be less distracted by other activities in the more austere form of Battalion and Brigade exercises.

The conclusion of our winter programme, which incidentally corresponded roughly with the close of the calendar winter season, was celebrated with an officers' dance at the Drill Hall, Milnsbridge, on Friday, March 18. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and an ornamental display of mounted drums, silver and bunting. A great deal of credit for this impressive setting, which completely transformed the appearance of the Drill Hall, was due to the zeal and hard work of Bert Burrows, our Quartermaster, and C.S.M. Hardisty. Unfortunately, the success of the evening was somewhat marred by cold weather which prevented a number of people from attending, but nevertheless, those who were present enjoyed themselves, and the Dance Committee were able to retire to bed in peace at the end of the evening.

Earlier in the month, on Thursday, March 3, we had the privilege of welcoming as guests to

our Mess: the G.O.C. in C. Northern Command, Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Evans, our Divisional Commander, Major-General C. H. Colquhoun, and our Brigade Commander, Brigadier F. L. Martin. The occasion was a great success from our point of view, and we hope that our guests enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Subsequently, on Thursday, April 18, we had great pleasure in welcoming to dinner Major Price, Assistant Secretary T.A. and A.F.A., West Riding, Major Tony Savory from the Depot, and Major Bernard Kilner, our new Brigade Major, who, as everyone knows, is also a member of the Regiment. We were very sorry that Colonel Bryce, Secretary T.A. and A.F.A., West Riding, was unable to come as well, as we had hoped to take this opportunity of thanking him personally for his generous help in establishing our new Mess. This was yet another most enjoyable evening and, if we may be permitted to say so, a small financial success also for one of our guests, who was able to show in a relatively short space of time his uncanny gift of deception of "liar" dice. We suspect that this ex-member of the 7th Dukes acquired his skill at this game in our old Mess at Milnsbridge.

As summer approaches our attention naturally focuses on the garden, which, despite a succession of weather depressions, is showing signs of an early revival. Our main anxiety, however, is to discover some means of preventing trespassing cats from vieing with unrestrained greed the gold-fish which we hope one day soon to place in the garden pond.

The Mess continues to acquire new embellishments for improving the hall, lounge and dining-room. One of our latest acquisitions has been a life-size silver pheasant which was given to us by the Earl of Dartmouth and, which, needless to say, must gladden the hearts of our "shooting" enthusiasts. We are also very grateful to the Depot for recently presenting us on permanent loan with additional pieces of regimental silver which would otherwise be put away in safe storage.

In concluding these notes we wish to extend a sincere welcome to Lts. Curry and Hutchinson, who have recently joined us, and at the same time say good-bye and good luck to Lt. Ackroyd, who, for geographical reasons, has left us to join the Yorkshire Hussars.

"A" COMPANY

There was a very good turn-up for the first week-end camp held at Farnley Park, May 21-22—93 out of a Company strength of 107. For those interested in time and motion study we place on record that they were all issued with two plates, one mug, a mattress, pillow, sheets and blankets in 25 minutes. On return to the T.A.C. the same body of men were relieved of weapons, steel helmets and denims (all buttons and rings checked) and were all paid in 40 minutes. Full marks for these performances are due to C.S.M. Bye, C.Q.M.S. Lee, Sgt. Thrussel and all N.C.O.s and the men themselves. Although

Farnley Park and the Chevins Training Area is not everyone's idea of a week-end outing, all ranks combined to make the best of the camp.

Since our last notes C.S.M. Bye has taken over as C.S.M. of "A" Company. After more than 30 years with the Regiment we welcome him wholeheartedly. There are many years of soldiering in him yet and we are very pleased they are in the services of "A" Company. C.S.M. Lamb has handed over to Sgt. Thrussel as P.S.I. We would like to thank C.S.M. Lamb for the excellent start he has given the Company and wish Sgt. Thrussel the best of luck in carrying on where he left off. C.S.M. Lamb was duly "dined out" (with fish and chips and beer).

A shooting match combined with a social evening was held with Messrs. Ada Ltd. of Halifax. The event was arranged by C.S.M. Bye and was a complete success. We won the shooting match and took £15 in the bar.

And so to the annual camp . . .

" B " COMPANY

After the quiet of the winter months we can now see a season—short though it may be—of activity ahead.

We are looking forward to our first tactical week-end camp, when we shall start sweeping away the cobwebs of inactivity with exercises on Otley Chevins.

Personalities appear to have played little part in recent months, apart from the promotion to C.S.M. of Sgt. F. Rayns and, in this capacity in the Company, we wish him all success for the future.

Due to the change of vocational location our Company 2IC, Captain T. H. Broadbent, will no longer be with us and while we wish him the best in his new sphere of civilian activities, we are sorry to lose him from the Company.

" C " COMPANY

The open-air training season for " C " Company has opened auspiciously this year with an enjoyable day's training at the Depot, where we have our temporary quarters, under our new O.C., Captain D. R. Siddall, T.D. (though he says he joined " C " Company, 7 D.W.R., as a private in 1939, was a Platoon Commander in 1941, 2IC in 1944, and so is no stranger!).

The whole Company, except for one or two to whom obviously army training on Sundays does not have an appeal, did some quite good marching under the eagle eye of our new C.S.M. (and P.S.I.) Nichols, whom we welcome to the Company, whilst that well-known old soldier—now C.Q.M.S.—Stringer (T.A.), doing his thirtieth year's service with the Regiment, had a look at the stores. This was followed by a film show of the Canadians in a platoon attack.

A superb luncheon served on a gleaming white tablecloth in the Depot dining-hall, catered for by Barkers (a local civilian caterer), made the new recruits' mouths water; perhaps they will think of joining the T.A. in 1957. We finished off with a shooting and weapon training "circus." A good time was had by all, which augurs well for the

future week-end tactical training at Otley in June. It was good to see so many familiar faces, late of Korea and points East, ready to do a little bit more.

ORDER OF BATTLE

O.C.	..	Captain D. R. Siddall, T.D. (T.A.).
2IC	..	Captain A. Harding (N.S.).
C.S.M.	..	C.S.M. F. Nichols (Reg.).
C.Q.M.S.	..	C/Sgt. F. H. Stringer (T.A.).
<i>No. 7 Platoon:</i>		
Platoon Commander Lt. P. H. Hicks (N.S.).		
Platoon Sergeant .. Sgt. G. Goodbody (N.S.V.).		
<i>No. 8 Platoon:</i>		
Platoon Commander .. Lt. T. M. Rothery (N.S.).		
Platoon Sergeant .. Sgt. Banks (N.S.).		
<i>No. 9 Platoon:</i>		
Platoon Commander .. Lt. R. G. Thomas (N.S.).		
Platoon Sergeant .. Cpl. D. McMahon (N.S.V.).		

" D " COMPANY

In our Company notes appearing in the last issue of THE IRON DUKE, reference was made to a social evening we were hoping to hold. We have, in fact, held two very enjoyable social evenings and hope they are the fore-runners of many more.

On these occasions we have been favoured and charmed by the presence of the local W.R.A.C.s and, of course, one must not omit to thank Mr. and Mrs. Machin for the excellent buffet and bar arrangements.

The Band and Drums continue to woo us with strange harmonies on a Monday evening. This, however, is not always appreciated by the nearby Amateur Dramatic Society—apparently drama and drumming do not mix very well.

By the time these notes appear in print, camp will be a reality and not just a date on the training programme. Our line for annual camp will be as follows:

O.C.	..	Captain E. A. Woodhouse
2IC	..	Captain C. Barnes
Platoon Comds. Lts. P. Chester, M. Palmer, D. Hollands, M.C.		
C.S.M.	..	C.S.M. H. Sykes
C.Q.M.S.	..	C/Sgt. D. Archer
P.S.I.	..	Sgt. Dickinson

Due to the taking up of a new appointment in Wolverhampton, Sgt. Hutchinson has had to leave the Company. We wish him success in his new job and hope he still remains a "Terrier." We also offer our congratulations to C/Sgt. Sykes on his recent promotion to C.S.M.

There is no truth in the rumour that our P.S.I., Sgt. Dickinson, is going on a mountaineering course, but he definitely has the makings of an Everest climber. This was confirmed by the way he slithered about on the T.A.C. roof recently, while endeavouring to adjust the Company flag-pole.

These notes close with the hope for fine weather at camp and happy hunting for the "Dogs."

" S " COMPANY

It is with much regret that " S " Company did not send its usual contribution to THE IRON DUKE

last quarter. The notes which were prepared appear to have been filed, never to be found again.

In February Captain D. R. Siddall handed over command of the company to Major G. V. Ashton, and is now commanding "C" Company in the latter's place. All ranks were sorry to see Captain D. R. Siddall leave the Company which he had commanded since 1947, and a social evening was organised by the Company to see him off. During the course of the evening he was presented with a shooting stick, the quality of which had previously been well tested in the Anti-tank Platoon. Captain Siddall has since kindly presented the Company with a very fine Roll-board, showing the names of past and present Company Commanders, C.S.M.s and P.S.I.s, and this has taken its place on the T.A.C. wall.

We extend our congratulations to Cpl. Ellis, our Company Clerk, who was married at Easter, and hope that he and Mrs. Ellis will have many years of happiness together.

So far this year we have had one week-end at Farnley Park, which from a training point of view was very successful. The Pioneer Platoon were lucky to have the services of Sgt.-Major Clamp, R.E., who came from Newark with some of his N.C.O.s for the week-end to continue the training started at last year's annual camp. All find these Sapper teams very good value indeed, their demonstrations being most instructive.

Our next Company "outing" will be late in June, when we leave Halifax station on Sunday, June 26, for camp at Bellerby, Yorks. Arrangements have been made this year for all the Support weapons to be fired at camp, and it is hoped that most of the Company will have a chance to fire. The Anti-tank Platoon, especially, find that it's not much fun dragging their weapons about, only to go through the motions of firing a miserable wooden round.

Before closing our notes for this month we should like to welcome Sgt. Baker to the Company. He is in course of transfer from the Gunners, and we are especially pleased to have him with us, as he served during the war with 1st D.W.R.

"H.Q." COMPANY

We can look back on the winter training this year with a great deal of satisfaction; the signals course was not perhaps all it could have been, but the M.T. course was the best we have ever had. Thanks for this are mainly due to C.S.M. Hawksworth, who ran the course in the absence of the M.T.O. The men who attended enjoyed it, and, judging by the regular appearances of the girls from the W.R.A.C.s, they enjoyed it also. So to mark the end of the winter, we held a social in our canteen and had a very pleasant evening.

Already we have held a week-end camp, which means the summer training season is well under way. The Company all (or nearly all) reported to Farnley Park camp at Otley, and in spite of the bad weather, had a good week-end training. Unfortunately the signals officer was unable to attend, owing to illness, but we were very pleased to see

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- October 8
- Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner at Halifax

Lt. Kingdon, who had travelled up from the south coast to help us out.

As this was the last time we should see the Company as such before the annual camp, we spent some of the time reorganising and checking clothing and equipment.

For a long time our Company has been without a C.Q.M.S., but just before the week-end camp, Sgt. Archer—a Signals Sergeant—was promoted to the rank and he looked after us very well. Now we see in orders that he is to be transferred to "D" Company, so we are back where we started. However, we wish C.Q.M.S. Archer the best of luck.

By the time these notes are published we shall have been to our annual camp. We are working very hard at the moment, preparing for it. The Signals Officer has been on a course and C.S.M. on a drill course at the Guards Depot—this will be very useful.

Our P.S.I., C.S.M. Hardisty, has put in a great deal of hard work this winter for both the Company and the Battalion, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking him for his loyal support. Also, we should like to thank all the lads who braved the bad weather during the winter to attend the weekly drill nights; we hope they will continue to support us.

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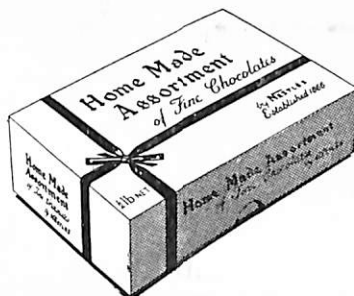
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382 MEDIUM REGIMENT, R.A. (D.W.R.) T.A.

Since we last wrote little has happened other than a fierce battle over our body, consequent upon the disbandment of Anti-Aircraft Command. This has now been settled, with the result that the regiments which were formerly the old 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions The Duke of Wellington's Regiment have combined into one new Artillery Regiment which bears our title. Of the results of this amalgamation we shall be reporting in the next issue.

Certain changes have, however, taken place in the permanent staff.

Major P. J. White, R.A., has left to command 633 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A./T.A. Captain D. J. Coates, R.A., is now Adjutant at R.A. Practice Camp, Otterburn, and R.S.M. Cope left to go to 596 L.A.A. Regiment R.A./T.A. Major A. E. Tracy, R.A., has joined us as Training Officer, Major R. A. Painter, O.B.E., R.A., as Adjutant, and R.S.M. A. C. Hobday, ex-15th Medium Regiment, R.A., as R.S.M.

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

On May 1, 578 (5th D.W.R.) H.A.A. Regiment was consumed in the fierce flames which marked the end of Anti-Aircraft Command, not, of course, without loud but quite ineffective cries of protest. In its place there emerged from the ashes like a faintly bewildered and puzzled Phoenix, a unit to be known as "Q" (5th D.W.R.) Medium Battery, which together with its equally bewildered brother "R" (6th D.W.R.) Medium Battery now forms 382 Medium Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.). In addition to selected personnel from the old 578 H.A.A. Regiment, the new "Q" (5th D.W.R.) Battery is comprised of representatives of the 673 L.A.A. Regiment from Huddersfield and 382 Medium Regiment from Brighouse and Cleckheaton.

The local Press of Huddersfield took a passing interest in all these, to us, tremendous events and reported the changes with reasonable accuracy. It was, however, most unfortunate that some anonymous contributor to the feature "Redcoat," better known among the initiated as Part I Orders, should have chosen such a moment to write a letter which was calculated to give the people of Huddersfield, assuming they ever read the article, quite a false impression of the changes which have taken place. Let us say very firmly, that the new "Q" Battery will still be known affectionately by the people of Huddersfield as "The 5th Dukes"; and it still proudly includes 5th D.W.R. in its title.

Cap badges can at times promote quite a strong feeling and surprisingly conflicting loyalties. For the ex-578 H.A.A. Regiment personnel the new order has meant a change of cap badge from the Dukes' to the Gunners' badge. Obviously a discrete veil must be drawn over all the comment which this exchange has promoted, but as an example of how the problem can be over-simplified it is interesting to record the conversation between two ex-578 members. "Oh, well," said one, referring to the new collar dogs which are to be worn, "at all events it's sort of softened the blow being able to put up my old Jumbos again." "Yes," replied the other thoughtfully, "the blow was also softened in my case by being able to use

my very first cap badge again. The wheel," he added with evident pride, "still turns!"

"Q" Battery are more than fortunate in taking over the accommodation at Huddersfield and Mirfield of the old 578 Regiment, and the thought, kindness, help and generosity of every one connected with the old Regiment are very gratefully acknowledged. This particularly applies to an august, and at times slightly terrifying, body known as "The Trustees," who are mainly composed of representatives of a larger group consisting of ex-C.O.s of the Regiment, familiarly if irreverently referred to at times as "The aged gentlemen."

Although the Battery was only born on May 1 it quickly got into its stride, and the first drill night took place on May 3. The attendance was excellent, but it was inevitable that on the first occasion on which men from the three different Regiments were brought together there was, shall we say, just a little reserve while everyone was quietly but obviously sizing-up everyone else. This atmosphere very quickly disappeared and on the first week-end training day it was very noticeable how well the new unit had settled down. Even a very close observer could not have detected any sign that the men had not always worked together—that is, provided he chose to ignore the quite intriguing variations in dress and turn-out.

5th D.W.R. Officers' Dinner Club

Letter from Colonel K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., Hon. Colonel 578 (5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment), H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., T.A.

"In December last, on the eve of our Annual Prize Distribution, we learnt from the daily papers that Anti-Aircraft Command was to be disbanded. As the 5th Dukes were in A.A. Command, through no choice of their own, we were vitally concerned. After many conferences and attempts at 'pulling strings,' the War Office finally laid down that the 4th Dukes (at present 382 Med. Regiment, R.A.

(D.W.R.), the 5th Dukes (at present 578 (5th D.W.R.) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A.), and the 6th Dukes (at present 673 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.)) should all be amalgamated into one new Regiment of Medium Artillery.

"After our experience in 1936 when we were converted from Infantry to Searchlights, under very strong protest, this new catastrophe has shaken us pretty badly and is a bitter pill. Modern conditions of war naturally demand drastic changes, but it is indeed hard to think that the 5th Dukes will lose its identity as a Regiment, after its proud associations and traditions since 1859. We are quite sure that the citizens of Huddersfield will share our sorrow and apprehension for the future, and that we have their sympathy.

"It is understood that the new Regiment will have its Headquarters at Halifax and will be commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D. (4th D.W.R.). The 5th Dukes will have 'Q' (5th D.W.R.) Battery H.Q., commanded by Major F. R. Gadd, with one Troop at Huddersfield and one Troop at Mirfield. The 6th Dukes will have 'R' (6th D.W.R.) Battery H.Q., and one Troop at Skipton with one Troop at Halifax. It is understood that a third Battery may be allowed at some future time and this would be formed at Halifax.

"A Conference or Board has been held with the three present Commanding Officers in attendance, and it was agreed that the new Regiment should be named 382 Med. Regiment (Duke of Wellington's) R.A. (T.A.). Gunner Cap Badges and Buttons to be worn by all ranks, with 'Jumbo' Collar Badges.

"Our existing Colours can be retained and kept at Huddersfield Drill Hall. Red Lanyards, as worn in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, to be retained by Officers, W.O.s and Sergeants.

"The decision has been finally made, and however we dislike it, we have to conform and make the best of it. There will be many heartburnings, but it is gratifying to know that all the present serving volunteer Officers who are eligible, have

agreed to continue with the new unit, and about 100 of the Rank and File will join. We are very grateful to them, and know full well that they will uphold the splendid traditions and *esprit de corps* of the 5th Dukes.

KEITH SYKES, Colonel,
Hon. Colonel."

To show the magnitude of the reorganisation that has taken place, it might be of interest to note that rumour has it that over half a hundred Brigadiers, and a considerably greater number of Commanding Officers, are requiring new jobs, so we are only one of many to be dealt with in this heavy-handed manner, and we are afraid that our kindred Regiment, 595 L.A.A./S.L. Regiment, R.A. (9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)) (T.A.) have suffered a similar fate.

All we can add is that we do know that Colonels Sykes, Sugden, Huxley and Brook, and other friends not in the 5th, have done all they possibly can to avert this relegation, and our thanks are due to them for their efforts and time spent, even though they were not successful.

Our 28th Annual Dinner on October 8, 1954, was the usual success. Seventy-five sat down to dinner, and we had the Mayor of Huddersfield, Alderman John Armitage, Brigadier R. Elliot, Lieutenant-Colonel Bryce, and Major Savory as our guests. The Mayor, in a really first-class speech, proposed the toast of the Regiment, and the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel S. J. E. Huxley, replied, telling us of the Regiment's successful year, another Above Average Report. Major Liversedge proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and Brigadier Elliot replied. It is a long time since we had four such good speeches.

On October 27, three of our members, Colonel G. P. Norton, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., Colonel James Walker, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., and Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Frank Brook, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty the Queen, at Sheffield, on the occasion of her visit to South Yorkshire.

REGIMENTAL DINNER AND TEA

The success of the dinner and tea held at the Hyde Park Hotel on May 31, was gravely threatened by the railway strike, which began on the preceding Sunday. As a distinguished officer said: "It is really intolerable that such disputes should interfere with the even tenor of regimental life." But, as events turned out, regimental life refused to be interfered with and dogged determination to travel at all costs resulted in two most successful and enjoyable gatherings, though absence of trains and the burden of extra duties prevented the attendance of General Sir Philip Christison and some of our most faithful habitués. In all, 52 members were present at the dinner—in the circumstances a remarkable number. Needless to

say, last-minute alterations presented the Honorary Secretary with problems of fearful complexity; needless to say he overcame them without batting an eyelid.

Major-General Ozanne officiated in the place of the Colonel of the Regiment and gave the customary review of the past year. He began by saying how much he regretted the absence of the Duke of Wellington, who was abroad, of General Sir Philip Christison, and of the guest of the evening, Colonel C. D. Trimmer, our Group Brigade Colonel. Telegrams of greeting and regret for their absence had been received from the 1st Battalion, members of the Regiment serving in B.A.O.R., who held their own dinner, Major-General K. G. Exham,

Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. B. Wellesley, Major R. A. Scott, Colonel W. A. Hinchcliffe, Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. G. Ince, Brigadier H. G. P. Miles, and Lieutenant-Colonel G. Taylor. Everyone would regret that the 1st Battalion were unrepresented this year, but would be happy to know that they were on the eve of returning home after their most distinguished career abroad. Their success in every kind of sport and other activity in Gibraltar had been outstanding. They had won everything—literally everything—with one exception, which was cookery. Yet their popularity had not suffered from their success—witness the election of Charlie Grieve as the "Sportsman of the Year," a most rare distinction for an Englishman, it being almost invariably conferred on a Spaniard—a bull-fighter or a soccer player. The 1st Battalion were due to disembark in September and would be stationed at Chisleton.

It was most gratifying to see that no less than seven officers had recently been successful in the Staff College Examinations. This was a sphere of activity in which the Regiment had taken little part in his younger days.

Thanks to gifts from retired officers, most serving officers could now turn out in Mess kit, but swords were still a great difficulty. Major-General Ozanne ended by expressing the thanks of all to Captain R. H. D. Bolton for successfully organising the dinner under such difficult conditions.

The following officers attended the dinner: Major-Generals R. N. H. C. Bray and W. M. Ozanne; Brigadiers F. H. Fraser, C. W. G. Grimley, C. W. B. Orr, E. W. Rogers, and B. W. Webb-Carter; Colonels F. R. Armitage, L. E. Bishop, F. R. St. P. Bunbury, G. B. Howcroft, R. G. Turner and Lieutenant-Colonels R. L. Agnew, E. C. Boutflower, R. G. Collins, and M. N. Cox; Wing-Commander H. A. Crommelin; Lieutenant-Colonels J. H. Dalrymple, T. Haighton, H. Harvey O. W. Price, D. J. Stewart, A. E. H. Sayers and F. P. A. Woods; Majors R. E. Austin, T. St. G. Carroll, P. G. L. Cousens, S. G. Dunn, C. K. T. Faithfull, J. P. Huffam, D. S. D. B. Jones-Stamp, H. R. Kavanagh, J. H. S. Lane, H. S. Le

Messurier, J. A. Lennon, J. G. Lepper, P. B. Lowe, A. C. S. Savory, A. H. G. Wathen, and F. H. V. Wellesley; Captains R. H. D. Bolton, K. W. Brown, E. M. P. Hardy, A. H. P. Laurence, H. Middleton-Hands, J. A. Miller, W. F. C. Robertson, D. W. Shuttleworth and H. A. J. Stacpoole; Lieutenants J. W. Hayes, P. A. Mitchell and J. M. Newton.

The following letter was sent by Lieutenant-Colonel G. Laing to General Sir Philip Christison.

"Headquarters,

Lubbecke District

B.A.O.R. 42.

June 1, 1955.

I trust you received my telegram safely, and thought you would like to know that we had a most enjoyable evening.

I enclose a copy of our Menu, which also shows the names of those who attended the dinner.

Unfortunately, Franklin (R.A.S.C.), Eveleigh (R. Tks.), Holmes (R.A.), and John Herapath (Middlesex), who was born in the Regiment, were unable to attend.

I see no reason why this excellent idea, started by Tony Savory last year, should not continue, particularly as Douglas Jones-Stamp is due to arrive here as D.A.Q.M.G. (M.) some time in August. Thus continuity should prevail in Lubbecke. This station is central to the zone and we have an excellent Mess, with a first-class Supervisor, with private rooms where such functions can easily be arranged.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE LAING."

The following officers attended the Lubbecke dinner: Lieutenant-Colonel (Retd.) F. Cantrell (R.T.R.), Lieutenant-Colonels M. M. Davie and H. H. Evans (R.A.E.C.), Majors J. B. Fallon and L. H. Kershaw, Lieutenant-Colonel G. Laing, Major R. E. Northey (R.E.M.E.) and Colonel W. H. Summers (R.A.S.C.).

Names of those attending the tea: Captain and Mrs. R. H. D. Bolton; Major, Mrs. and Miss F. H. V. Wellesley; Major and Mrs. C. K. T. Faithfull; Major and Mrs. S. G. Dunn; Brigadier F. H. Fraser; Major-General W. M. Ozanne; Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. A. E. H. Sayers; Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. E. C. Boutflower; Major and Mrs. J. P. Huffam; Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. C. W. G. Ince; Captain and Mrs. A. H. P. Laurence; Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. O. W. Price; Brigadier and Mrs. C. W. G. Grimley; Colonel and Mrs. C. R. T. Cumberlege; Major A. C. S. Savory; Major and Mrs. T. St. G. Carroll; Major A. H. G. Wathen; Colonel and Mrs. L. E. Bishop; Mrs. J. Naylor; Mrs. J. Roberts; Mrs. J. V. Kirkland; Brigadier and Mrs. C. W. B. Orr; Major-General and Mrs. R. N. H. C. Bray; Brigadier E. W. Rogers; Lady Landon; Major H. S. Le Messurier; Major D. S. D. B. Jones-Stamp; Major and Mrs. R. E. Austin; Major and Mrs. C. J. Maclaren.

Total number of persons who attended, 48.

Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner

In order that members of the 1st Battalion can attend, the Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner will now take place at Halifax on Saturday, October 8.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to announce the following deaths:

Colonel James Walker, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., died on December 1, 1954, after a short illness.

He joined the old Volunteers in 1906, and on the formation of the Territorial Force in 1908 became a member of the 4th Battalion D.W.R., and went to France with them in April, 1915, with the rank of Captain. He was appointed to the Command of the 1/5th Dukes in September, 1917, and in January, 1918, when the 1/5th and 2/5th Battalions were amalgamated owing to the heavy casualties suffered by the Duke's Battalions, he was appointed to the Command of the new 5th Battalion which he retained until he accompanied the Cadre home in 1919. He was mentioned in despatches six times, held the D.S.O. and Bar, and Belgian Croix de Guerre, and was a Chevalier Legion d'Honneur. After the war he commanded the 4th Dukes from 1920-24, and it was during this period that his wartime charger, Rocket, which he brought home with him, broke its leg in the horse lines at camp and had to be destroyed. He later presented a mounted hoof to the 4th and 5th Battalions in the form of a bell. He was for a few years Honorary-Colonel of the 4th Dukes. During the Second World War he was a Zone Commander of the West Riding Home Guard, and at one time had some 100,000 men under his command.

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The death has occurred at Moorgate General Hospital of Mrs. S. A. Butterworth, widow of Mr. Jack Butterworth of 12 Scrooby Place Greasbro' and daughter of the late Q.M.S. C. Harte, who died in 1889. She was buried at Rochdale.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Rowland, Elm Grove, Rhyl, has died at the age of 65. He joined the King's Own Scottish Borderers when 15½ years of age and later served in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He had served for 22 years in Egypt, India and Kenya.

After retirement in 1933, he was recalled to the Army at the outbreak of the war and was 2IC at Kimmel Camp, near Rhyl, until 1942. Later he commanded an Infantry Depot at Nottingham until he retired in 1945.

During the First World War he was a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps. He was a keen golfer, cricketer and rugger and squash player.

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The death occurred on May 9, 1955, at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary of Captain Henry Cooper. For 18 years up to 1933 Captain Cooper served in the Grenadier Guards and in that year he came to Huddersfield as Regimental Sergeant Major of the 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment. In 1939 he was appointed Quartermaster of the Battalion. On retirement during the late war he

joined the Huddersfield Home Guard as Quartermaster in the rank of Captain.

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Brigadier P. W. T. H. Wortham, C.B., formerly Deputy Director of Ordnance Services at the War Office, died at his home at Chichester at the age of 81.

Philip William Temple Hale Wortham was born on March 21, 1874, and entered The Duke of Wellington's Regiment from the Militia in 1895. He was seconded to the Foreign Office in 1899 and served with the Nandi expedition in Uganda and, later, in Somaliland. After his return home in 1903 he was posted within a few months as Chief Ordnance Officer in Mauritius. He did his full four-year term of duty there as a seconded officer and at the end of it he transferred to the Army Ordnance Department, which later became the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He was a major of some three years' standing when war broke out in 1914. In a matter of months he had received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel. The rank was made substantive and he was appointed C.B. in 1916 while he was Chief Inspector of Equipment and Stores in France.

He was Deputy Director of Ordnance Services with the Archangel Force in 1919-20 and from 1920 to 1923 was Assistant Director of Ordnance Services with the forces occupying Turkey. When those forces were withdrawn he was posted as Assistant Director of Ordnance Services at Aldershot and remained in the appointment until he became Assistant Director of Equipment and Ordnance Stores in 1927. After a brief period in 1928-29 as Inspector of Army Ordnance Services, he was appointed Deputy Director of Ordnance Services and retained the post until his retirement in 1931. During the 1939-45 War he was a chief progress officer in the Ministry of Supply.

PERSONALIA

BIRTHS

To Barbara, wife of Major J. E. V. Butterfield, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, H.Q. Gold Coast Military Forces, Accra, a daughter.

To Hazel, wife of Captain D. H. Wood, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax, a son.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The engagement is announced between Lt.-Commander Charles William Rusbridger, elder son of the late Colonel G. S. W. Rusbridger, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and of Mrs. Rusbridger, of Gloucester Cottage, Collingham Road, S.W.5, and Third Officer Shelia Kirkman Price, W.R.N.S., younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Price, of Greystone, 49 Oakwood Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.

WEDDINGS

On May 14, 1955, at Benghazi, Lt. R. M. Harms, M.C., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment to Elizabeth Johnson.

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Major-General W. M. Ozame has once again shown his contempt for the passing years by winning the Generals' golf competition. Our warmest congratulations to him.

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And also to Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter on being elected to the Council of The Society for Army Historical Research—a signal honour.

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Major R. A. Scott sends us the following item:

When I was in Oxford this April, I was told of Mr. F. A. B. Parsons, of 42 St. Aldates, and that he had served in our Regiment. I, therefore, called on him. He showed me his Discharge papers, his Regimental No. being 32698. In 1917 he was

transferred from R.A.C.S. to our Regiment and later was posted to "B" Company, 2nd Battalion, in France. In the summer of 1918, while on a raid led by Lt. J. P. Huffam (now Major Huffam, V.C.), he was wounded and taken prisoner. Mr. Parsons is now 76 and is still managing his Hair Dressing business at the above address. He had two sons and two daughters serving in H.M. Forces during World War II.

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Mrs. Turner has two miniatures—of her son, Colonel R. G. Turner and her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Cameron—in the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy.

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Mr. R. E. Shearer writes from Perth, Western Australia, to say that he has now become a permanent civil servant. He enjoys his life out there and finds Western Australia a grand country to live in. He mentions that the city of Fremantle has the same crest as the Regiment and would like to know if there is any connection.

REGIMENTAL WORTHIES

JAMES GATLIFF

BY BRIGADIER B. W. WEBB CARTER, D.S.O., O.B.E.

An obscure book, published early in this century, with the title "Stations, Gentlemen," a reference to duelling procedure, contains the memoirs of James Gatliff a sometime Lieutenant in the 33rd Regiment.

As Gatliff did not trouble himself with the mundane matter of dates in his memoirs, only by reference to the Army Lists of the '80s of the 18th century is it possible to judge the period that this remarkable officer spent in the Regiment.

James Gatliff's military career started in 1782 when his guardians purchased for him through an army broker an ensigncy in the 52nd Regiment. He was then 16 years of age. He proceeded to India with the 52nd and before long he began the series of sanguinary duels which give point to his selection of the title of his book. The Adjutant seemingly had occasion to find fault frequently with Ensign Gatliff's behaviour. The Ensign's solution of this difficulty was to challenge the Adjutant to a duel in which he killed that officer outright. The conscientious execution of an Adjutant's duties was evidently a precarious occupation in the 18th century.

Gatliff's next exploit was the maiming of the Lieutenant of The Light Company of his Regiment who had apparently and most unwisely commented adversely on the fate of the hapless Adjutant and was called out in consequence.

Gatliff was acting as A.D.C. to the local General at the time of his second duel. That senior officer with commendable caution, indicated to his protégé that he would not have much future in the 52nd Regiment and counselled an exchange.

Gatliff, now a Lieutenant, transferred to the half pay list and sailed for England—doubtless to the heart-felt relief of his surviving brother officers.

On arrival home, Gatliff purchased for £70 an exchange from the half pay list to a Lieutenancy in the 33rd Regiment. This was in 1787. The Regiment was then known, says Gatliff, as The Pattern or Lord Cornwallis' Corps. It was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel John Yorke, who commanded from 1781 to 1793 when he was succeeded by the Hon. Arthur Wesley.* The Regiment seems to have been stationed at or near London and, shortly after Gatliff joined it, moved to Windsor for "King's Duty."

Gatliff appears at first to have settled down in the 33rd and made some friends. These were Lieutenants Harvey and Gore. Ralph Gore was the son of a Colonel John Gore of the 33rd who became Lieutenant Governor of the Tower and was a member of an Anglo-Irish family which served for many generations in the Regiment. A cousin, William Gore, was serving in the 33rd at this date. He reached field rank and sold out as Major to Arthur Wesley in 1793. Ralph was the father of the two Gores—Arthur and Ralph—who served with the 33rd in the Waterloo campaign in which Arthur was killed at Quatre Bras. A brother, Arthur, of the elder Ralph succeeded Arthur Wellesley as Lieutenant-Colonel of the 33rd in 1806 and was killed as a Brigadier at Bergen-op-Zoom in

* Arthur Wesley changed his name to Wellesley in 1798.

† Reference to Napier's "History of the Peninsular War" and Oman's "Wellington's Campaigns" gives no mention of this incident.

1814. Apart from the fact that he was an old Harrovian, little is known of Lieutenant James Leigh Harvey. His career in the Regiment was brief—thanks to James Gatliff.

Several other officers of the Regiment are mentioned in the memoirs. George Wynyard, who was killed at Salamanca in 1812† “the first day he appeared in the appurtenances of a Major-General,” and John Stewart, then a Captain in the 33rd and subsequently the British Commander at the Battle of Maida.

It was not long before James Gatliff reverted to type. He was playing cards one evening with Wynyard, Gore and Harvey. There was a dispute and Gatliff, true to form, challenged all three. No time was lost. At the grisly hour of 5 a.m. next morning Gatliff met Harvey and shot him in the right arm. As it was his sword arm Harvey eventually had to leave the service. At 6 a.m. the unfortunate Wynyard faced his erstwhile friend and was shot in the thigh. Gore, not unreasonably, then apologised.

Gatliff says in his memoirs that he had absented himself from duty the whole of the day as he expected to meet Gore in the evening but had an interview with Colonel Yorke the next morning. “The Colonel took me by the hand and said jocularly, ‘Gatliff, I pronounce that henceforth your skill will not be lightly questioned, if at all, except in a quarrel of your own seeking—and a quarrelsome disposition you do not appear to

have.’” A masterly understatement by a Commanding Officer who had lost two of his officers in as many hours the day before.

Gatliff was then sent on recruiting duty to Ireland with Captain Cornwallis of the Regiment—a kinsman of the Marquess.

After two years in the 33rd Gatliff became “discouraged.” This was partly due to his inability to purchase promotion, as being a Ward in Chancery he was unable to touch his capital, and partly to a certain unpopularity. Naively, he says: “The civilities I continued to receive were probably more the result of an unwillingness to offend rather than true philanthropy.” One can imagine the presence in the Mess of the intrepid Gatliff, with four bloody and successful duels to his credit, was an embarrassment to his brother officers.

The outcome was that in 1790 Gatliff sold out as Captain-Lieutenant, the rank held by the officer who, in fact, commanded the Colonel’s Company in a Regiment.

No further references to the 33rd Regiment occur in the memoirs and it is only left to record that James Gatliff on leaving the 33rd, entered the Church. It is almost needless to add that he quarrelled violently with his Bishop—the Bishop of Chester—but at least refrained from calling out His Lordship. He was incarcerated in the Fleet for debt, emerged, reoccupied his living and died in 1831. An inglorious career perhaps, but far from a dull one.

Coincidence Links Historic Relics of Mysore’s Maharajah

BY ERITH M. SMITH

(The following article from the *Daily Colonist*, a paper published in Victoria, British Columbia, is reproduced by the kind permission of the Editor, Mr. Erith M. Smith, who is also the author. It has aroused considerable interest in Victoria, and throws a new light on one of the most picturesque incidents in the history of the Regiment. We owe our thanks to Mrs. Hicks for sending the article to the Secretary of the O.C.A. Born in the Regiment, the daughter of the late C/Sgt. C. Puplett, she has many connections with old members of the Regiment, who settled in Canada when the Regiment left there. That was over 60 years ago, but she still keeps in touch with them.—Editor.)

The sword of an Indian maharajah, an old letter and two medals are treasured today in three Victoria homes.

There’s certainly nothing very unusual about that.

Coincidence, however, often makes a story—and here was coincidence.

The story of the sword and the letter was told me, in passing, one evening by a friend. Within 12

hours I found by pure chance a picture of the two medals.

The sword had belonged to Tippoo Sahib, Sultan of Mysore, and was captured when he was killed May 4, 1799, at the final battle of Seringapatam.

The letter, which is more of a report, was written home that same year by a British officer who fought in that battle. It describes the finding of Tippoo’s body, and its disposal.

The medals were struck, one by the British East India Company to mark the victory, and one by Tippoo himself at a slightly earlier stage of the siege of Seringapatam.

Three unrelated items, in three unrelated Victoria homes, all with the same historic background; this called for investigation.

Tippoo Sahib (The Encyclopedia Britannica spells it “Tipu”) was born in 1750, and succeeded his father, Hyder Ali, as sultan of Mysore in 1782. Instructed in military tactics by the French, he sided with them constantly—when not fighting on his own account—against the British.

Fighting went on intermittently throughout his

reign, with Tippoo first winning, then losing battles and territories.

British troops opened final hostilities in March, 1799, and on May 4, in the final storming of his fortress-capital, Tippoo was killed.

The letter, prized today by Sir Robert Holland at his home here, was written by one of his ancestors. Written on both sides of eight pages, it would not lend itself to photographic reproduction.

However, as a picture of that day's events, and an insight into the writing style of the times, it is presented below almost exactly as written. Only liberty taken with the script is omission of the "fs" used wherever "ss" occurred.

Here is the letter, or report:

"On the 4th May, 1799, after the complete possession of the Fort of Seringapatam, a man by name Meer Nudeen, Killidar of the Fort, and a darogah of the Tosha Khana or Treasury said that the Badshaw (for so Tippoo was then called by all his Subjects) had been wounded and was then in the water Gate (called by the Hindoos the Huli Baglu). Upon which Genl. Baird gave orders for a Body of Troops to move with all expedition to that Gate and the 33rd being on the spot were ordered there. Genl. Baird accompanied us. The Regt, marched left in Front and I was then in command of the Light Infantry Company which being in front caused Genl. Baird to put the Two Natives before mentioned in my charge. They now became our Guides and were threatened with Death if they deceived us. They led us to the Gate which we found filled with Dead and Dying heaped one over the other. Genl. Baird ordered the Regt. to Pile their Arms and look for Tippoo who it was now imagined must have died of his wounds or made his Escape—no wounded person like him being there. The Light Infantry of the 33rd were then ordered into the gate by Lt. Col. Shee who commanded the Regt. and a search was immediately commenced. The Bodys were taken out one by one—They were at this time all on fire as the cartouch boxes had caught fire by accident and communicated from one to another. A Palanquin was at one side of the Gate and a Dead Horse at the other. After a tedious search during which it appeared as if there were very little hopes of finding Tippoo which circumstance was then of the utmost consequence the people came to a Body at which our Guides looked very attentively and said must be disengaged from the Dead Bodys which lay over it. After great difficulty this was effected and on examination it was found to be Tippoo himself although two Frenchmen who were sent for said it was a Jemmidar who was remarkably like Tippoo. But on the Bodys being brought out of the Gate and laid upon the Ground the killidar and the other Natives again examined it as did also Rajah Khan a favourite servant of Tippos and by certain Marks which they recognized they unanimously declared it was the Badshaw. At first Lt. Col. Wallace and others suggested that life might still Remain and the former cleared the way to let the air to him but upon his being examined by Mr. Trevor, surgeon of the 33rd and a surgeon who had accompanied Genl. Baird it was found he was quite cold and that

not the least particle of life remained. Genl. Baird cut off a small pouch he wore which was made of crimson velvet and gave it to a soldier of the Lt. Infy 33rd but the man mislaid it and Genl. Baird never recovered it. The Genl. said I never plunder but I will keep this as a memorial of him. I expressed a wish at this time to Lt. Col. Wallace who stood near me to get a bit of his crimson sash and Jacket but was diffident from the Genls. presence. Col. Wallace immediately pulled out his pen knife and cut off the two pieces contained in this box—and some time after I myself cut off a small piece of his (Pay jamas) or trousers and before he was carried off a piece of his Mustache or whisker all of which is contained in this Box. There being now no doubt as to the Identity of his person the Palanquin was taken out of the Gate the Body put into it and the Lt. Infantry of the 33rd acted as palanquin Boys, and with many Hearty Curses hoisted him Up on their Shoulders but they had not advanced two paces when the Bottom fell out of the Palanquin and all were again at a stand how to proceed but some person suggested putting the Firelocks across. 6 or 8 Firelocks were immediately put across the frame on which the Body was again laid and with the additional weight and consequently some additional imprecations from the Soldiers he was again lifted on their Shoulders and they staggered on with him to his own Palace not a little vexed at being made Palanquin Boys. He was laid down in the Palace and there recognized by some of his Children. A Guard of the 12th Regt was placed over the Body and in that situation it was viewed the next day by every officer in the British Army who could crawl from Camp for that purpose. It began to smell the next morning but it was necessary that it should be recognized by his Children and others to place it beyond a Doubt, and buried with as much decency as possible which took place in the Evening of the 5th May. The Funeral Party consisted of the Flank Companies of the 12 and 33 Rgms under the command of Lt. Goodlad 33d who happened to be the oldest officer present. Much has been said of the finding the Body and I could enlarge here a good deal on it and if I entered into particulars make this Account very voluminous but as this paper is merely to shew how the Contents of this Box came into my possession what I have said is sufficient. In searching for the Body that of a most Beautiful girl was found lying over Tippos—she had no mark of violence being I suppose smothered but was quite Dead Lt. Col. Shee & myself had her taken out by the men and she was examined by us but life had left her. She was very fair, about 16 years old and the most beautiful Girl I ever beheld even in Death. Col. Shee got a handsome ornament she had on her Neck and I got one that was on her Neck also and one on her hand. It gave rise to many conjectures of Tippoo having this Woman with him but this was ridiculous—and from what we know of the Mohammedan Customs could not have been the case. She must have been a Brahmin Girl who was going for Water (for that is the Gate through which the Brahmins go and indeed during the

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

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

8TH INSTALMENT

Saturday, March 3

After a very wet windy night "A" "B" and "C" Companies paraded at 4.15 a.m. and marched out to a kopje about a mile east of camp where we took up an outpost line. We had a very good view to the east over a wide plain dotted with camps of the cavalry and M.I., and beyond that the kopjes occupied by the Boers. French's guns were shelling the latter, and we heard that Bainbridge's M.I. had had some casualties skirmishing near the position. We had some bullets whistling over our heads that afternoon and discovered that it was some men of the M.I. shooting at buck. The kopje we were on was very rocky and it was very slow work going round the sentries in the dark. We were relieved next morning at 5 a.m. and on getting back to camp found that a mail had come in, the first since February 11. It rained all day, and we were glad of the tarpaulin shelter to read our letters and a great collection of newspapers under. There was a terrific thunderstorm at 3 p.m. with almost continuous lightning for two hours; these storms come on almost daily and are very violent; they are a feature of the climate out here at this time of year.

On Monday, March 5, a message from Lord Roberts to the troops was read out on parade. In it he congratulated them on their forced marches and battles, which he said had materially helped to relieve Ladysmith. We also heard that General Chelmside, commanding the 14th Brigade, to which we were attached in the river bed, had spoken very highly to Kelly Kenny of the Battalion's work in the trenches. Lieutenant-Colonel Rivett-Carnac was sent down country today; he had been ailing for several days. Major Le Marchant took over second-in-command from him, as Major Thorold, who is senior to him, is in command of the reserve ammunition column. I went in to see the laager in the afternoon. There was not much to be seen except very well dug trenches, and I didn't stay long as the stench from the numerous dead horses was overpowering. We had a visit from the Austrian Military Attaché, who was most enthusiastic about the British Infantry. He said that all the foreign military attachés agreed that no other troops in the world could equal their marching and fighting powers, and that he personally did not think that any other troops could have been made to attack without any cover in the face of such a fire as was met with at Paardeberg. That evening orders came for the advance to attack the Boers next day, and masses of cavalry came in and camped near us; they made a fine show with their lances and pennants. At night the camp fires stretched for miles, looking like a giant fair ground.

THE ACTION AT POPLAR GROVE

Next morning, March 7, we paraded in the dark at 3 a.m., and marched off in a south-easterly direction. Our Division with the mounted troops were to make a big detour to try and get round the left flank of the Boer positions, while other troops made a frontal attack. As day dawned a wonderful

sight came to view of a great fan of cavalry supported by masses of artillery spread out in front of us. The Burmah M.I. rode past us, and among them was our 2nd Battalion Company under Captain Coode. Their Burmese ponies were tiny and Coode's long legs nearly touched the ground. After several miles marching out of view of the Boers' position we came on to a rise to find that we were on the southern flank of it. Here we halted as we were in reserve, while other troops advanced to attack. The artillery now opened fire, and far away in the centre we could see other troops advancing covered by artillery fire, the naval guns putting in some very accurate shooting, their shells bursting on the reverse side of the kopjes. The position looked a very strong one, with a high flat-topped kopje in the centre, flanked by smaller ones. Before the infantry got near the position the Boers were off, and from our position we could see them galloping away in large numbers. We officers suffered a minor disaster, as when opening our mess tins to have lunch, we found that the minced beef the mess sergeant had put in them, as a change from bully beef, had gone bad, from the heat of the sun I presume. It was quite uneatable and we had to make do with biscuits; water there was none either. We continued our march round the flank and found the position entirely evacuated. The cavalry had gone on in pursuit of the Boers; unfortunately they did not catch up with them, as their horses were so tired after the arduous marches on short rations of the past weeks.

At 5 p.m. we reached the Modder river, having been on the march with only short halts for 13 hours. Thinking we should have a long halt here, camp kettles were got out to brew tea, but there was no time for it as orders came that we were to go on another 2½ miles to Poplar Grove, where the remainder of the army was collecting. I had to remain behind to collect stragglers from all units of the Brigade, and did not get going till dark. It was no easy task to find the Battalion, as there were hundreds of camp fires and nothing to guide one, and it was not until 9 p.m. that we found our Brigade camp. Our transport had not arrived so there was no food or blankets. Everyone was done up with the 22 miles march, a great deal of it in extended order, and were lying round camp fires to try and keep warm. I found Townsend, Maples and Seaman lying under a tarpaulin close to a wagon, and crept in under it, but I had not been asleep long when I woke from a heavy blow in the ribs, and found it was from a kick from a mule which was tied up to the wagon, so had to clear out of that position.

Our transport came up next morning (March 8) and we had a much needed meal. We heard that the Boers had all got away, and it was rumoured that Presidents Kruger and Steyn were with them. We rested till noon and then had a short march of 7 miles, but had to go on outposts in the evening. There was no move on March 9, and we had a good rest and were able to bathe and wash our clothes in the Modder river. There were no mess stores left and we were on hard tack again.

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 36, The Iron Duke, No. 95

Kalmphout, Sunday, March 13, 1814

Was Garrison Subaltern of the day.

Kalmphout, Monday, March 14, 1814

The Commanding Officer appointed me to do duty as Adjutant of the Regiment. Mr. Priestly having been wounded.

Kalmphout, Tuesday, March 15, 1814

Wrote to Captain Davison by Captain Colclough who having been released on his parole, was sent to bear the melancholy tidings to poor Mrs. Gore who was at Hanover. He also took despatches from Sir Thomas Graham to H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge.

Kalmphout, Wednesday, March 16, 1814

Busy in the Orderly Room all day.

Kalmphout, Thursday, March 17, 1814

Have a good deal of trouble in drilling the German recruits brought over by General Gore.

Kalmphout, Friday, March 18, 1814

Rode over to Capelle to pay our official visit on the part of the Commanding Officer to Lieutenant-Colonel Brown commanding the Brigade.

Kalmphout, Saturday, March 19, 1814

Drill of recruits, etc., and in fact feel myself completely occupied.

Kalmphout, Sunday, March 20, 1814

Still at this miserable place Kalmphout. Very pleasant weather.

Kalmphout, Monday, March 21, 1814

Inspection of servants at morning parade.

Kalmphout, Tuesday, March 22, 1814

Major Parkinson ordered me today to put the Regiment through the platoon exercise as Light Infantry and told me afterwards that he was satisfied with the manner in which I did it.

Kalmphout, Wednesday, March 23, 1814

Busy in the Orderly Room almost all day. Priestly still remains very ill. Major Parkinson and Stoddart live together. As I am obliged to report personally every night at 8 o'clock whether the Regiment is all present, I generally spend the rest of the evening with them. Without this I should scarce know what to do with myself after tattoo except sit down and drink gin and smoke tobacco, for my baggage is so light that I cannot carry any books.

Kalmphout, Thursday, March 24, 1814

Post day. Muster of the Regiment at 4 o'clock. Headquarters of the Army still remains here.

Kalmphout, Friday, March 25, 1814

Were inspected by Lieutenant-Colonel Brown 3rd Battn. 56th Regiment (Pompadors) who commands the Brigade. He was very minute with the mens necessaries, but as there is not at present in this neighbourhood ground enough he did not put us through any manoeuvres. Spent the evening as normal at Major Parkinsons. Arthur Gore and I still live in the same room together and are better lodged than almost any other officer, some of whom are miserably off indeed.

Kalmphout, Saturday, March 26, 1814

We were very suddenly today all in a hustle. In the afternoon an Hussar came galloping over with an order that we were to get under arms immediately and remain so until ordered to advance. We did remain until near dark when an officer of the Quartermaster-General's Department came to lead us to the place where we were destined for and at the same time told us that the enemy had rallied in great force both from Antwerp and Fort Lillo and were advancing upon our lines; it was dark, beginning to rain and we had turned out in such haste that most of the men and officers had ate nothing. When we began this march through roads almost impassible, God knows in what condition we should have brought up before the French, but luckily we had scarce moved off the ground when another officer arrived to say that we might return to our quarters, it having been found out that the whole alarm was occasioned by a young Hussar officer on piquet. He got all our curses for having kept us standing out in the cold so long, but otherwise we returned into our miserable hamlet very well contented that it was no worse. Dined with Majors Parkinson and Stoddart.

Kalmphout, Sunday, March 27, 1814

Prayers in the morning by Mr. James the Chaplain.

Kalmphout, Monday, March 28, 1814

This day to the astonishment of us all the charges, which Lt. Beauclerk preferred against Captain Haigh and Lt. Fitzpatrick and which had been forwarded to Headquarters were sent back and these officers warned to prepare for trial. Spent the evening at Major Parkinsons.

Kalmphout, Tuesday, March 29, 1814

Weather getting much finer. Parades at 11 o'clock and at 5 in the evening.

Kalmphout, Wednesday, March 30, 1814

A General Court of Inquiry sat at Kalmphout today on the charges above mentioned. Lieutenant-Colonel Vigoureux 30th Regiment (now the East

Lancashire Regiment) President. The evidence that was called on gave everyone reason to think that the charges were preferred through sheer malice to Captain Haigh and not through zeal for the service. Lt. Beauclerk had been in *Coventry** as it is called for more than three years in consequence of some circumstances that took place whilst the Regiment was in India and when they returned and were quartered at Hull in Yorkshire is was proposed by some officers that he should be again noticed, at which time Haigh spoke against it very strongly and was the great means of the measure not being adopted. Many suppose that this was the reason of Beauclerks bringing this forward.

Kalmphouth, Thursday, March 31, 1814

Lts. Oliver and Oddie joined today having volunteered from the Militia according to the new Act of Parliament so much detested by all the subalterns in the Army.

Kalmphouth, Friday, April 1, 1814

Priestly still unwell. Fine, warm, showers of rain.

Kalmphouth, Saturday, April 2, 1814

A *Feu de Joie* fired by the whole army for one of Bluchers victories in France.

Kalmphouth, Tuesday, April 5, 1814

Very rainy weather. Headquarters of the Army

* This method of showing communal disapproval was of not infrequent occurrence in the Services at one time. The expression dates from the seventeenth century and occurs in Clarendon's History of the Rebellion, viz.

"At Bromigham a town so generally wicked that it had risen upon small parties of the King's and killed or taken them prisoner and sent them to Coventry [then a Parliamentary stronghold]"—Ed.

still at Kalmphouth, which makes us better off than we otherwise should be for we take care to catch all the sutlers etc. that are bringing up wine and if Headquarters were not here would never find us out. An Englishwoman brought up a cart load of very fine old port from Brussels which she sold instantly, for it was by far the best thing we had seen since we came into Holland.

Kalmphouth, Wednesday, April 6, 1814

Change of our quarters in the village.

Kalmphouth, Thursday, April 7, 1814

I forgot to mention that on the 31st ult. a General Court of Enquiry ordered by the Prince Regent sat at General Gibb's quarters at a chateau between Loenhoot and West Wesel on the conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Muller of the Royals in having abandoned the Water Port Gate at Bergen op Zoom on the morning of March 10, without orders. It was here clearly shewn that the 33rd did not follow the Royals when they retired from that gate, and also that the latter took themselves off without our knowing anything of their having thus left our left flank quite exposed.

Kalmphouth, Friday, April 8, 1814

At last we got an order to quit this miserable hole which I do not care if I never see again as long as I live, and marched today through Putte where the 30th Regiment were quartered, to the pleasant little village of Starbroeck six miles from Kalmphouth where we found the 25th (now the K.O.S.B.s) and 52nd (now the 2nd Battn. Beds and Bucks L.I.) regiments.

A Protest

(On hearing that the Depot Officers' Mess is to have central heating)

On what authority, by whose commands
Have vandals laid their sacrilegious hands
On this revered establishment, renowned
From John o' Groats to Plymouth Sound,
From Solway Firth to Dungeness,
As Britain's coldest, Britain's draughtiest, "Mess."
Here is no home for tender hothouse plants,
Coddled and cosseted by maiden aunts.
Tough are the guys this Spartan mother breeds,
Tight-lipped, hard-bitten, fit for desperate deeds,
And trained from earliest manhood to defy
Frost-bite in August, chilblains in July.
What matter if you breakfast, lunch and dine
With polar blizzards whistling down the spine,
On porridge frappé or on glacial soup?
What matter if you sniffle, sneeze and whoop?
What if your hands are numb, your noses blue?
Your forbears suffered these discomforts too,
Yet thought it shame to mar their Alma Mater's
Cold, classic charm with vulgar radiators.
Reflect then, when you cast an envious eye
On those who serve beneath a summer sky,
Mid smiling pastures, groves, and babbling brooks,
They may be warmer, but they are not "Dukes."

O.P.

CORRESPONDENCE

KING EDWARD VII'S HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS

FROM SIR JAMESON ADAMS, K.C.V.O.

February, 1955.

DEAR SIR,

Will you once again allow me, through your Journal, to call attention to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers (Sister Agnes'), Beaumont House, Beaumont Street, W.1.

The extension, which we opened last January, has indeed proved its worth, as 538 Army Officers were received as patients during 1954, of these 63 were serving officers, who as you know are entitled to free nursing and maintenance in the shared rooms.

The Samaritan Fund, which we started in 1952, has again proved its usefulness and was encroached upon to the extent of nearly £2,000 during last year. I think it is generally agreed that our work is meeting a vital need.

As is known, this hospital has been disclaimed by the Minister of Health and is therefore entirely dependent on voluntary support. Subscribers, who are entitled to special rates, are asked to pay £1 yearly by Bankers Order, which can be obtained from the Honorary Appeal Secretary, 15 Ormond Yard, Duke of York Street, S.W.1, who will also be pleased to receive very much needed donations.

All officers, serving and retired, permanent and temporary, are eligible for admission.

Yours very truly,

J. B. ADAMS,

(Hon. Appeals Secretary.)

February 22, 1955.

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FROM CAPTAIN A. T. N. EVANS, O.B.E., Chief Constable Pembrokeshire Police, Haverfordwest Castle

June 28, 1955.

DEAR SIR

On my way north last week I stopped in Dolgelly and had a look round the parish church. On a brass tablet inside the church I found the following inscribed (you probably know of it already, but in case not, I thought no harm would be done in passing it on to you), viz. :—

"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Wickham, "Fronwnion," Dolgelly, late 33rd (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment. Born at Batcombe, Somersetshire, November 2nd, 1823. Severely wounded at the assault on the Redan, Sevastopol, June 18th, 1855. Died at Cheltenham, April 3rd, 1903. This tablet was erected by his wife".

I believe Mrs. Wickham was the daughter of a Welsh clergyman named Williams, who lived at Fronwnion.

Yours sincerely,

A. T. N. EVANS.

LATE NEWS

We deeply regret to announce the death of Lieutenant G. W. Hanna, M.M., on June 20, at his home 22 Sweetcroft Lane, Hillingdon, Middlesex. He served throughout the 1914-18 war with the 2nd Battalion and was awarded the Military Medal on the Somme in 1918. He was a well-known and most popular personality both in the Regiment and among a wide circle of friends in civilian life, by whom he will be sadly missed.

The Association and the Regiment were represented by Major J. H. Huffam, V.C. at his funeral and the Slough Branch of the Old Contemptibles Association by his brother, Mr. Jack Hanna, himself an old "Duke".

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. B. Hanna, his son in Australia, Major R. Hanna, late D.W.R., and his daughter, Mrs. Brenda Hanna.

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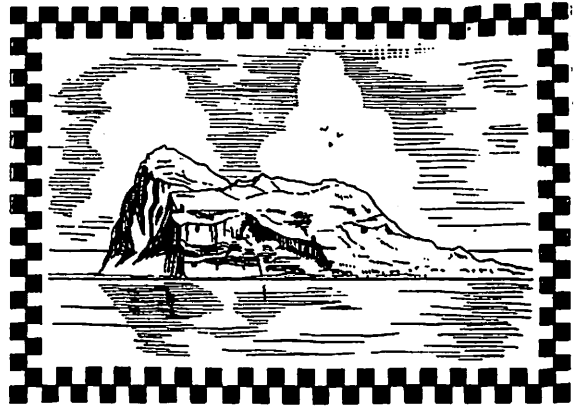
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TERRITORIAL AND SERVICE

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8th Battalion (145 R.A.C.).—*Hon. Secretary* : Major F. B. Murgatroyd, "Oakwood," Wood Lane, Hipperholme, Halifax.

10th Battalion.—*Hon. Secretary* : Mr. G. R. Goodchild, 10 Willowfield Crescent, Highfield Road, Bradford.

4th BATTALION O.C.A.

Earlier this year the Old Comrades' Association of the 4th Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment—which has been in existence for more than 36 years—had funds left for only one more year's benevolent work among members in need. An appeal was made to members for subscriptions, and on Saturday, at the annual meeting and reunion dinner in the Prescott Street Drill Hall, Halifax, the treasurer, Mr. F. Bentley, announced that the response ensured that benevolent work could be carried on for a further three years.

Last Thursday marked the 40th anniversary of the Battalion's going overseas in the 1914-18 war, and even after those 40 years there were 140 members of the association at the reunion.

Mr. John Parkinson, chairman of the committee, presided at the annual meeting. In his report, Captain N. T. Farrar, joint secretary with Colonel Sir Alfred Mowat said that few of them thought when they went overseas that they would still be meeting together so long afterwards. It was gratifying to find that six of the original members of the committee elected at the first annual meeting 36 years ago, were still members of the committee.

In its existence the association had distributed £4,140 in help to needy members and found employment for nearly 400.

CASES OF HARDSHIP

This year the committee had not had to deal with

as many cases of hardship as in the previous year but the amount distributed had been greater. Money had less value and therefore it was felt that more should be given. The association had lost a number of members by death and specially would be felt the loss of members such as Colonel James Walker, Mr. Fred Smith and Mr. M. Empsall. It was regretted that this year Colonel Sir William Fenton was unable to be present, probably the first reunion he had missed.

Mr. Bentley said that grants to members in the past year had amounted to £115, compared with £86 the previous year and there had been an excess of expenditure over income of £96.

Through the generosity of those who responded to the appeal, however, a sum of £172 had been raised and a further £35 came from donations in lieu of wreaths at the funeral of Mr. Empsall.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. Bert Haigh; vice-chairman, Mr. D. Huby; secretaries, Captain N. T. Farrar and Colonel Sir Alfred Mowat; treasurer, Mr. Fred Bentley; auditor, Mr. J. D. Ayrton.

Thanks to the officers were expressed by Sgt.-Major Lee—who said that after 53 years' service, he was still in the Home Guard in Berkshire. In replying, Mr. Bentley expressed the congratulations of the association to Captain J. Stoddart, who was present and who had recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

ARMY REORGANISATION

Mr. Haig presided at the dinner, at which the guests included Colonel G. H. Aykroyd, T.D., Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., the Chief Constable of Halifax (Mr. G. F. Goodman), and Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., secretary of the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association.

Responding to the toast of "The Regiment," proposed by Mr. Haig, Colonel Aykroyd said that he had been Honorary Colonel of 382 Medium Regiment, formerly the 4th Battalion, but he had now been put into "cold storage" pending the formation of the new regiment which embodied the former 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions. He thought the old 4th Battalion had come out of the reorganisation extremely well, for the new regiment would have its headquarters in that drill hall and it would continue to be commanded by Colonel Crossley. It was extremely sad when old regiments, with all their traditions, had to give up their entities, but it was solely the effect of modern conditions on the army.

A toast to "The Guests" was proposed by Sir Alfred Mowat, who said it was a wonderful thing that after 40 years members of the Battalion should still think it right and proper to come to the reunion and keep in touch with each other. The association had always received from successive C.O.s of the present regiment a full measure of support and Colonel Crossley had maintained that tradition of interest in the association's work.

There was evidence that though the old 4th had gone through many changes and forms the spirit which they remembered with pride had been maintained in the successive types of regiment.

The Chief Constable, responding to the toast, pointed out that Mr. Fred Bentley and Mr. Edgar G. Jones, both members of the Association, were former Commandant and present Commandant respectively, of the Halifax Special Constabulary. Mr. Goodman added that he had a great regard for the usefulness of regimental associations and knew a good deal of their work, for he was a former secretary of the Stoke branch of the Grenadier Guards' Association.

8th BATTALION D.W.R./145 R.A.C.

The 9th reunion was held at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds on Saturday, April 23—100 old comrades sat down to dinner, and approximately 30 came along afterwards. Several came from London and long distances, and everyone was delighted to see R.S.M. H. Cundall again. R.S.M. Boon eloquently proposed the toast to "The Regiment" any Colonel A. C. Jackson, D.S.O., presided.

We were all shocked to learn of the death of S.S.M. A. Goodwin, who was with "B" Squadron from 1940 until 1945 and was held in the greatest affection and respect by all in the Regiment. Major John Marshall attended the funeral at Reading.

The next reunion will be arranged again in Leeds, probably on April 28, 1956. There will again be an officers' reunion in London in November

this year, and anyone interested not on the address list should contact the Hon. Sec., Major F. B. Murgatroyd, Oakwood, Hipperholme, nr. Halifax. Tel., Halifax 69013.

(LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH)

The annual reunion dinner of the Branch took place at the Regimental Headquarters of the Westminster Dragoons in Elverton Street, London, S.W.1, on Saturday, April 23, 1955.

This was the first time that the dinner had been held at the above place, and although the numbers were not as many as we would have wished, those present all agreed that it was a very suitable place for a function of this kind to be held. The room was nicely decorated and the silver from the Officers' Mess of the Westminster Dragoons added a sparkle to the gathering, and overlooking all in a very nice setting was the banner of the Regimental Association.

In the chair this year we had the pleasure of the company of Major-General Bray, most ably supported by other officers and ex-officers of the Regiment. The General gave a short talk on the activities of the Regiment, and also stressed the importance of members trying to encourage other members of the Association to attend these functions. Others present were Brigadiers R. K. Exham, F. R. Fraser, Colonels Armitage, Bunbury, Lieutenant-Colonels Cox, Paton, Boutflower, Majors Huffam, Scott, Jones-Stamp, Austin, R.S.M. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Code, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, and Mrs. Dockrail from Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth, Mr. and Mrs. Coventry, Mr. and Mrs. Drewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Hearsom, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. Clark, Sykes, Myall, Ambler, Pratt, Temple, Benson, Kingston, Harris, Simmonds, Grigsby and In-Pensioner Bridges and friend.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch will be held at the above place on Saturday, September 3, at 8 p.m.

Please do not forget this date, and also the following:

1. Annual reunion Dinner at Halifax, Saturday, October 8.
2. Remembrance Sunday Parade at the Regimental Plot at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at 10.30 a.m.
3. Annual Reunion Dinner, London Rugby Cup Final Night, 1956.

So, until next time, the best wishes of the Branch to one and all.

(Continued from page 116)

Siege all the Inhabitants went there). I am confirmed in this Opinion since by knowing that the ornaments are those worn by Brahmins and not by Mohammedans.

"The officers I perceived during the finding of Tippos Body were Genl. Baird, Lt. Cols Wallace & Shee, Capt. Keith Young, Lt. Lambton, a Surgeon who accompanied Genl. Baird, and most of the officers of the 33rd.

"J. W. KNOX."

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