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Suvla
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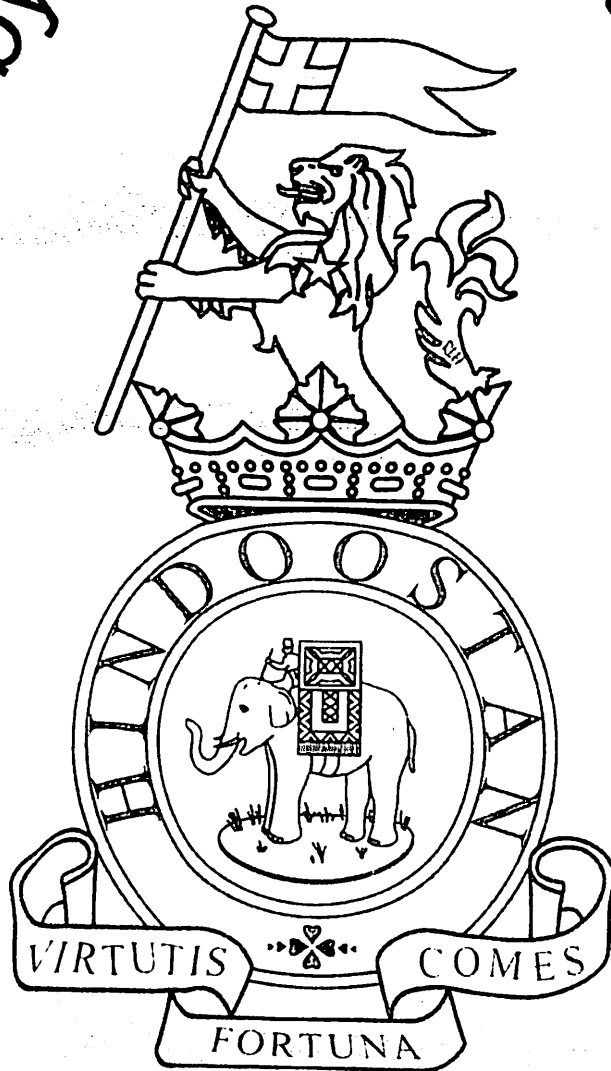
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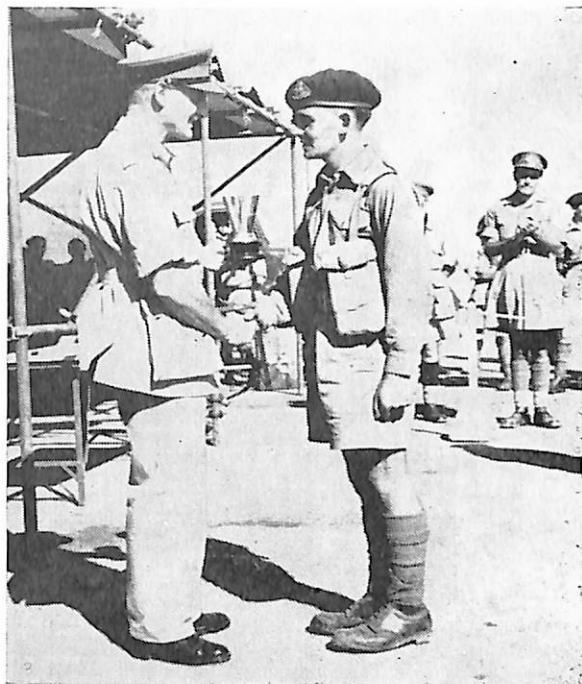
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C/Sgt. Norman receiving Grand Aggregate Cup



Pte. Sullivan receiving the Curry Cup for the Champion Corporal or Private



1st BATTALION RIFLE SHOOTING TEAM—GIBRALTAR COMMAND RIFLE MEETING 1955

Back row standing: Sgt. France, Pte. Phayer, 2 Lt. Birch, C/Sgt. Norman, Lieutenant-Colonel R de la H. Moran, O.B.E., Pte. Mitchison, Pte. Hill, Pte. Worthington, L.Cpl. Baker

Front row kneeling: L.Cpl. Pearson, Pte. Riley, Cpl. McGowan, Pte. Sullivan, Pte. Tolley, Pte. Dunlop, Pte. Litherland
Trophies: The Inter Unit Cup, Sub Unit Cup, Sten Cup, Falling Plate Cup, Young Soldiers Cup, Grand Aggregate Cup, Minor Units Cup, Champion Shot Cup, Curry Cup, W.O's and Sgt's Cup

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<i>31 West Riding Home Guard Battalion, Skipton ...</i>	Lt.-Col. J. M. Summers

EDITORIAL

The 1st Battalion arrived home from their tour abroad on September 21. A very large number of members of the Regiment had managed to find their way to Southampton from all parts of the kingdom, including Sir Philip Christison and many former commanding officers. An account of their welcome must await the appearance of the next IRON DUKE. But the following extract from *The Times* of September 13 gives a gratifying picture of the reputation they have made for themselves in extra regimental circles.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT CREATING AMENITIES AT GIBRALTAR

From our Military Reporter

The 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding), after several years' service overseas in Germany, Korea and Gibraltar, is coming home to England this month and is due to sail from Gibraltar on September 17.

This battalion, which greatly distinguished itself at the battle of the Hook in Korea, seems to have made an unusually favourable impression on the Rock, a station about which there are some irksome aspects of a soldier's life. One of these drawbacks is the scarcity of facilities for field training. The "Dukes" have made some for themselves. On a small patch of waste land on the Europa side of Sandy Bay they have set up a camp big enough for one company at a time, and have used it with so much success that when they are gone it will probably be taken over as a permanent feature of Gibraltar's military amenities.

They have done well in the garrison competitions in both military exercises and sport; they furnished the first pew under the new scheme of reseating for the ancient chapel at the official residence of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar; and they have provided a gymnasium as a youth centre for the Spanish civil war refugee community living in the "shanty town" on the strip of land towards La Linea. To do this last-named piece of social service the "Dukes" took materials supplied by the local police and found enough craftsmen to build a large and airy room with wall bars and other gymnasium equipment.

It had been hoped to arrange for the British Railway's engine, "The Duke of Wellington's Regiment," to haul the train taking the 1st Battalion from Southampton. However, unfortunately, for technical reasons of gauge, it could not be made available.

The engine is, incidentally, normally employed on the Leeds-Glasgow run; its depot being at Leeds.

The following letter has been received by the Editor from the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion. It speaks for itself.

1. There is in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion an excellent photograph album containing the photographs of nearly every regular officer who joined the Battalion between 1867 and 1925. Unfortunately in a number of cases, although the name and space are there, the photograph itself is missing. The names involved are listed at the end of this letter, and it would be appreciated if those concerned would send a replacement photograph, size 6 in. tall and 4 in. wide. In the case of deceased officers, perhaps families and friends could assist in making this very interesting book complete.

2. A new album has been presented in order to continue the record from 1925 onwards. It is requested that all officers who joined either Battalion after July 1925, who have not already done so, should send their photograph to the P.M.C. of the 1st Battalion as soon as possible.

Details as under:

- (a) Size 4 in. x 6 in.; the short edge being the base of the picture.
- (b) Head and shoulders or full-length figure.
- (c) Studio portrait, snap or press cutting.
- (d) Unconventional photographs, e.g. with dog and stick, or in sporting clothes, are often of greater interest than posed portraits.
- (e) Name, initials, and date of joining to be written on reverse in pencil.

3. I particularly wish to stress my remarks concerning para 2. I thought the best way of putting this over would be through the medium of THE IRON DUKE.

R. DE LA H. MORAN,

July 12, 1955.

Lieutenant-Colonel.

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List of officers whose photographs are missing from the old album, and for which replacements are required. (Size: 4 in. wide and 6 in. tall.)

J. H. Dalrymple	R. L. Jones	E. W. Stevens
T. St. G. Carrol	N. R. Whittaker	O. Price
R. G. Turner	W. F. Brown	C. A. O'Conor
A. G. Smith	O. G. Williams	H. G. Keet
H. Harvey	R. K. Healing	C. J. E. Haslock
S. B. Kington	H. Gardiner	E. W. Rodgers
H. S. Simpson	C. Wheeler	St. J. Faulkner
A. L. Davis	R. A. Scott	R. W. Russell
P. V. Cornish	H. Treeby	V. N. Kidd
R. G. Carter	C. Campbell	A. C. G. Smythe
J. R. Brunker	H. W. W. Wood	P. J. Gout
D. A. Fairbairn	P. T. Rivett Carnac	J. H. Bowes Wilson
W. E. Maples	W. J. L. Oakes	H. D. Thorold
H. K. Umfreville	P. S. Exham	E. W. Townsend
A. W. B. Buckle	J. A. S. Thompson	R. W. Fanshaw
N. G. H. Turner	L. G. Stayner	L. A. Kingston
C. A. Fedden	F. W. D. Hamilton	W. J. Anderson
P. B. Smithe	A. E. R. Curran	J. C. Duke
A. G. J. Robbins		

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The Depot acknowledge with thanks a number of books for their library, a sword, and a large number of items of uniform given by Lieutenant Colonel W. G. Officer. We also acknowledge the gift of a sword from Major St. J. T. Faulkner,

and Mess jackets given by Brigadier V. C. Green and Major R. Wood.

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In our last issue we referred to anodised buttons now being available. The Colonel of the Regiment has now decided, with War Office approval, that these buttons will replace brass buttons on officers' uniforms. They are an official issue to other ranks for wear with No. 1 uniforms.

The York Memorial Chapel Committee has recently been reconstituted as under:

Chairman: Colonel C. R. T. Cumberlege.

Members: Major W. H. C. Cobb; Major F. H. V. Wellesley (also Honorary Treasurer).

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Notes for the January 1956 number of THE IRON DUKE should reach the Editor not later than December 1, 1955.

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

Now that we are about to leave Gibraltar, it is interesting to look back at the main events and achievements of the Battalion during the past two years. Space will naturally only allow mention of the highlights and it must be remembered that all these required much preparation even whilst the normal routine of ceremonial guards and duties went on from day to day. In addition, it is not possible to give the details of all the many sporting successes of the Battalion which from time to time hit the headlines in the sports page of the local newspapers!

The event that will always stand out most clearly in our memory was the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in May of last year. A great Review was held on the airfield, with every Unit on the "Rock" represented. The Guard of Honour paraded with the Queen's Colour of the 1st Battalion while at the Review, the Battalion exercised the unique distinction of the 2nd Battalion by carrying its four Colours on parade. The bearing of the men did full justice to this brave sight. Her Majesty The Queen remarked on the Regiment's unusual privilege on being able to carry two stands of Colours on parade.

A further honour was conferred on the Regiment when Her Majesty The Queen held an investiture on board the royal yacht *Britannia*, and decorated officers and men for their service in Korea. A proud moment for them, and for all of us.

Another Royal occasion last year was the visit of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal in September, when the Battalion again had the honour of providing a royal guard.

The year 1954 was the 250th anniversary of the capture of the "Rock" by the British-Dutch Fleet under command of Admiral Sir George Rooke, and was celebrated in July when the Battalion Trooped the Colour of the 1st Battalion. His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Gordon H. A. MacMillan, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., took the salute. The ceremony was a great success. It was, incidentally, on this parade that we appeared for the first time in Gibraltar in our red hosetops—a great sartorial triumph!

The Battalion has provided the Outpost Platoon and Escort to the Keys on four occasions for

Gibraltar's traditional "Ceremony of the Keys." This ceremony, which includes the Beating of Retreat, is symbolic of the closing of the Fortress for the night when sudden alarm and attack in darkness were commonplace. On each occasion the standard of drill and turn-out has been of the highest order.

The Band and Corps of Drums deserve a special word of praise. They have had to work extremely hard during their stay in Gibraltar—performing not only at the many ceremonial parades—but at the many sporting and social events which have taken place.

As a shooting Battalion we continued to prove successful. Each year we have won the Command Inter-Unit Aggregate Cup, despite this year being without our representative entry at Bisley. There are quite a number of young "shots" under training, and as a result of experience gained in these past two years, we hope to give a good account of ourselves at Bisley next year.

In the field of sport we have had great success. We have won the Command Inter-Unit Athletic Championship each year. The Cricket League and Cup, the Hockey League and Cup, the Soccer Inter-Unit Knockout Cup, the Command Inter-Unit Swimming Championship, the Inter-Minor and Major Units Road Race, and the Command Inter-Unit and Novices Boxing Championships. Although we have been less successful behind the helm, the "Hindoostan" Yacht Club has been of great sporting value to its members, who have had many good afternoons sailing in Gibraltar waters and have even managed to win the occasional trophy! In all a fair achievement, and worthy of the great sporting tradition of the Regiment; in fact, we may have added some new sports to the old list.

When we leave Gibraltar we will leave some permanent evidence of our stay. Apart from the name of the Regiment being inscribed on most of the sporting trophies in the Garrison, we have presented a pew to the King's Chapel, the Garrison Church. In addition, the Regimental Pioneers entirely within their own resources have built an extremely good little gymnasium, which we have presented to Gibraltar for the use of its youth clubs. We leave, too, the goodwill of the inhabitants, for we can say with all due modesty that they hold

the Regiment in high esteem. We have been described as "Muy Sympatico," and that, believe it or not, is highly complimentary!

We have found the advance party of the Seaforth Highlanders pleasantly co-operative, a state of affairs which is conducive to a smooth "handover."

Although we regret leaving so many new friends behind us we look forward to meeting many old ones at Chisleton and hope it will not be long before they visit us at our new station.

OFFICERS' MESS

We open these notes on rather a sad note, so many have left us in the past three months we feel we should bid them farewell in the first paragraph instead, as is more usual, the last one. So good-bye and good luck to the following: Charlie Grieve to B.A.O.R.; Tony Firth to H.Q., Western Command; Donald Isles to B.A.O.R.; John Streatfeild to the Depot; Rodger Southerst to the Depot; Henry Kelly to Federation Regiment, Malay; Gerald Reddington, James Faithfull, John Barkshire, Bryant Fell, and John Raybould—release.

As Jimmy Davidson, with Miller and the Q.M. are now in England with the advance party, we are now very thin on the ground. It is rather a shattering thought that only four officers who sailed with the Battalion in September 1952 are returning with it three years later. These very rare and odd birds are Kavanagh, Milligan, Emmett and Blakey.

We were very pleased to welcome Major Gilmour and his officers of the advance party, 1st Seaforths, on August 10. We hope their stay with us will be happy and comfortable. We are now heavily engaged in the usual series of end-of-season parties: On August 18 we had the honour of dining The Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-General Sir Harold Redman, K.C.B., C.B.E., accompanied by Rear-Admiral Currey, O.B.E., Flag Officer Gibraltar, and the Right Rev. R. J. Fitzgerald, C.B.E., D.D., Roman Catholic Bishop of Gibraltar. Also present were Brigadier G. Lucas, C.B.E., Deputy Fortress Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton and Major Ferguson of the 5th Fusiliers, Group-Captain Johnson, R.A.F., and Captain Wilson, A.D.C. to H.E. It was an excellent party, His Excellency remarking how pleased he was to see the Regiment had regained the standard of pre-war guest nights.

In addition, two farewell cocktail parties were held in August. Visitors to the Mess in the last quarter included Commander S. G. Rawson, father of Fred Rawson, Air Vice-Marshal L. G. Crisham, A.O.C. 12th Group R.A.F., Captain T. S. King, U.S.N., and Sidney Rogerson, Esq.

David Cowell's wedding reception was held in the Mess, following his wedding in the Cathedral. Arengo's Palace lent itself well for such a function and it was a great success. May we wish David and "Bubbles" every happiness, the same also to "Topper" Brown and his bride and Edward Dasent and his bride.

So we come to the end of our tour on the "Rock," the boats have been sold, the silver is being packed and we are saying our farewells to our many friends, service and civilian. It is all rather sad.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The early part of the summer was not notable for any great social activity, but in July we woke up and realised we were shortly going home.

We were entertained by the Garrison Sergeants' Mess at a most enjoyable farewell party on Saturday, July 16. After competitions, dancing, tombola and much elbow raising, G.S.M. Scott presented a silver cup, on behalf of his Mess members, to R.S.M. Corke. The cup had been suitably inscribed and is now a valued addition to our Mess plate. We are grateful to the Garrison Sergeants' Mess for this token of their goodwill and for their hospitality on so many occasions.

After a game of cricket and a shooting match, both of which we managed to win, we entertained the senior hands of H.M.S. *Comet* to a social on Friday, July 22. While on the subject of shooting, hearty congratulations to C.Sgt. Norman for his fine shooting in the Army Rifle Meeting and the Command Meeting. We celebrated in the usual manner by duly filling and emptying his cups.

The advance party of the Seaforth Highlanders, headed by C.S.M. Davie Watson and Pipe-Major Macleod arrived on August 10, to be greeted with considerable enthusiasm by those of us who are feeling it is time we saw home. They have become a very popular addition to the Mess.

We held a farewell party on Saturday, August 20, for the Garrison Sergeants' Mess. Towards the end of the evening we presented the Garrison Mess with a framed photograph of ourselves, feeling sure they would not take umbrage at the very broad grins of most members in the photograph.

We shall shortly be installed in the Mess that we occupied in 1951, and are hopeful that some of our South Country ex-members will pay us a visit. Although old friends may have departed, we believe they will find that the hospitality remains the same.

The most notable departure since our last contribution has been that of Sgt. Horner (Band), who has been in the Regiment, man and boy, since 1929. He was seen off from the airfield by his closest friend, Sgt. Powell, and has since written to tell us that he expects to settle down in Halifax. We wish him all good luck in civilian life to which he has departed so reluctantly. His presence in the Mess is greatly missed.

We also lost, on posting to other units in Gibraltar, our Staff Sergeants of the R.A.E.C.—Sanders and Bedford.

S.Sgt. Bedford's "funnies" at breakfast times were quite unique.

We have welcomed W.O.2 Brewster, R.A.E.C., as our new headmaster in place of W.O.1 Renton, who moved to the Command Education Centre on attaining his coat of arms. We congratulate Sgt. Lodge and Sgt. Smith on their promotion and also extend best wishes to Sgt. Smith on his recent marriage. Sgt. Collie, R.A.E.C., has joined his "fellow Celt," Sgt. Evans, in attempting to teach English to our seekers after knowledge. We shall be sorry to leave the cheerful crowd of attached "schoolies" behind when we leave for home.

A number of members formed a tennis team and have done very well in the local league. Our first

string consisted of Sgt. Sheehan, Sgt. Evans, Sgt. Appleby and A. N. Other and are as yet unbeaten. In closing, we will say how much we are looking forward to getting home and hope to attend the O.C.A. dinner in stfind, if we can find the energy and cash to travel to Halifax from our respective homes where, at the time, we expect to be on leave.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Having only a few weeks to do on "The Rock" we celebrated our rapidly approaching departure by holding a farewell social at the beginning of August, when members of other Corporals' Clubs in the Garrison were invited. Cpl. Bohem rounded off a happy evening with his old song "Good-bye."

Some of our older members, Cpls. Dodds, Sanderson and "Monsieur" Wakefield (minus moustache), have left us with the advance party for England. Cpl. Cannon should now be enjoying civilian life, and L.Cpl. Chivers has taken his cheerful grin with him on a course in U.K.

Congratulations to Sgts. Smith and Lodge on their promotions, also to Sgt. Drummond who is now Sergeants' Mess Caterer, having been promoted from the rank of Lance Corporal in so short a time.

Items from the Club will soon be packed, to be reopened in our new Club at Chisleton. Let us hope that we have a Club as good as the one we have had here. Until our next notes after settling down in England, Adieu.

"A" COMPANY

The Company strength has been slowly dwindling until now we can only muster 22 men, and, of course, "Judy," the Company dog. The old stalwarts are still here, and I could mention them all by name without causing acute embarrassment to the Sub-Editor: Cpls. Legard and Connor, Ptes. Rampley, Richardson, Hetherington, Clark, and Martin, and our two new Lance Corporals, Buglass and Bailey. We welcome C.Sgt. Batty to the Company and hope that he has a long and enjoyable stay with us.

All is ready for our move to Chisleton, and we hope that C.S.M. Clark is making things comfortable for us. We also hope that the British Legion does not run out of beer before we arrive, but with the advance party already installed we fear the worst.

Lt. Campbell-Lamerton has left for a course in U.K., and we wish him every success. Lt. Pell has taken over the Company and as he is writing these notes he welcomes himself most sincerely!

We look forward to become a full Company again at Chisleton, and making new friends. Our only regret is that we must leave so many behind in Gibraltar.

"B" COMPANY

The Company is at present a turmoil of crates, stencils and red paint in preparation for the move to Chisleton, and with Sgt. Perrin just having left for England the C.S.M. is looking more harassed

than ever with the C.Q.M.S.'s job on his hands.

Our fortnight at Sandy Bay was all too short, but the sunshine, training and exercises were thoroughly enjoyed and did much to raise morale for our few remaining weeks on the Rock.

We would like to thank Cpl. Smith and Ptes. Fishwick and Webster for their hard work in the canteen. Whilst at Sandy Bay we bade a fond farewell to Major Milligan, who has taken over "H.Q." Company, and welcome Captain Blakey in his place as Company Commander.

Since our last notes we have helped to form three Guards of Honour and said goodbye to 2 Lt. Kelly who has forsaken us to grapple with the bandits in Malaya. To 2 Lt. Reddington, L.Cpls. Pearce and Parkin, and Pte. Vardy, now returned to civilian life, we wish the best of luck. In July we welcomed Sgt. Smith (newly wed) and Cpl. Bowering from "C" Company; may their stay with us be a long and happy one.

At the All Ranks Dance each Company organised side-shows, the profits of which helped pay for the Regimental pew in King's Chapel. Beanlands Follies proved a tremendous success, while Cpl. Wakefield made full use of his ever-increasing appetite for photography.

After many months of intensive training under the C.S.M., the Company shooting team unfortunately suffered the galling experience of a stoppage on two of the three practices in the Command Rifle Meeting, and consequently came seventh in the Minor Units Cup.

In the Battalion Athletics Meeting the Company did well in track events, winning the 4 x 120 yds. and the one-mile team race. These results, however, were nullified by our poor field event placings. We eventually finished fourth. 2 Lts. Faithfull and Cumerlege and Ptes. Emery and Halliday represented the Company in the highly successful Battalion team in the Command Athletics Championships.

In the inter-Company swimming meeting we came third, two points behind "H.Q." Company. We congratulate the following on their keenness in training and good teamwork: Ptes. Astbury, Bates, Beanland, Bradley, Charlesworth, Emery, Lawler, Lawton, Oxley and Sergeant, L.Cpl. Wood, and 2 Lts. Faithfull and Cumerlege.

Thanks largely to the co-operation of civilian teams, we have been able to satisfy most of the large number of keen cricketers in the Company this summer. Of the ten first team matches played so far, nine have been won, our only defeat being at the hands of the Gibraltar Cricket Club. Five "A" XI matches were played in addition to games within the Company. Besides our three members of the Battalion XI—2 Lts. Cumerlege and Faithfull and Cpl. Ashton—several players have shown promise. Pte. Fishwick has had a successful season as a wicket-keeper and batsman, whilst Pte. Burgin and L.Cpl. Allan have proved a good pair of opening bowlers. In addition to Cpl. Ashton's two centuries for the Company, Pte. Northrop and Cpl. Spurr, in their different styles, have performed well with the bat.

Company Order of Battle:

Company H.Q.

Company Commander	Captain Blakey.
2IC	2 Lt. Carter.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. Frier.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. Perrin.

No. 4 Platoon

Platoon Commander ..	2 Lt. Cumberlege.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. Pratt.
Corporals	Cpls. Spurr, Busfield. L.Cpls. Hartigan, Henry.

No. 5 Platoon

Platoon Commander ..	2 Lt. Faithfull.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Cpl. Wakefield.
Corporals	Cpls. Parker, Wright. L.Cpls. Brook, Ward.

No. 6 Platoon

Platoon Commander ..	Sgt. Smith.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Cpl. Smith.
Corporals	Cpls. Bowering, Stoye. L.Cpls. Waterhouse, Wood.

"C" COMPANY

The advance party has now left with C.Sgt. Lancaster representing "C" Company. Sgt. Kirk in the meantime has taken over the duties of C.Q.M.S. Life-saving and Third-Class Education, is going ahead and several of the Company, to improve their general knowledge, have obtained passports for Spain, vanished for a while, and returned thinner but very much the wiser.

We have had several changes lately, and we congratulate the following on their promotions:

Sgt. Smith (42), Cpls. McGowan, Hilton and Harman, L.Cpls. Cross, Wells, Sweeney, Harde- man (Pay Clerk), Rushbrooke, Sheard and Williams (attached to the police). We welcome Sgt. Miles, Cpls. Smith (35) and McGowan back from "A" Company, and we are sorry to lose Sgt. Smith (42) and Cpl. Bowering to "B" Company and L.Cpl. Prior as Battalion Ration Corporal.

We have also said good-bye to Cpl. Silcock, L.Cpls. Dewhirst and Turton, Ptes. Moore, Arm- strong and Kennedy (11) who have returned to civilian life. Cpl. Kelly has gone on a Russian course at Bodmin, and Ptes. Smith (52) and Dewhirst (45) are training to be cooks.

Perhaps the most interesting event has been the Company's three weeks at Sandy Bay in June. Here, for the first time since we have been in Gibraltar, we were able to train and work on a Platoon and Company basis.

We held demonstrations, exercises, and mortar and 3.5 R.L. firing. A Company party was arranged, at which many unknown stars made their debut.

The Battalion Inter-Company Athletic Cham- pionship was held on May 26, which resulted in a win for the Company after a most exciting meeting. We got off to a good start by winning the three miles. Then unexpectedly we won the 4 x 110 yards relay, and from then on we never looked back.

We also won the 4 x 880 yards relay, and came

second in the hurdles, 4 x 440 yards relay and long jump. Deserving special mention are Sgt. Kirk in the 880 yards, L.Cpl. Balmforth in the mile, L.Cpl. Crow in the 440 yards, and all the 110 yards' team (L.Cpl. Wells, Ptes. Heeley, Gar- land and Flesher). Thanks are due to 2 Lt. Bark- shire and 2 Lt. Lupton for all their hard work.

In the Command Meeting 2 Lt. Barkshire, 2 Lt. Lupton, Sgt. Kirk, L.Cpls. Parker, Balmforth and Crow, and Pte Garland ran and jumped hard and helped the Battalion achieve their great success.

2 Lt. de Mesquita is running the cricket, and the team has played four games, won two, drawn one and lost one. L.Cpl. Sheard, Cpl. McGowan and Mr. Mesquita have all made good scores, and Cpl. McGowan, Ptes. Jagger and Greenwood and L.Cpl. Crow bowled well. Mr. Mesquita assures us all at intervals that there is hidden talent in the Company and we hope it will soon be found. In the Second XI, L.Cpl. Sheard has made a 100, Mr. Mesquita several useful scores, and Cpl. McGowan and Ptes. Boam and Jagger have also played.

The Company and Battalion Swimming Sports have been held and the following are the results of the Company Meeting:

50 Yards Free Style: Pte. Connell.

100 Yards Free Style: Pte. Heeley.

50 Yards Breast Stroke: Pte. Bunting.

100 Yards Breast Stroke: Pte. Bunting.

50 Yards Back Stroke: Pte. Brunning.

Medley Relay: No. 7 Platoon.

Inter Platoon Competition: No. 7 Platoon.

In the Battalion Sports our only win was in the 4 x 50 yards Free Style (Ptes. Heeley, Wright, Curley and Connell), but we hope to have a few members in the Battalion team. Pte. Connell won the 50 yards Free Style in the individual champion- ship and was second in the 100 yards. Pte. Heeley was third in both events.

COMPANY ORDER OF BATTLE

Company H.Q.: Major A. B. M. Kavanagh, M.C., 2 Lt. T. D. Lupton, C.S.M. Randall, C.Sgt. Lan- caster, L.Cpls. Rushbrooke, Harde- man (R.A.P.C.) and Sheard.

No. 7 Platoon: 2 Lt. T. L. D. de Mesquita, Sgt. Miles, Cpls. Stowell and Armitage.

No. 8 Platoon: 2 Lt. C. Jenkins, Sgt. Kirk, Cpls. Hilton, Harman and McGowan.

No. 9 Platoon: 2 Lt. R. R. St. J. Barkshire, Sgt. Chadwick, Cpls. Smith (35) and Wild.

"D" COMPANY

Despite the work entailed in preparations for our departure, a considerable amount of training has been possible since our return from Sandy Bay. This has been organised on the lines of a series of Company cadres covering education, signals, shoot- ing and life-saving.

An intensive drive to prepare as many people as possible for the Third Class Certificate of Educa- tion before field training in England makes this impossible has resulted in classes being arranged on a Platoon basis, with N.C.O.s, who had pre- viously attended an instructor's course at the Unit

Education Centre, teaching English and mathematics, and the Platoon Commanders sharing the general topics. To date, the results have exceeded expectations, and by September we hope to have 85 per cent. of the Company with the Third Class Certificate or above.

Running parallel with this, the Company shooting team has been training daily under 2 Lt. Birch in preparation for the Command Rifle Meeting. The side has been considerably weakened by the absence of our members of the Battalion Bisley team, namely, Cpls. Holliday and Mawe, L.Cpl. Jemmison and Ptes. Anderson and Nicholl, whom we congratulate on being tenth in the Roupell Cup. The Company Falling Plate team won the Watkins Cup, beating "S" Company in the final in 38.8 seconds, a new Command record. The team was 2 Lt. Birch and Ptes. Sullivan, Tolley and Phayer. In addition to this, Pte. Sullivan fulfilled his previous promise by winning the Corporals' and Privates' Individual Rifle and coming second in the Individual Rifle Open Championship. 2 Lt. Birch was fourth in the Pistol Match.

In place of physical training, life-saving classes have been held every morning and afternoon under Sgt. Wilson and Cpls. Bohem and Morris. At the beginning of August the number of awards stood at 114, and the number of points gained in the Minor Units Competition was 258. Training for the aquatic sports was held at the same time and the high standard attained at the Company Individual and Inter-Platoon Swimming Sports held on August 4 and 13 augured well for the Battalion championships. No. 10 Platoon won the Inter-Platoon Trophy comparatively easily, despite keen competition from No. 12 and No. 11 Platoons, who came second and third respectively.

At the Battalion Aquatic Sports the Company's hopes were fully realised. In the Individual Championships we were well to the fore with Pte. Williamson (30) winning the 100 yds. free style and Cpl. Morris only just being beaten into second place in the 50 and 100 yds. breast stroke. On the following day, "D" Company won the Inter-Company Team Championship by the convincing margin of 26 points. The medley relay, 50 yds. back stroke and 100 yds. free style were all won, and second place was taken in the 50 yds. and 100 yds. breast stroke.

Pte. Williamson (30) has played regularly for the Battalion water polo team, and is to be congratulated on his selection for a representative side against the R.A.F.

2 Lt. Raybould, L.Cpl. Fitzhenry and Pte. Connor are to be congratulated on being selected to play for the Army against the Gibraltar Cricket Club, and L.Cpl. Halliday and Pte. Connor on their selection for the Combined Services XI against the Gibraltar Cricket Club.

2 Lt. R. J. M. Birch has arrived from Eaton Hall O.C.S. to take the place of 2 Lt. G. C. Cooper, who is now fully occupied with the headaches which Mess Secretary and Imprest Holder entail, and this month we say goodbye to 2 Lts. J. G. Raybould and B. T. Fell and Ptes. Williams and Cross. We wish them all the best of luck in civilian life.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	Major E. J. P. Emmett, M.C.
C.S.M.	.. .. C.S.M. J. Jobling, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.	.. .. C.Q.M.S. E. Webster.
<i>No. 10 Platoon</i>	
Platoon Commander	.. 2 Lt. C. R. Green.
Platoon Sergeant	.. Sgt. R. Wilson.
Corporals	.. .. Cpls. Holliday, Morris and Scargill.
<i>No. 11 Platoon</i>	
Platoon Commander	.. 2. Lt. M. J. Granger.
Platoon Sergeant	.. Sgt. Arundel.
Corporals	.. .. Cpls. Bohem and Bailey, M.M.
<i>No. 12 Platoon</i>	
Platoon Commander	.. 2 Lt. R. J. M. Birch.
Platoon Sergeant	.. Cpl. R. F. Chilvers.
Corporals	.. .. Cpls. Shooter and Mawe.

"S" COMPANY

Major Grieve is now on leave prior to posting as S.O.P.T. in B.O.A.R. We shall be very sorry to lose him and wish him and his family the best of luck in their new station. Another notable departure from the ranks has been Sgt. Batty, who is now C.Q.M.S. of "A" Company.

In the sporting world the Company's reputation remains high. We came second in the Battalion Athletic Meeting, and although some doubt exists, we hope to complete the hat trick by winning the Inter-Company Cricket for the third year running. A hearty welcome will be extended to all members of the Company who may visit us at Chisledon Camp, and we do hope that any who have the opportunity will do so.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

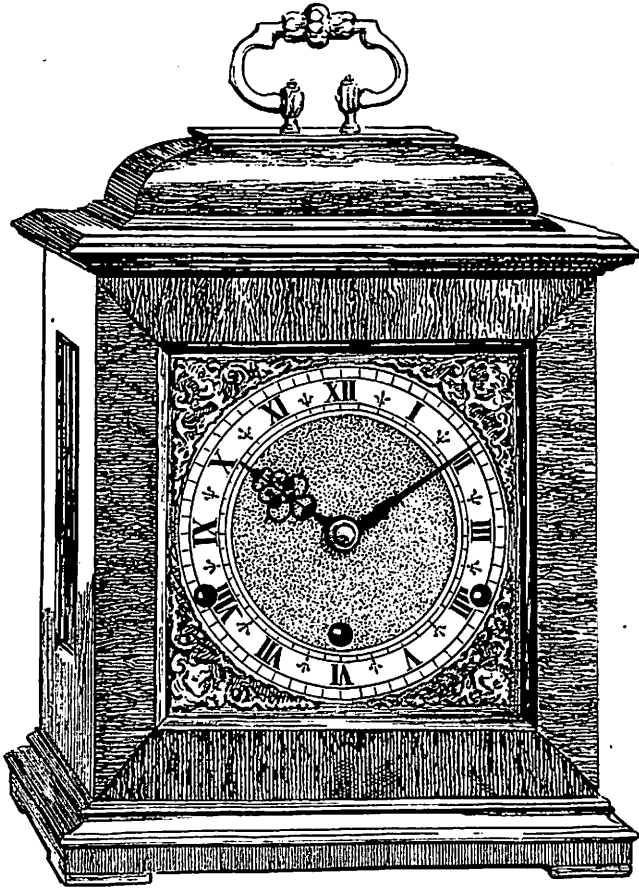
We spent most of July round at the Sandy Bay Training Camp. The change was enjoyed by all, and those of us who had previously been adamant in our hatred of salt water could hardly be dragged away from the sea by the time we left. We did manage, however, to do a considerable amount of training and fired a large number of rounds from the 17-pounder. To begin with, we used our old position above Catalan Bay, but as we knocked the tiles off the roofs in the village below we had to move into the camp for the last day.

In the sporting world the Platoon has kept its reputation high with Lt. Mitchell and Pte. Rollinson in the Battalion 1st XI. Pte. Ingleson played for the 1st XI once as a reserve. Sgt. Flood and Pte. Blackburn are both in the Battalion water polo team and great things are expected from the former in the Command Swimming Meeting. Temme continues to play basketball for Combined Services, and in the shooting world we remain strong with Sgt. France, L.Cpls. Baker, Hill and Dunlop outstanding. Athletics saw Sgt. Flood as a sprinter in the G.A.A.A. Meeting, where he was placed twice, and L.Cpl. Bayliss was a member of the Battalion team in the Command Meeting.

We should like to wish the best of luck to all old



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members of the Platoon and we hope to meet them in U.K.

3-IN. MORTAR PLATOON

A great deal has happened since the last time your scribe covered the activities of the Mortars. Firstly, we have a new Platoon Commander and Platoon Sergeant. Mr. Dasent has left us for England and will rejoin the Battalion at Chisleton. He is being married very shortly, so we wish him and his bride the greatest happiness. Sgts. Batty and Dickie have left us, the former to "A" Company with the rank of Colour Sergeant, and the latter to the Depot to train recruits in specialist weapons.

In the absence of Mr. Dasent, Mr. Fell has taken over the Platoon with Sgt. Sullivan as Platoon Sergeant.

Three months ago we held our Company Athletic Meeting for the Inter-Platoon Shield. We fought very hard, and although Mr. Dasent ran his usual fine 440 and 220, we just could not get quite enough points. We finished a very close second. We congratulate Mr. Dasent, Mr. Fell and L.Cpl. Embleton on representing the Battalion in the Command Meeting. Cricket also has been playing a large part in our lives. Mr. Dasent has been "skipping" the Battalion Second XI and Mr. Fell is in the senior side.

The Platoon spent a very pleasant three weeks at Sandy Bay, where we managed to get in six days' firing. We had some spare bombs and did quite good shoots. Unfortunately, we had no target when firing out to sea, but even so, some of the belts were close enough to satisfy former Platoon Commanders. We had two night schemes which were greatly enjoyed, although sometimes midnight barbecue parties on the beach found our nocturnal wonderings and explosions a little disconcerting.

Life at the moment is quite hectic as we are busily preparing for the hand-over to the Seaforths. We say farewell to L.Cpl. Robinson and wish him the best of luck in Civvy Street.

The next notes will be written in England, where any old Mortarmen who can visit us will be most welcome.

M.M.G. PLATOON

Since our last notes, the outstanding feature has been the three-weeks' visit to Sandy Bay which was an excellent opportunity for some serious work to be done on the guns which raised the standard of handling considerably.

The camp ended happily with a Company party, at which Sgt. Spring kept us laughing for hours. Dawson sang well, Boothroyd excelled himself on the guitar, and possibly a little too much was heard of Mr. Raybould on the piano. It has been rumoured since that there were other platoons there besides the M.M.G.s, but we have nothing to prove this claim. All too soon we were back at Casemates on the usual routine.

Having triumphed in the Company Sports, we are all resting on our sporting laurels, except for

Sgt. Spring, who is, of course, a cricket fiend. We sincerely hope he soon attains the Battalion standard.

During June, Cpl. Bray was married, and we wish him and his bride the greatest happiness in the future. We congratulate Pte. and Mrs. Hewitt on the birth of a son.

As the time for our move draws near, we look forward to England and some real machine-gun work again.

"H.Q." COMPANY

So we come to our last notes penned in Gibraltar. The Company, having provided most of the advance party, are now feeling a little boat happy. No doubt after an English winter they will wish they were back!

We seem to be tiring in a world of packing cases and embarkation rolls! with the result that the C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. are daily growing thinner and greyer.

In the sporting world the Company won the Gibraltar Minor Units Basketball Cup.

We have taken the opportunity to instruct the majority of the Company in the art of life-saving; so far 56 have obtained R.L.S.S. awards.

Since our last notes we have lost many well-known faces too numerous to mention, but we must wish a special farewell to our Company Commander, Major Firth, who has left us for the gilded staff. He is succeeded by Major Milligan, much to that officer's dismay!

So it is now good-bye to our very many friends on the "Rock." We have had a happy stay here. May Chisleton be as pleasant.

SIGNAL PLATOON

Since May we have welcomed 12 more members to the Platoon and they have completed a nine-week cadre with excellent results. Congratulations go to Pte. Pedley on coming top in the final tests.

We congratulate Cpls. Senior and Mallinson on their recent marriages and extend to them and their wives every good wish for the future.

The month of June saw the Platoon Commander, Cpl. Firth, and 11 signallers on board H.M.S. *Ark Royal* for five days. We gave this huge ship a thorough going over, and when not actually exploring we enjoyed tucking into the Navy's magnificent meals. In fact, when the time of departure arrived, Lt. Berry was compelled to use "bad working conditions procedure."

We have had some good cricket matches against other platoons. Pte. Siyyer has lately gained a place in the Battalion Second XI. Cpl. Holmes, Ptes. Mitchison and Worthington shot in the Command Rifle Meeting and Wilcock (32) swam in the Command Sports.

M.T. SECTION

We open our notes this month on a sad note, having bid adios to Captain J. L. Streatfeild, M.C., our Platoon Commander for many months; all ranks in the M.T. Section were sorry to see him and his wife leave "The Rock."

Captain Blakey reigned supreme for almost three weeks and was then transferred to "B" Company. 2 Lt. Kelly, who succeeded him, stayed long enough to learn the art of motor cycling and has now departed on leave prior to a posting to Malaya.

However, with great rejoicing we welcome Lt. Smyth back from U.K. full of the latest knowledge from the Army M.T. School. This is really a great help to us at this stage while we are preparing to hand over vehicles to the Seaforths, and the M.T. Section will, we hope, as a result have a good handover. Our jeep strength at the moment is bad; we have only two out of an establishment of 12 and the M.T. Sergeant can be seen daily looking harassed, one eye on the clock and the other on the yard entrance, mentally willing a jeep to appear in time for his next detail. It has been decided to issue Units on "The Rock" with Land Rovers to replace the long obsolete jeeps—so nothing can be done until such time as these appear, and we hope that some of our less mobile Company Commanders will not be too discouraged.

The actual playing of games during the last month has been difficult for the M.T., who spend most of their so-called "sports afternoons" transporting the Battalion to its triumphs!

We offer our congratulations to Cpl. Brittain on his recent marriage. We have said goodbye to Cfn. Brook, one of the R.E.M.E. fitters who has left us for the rigours of civilian life. We wish him well and hope he may come back.

P.S.—We are pleased to announce that Cpls. Almond and Creighton have received a son and daughter respectively.

REGIMENTAL BAND

Although busily packing for our return to England and preparing for a School of Music inspection, we can still, after being sufficiently pressed, find time to write our last notes from Gibraltar.

We can look back on our stay here with both relief and pleasure for during our tour of two and a half years we have performed every kind of duty—ceremonial, public and private. On our last ceremonial parade on July 27 we combined with the Drums to beat Retreat on the Navy Sports Ground. This parade was of particular interest to the people of Gibraltar, as we played a new march composed by Bandmaster Seed named "Catalan Bay" after the village on the east side of "The Rock."

In the last week we have said goodbye to four of the Band, namely, Bdsm. Berry, Wilson, Robinson and Ethell. We wish them all the best of luck. Regretfully also, we say farewell to Sgt. "Johnny" Horner, one of the few remaining pre-war bandsmen. He has been with us for 24 years and we are extremely sorry to lose him, but expect him to be waiting for us when we next visit Halifax.

Since writing our last notes, Major Firth has left us and has been succeeded as Band President by Major Kavanagh, whose presence, we feel sure, will give us added confidence for the inspection.

We are shortly bidding farewell to the Bandmaster and Sgt. Appleby, who are taking their

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families home by car. We trust we shall see them again in England when we arrive.

COMMAND RIFLE MEETING

The "Dukes" achieved an outstanding success in the Command Rifle Meeting held between August 8 and 12. The only match we did not win was the Officers Match, in which we were beaten by a very fine shoot by 54th A.A. C.Sgt. Norman, Pte. Sullivan and Cpl. McGowan are to be especially congratulated on taking the first three positions in the Individual Rifle Match.

RESULTS

Minor Units Cup (23 teams entered).—1, "S" Company; 2, "H.Q." Company; 3, "C" Company; 4, "D" Company; 7, "B" Company.

Minor Units Cup (9 teams entered).—1, 1st D.W.R. (416); 2, 54th A.A. (315); 3, R.E.M.E. (302).

Grand Aggregate Cup (10 teams entered).—1, 1st D.W.R. (692); 2, R.A.F. (506); 3, 54th A.A. (491).

Falling Plate (Lt. G. R. S. Watkins R.N. Cup).—Finalists: "D" Company v. "S" Company. Winners: "D" Company. Time: 38.8 secs. This exceedingly fine time is a new Command record.

Officers' Match (6 teams).—1, 54 A.A. (193); 2, 1st D.W.R. (187); 3, R.A.F. (185).

Individual Rifle Match.—1, C.Sgt. Norman (1st D.W.R.), 254; 2, Pte. Sullivan (1st D.W.R.), 221; 3, Cpl. McGowan (1st D.W.R.), 219.

Individual Pistol Match.—4, 2 Lt. Birch (1st D.W.R.).

After these results, we look forward with keen anticipation to the Command Shoots in England and hope for the same success.

OUR THANKS TO THE "HALIFAX COURIER"

Our thanks are due to the "Halifax Courier" and in particular to Mr. Arthur Ransom and Mr. Beddoe for photographing and preparing for reproduction the sketches shown on page 157. Their assistance has been invaluable and the results, readers will agree, brilliantly successful.

Battalion Sports News

CRICKET

At the Command Cricket Conference earlier in the year, we decided to enter two teams in the Major Unit League, which after our success last year and the arrival of a number of good cricketers during the winter, seemed to be good policy, in that it gave a larger number of people the opportunity to play in the best cricket on the "Rock." This step has proved a great success, and in the Major Units League the two Battalion sides lie second and third.

The 1st XI failed to carry off the championship owing to "one of those days" against our great opponents, the R.A.F., when, short of practice and playing two men not wholly fit, we were comfortably beaten. In the return game, the R.A.F. achieved their object with a draw, extremely favourable to us, but it practically ensured them the championship. We had our revenge in the Cup Competition where we beat them convincingly. The only other times the 1st XI was really extended were in the matches against our 2nd XI, which speaks very well of the standard of cricket in the Battalion and the spirit and ability of the 2nd XI.

The 1st XI has been captained again this season by Major Grieve, who has continued to make runs in his own immaculate way. He has just left us for Germany, which is a severe blow to the side. Much of our success can be attributed to him, and we wish him many more good runs. 2 Lt. Faithfull has been a tower of strength to the side, and his powerful and consistent batting, together with his brilliant fielding, makes him an outstanding cricketer. We have also seen good batting from 2 Lt. Fell, Cpl. Ashton and L.Cpl. Halliday, and the bowlers Lt. Mitchell and 2 Lts. Raybould and Cumberlege, to everybody's surprise but their own, made good runs. Connor the wicket-keeper, who has made a lot of runs in friendly games goes in number nine, which illustrates the battling capabilities of this side.

The bowling has been rather let down by too many missed catches, especially near the wicket. Cumberlege and Mitchell together constitute by far the best opening pair on "The Rock," and supported by Raybould and Rollinson, leg-breakers and in-swingers respectively, provided a varied and powerful attack. Connor behind the stumps has done very well indeed, and his keenness and enthusiasm should be a lesson to us all.

In the league and cup matches the playing record is: Won 12, drawn 1 and lost 1, which speaks for itself.

The 2nd XI has been rather more unsettled. They began under the captaincy of Lt. Dasent, who later handed over to Major Davidson, and as these have returned home, 2 Lt. Mtsquita is now at the helm. They have had a keen side, with

excellent spirit, and much of their success can be attributed to this alone.

L.Cpl. Fitzhenry has done a magnificent job for the side as an opening bowler, and has a fine record. It was very heartening to see, however, that when not quite at his best, his bowling limited the 1st XI win to two wickets. C.S.M. Williams has bowled steadily and well, and Pte. Boam, a similar type, has bowled accurately since he came into the side. Pte. Jagger has bowled his left-arm slow stuff very well indeed on several occasions. The bowling combination has been most effective, and a little more reliability in the batting would have brought much better results.

The team's fielding has been very good, the outstanding fielder, despite the passing years, being R.Q.M.S. Dawson. 2 Lt. Granger has done excellent work behind the stumps, on his day being very good indeed.

For the purposes of the knock-out competition, the two elevens have been combined and a very strong team is the result. Three games have been played, all won with ease; the final lies ahead and now we fully expect and hope to win the cup for the second year.

Finally, we must make reference to the large part played by 2 Lt. Green, throughout the season. He has propped up the whole of the batting and has been dismissed only once by opposing bowlers. Permanently filling two vital positions, deep third man and mid-on, he has given consistent encouragement to those of us who are not outstanding in the field. He awaits eagerly the old sound of rain on the corrugated iron pavilion roofs of England.

It will be appreciated how much we will miss the sticky heat, high winds and dust storms on these grounds. Back to the greatest pleasure of 2 Lt. Faithfull's life—the smell of linseed oil and new-mown grass.

ATHLETICS

Crammed in between soccer, hockey and cricket we have a bare month for athletics, and in that time there was a great deal of training and preparation for both the Battalion and Command Athletics Meetings. Hordes of athletes could be seen at all hours of the day training on the Inundation Area or the only other proper track on "The Rock," at Europa Sports Ground.

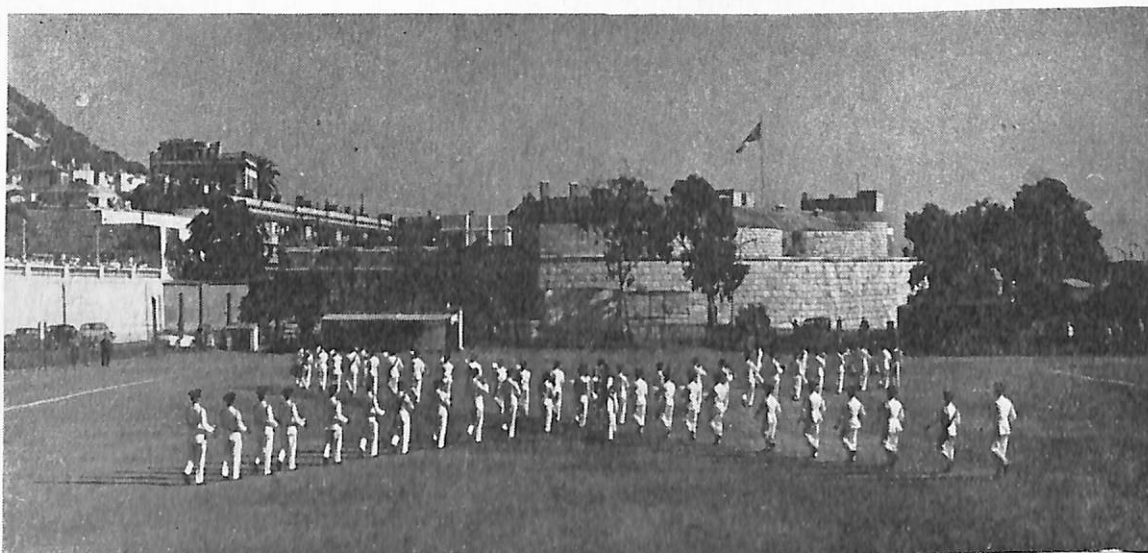
The Battalion Meeting was held at Europa on May 26 in good weather, with not too much wind to hinder runners. Results were good and showed every promise of success in the Command Meeting. The Inter-Company Competition, with each event on a team rather than an individual basis, produced a generally high standard. "C" Company were the best equipped, and earned a thoroughly deserved win. A tremendous struggle ensued



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PASS OUT PARADE AT THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT ON JULY 6, 1955

Brigadier D. A. Kendrew, D.S.O., presenting a prize to Pte. Dunn, best recruit Waterloo Platoon. Also present in the photograph are Major S. G. Dunn (Training Officer), Mr. J. Nicholls, Mayor of Halifax, and Major A. C. S. Savory



The Band and Drums performing a figure during the Beating of Retreat on July 27, 1955

between "S" and "D" Companies for second place, and "S" Company made it by a single point. "B" and "H.Q." Companies were by no means disgraced.

The Command Meeting was held on June 8 and any over-complacency regarding the result was shattered by an even more intensive training programme under coaches Captain Blakey, Lt. Kenchington, Lt. Dasent, 2 Lts. Barkshire and Cumberlege. Peak form was reached at just the right time, and a very jittery and nervous team arrived at the ground for the Meeting.

The 3 miles had been run the evening before and excellent teamwork gave us just the right lead. 2 Lt. Barkshire ran a fine race, sacrificing his own chances of winning to help the team along to finish in first place. The good start was maintained with a win in the 4 x 110 yds. relay and continued in the track events with our closest rivals, 54th A.A. Regiment, R.A., on our heels the whole time. The field events were progressing with a little less success. Lt. Campbell won the discus event and 2 Lt. Raybould made a herculean effort in the weight, but despite very good support from Pte Embleton we finished second. The 4 x 880 yds. was won easily, also the mile, and the Garrison record for the 4 x 220 yds. was defeated. A brilliant performance in the hurdles broke another Garrison record by several seconds, when 2 Lts. Faithful and Fell, with the help of L.Cpl. Halliday, gave 2 Lt. Cumberlege a lead which he increased.

Our first and only failure to get top points in a track event came in the medley relay, when a very fine effort by 54th A.A. Regiment, R.A., just beat us in record time. This was avenged, however, in the final event of the day, the 4 x 440 yds., which was won comfortably in, again, record time. Some excellent running had been seen, especially from Lt. Dasent, 2 Lts. Barkshire, Faithful and Cumberlege, and Pte. Conway in the half-mile and mile. The sprinters were magnificent.

There is a good deal of athletic talent in the Battalion and we hope that facilities for athletics and competitions exist in England. If so, we can look forward to it with confidence.

The results and times were:—

3 miles ..	1st	15 min. 52.1 sec.
High jump ..	3rd	10 ft. 5 in.
4 x 110 yds. ..	1st	47 sec.
4 x 880 yds. ..	1st	5 min. 1 sec.
Discus ..	1st	204 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Medley relay ..	2nd	1 min. 42.2 sec.*
Long jump ..	6th	36 ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Mile ..	1st	4 min. 48 sec.
Shot ..	2nd	73 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.*
4 x 220 yds. ..	1st	1 min. 38 sec.*
4 x 122 yds. hurdles	1st	1 min. 8 sec.*
4 x 440 yds. ..	1st	3 min. 42 sec.*

*Record

RUGBY

The ruggar season in Gibraltar has once again proved no small task. The shortage of pitches, necessity for passes into the Campo, and the difficulties in the weather were only offset by the enthusiasm of the players and administrators. The

hard work, both on and off the field, by Captain—now Major—Donald Isles was very much appreciated by all concerned. We wish him the very best of luck in his new post.

Three games only were played during the season. The first, in the Campo, as a practice game against the R.A.F., we won. The second, versus Association Sportive Francaise de Tangier in Tangiers was also won, 3—0. The final, in Tangier, was against La Selection de l'Armee de l'Air du Maroc. This was a Combined Services game, but the "Dukes"—as usual—were well represented. The ground was rock hard, the sun hot, the game fast; but despite complete exhaustion everyone enjoyed the game. We lost the match 18—6 after we had been leading 6—3 at half-time. The superior teamwork and fitness of the French side proved to be our undoing. It was a fine display of good Rugby enjoyed by spectators and players alike. The following letter sent by the President of the Rugby Section in Tangiers is of interest:

Tangier le 10 Mai 1955.

Monsieur,

La brillante demonstration de Rugby effectuee le 1er Mai passé par l'équipe des Combined Services de Gibraltar face à la Selection de L'Armée de L'Air du Maroc ayant enthousiasmé le public et servi utilement la cause de notre sport à Tangier, le Comité Directeur de la Selection Rugby de L'Association Sportive Francaise et moi-même avons l'honneur de vous demander de bien vouloir transmettre nos plus chaleureuses et sincères félicitations aux joueurs et entraîneurs de cette équipe.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, L'expression de mes sentiments de cordiale camaraderie.

Association Sportive Francaise de Tanger,
LE PRESIDENT, Section "Rugby."

Monsieur le Capitaine Taylor,
c/o Capitaine Isles,
1st Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt.,
Gibraltar.

SWIMMING

Last year the Battalion held its Aquatic Sports for the first time in 17 years, and in the year that has elapsed since then we can justifiably feel pleased with the progress that has been made.

As the Battalion won the Major Units, and "D" Company the Minor Units R.L.S.S. Competition last year by a record number of points, the new season saw all Companies eager to improve their results and spend as much time as possible in training.

An excellent new swimming pool at Little Bay, provided by the Nuffield Trust Fund for the use of service personnel, was opened at the beginning of August and has been constantly in use since for Unit and Sub-Unit meetings. The Battalion's Company Meetings attained a standard which was bound to ensure success in the future Inter-Unit Meeting.

On August 18 the Battalion Individual Championships were held, and owing to the big entry a considerable amount of new talent was discovered. The heats were duly fought out and the six fastest

swimmers went into the finals with the following results:

100 yds. *Free Style*: 1st, Williamson ("D"), 67.4 sec.; 2nd, Connell ("C"), 70.4 sec.; 3rd, Heeley ("C"), 74.2 sec.

100 yds. *Breast*: 1st, Flood ("S"), 84.7 sec.; 2nd, Morris ("D"), 86 sec.; 3rd, Hudson ("D"), 94 secs.

50 yds. *Back*: 1st, Cross ("D"), 39.9 sec.; 2nd, Kendrew ("H.Q."), 40.8 sec.; 3rd, Shaw ("D"), 40.8 sec.

50 yds. *Breast*: 1st, Flood ("S"), 37.1 sec.; 2nd, Morris ("D"), 37.9 sec.; 3rd, Hudson ("D"), 39.9 sec.

50 yds. *Free*: 1st, Connell ("C"), 28.6 sec.; 2nd, Williamson ("D"), 29.2 sec.; 3rd Heeley ("C"), 30.5 sec.

On the following day the Inter-Company Championships were held and run on the team relay rather than the individual basis. The meeting produced some excellent performances which were marked by a keenness, enthusiasm and complete refusal to give up. Congratulations to "D" Company, who eventually won by 30 points, a margin which does not show how close the competition really was. The other Companies were always potentially dangerous, and at the end only four points separated the second Company from the last. Results were as follows; 1st, "D" Company 104; 2nd, "S" Company, 74; 3rd, "B" Company, 72; 4th, "C" and "H.Q." Companies, 70.

Immediately after the Battalion Aquatic Sports serious training began in preparation for the Command Championship. Sgt. Flood quickly welded the breast-stroke team into a winning combination, whilst Williamson and Connell worked hard to get the free-style teams up to standard.

The R.A.F., having won for the last six consecutive years, were naturally firm favourites, but the fitness of the Battalion team was largely responsible for swaying the balance in our favour. It was this fitness, allied with keenness, stamina, and the will to win, which eventually gave us victory by the convincing margin of 20 points.

Congratulations are due to all those that took part or helped to achieve this excellent result. The final placings were: 1st, 1 D.W.R.; 2nd, R.A.F.; 3rd, R.E. GIB; 4th, 28 Coast R.A.; 5th, 5 A.A. R.A.

FISHING CLUB

Since our arrival in Gibraltar some eighteen months ago a fishing club has been formed, under the guidance of Major Firth and C.Sgt. Batty. This club, without a doubt has been a great success, and now there are some forty sea fishermen in the Battalion. It is hoped that the club will continue in England, where we may be able to indulge in the finer arts of river fishing.

Since the club's formation members of the Battalion have fished in four matches. The first match against the R.A.F., we won by a considerable margin.

The result of the individual competition was: 1st, C.Sgt. Batty with 7 lb. 10 oz.; 2nd, Cpl. Hepworth, R.A.F., with 5 lb. 2 oz.; 3rd, Cpl. Bray with 1 lb.

The second match was the Battalion individual competition, the result of which was: 1st, C.Sgt. Batty with 5 lb. 2 oz.; 2nd, Cpl. Bray with 4 lb. 3 oz.; 3rd, Drm. Reddy with $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.

The third was an individual match between the Battalion, R.A.F., Gibraltar Police, and a few civilians, with the following results: 1st, Mr. Mickle (Dockyard), 5 lb. 4 oz.; 2nd, C.Sgt. Batty with 3 lb. 9 oz.; 3rd, Cpl. Bray with 2 lb. 14 oz.

The last match, between the Battalion, R.A.F.; and again a few civilians, was won by Pte. Newman (1 D.W.R.) with 3 lb. 2 oz.; 2nd, Mr. Mickle with 2 lb. 1 oz.; 3rd, Cpl. Bray (1 D.W.R.) with 1 lb. 14 oz. We are hoping that at least we shall be able to have one more match before our departure to U.K.

The best fish recorded were C.Sgt. Batty's fish of 24 lb., and Pte. Dey's one of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

SAILING

This season there seem to have been fewer sailers and less time to sail. Most of last year's members have left, and athletics, cricket, shooting, Sandy Bay Camp, and other unit activities have kept everyone so busy that there has been little time for the "young entry" to get started. However, most boats managed to get away on Saturdays with varying success, and altogether it has been a most enjoyable summer. *Woodpecker* (the *Victory*-class yacht) still holds her secret, and even Henry Kelly has not been able to "tune" her rigging so that she actually wins races. She has been well up in the fleet, and with new sails has been going much better than last year. The Annual Regatta was held, as usual, over the August holiday weekend, finishing with a fairly boisterous dance, though nobody actually fell off the quay this year. The sailing results, as far as the Regiment is concerned, were as follows:

REGATTA RESULTS

(a) Dinghy Class:

Imossi Cup: 2nd, *Penelope*, Lt. Berry and 2 Lt. Barkshire.

Bostwick Isola Cup: 5th, *Penelope*, Mrs. Firth and Lt. Berry (handicap race competed for by every boat in the club).

R.E. Gibraltar Cup: 1st, *Penelope*, 2 Lt. Barkshire and Lt. Berry (later disqualified after a protest).

Robert's Cup: 3rd, *Penelope*, Lt. Berry and Major Ince.

R.G.Y.C. Prize: 3rd, *Ark Royal*, Lt. Berry (single-handed).

Harrington Ladies' Cup: 2nd, *Penelope*, Miss Lawrence and 2 Lt. Barkshire.

(b) Victory Class:

Woodpecker, sailed in turn by Major Firth and 2 Lt. Kelly, was well placed in all races.

(c) Sharpie Class:

Jolly Fish was sailed by 2 Lt. Fell.

The boats are now up for sale, and presumably our successors will be taking over several. The Hindoostan Sailing Club now comes to an end temporarily. It was formed in the spring of 1954 and given its name because it was easier to refer



Trumpeters toot for it



Another verse of the song-hit,
'Good Wholesome Beer'

*Trumpeters toot for it
Tubas go 'hoot' for it
Flautists all flute for it*

Good wholesome beer

*Some men walk dogs for it
Some men saw logs for it
Some men face fogs for it*

Good wholesome beer

Have one with the Star-gazers! Tune in to Radio Luxembourg (208 m.) every Wednesday at 9.0 p.m. and hear the most popular tunes of the day — sung by Britain's favourite singing team.



THEY'RE WETTING THEIR WHISTLES in The Local — and a good time is being had by all. That's The Local for you. A friendly, cheerful place with good company, good talk and good beer. You're sure to meet someone interesting. You're sure to find refreshment to your taste. Your wife will most likely want a bottle of beer — a light or brown ale, or a stout. And what about an honest-to-goodness pint for yourself? Draught or bottled, beer is the best long drink in the world. Good health!

Revive on it, thrive on it,
Feel more alive on it —

Good wholesome beer!

to than The Sailing Club of the Officers' Mess of The 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Presumably it will be reformed if we ever find ourselves near navigable water. Perhaps the Burgee, which is scarlet with a plain grey elephant superimposed, will fly again over the officers of the Regiment as they struggle with the elements in a great effort to get a "gun," or "bust."

On Tuesday, August 9, the Commanding Officer, as Commodore of the Hindoostan Sailing Club, on behalf of the members, presented a magnificent six-foot wooden spoon of solid teak, complete with inscribed silver plate, to the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club. The spoon is for an annual handicap race within the *Victory* class and was won this first

year by the R.A.F. in *Cleo*; 2nd, *Da Vian* (Cochrane), 3rd, *Andromeda* (Cappure); 4th, *Woodpecker* (D.W.R.).

Finally, it is a pity that more assistance is not given in order to start sailing for other ranks in Gibraltar. No help, financial or otherwise, is given by Fortress Headquarters, and it is too expensive a game for a Unit P.R.I. to organise on any scale unaided, particularly as, comparatively speaking, few will benefit. We have had to exist on the unofficial kindness of friendly officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Engineers and R.A.S.C. (Water Transport) to get anything done at all. Even so there is no provision for moorings or other necessary facilities, especially as far as the infantry are concerned.

REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

SUB-EDITORIAL

We have had a most pleasant summer and everything has been all the better for it. The only sufferer has been the cricket green, which, despite Mr. Birch's constant ministrations, can now only be described as brown.

We started off on the right foot by arranging for a fine, sunny, though somewhat cool, day on June 18. As a result our Waterloo Day sports were very well attended and went off most successfully. This year we endeavoured to return to the pre-war style for the occasion and that we were at least partially successful was borne out by the many nostalgic remarks from those of the older generation.

Throughout the period the barracks have been very full, despite small intakes, and we were only saved from occupying the militia huts (which have now been vacated by the T.A. units) by the fact that a number of men were urgently required at Chiseldon to assist the caretaker party in keeping the grass there under control. As a result of having a large number of trained men here we were in a position to provide a guard of honour for H.R.H. The Princess Royal when she visited Cleckheaton to confer the charter of incorporation on the Borough of Spenborough. The guard was commanded by Captain D. H. Wood and was almost entirely composed of young soldiers due to join the 1st Battalion when they return to England. The standard of the guard was very favourably commented upon by the Earl of Scarbrough, the Lord Lieutenant of York and the West Riding.

We have only had one pass-out parade since our last notes were written. The parade was taken by Brigadier D. A. Kendrew, D.S.O., who thereby visited the Depot of the Regiment which he knows so well, in both peace and war conditions, for the first time. He was accompanied by the Mayor of Halifax, Mr. J. Nicoll. A photograph taken on this occasion is reproduced elsewhere in this issue. The Mayoress, who is the Mayor's daughter, knew her way about the barracks without any guide, for she served here in the war with the A.T.S.

Once again we sent a team to Bisley. We won no competitions, but acquitted ourselves well and gained valuable experience. In the inter-Depot shooting, which is based on the classification results achieved by the recruits, we have won the competition three times in succession. We feel that such results reflect great credit to the instructors, whom we congratulate equally with the recruits concerned.

OFFICERS' MESS

On Waterloo Day we entertained for tea a number of serving and retired officers and their families. We very much regretted that the Colonel of the Regiment and Major-General K. G. Exham, both of whom originally hoped to attend, were unable to do so. However, we were well supported by our Yorkshire residents and by Brigadier Webb-Carter, who made the trip from Chester by a somewhat circular route, which we gather included Rochdale.

Our one regimental guest night was on July 28, when we took advantage of the presence of the Band of the Sherwood Foresters for H.R.H. The Princess Royal's visit to Cleckheaton, to have part of the Band in the Mess. Our guests were the Earl of Scarbrough, Lord Savile, Councillor De Lacy Taylor (Mayor of Spenborough) and Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Dixon.

An unexpected visitor one day was that fine "Kiwi," the Rev. Kenneth Gregory. He was most enthusiastic about life in New Zealand and certainly looked very fit and well.

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Steve Dunn and Charles Huxtable. The former is off to Malaya and the latter to a signals course, after which he will join the 1st Battalion. Their places have been taken by John Streatfeild and Roger Southerst.

"O.P.'s" poem on the subject of the installation of central heating in the Officers' Mess has received wide local publicity, having been reproduced in the *Halifax Courier and Guardian* and the *Yorkshire*

Post. As a result we are feeling very lily-livered, even though we have not yet got our central heating. Be that as it may, we note that "O.P.," having suffered more than one winter in Halifax, wisely chose to retire to the southern-most part of England. We hope that he has now thawed out.

SERGEANTS' MESS

In the last issue, we mentioned Waterloo Day, the sports and ball. The sports were well attended and we served a buffet tea in the Mess to about 100 guests. At the sports, Sgt. Simpson surprised us by winning the three-mile race—no mean feat. C.S.M. Wood won the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Cup for the 100 yds. race, on yards' start for service, C.Q.M.S. (Harry) Benner being second by a matter of a couple of inches. Many familiar faces of days gone by were seen amongst the spectators, who turned up to make it a very successful meeting.

We entertained three Chelsea Pensioners during the Waterloo weekend and we thoroughly enjoyed their company. They were Mr. Bridges, who served in the Duke's; his friend, Mr. Morris, ex King's Regiment; and a Mr. Hoyle, who was on a visit to Halifax, his native town, and we asked him to stay. We hope to see them again at the Regimental Association dinner.

In the evening we held the Waterloo Ball, which was run in conjunction with the 382 Medium Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.), T.A., and the 7th Battalion Duke's. It was very well attended and was a huge success. We wish to record our thanks to all members who were responsible and for the work they put in to make it a successful day.

Visitors have been numerous this past few months. C Sgt. Alton and Sgt. Pickersgill for demobilisation and civilian life; Sgt. Houghton, who is now at the Boys' Battalion at Plymouth; and C Sgts. Robins and Norman and Sgts. Bailes and Wilkinson (R.E.M.E.) from the Battalion shooting team. C Sgt. Norman left for Gibraltar, Sgt. Bailes remains at the Depot temporarily and the rest of the shooting team left for Chisledon. We wish them good luck and success in their respective spheres.

Ex-members who have paid us social calls have been ex-C.S.M. "Tug" Wilson, ex-Sgt. Tom Nowell and ex-Drum-Major Gill. All looked well and prosperous. Ex-R.Q.M.S. Fitter came and we entertained him for a week, when he contacted quite a few old friends, and we hope enjoyed his stay. He is employed as supervisor on the Colchester telephone exchange.

At least one of our single members has decided to take the plunge and the wedding bells will be ringing for our P.T.I., S.S.I. Clarke. To him and his future wife we wish happiness and success.

A Mess dinner, followed by a social evening, was held on July 13 and we all had a jolly time. Talent was very scarce until O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg suggested sing or pay, and we were amazed at the wealth of talent we found and noted for future occasions. Thanks to O.R.Q.M.S. Akrigg who started with a song.

We welcome to the Mess Sgt. Towell (R.A.E.C.)

who replaced Sgt. McAlister (R.A.E.C.), who is now in Gibraltar and enjoying life out there.

In closing, we are sorry to record the death of one of our old honorary members, Mr. J. Marshall, affectionately known to all as "Johnnie." He served with the old 4th Battalion and was a staunch "Duke," and we were very pleased that he managed to spend his last Sunday with us. He will always be remembered by us. At his funeral the Mess was represented by the R.S.M., C.S.M. Wood, C.Sgt. Benner, C.Sgt. Quest and Sgts. Mountcastle, Pratt and Morley.

CORPORALS' MESS

The standard of this Mess in Halifax has reached superlative heights in recent weeks in the social, recreational and catering spheres.

In sport we have played two football matches against members of the Sergeants' Mess, drawing the first game 4—4, and surpassing ourselves on the return engagement by a very dramatic 4—3 victory. One Sergeant confessed to knowing what was meant by "corporal punishment" when the final whistle blew.

In the social world we have open nights on Fridays when members, with their wives and sweethearts, etc., get together in the Mess. They are pleasant occasions, and our good ladies add a refreshing colour to the surroundings.

The food and variety of suppers available is admirable in every respect, and does great credit to our Manageress, Miss Scott. Long may she reign!

We have recently had a new billiards table installed. The balls run like a dream, and rivalry is keen. Our friend, L.Cpl. Jack Powell, was a hard man to compete against. He has now, however, left us for civilian life and the way is now open for some other budding Joe Davis.

In July we had a day trip to Blackpool. The weather was wonderful and we arrived back to barracks at 0245 hours in high spirits. Our sandwich hamper on the bus had indicated the presence of a "big-dipper," later revealed to all as that amiable giant on the "Gestapo," Dick Skilbeck. He obviously intended to be a "full" Corporal, at least for one day.

Cpl. G. Evans succeeded Cpl. Bland as Mess President recently, and to "Aggie" we would say, "Thanks for everything," and to our associate in office, "Keep it up, Geoff."

Congratulations to "Geordie" Davie on his recent elevation to Sergeant; to "Bill" Kenny on his wedding, and to our "Rhuben" on becoming a father for the seventh time.

In these, our first notes, we hope a fair picture will be installed in the minds of our brother Corporals with the 1st Battalion of our community in Halifax, and we look forward to December, when, all being well, Christmas week will be celebrated in magnificent style.

TRAINING COMPANY

Time in Training Company tends to be recorded in "intakes." Occurrences are referred to as "so many intakes ago" or one might hear a member of

the instructing staff say, "I arrived at 'about such and such an intake'." We plan intakes and dream about them, and the bigger ones nearly catch us without sufficient accommodation, but not quite. For several months now we have retained in Training Company the Regulars of 27th and 28th Intakes who have been undergoing continuation training prior to joining the 1st Battalion. No. 29 Intake in its entirety returned to us after the end of basic training. We have therefore had the equivalent of three intakes to look after.

With the arrival of Sgt. Dickie and Cpl. Johansson on loan from the Battalion we have been able to run specialist cadres on the 3-in. mortar and M.M.G., and it is hoped that several teams will be available to joint their respective specialist platoons at Chiseldon. Our thanks are due to our 7th Battalion and to the 12th Parachute Battalion for the loan of 3-in. and 2-in. mortars, M.M.G.s, 3.5 R.L.s and 88 wireless sets to make this continuation training possible. The staff work of supply was a little strained when both Battalions went off to T.A. camps, but with a little juggling with programmes we managed to keep going. O.C. Depot did one gun-running trip down the Great North Road with an M.M.G. in the boot of his car after a guest night with the 7th Battalion at Wathgill. Fortunately there was no I.R.A. scare at the time, otherwise bailing-out action might have been called for.

Paardeberg Platoon (made up of Regulars) went off to join the advance party at Chiseldon recently and, by the time these notes appear in print, we hope they will have settled down with the Battalion. Some of them who were too young to go abroad with their own intakes some months ago have suffered many vicissitudes, including manning transit camps for operation "Hotfoot." They will no doubt be pleased to settle down to the more straightforward life of hectic training in the Battalion.

Before concluding these notes, we should record that 29th Intake finished its basic training on July 6. We were extremely pleased that Brigadier Kendrew consented to take the salute. Sgt. Simpson (Waterloo) Platoon won the stick for the best platoon and prizes were presented to Ptes. Dunn and Mitchell '37 for being the best recruits of Waterloo and Mons Platoons, respectively.

This pass-out parade coincided with the last appearance of Lt. Huxtable, who is shortly going to a course at the Signals School prior to rejoining the Battalion. Our best wishes go with him, and we hope that his memories of dear Deer Hill may, in retrospect, be ever green.

We also say goodbye, with great regret, to the O.C. Company, Major S. G. Dunn, who has been responsible for the training of 16 of the intakes to which we have referred to above. We wish him the best of luck in Malaya.

SPORTS NOTES

We began the cricket season with a game against our rivals, the R.A.O.C. Regimental Pay Office, at Ovenden Park Camp. We lost this game by 36

runs, and the next one against Birstall C.C. of Leeds by 60 runs.

Our next match, against 10th Wireless Training Squadron at Loughborough, was in the first round of the Northern Command Knock-out Competition, which is restricted to 30 overs of batting by each side. Thanks to some very steady bowling by Cpl. Holland and Sgt. Pratt, our opponents scored 103 for 8. We began well, and in 19 overs were 96 for 9, with our last pair batting. Pte. Barron, however, managed to keep at the striker's end and in the last over made the winning hit.

The next round, against 6th Battalion R.A.O.C. from Nottingham, was played at Halifax on July 13, 1955, and we were beaten by 52 runs. The 6th Battalion scored 200 for 7, to which the Depot replied with 148 for 8 (Cpl. Holland 53, Pte. Whitham 43 not out).

Since then we have played five matches, winning three, losing one and tying one.

On June 18, to celebrate Waterloo Day, we held a sports meeting. Five teams competed for the shield, two from Permanent Staff (last year's holders), one each from the two training platoons and one from the continuation cadre. Training Company won the day; Mons Platoon and Waterloo Platoon finishing first and second respectively. Other highlights of the day were the Band race, the fathers' race and the old soldiers' race (those competing were all members of the Sergeants' Mess), which gave the spectators much enjoyment.

At the end of a very pleasant day, the prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. C. R. T. Cumberlege.

In July, we were invited to send a team to compete in the Ovenden Park Camp Sports Meeting held at Springhall. In the three-mile race, Pte. Mitchell ran very well to gain second place, and in the mile was second to Pte. Law. The 880 relay was won by Ptes. Galloway, Brady, Moss and Golding; in the 440 relay our team of Ptes. Sawyer, Flynn, Millard and Golding was second. In the final of the tug of war we were beaten by two pulls to one after losing the toss.

Christmas Cards, 1955 Diaries, 1956

Christmas cards and diaries may be obtained from the P.R.I., Regimental Depot, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax, at the following prices:

Christmas cards: 12s. per dozen, post free.

Diaries: 5s. 3d. each, post free.

Terms: Cash with order.

The Christmas card measures 6 in. in height by 4½ in. in width, and carries a reproduction in black and white of the portrait of Field-Marshal George Wade, Colonel, 33rd Regiment, 1705-1717. The portrait is attributed to J. van Diest and is in the National Portrait Gallery, by whose permission it has been reproduced.

The diary is that made familiar by the Army Sport Control Board, and contains a section devoted to Regimental information.

7th BATTALION, T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

In a delightful setting in the North Yorkshire Dales, Wathgill was an ideal place for annual camp this year. Thanks to fine weather and suitable training areas, the Battalion enjoyed a very successful camp.

We were privileged to welcome once again to our camp the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Philip Christison, who stayed with us for the middle weekend and presented the prizes on our Prize Giving Day, which was held after the Drum-Head Service on the middle Sunday. Another welcome member at camp this year was the padre, the Rev. Philip Dalley, who took a great interest in all our activities, even to the extent of marching several miles with the Commanding Officer on the Battalion exercise.

Despite a full training programme, occasional trips were organised to Darlington and to other nearby towns, and on the eve of our departure a London concert party provided a very entertaining evening show in the N.A.A.F.I.

The Band and Drums continue to march from strength to strength and they rounded off a memorable camp by beating retreat at Leyburn during the concluding stages and again outside Huddersfield station on our return.

Our Sports Day was held on the second Thursday of camp and it proved to be a very enjoyable occasion, except possibly to the competitors who had to display their skill in a hot sun.

The Brigade Commander, with his customary enthusiasm, despatched a signal to all officers to attend a "beer and bangers" party at Brigade Headquarters on the last Thursday of camp. We need hardly mention that the invitation was accepted bodily by the Mess, and we had the good fortune of seeing Henry Crowther being tossed in the air without the aid of a machine.

In the competitive sphere, we must first congratulate the Bisley team on gaining 12th place in the Chine Cup, which was, we believe, the highest position gained by any team in the Division for this event this year. We must also give Support Company a pat on the back for winning two out of three inter-unit specialist platoon competitions organised by Brigade.

In concluding these notes we extend our very best wishes to "Topper" Brown on being caught in the web of matrimony. There should be no further queries about marriage allowance in future. We also wish to congratulate Captains Eric Woodhouse and Dennis Siddall on their promotion to Majors, and Lts. Kingdon and Dowdy to Captains. Finally, we wish to say how glad we are that our Commanding Officer has been granted an extension of command for a further year. It was with great pleasure that we heard that he and Mrs. Haighton had been invited to Her Majesty the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in July. The occasion was not only a great success but we feel that it was also an honour for the Battalion.

MESS NOTES

Another annual camp has come and gone. Another chapter of Mess history has been completed, and must now be recorded. The author views his task with some anxiety as it is not easy to express with brevity the many facets of Mess life at annual camp, 1955. Each day brought in its train a succession of events in which the Mess usually played an integral part. It was in the congenial atmosphere of the Mess that plans were sometimes hatched and decisions taken. It was often here that weary officers, thirsting for guidance, found inspiration in the cool atmosphere of the bar. It was also in the privacy of a quiet corner in the Mess tent that a group of our "unpaid" Staff planners (Allan Popham's and the like), under the benevolent eye of the Commanding Officer, prepared a sinister plot (known officially as "Late final operation") to completely disorganise the Officers' Mess of one of our more militant neighbouring units. Though we prepared for action and kept our gunpowder dry, the operation had to be cancelled at the last moment.

Unfortunately our principal guest, General Sir Philip Christison, was unable to attend the dinner owing to a previous engagement, but we were very glad to welcome him the following day for a short stay at camp. We were also sorry that for the same reason Colonel G. B. Howcroft, our Honorary Colonel, could not come to either our guest night or cocktail party. We hope that he will make up for his unavoidable absence by spending several days with us at our next camp in 1956.

Our guests for dinner included the Divisional Commander, General G. H. Colquhoun, our Brigadier, Brigadier F. L. Martin, Colonel D. P. Bryce (Secretary of T. and A.F.A., West Riding), and several others, all of whom we were extremely glad to see again. Tony Savory had braved the long journey from Halifax to spend the night with us, but he soon discovered that there are even colder places in Yorkshire to sleep in than the confines of the Depot walls.

The cocktail party and buffet lunch took place on the middle Sunday, July 3, and over 150 people were present. The tent was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the display of food in our dining tent must have satisfied even the sternest of our menu critics.

We were privileged to welcome to this party both General Sir Philip Christison and General Sir Geoffrey Evans, our G.O.C.-in-C. Among other guests present were General and Mrs. Colquhoun, the Mayor and Mayoress of Huddersfield, the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighouse, the Mayor and Mayoress of Mossley, Councillor Walker (Chairman of Elland U.D.C.) and Mrs. Walker, Brigadier F. L. Martin and many others. We were delighted that so many of our guests and friends were able to come and help make this party such a success. It was also gratifying to see at our party a number of our honorary members and their wives, including



ANNUAL CAMP 1955

Courtesy: The Halifax Courier

"A" Company men digging in on the three-day Exercise. Pte. F. B. Marson of Halifax (with spade), who was a prisoner of war in Korea, and Pte. L. Robinson of Sowerby Bridge

Councillor and Mrs. T. Sykes, Colonel and Mrs. W. A. Hinchcliffe, Colonel and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rodgers, and Major and Mrs. J. H. Pyrah. We hope that they and many more of our long list of honorary members will visit us in the future years and support the 7th.

Since our return from camp, our attention has naturally been focused on the wedding of "Topper" and his bride (née Miss Brenda Wilson). The wedding was held at the Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield, where a guard of honour comprising officers of the 7th and the Depot paid tribute to a very happy couple. The reception was held at Wellesley House, which was gaily decorated with flowers and silver. Happily this memorable day was blessed with fine weather, and those of us who were fortunate enough to be present were not only able to wish "Topper" and his bride every happiness for the future, but in addition we were given the opportunity of expressing our sentiments to them both in the best traditional style.

Good weather has given an added incentive to our garden enthusiasts. As a result of hard labour by Bert Burrows and a small band of amateur gardeners, the grounds of Wellesley House have

been completely transformed from part wilderness into what we hope will become the envy of every other T.A. unit in Yorkshire.

In conclusion, we wish to bid a very sad farewell to Captain Tommy Broadbent, who has served with this Battalion since May 1949, and has recently taken up a new post in Wales. He and his wife take with them our very best wishes.

"A" COMPANY

The almost unanimous verdict of "A" Company (and probably agreed to by the rest of the Battalion) is that whilst they preferred Watgill as a camp, they preferred Fylingdales from the point of view of their evening's round of pleasure.

Perhaps the outstanding occasion for the Company at camp was the C.O.'s lines inspection on the Saturday morning. C.S.M. Bye, with a sudden access of tropical fever, arranged for kits to be laid out in the open, thereby stealing a march on the rest of the Battalion. We stared in some trepidation at some ominous rain clouds on the horizon. They were merciful clouds, however, and "A" Company kit layout was duly inspected.

On the Brigade exercise the Company did not,

as last year, disappear at the first rattle of musketry, but some disappointment was felt that, being in reserve on the final objective, they missed all the fun provided by the West Yorks enemy. A far cry from the real thing!

The Company Commander now has a bee in his bonnet about Company cooking, and is liable to waken his wife at night to discuss another bright idea for his portable Company cookhouse. It is hoped that in the not far distant future from the workshop of a small biscuit factory in Hebden Bridge there will emerge the first prototype. Our Second in Command, Lt. Macdonald, will then cease to have a split personality and will no doubt accompany the Company on all its travels round the training area.

As the winter training season approaches we learn that Sgt. Thrussel, our P.S.I., is about to leave us, though his successor is not yet known. Let us hope that this time it will be possible for a P.S.I. really to settle down at Sowerby Bridge.

The most notable feature of the weekend camp at Strensall was perhaps the skill of one very clever soldier who succeeded in firing a 12-inch group with a rifle which subsequently was discovered to have no foresight.

As autumn approaches we are planning a full programme of training and social events.

"B" COMPANY

With the completion of yet another annual camp we seem to have completed our tactical training for the year. However, there has been little respite for some members of the Battalion for the forthcoming Divisional Rifle Meeting has meant weekend shooting for several of "B" Company personnel.

Annual camp, in so far as it affected the Company, can be said to have been successful again. Tactically our Company is as sound as ever, thanks to the bulk of the Company—the O.R.s—who, as usual, entered into the spirit of training and exercises with few grumbles and much enthusiasm. For once we had the experience of being commanded by an officer from "D" Company, Captain C. Barnes, for the period of the Battalion exercise, whilst the Company Commander was elevated to Battalion Commander (temporarily).

At this year's sports day we only managed to win the mile and the soccer knock-out competition, but these two events were no mean triumphs, so we can feel satisfied with our achievement. We do not seem to progress any further than the first two pulls (by our opponents!) in the tug-of-war, so we shall have to recruit a few 16- to 18-stoners for the next occasions if we are to be more successful in this event.

In our last notes we said good-bye to Captain T. H. Broadbent as Company 2IC and O.C., Mossley Detachment. This time we can welcome in his place Lt. J. Stallard from "H.Q." Company and wish him success at Mossley. The T.A.C. there is to become a canteen again, so we hope more members will turn up on drill nights.

We are losing some of our N.S. men who, having completed their period of training, feel that

they have done their "bit." We are sorry to lose them, for these older Company members usually become the characters—in the better sense—and wits of the Company, and their cheerful faces and mannerisms will be missed. It appears that we have found equally good material in our newcomers, and the Company spirit will remain the same as ever—high, and the will to prove that we could adopt as the Company motto, "Nulli Secundus." At least, at annual camp prize-giving, the continued appearance of certain members representing the Company proved that there was no doubt about last year's best all-round company. Hard work can make that a repetition each year.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	Major H. S. Heaton.
2IC	Lt. J. Stallard.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. F. E. Rayns.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. W. E. Wood.
<i>No. 4 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander ..	Lt. D. C. Duffy.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. F. Bailey.
<i>No. 5 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander ..	Lt. A. E. Hutchinson.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. L. Quarmbly.
<i>No. 6 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander ..	Lt. C. L. Goodwin.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. P. Bowers.

"C" COMPANY

So the fulfilment! Wathgill Camp, 1955, has given us a Company trained and ready to fulfil its part should the national need ever arise. A collection of young men from practically every profession of civilian life with good pay, decent homes and enjoyable food, discovered that they had become soldiers once again, with all that this entailed—discipline, a military diet, less pay than they would like. Yet these men, many non-"Dukes," became welded into a fighting coherent whole during our 14 days at camp, and despite discomforts, appeared cheerful and contented.

Now for the highlights. The first week was rather uneventful. We had a shaking-down scheme known as "Exercise Corporal" during the first day at camp, and soon discovered all about the vagaries of our petrol cookers and the hardness of our boots. Then we "shot" the more up-to-date infantry weapons and attacked the heights in "Exercise BE PREPARED." The N.A.A.F.I., with its "PICK 'em: put 'em on the tray and PAY" was interesting—so was its staff! Sunday was one of the very few wet days and the Padre held his service inside the N.A.A.F.I. Then the prize-giving followed and "Charlie" Company did quite well. The Company Commander became airborne and O'Brien (who claimed he was once in "C" Company in about '25) got the biggest cheer of the lot (unless the reception of the Colonel of the Regiment's reference to "A waiting list and paying to get into the T.A. in the old days" could be termed a cheer!)

The Brigade Exercise was quite a dashing affair: first we dug in, then we marched (at super light-infantry pace) through the night. Then we found

the start line to the attack was a devastating river (or so it seemed at 3.30 a.m.)—then, while sweeping into our attack, we were confronted by a field of explosives and the Company Commander, in full blast, wheeled us and diverted us past the formidable obstacle, disdaining such feeble aids as radio or field signals. Finally, after many patrols and a good artillery shoot, we took on the whole weight of "Fantasia" (disguised as the West Yorks) and held our positions, wiping out the enemy. The cease fire for Exercise "Dig In" was sounded and our camp was now virtually over. Finally, it must be recorded that "Charlie" Company achieved their greatest camp success by winning the sports. C.Q.M.S. ("Mile-a-minute") Stringer is still on free beer.

This was a successful camp, achieved by whole-hearted co-operation from all ranks, marred only by a motor-cycle accident. Happily, Pte. Gibson is getting better.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	Major D. R. Siddall.
2IC	Captain A. Harding.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. F. Nicholls.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. F. Stringer.
<i>No. 7 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander ..	Lt. T. H. Rothery.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. G. Goodbody.
<i>No. 8 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander ..	Lt. P. Hick.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. D. McMahan.
<i>No. 9 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander ..	Lt. C. Thomas.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. B. Smith.

"D" COMPANY

Annual camp this year was a great success, helped by fine and warm weather which we were able to enjoy, and also by the fact that we were close at hand to some excellent training areas.

On the Monday of the first week, the Company Commander's Land Rover was reduced to a heap of spare parts—it appears that a Centurion tank requires more than a Land Rover to push it off the road. Luckily Pte. Read, the driver of the vehicle, was unhurt in this encounter, as he had left it a moment before. The Company worked very hard during both the Battalion and Brigade Exercises, and any praise must include the "A" and "B" echelon boys who ensured that we were well fed and watered. On the Brigade Exercise "Dig In," after the Battalion had consolidated, various patrols were sent out and Sgt. O'Hara led a particularly good one. He not only caused much confusion in the enemy assembly area but also brought back the time of expected enemy counter-attack on our Company front. On the second Thursday the Company supplied a guard which was adjudged to be the best turned out guard of the camp.

As a Company we were not without our share of bad luck; Pte. Ginty was unfortunate enough to break his leg in a motor-cycle accident, but is now progressing favourably.

On the last Friday morning, together with "C"

Company, we did a route march to Brigade H.Q. at Bellerby Camp. The Band and Drums, who were with us for part of the way, helped considerably to lighten many a flagging step in the hot sun. Congratulations to Cpl. Thorpe, who was promoted to Sergeant during the first week of camp, and many thanks to C.S.M. Woodcock for his very able handling of the Q departments—it is hoped that he will now become our permanent C.Q.M.S. It is hoped soon to arrange another Company social evening, when no doubt details of camp exercises will be discussed and embellished beyond recognition. Whatever transpires, however, one thing is certain—for "D" Company, Wathgill 1955 will be a pleasant memory.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	Major E. A. Woodhouse.
2IC	Captain C. Barnes.
C.S.M.	C.S.M. Sykes.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. Archer.
<i>No. 10 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander	Lt. J. B. Palmer.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. V. O'Hara.
<i>No. 11 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander	Lt. P. J. Chester.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. D. Haynes.
<i>No. 12 Platoon.</i>	
Platoon Commander	Lt. D. J. Hollands, M.C.
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. A. Boothroyd.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Camp this year was a fortnight of more movement than usual. All weapons were fired and a great deal of good shooting was seen. It was especially gratifying for the anti-tank gunners who had not previously fired their guns as a platoon.

On returning to Wathgill we took part in a Battalion and Brigade Exercise and in the second week the Anti-Tank and Mortar Platoons each won the Brigade "S" Platoon competitions. The M.M.G. were most unfortunate and came second to 4 K.O.Y.L.I. In actual fact the M.M.G. Platoon scored the most marks in the Brigade for handling the weapons, but lost owing to a bonus of 10 points being given for the least time. The writer believes the Platoon lost literally by 2 seconds.

Before our return to the West Riding we were pleased to hear that "S" Company had been allotted a new T.A.C. at Arden Road, Halifax, and we were to move directly there. As the Company had been in Elland for many years, it was somewhat of a wrench to leave our familiar abode, which carries with it many happy memories of the past. We must thank Mr. Mitchell (our caretaker at Elland) for the help he has given the Company and for serving the Canteen so ably.

It would be a pity to end these notes without a word of welcome to our caretaker, Mr. McLaren, who has stayed on at Arden Road; he has helped us already a great deal and is always to be found with a paint brush or screw-driver in his hand, doing a useful job.

Finally, congratulations to Sgt. N. D. H. Smith on his recent promotion.



AMUSING THE CHILDREN

Courtesy: *The Halifax Courier*

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	..	Major G. V. Ashton, T.D.
C.S.M.	..	C.S.M. J. Fitton, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.	..	C.Q.M.S. S. Rodgers.
<i>Mortar Platoon.</i>		
Commander	..	Capt. A. P. Cowie.
2IC	..	Lt. S. G. Metcalfe.
Sergeants	..	Sgts. R. Prince, R. Mitchell, R. Mitchell and J. Beaumont.
<i>M.M.G. Platoon.</i>		
Commander	..	Lieut. A. C. Popham.
Sergeants	..	Sgts. G. Kenny, G. A. Tolson, J. Barber and N. D. H. Smith.
<i>Anti-Tank Platoon.</i>		
Commander	..	Capt. H. M. Crowther.
<i>Assault Pioneer Platoon.</i>		
Commander	..	Lt. P. J. McAlister.
Sergeant	..	Sgt. J. Muxworthy.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Annual camp this year was most satisfactory in every respect. The camp site was first class and situated in a beautiful setting in the North Yorkshire Dales, the training was varied and interesting and the weather extremely favourable, especially during the last week.

We all enjoyed the two exercises. They gave us plenty of scope to show the sort of stuff "H.Q." Company is made of. The Signals worked extremely well and the M.T. did a grand job. The M.T. lads had to literally put their shoulders to the wheel during the Brigade exercise, for when leaving the assembly area in the middle of the night—after the rifle companies had left on foot—half the Battalion vehicles sank down to their axles in the marshy ground and had to be pushed out.

While the families were at camp on the middle Sunday the Band and Drums gave an impressive display, which they repeated during the second week when they beat retreat in Leyburn, much to the enjoyment of the local population.

Since camp the Company has suffered a severe set-back—our C.S.M., C.S.M. Hawksworth, has decided to take up a new job on the Isle of Wight, and as a result has had to leave the Battalion. To mark our appreciation of all the hard work and time he has put in for the Company, we had a party last week and presented him with a clock which we hope will always remind him of the days he spent with "H.Q." Company. We wish him, his wife and family all the best for the future.

In place of C.Q.M.S. Archer, whom we lost to "D" Company, we now have C.Q.M.S. Walker who has transferred to the 7th Battalion from the

5th. We welcome him and hope he will be happy here.

Our first batch of N.S. men are now just about time expired. We are hoping that some of them will decide to sign on the dotted line and stay with us a little longer as volunteers. What about it, you lads?

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander Captain P. H. Haws.

C.S.M.	.. ..	C.S.M. A. Hawksworth (recently departed).
C.Q.M.S.	.. ..	C.Q.M.S. Walker.
M.T.O.	.. ..	Capt. R. W. R. Kingdon.
Assistant M.T.O.	.. ..	Lt. W. P. Duckney.
M.T. Sergeant	.. ..	Sgt. J. Dawson.
Signals Officer	.. ..	Lt. J. Mallalieu.
Signals Sergeants	.. ..	Sgts. L. Hill and W. Wyke.

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

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

As the stream of private cars, trucks and trains moved steadily away from the West Riding to our annual practice camp at Otterburn on August 21—except for the trains which hardly seemed to move at all—there must have been many wondering: "Have we succeeded in creating a new unit with the proficiency and spirit of the old 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions rolled into one?" But these thoughts were fortified by confidence which has developed steadily during the preceding months of concentrated training in the Drill Halls and at Knostrop Park, where active enthusiasm and solid progress had been most marked.

In spite of a heavy Scotch mist, damp canvas and "Belsen" chimneys as a setting for the first gathering of the Regiment on parade together, it was an impressive and stirring occasion at which the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Crossley, M.B.E., T.D., spoke of our common heritage and brave tradition. "We have a volunteer element of over 60 per cent," he said, "and there is no reason why we should not become the most efficient Gunner Regiment in the T.A." And so the target was set; events were soon to prove the endeavour.

The rain turned to sun, detachments were formed, concentrated training was soon in full swing, rapid progress was made, so that by the fourth day the Regiment was ready to fire. And fire they did right well.

Most evenings liberty trucks took parties to the surrounding towns and villages; the Sergeants' Mess came to life and was to prove a major factor in fostering a strong and happy regimental spirit; while the atmosphere of camaraderie in the Officers' Mess soon brought to light a sad under-estimation of consumption rates.

On the middle Sunday the C.A.G.R.A., Brigadier W. E. Hulse, O.B.E., inspected the Regiment on parade and afterwards took the salute as they marched to an outdoor service conducted by our Padre, the Rev. A. L. Minns, R.A.Ch.D. An informal and largely hilarious sports meeting was held in the afternoon, with the major trophy being won by the ingenious (if not always honest) tactics of the Officers' team.

Unfortunately, due to poor health, our Honorary Colonel, Colonel Keith Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T.D.,

J.P., was unable to attend the Regimental Guest Night on August 29, but Colonel G. H. Aykroyd, T.D., our Honorary Colonel-in-Waiting, together with several old C.O.s and officers of the amalgamated regiments were present. The Mayor of Halifax and Alderman Lucas were also honoured guests, as were the B.R.A. and C.A.G.R.A. As we drank the toast to "The Queen, our Captain General," with the silver of the three Battalions about us, we felt as one and contented in each other's company—we were all gunners with a single purpose.

The second week continued in favourable weather with most satisfactory progress being made, and it was not until the night occupation that the elements showed their spite in the form of rain and gale. That night proved the steadiness and worth of the Regiment, and after all-night work in the command posts, the dawn found us ready to fire barrages, concentrations, and mike targets. We had exceeded our expectations.

Our annual camp proved a success, even to the building of a new Sergeants' Mess, excellent progress was made and everybody enjoyed themselves into the bargain. We returned tired and contented, and in the hope that next season would see us with our third battery in being, "P" (4th D.W.R.) Medium Battery, R.A. (T.A.).

These notes would not be complete without a special word of praise to the administrative staff and permanent staff instructors, who have had to compete with a mountain of additional work arising out of the amalgamation of the three regiments, involving over 700 men on our books. They have worked patiently and enthusiastically, and played no small part in the smooth running and development of the new Regiment.

LATE NEWS

OBITUARY

MAJOR CARLYON

On September 24, 1955, at "Riversmead," Helland Bridge, Bodmin, Major Alfred Spry Carlyon, retired, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in his 76th year, late of Costislost, Washaway, Cornwall.

"Q" (5th D.W.R.) Medium Battery R.A. (T.A.)

The tempo of training increased the nearer the time of annual camp approached—weekend and Sunday training periods came thick and fast. Troop and battery deployments were the order of the day, and the Battery Quartermaster's stores showed active signs of preparation. "Q" Battery spent one weekend at Knostrop, already well known to some of them from their days as anti-aircraft gunners. Shortly afterwards their training area was on the moors outside Huddersfield. At this spot their occupation of troop positions provided entertainment for a number of local residents who had got out of town to enjoy the sunshine.

During the week immediately preceding the camp, road parties went off at frequent intervals and did an admirable job in taking over and preparing accommodation for the main body, which arrived by rail about seven o'clock on Sunday evening. Unfortunately it was raining, or, as the Commanding Officer explained, the Scotch mist was coming down rather heavily. The men remained remarkably cheerful in spite of the weekend rain, and their optimism was rewarded when the rain gave way to sunshine and shirt-sleeve order was ruled. That good weather continued throughout the camp, except for the last weekend.

Firing started on Thursday of the first week, after three days of intensive training and sorting out. It was "Q" (5th D.W.R.) Battery firing day, and the first round of the new regiment came down from No. 1 gun of "Charlie" troop shortly after midday on that day. It was not O.U. In fact a single correction to line of 100 yds. brought the second round smack on the Oboe Tare. Things went well for the artillery "Dukes," and battery targets were taken in their stride. Then came the night occupation and the Scotch mist came down at such a rate that a rum issue was authorised. Both O.P. and gun groups made themselves as comfortable as the weather would permit, although little sleep was possible because of raiding parties (which incidentally were sufficiently wise to stay under cover) and because of programme shoots.

First light brought no relief from the wind and rain, and for the next four hours the troops felt that they were paying for the 10 days of sunshine they had so far enjoyed. On returning to camp it was found, most ironically, that due to a breakdown in the pump, there was a shortage of water and the men were not able to get a wash.

The training side of the 1955 annual camp came to an end with an address by the C.A.G.R.A. and presentation of prizes. Both troops of the "Q" (5th D.W.R.) Battery featured in this, Sgt. Bycroft of "Charlie" troop collecting the cup for the best all-round gun detachment, and Gnr. Nicholson the cup for the best layer.

"R" (6th D.W.R.) Battery R.A. (T.A.)

These notes are written on the last day of a camp memorable in that it witnessed the amalgamation of A.A. and field-gunners into a unit with a distinct identity and spirit of its own.

Inevitably the Battery has felt its way gingerly through the intricacies of "Oboe Tare" and similar procedural mysteries, but with the guidance of the old hands in "E" Troop (late of "P" Battery, 382 Medium Regiment) has managed to achieve a fair measure of success at the end of their first year's training.

Camp has been very enjoyable for all ranks, and the combination of fine weather and (to many) new equipment has led to a remarkable spirit of keenness even among National Servicemen.

The first three days of camp were taken up by intensive static training for gun numbers and officers and T.A.R.A.s. As a result, there were few qualms when "F" Troop (made up principally of ex-A.A. gunners from the Skipton district) had their first day's shooting. Inevitably there were errors, but Nos. 1 on the guns quickly learnt to correct them. "F" Troop officers and P.S.I.s were particularly pleased on that day when "Good Shooting" came down to the guns three times from the O.P.

Since then both troops have been vying with each other in friendly enmity, trying always to be

the first to be ready to fire, and in Battery targets to be the ranging troop. This battle was resolved on the last Friday when the C.A.G.R.A., Brigadier W. E. Hulse, O.B.E., presented to "E" Troop trophies for the best No. 1 in the Regiment and for the best "all-round" troop. "F" Troop did not go unrecognised, however, and received a trophy for having made greater progress than the other three troops.

In his address, the Brigadier warned us against complacency and that mistakes in the Army can never be made twice, but particularly complimented all ranks on the efforts which had been made and the results achieved.

There were two highlights during camp: the Regimental sports day on Sunday and the night occupation on the Thursday of the second week. Sports day was a happy combination of buffoonery, skill and muscle. Three-legged races competed with a tug-of-war, the latter being a knock-out competition and won, to our delight, by "E" Troop. Their prize (no doubt to their delight also) was a gallon of ale per team member.

The night occupation started in perfect conditions, with a strong moon occasionally showing through the clouds and easing visibility considerably. Later, however, the rain came and the wind blew, and we feel it to be a fine testimony to the training we have recently received that the Battery could fire in the early morning at Regimental targets.

PERSONALIA

WEDDINGS

On August 20, 1955, at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Lieutenant-Commander Charles William Rusbridger, R.N., elder son of the late Colonel Rusbridger, and of Mrs. Rusbridger, to Sheila, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Price, of Oakfield Avenue, Beckenham.

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On August 4, 1955, at Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield, Captain Kenneth Windsor Brown, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, eldest son of Captain and Mrs. G. S. Brown, of Bourne End, Bucks, to Brenda Mary Wilson, of 12 Vernon Avenue, Huddersfield, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wilson, of Edgerton, Huddersfield.

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We congratulate Colonel F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., on his appointment to command 50 (Independent) Infantry Brigade. He will not, however, assume the appointment until the autumn of next year.

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Major P. P. de la H. Moran, at present Training Officer of 7th Battalion, is due to join the 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment in November. He will be relieved by Major L. F. H. Kershaw, D.S.O.

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Major A. D. Firth, M.B.E., M.C., is now G.S.O.(2) Training H.Q. Western Command, Chester.

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Major C. K. T. Faithfull, for so long S.O.P.T. Aldershot, retired on 1st August. We gather he is going to live in Andover, where he will be employed with the Home Command. We wish him every success.

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The Rev. H. G. Keet, D.S.O., M.C., writes to say that he has left Plymouth and that his new address is Wormingford Vicarage, Colchester, Essex.

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Brigadier F. H. Fraser was appointed some time ago a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Hampshire. We offer him our sincere, if belated, congratulations on his new distinction. Incidentally, he and Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Harvey have been spending much of the summer supervising cadet camps—the latter at our old friend Fort Tregantle.

Correspondence

August 9, 1955.

DEAR SIR,

In the July issue, page 119, from the Diary of Lt. Thain, the last few words are "... 52nd (now the 2nd Battalion Beds & Bucks L.I.) Regiment."

This INCEdent demands a heavy PRICE, and I therefore have no scruple in inflicting the accompanying doggerel which it inspired. If it hurts, Sir, you asked for it!

Yours faithfully,

R. G. COLLINS.

BOX AND COX

When beautiful BEDS irresistibly beckoned
Away went the BUCKS of the old 52nd,
Deserting their mates in the 43rd
(Who suffered this blow without a word).
But broken HERTS made loud appeal,
They sent the most ear-splitting squeal
Up to the highest of high authority,
In capital letters, "TOP PRIORITY."
Reporting that BEDS' grave dereliction
Was an unbearable affliction.

"Salt tears run down our made-up faces
Leaving dreadful tell-tale traces.
Sirs, no matter how we try,
We cannot keep our powder dry.
Ashamed to raise our downcast heads,
We cannot SLEEP without our BEDS."

The Army Council studied the case
And viewed it with most grave concern:
"BEDS and BUCKS have fallen from grace
And their punishment must indeed be stern—
The wrong they've done must be required.
They shall be forthwith united:
BEDS and BUCKS, for what you've done,
Henceforth you shall be FORCEDLY ONE.
Now HERTS we order you hereby
Next the gentle OX to lie.
That will give you consolation,
And this new amalgamation,
Incidentally by the by,
We'll call the 'OX and HERTS L.I.'"

R. G. C.

"Guilty," m'lud, "most guilty" is my plea.
A flagrant case of *lapsus calami*—
And yet—How brightly would these pages glow,
How swiftly would our circulation grow,
If every frightful howler we commit
Gave birth to such a brilliant flow of wit.
ED.

Obituary

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. H. GOLDTHORPE,
D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Goldthorpe, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., at his home at Priestly Green, Halifax, at the age of 73.

For 40 years a director of F. H. Firth & Sons and a notable figure in many branches of public life, he gave long and distinguished service in the Territorial Army. Gazetted originally to the 4th Battalion, he was unable through sickness to accompany them to France in 1914, but in 1916 he went to the front as second-in-command and later commanding officer of the 2/10th London Regiment. In 1917 he assumed command of the 1st Artists' Rifles and was awarded the D.S.O. In 1928 he took command of the 4th Battalion and in 1949 was made Honorary Colonel of 382 Field Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), an appointment which gave him great pleasure and in which he took a very practical interest till he relinquished it last year. He played



**Visit of the
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an active part in promoting the welfare of ex-soldiers, being Chairman of the Halifax branch of Toc H and a leading member of the Hipperholme and Lightcliffe branch of the British Legion. During the late war he was a divisional commander of the West Riding Special Constabulary.

All his life he was a devoted friend of the Regiment he served so well and his was a familiar figure at Regiment functions. He will be sadly missed.

MR. FRANK CHRISTELOW

We deeply regret also to announce the death, in a Bradford nursing home on September 4, of Mr. Frank Christelow, Highway House, Thorpe Lane, Guiseley, Yorks, who during the First World War served with the 11th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Brocton, Staffs—where he underwent his preliminary infantry training—the 10th (Service) Battalion of the Regiment in France and Belgium, and with the Royal Flying Corps as a pilot. He was 61 and head of Frank Christelow Ltd., wool importers, of Bradford. He was very prominent in the Yorkshire wool industry and served as President of the British Wool Federation in 1951. He attended a number of conferences of the International Wool Textile Organisation, and in recognition of the part he played in the development of Anglo-French trade in Mazamet wools, was awarded the Cross of Officier de la Legion d'Honneur by the French Government in 1953. During his overseas service with the 10th Battalion of the "Dukes" he was in "D" Company before being appointed to Headquarters as a member of Orderly Room Staff. With him when he first received this appointment were Sgt. David Hinchcliffe (Huddersfield) and Cpl. Jack Cranston (Redcar). He was a member of the 10th (S) Battalion, O.C.A., which was represented at his funeral at Menston Parish Church by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. George R. Goodchild). He leaves a widow and one son.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL F. H. B. WELLESLEY

We also deeply regret to announce the death, on September 7, in York, of Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. B. Wellesley. Born in 1880 in Ireland, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel Gerald Valerian Wellesley and great-grandson of Gerald Valerian, brother of the 1st Duke of Wellington, he joined the Regiment from Sandhurst in 1900, being, to his lasting regret, a year too young to serve in the Boer War. The first 16 years of his service were spent almost without a break in India, except for a spell of leave in 1907, when he came home to marry Helen Cobb, daughter of a well-known York solicitor. He came back again in 1916 and went to the Western Front with the Royal Naval Division, but after a few months was so severely wounded in the leg as to be found unfit for active service. He assumed command of an O.T.C. at Newmarket and, in 1919, was given temporary command of the 2nd Battalion in Belgium and brought them home.

In 1923 he accompanied the 2nd Battalion to Istanbul, where they occupied positions at Bostanji

on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus, being the nearest troops to the Turkish forces, who, after their victory over the Greeks, were in an aggressive mood. From this tense and inflammable situation, in which a nervous sentry or a reckless action could have precipitated war, the Battalion emerged with great credit. Wellesley, though nominally a company commander, was for long periods acting as commanding officer during this critical period. He used to recall that at one time his official title was Officer Commanding British Troops in Asia. "No mean job for a major," he would say. In 1926 he achieved his dearest ambition when he was given command of the 1st Battalion, then in Gosport and later in Devonport. Here he had the pleasure of seeing his son join as a Second Lieutenant. He retired on completing his command in 1930 and settled down in the country near Plymouth. Till his last days he retained his devoted interest in the Regiment, which he constantly visited. His advice on matters of tradition and procedure, often forcefully and colourfully expressed, was eagerly sought and made a real contribution to maintaining the regimental spirit in the years of change and transition.

Freddy, as he was affectionately known throughout the Army, was the regimental officer *par excellence*: he never served on the staff in any capacity and never wished to. He placed his vigorous and striking personality at the service of the Regiment and we who were privileged to serve under him, in whatever rank, know how much his enthusiasm, his sincerity and, above all, his kindness of heart contributed to the happiness of his battalion. He did not suffer fools gladly and his displeasure could be devastating, but he never bore malice or gave cause for it. One thing only he could not forgive—an unjust reflection on his regiment—and he was not afraid to express his resentment in suitable words, however exalted the offender might be.

He was a keen sportsman, a good horseman, a polo player and a rider to hounds. He probably enjoyed shooting, at which he excelled, more than anything else, but he loved all games and his enthusiasm was infectious, so that under his inspiration the Battalion had great successes in many fields of sport. As B.W.W.C. wrote in *The Times* of September 13, "Freddy Wellesley was one of the last of the old type of regimental officer now, unhappily, almost extinct." He was the heir to a great and honourable tradition.

His funeral service was held at Bishopthorpe on September 12, followed by a cremation at Harrogate. Sir Philip Christison was represented by Colonel Cumberledge and the O.C.A. by Mr. McMahan and Mr. Berry. A bearer party from the Regimental Depot was composed of C.S.M. Hardisty, C.S.M. Wood, Sgts. Mountcastle, Simpson, Pratt and Morley. In addition to members of his family, many of the Regiment came to pay their last respects.

To his widow, who worked with him so untiringly on the social and welfare side of his activities, to his son and his daughter we offer our deepest sympathy.

Regimental Worthies

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

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Lieutenant-Colonel JOHN SHEE

In the Duke of Wellington's collection at Stratfield Saye is a portfolio of pencil portraits by one Thomas Hickey, drawn at Seringapatam in 1799 and 1800. It includes four of Regimental interest—one of General Harris, the first Commanding Officer of the 76th and three officers of the 33rd. These are Lt. Goodlad of the Grenadier Company, Lt. Knox whose interesting letter on the finding of Tippoo Sahib's body appeared in the last copy of THE IRON DUKE, and Major John Shee.

Shee's portrait shows a handsome, serious-looking officer who appears to be wearing his hair powdered—at that date an old-fashioned habit. There is little to suggest in his face the lack of balance and control which led to his clash with Colonel Arthur Wellesley, his formidable Commanding Officer.

John Shee came of a good Irish family and was a younger son of Anthony Shee of Castlebar, Co. Mayo. He was born about 1768 and went out to India where he served as an officer of the Bengal Sappers in the East India Company's service from 1783 to 1789. At this stage the fortunes of the Shee family soared. The elder brother, George, had also proceeded to India but, wisely adopting a commercial rather than a military career, became what was known in the 18th century as a "nabob." In other words, he acquired a fortune in the East. George came home, became a baronet and filled various political offices and died full of honour in 1825. He was a beneficiary to his family and enabled his cousin, Martin Archer Shee, to study as an artist with excellent results. He also befriended his brother John, who sold out of the Bengal Army and commenced one of those meteoric careers which the happy days of purchase opened to those with adequate means.

Beginning as a cornet in the in the 13th Light Dragoons in May, 1789, Shee became a Lieutenant in the 38th Regiment in July, 1791. By September, 1793, he was a Captain in the 33rd. It will be seen that the comparatively recent rule of having to serve two years in one rank before purchasing the next was the only hindrance to an even more rapid rise.

In 1793 the Hon. Arthur Wesley had just purchased the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the 33rd from James Yorke. John Sherbrooke took over Wesley's vacant majority and Shee purchased the former's Captaincy. The following year the 33rd proceeded to Holland on active service and—as was the custom then—a second Lieutenant-Colonelcy was

made in the Regiment. This was taken by Sherbrooke and Shee became Major of the Regiment in December, 1794.

Shee served with the Regiment through that dreary Netherlands campaign of 1794-95 when Arthur Wellesley learned, at least, "how things should not be done" and subsequently proceeded to the Cape of Good Hope with the Regiment on its way to India. During the four months' pause at the Cape in 1796, the Major had time to marry a Miss Selina St. Charles, who presumably accompanied him when the 33rd moved on to India.

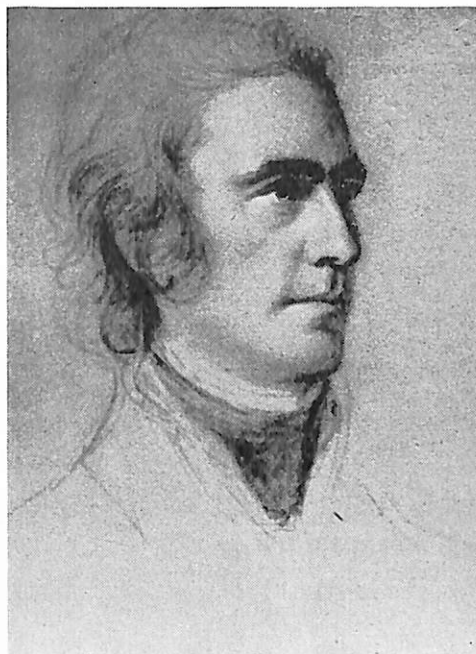
There is nothing to show what relations between Colonel Wellesley and his Major were at this time. It is, however, reasonable to imagine that the reserved aristocratic Colonel with the Anglo-Irish landowning background and the Catholic Shee, who sprang from the old Irish gentry, did not find each other compatible. In William Hickey's Memoirs he frequently mentions parties at which he entertained Colonels Wellesley and Sherbrooke, but John Shee was not of their circle.

In 1799 the 33rd formed part of the force under General Harris for the subjugation of Tippoo Sahib. Colonel Wellesley, who had taken a prominent part in the preliminary planning, was appointed to command a mixed force including the Nizam of Hyderabad's contingent and his own 33rd. Colonel Sherbrooke was given command of a Brigade and John Shee assumed *de facto* command of the 33rd in the unhappy circumstances of the *de jure* Commanding Officer being his immediate superior.

The first real clash between Wellesley and Shee now occurred. During the march towards Seringapatam Wellesley had occasion to send a reprimand to Shee by a staff officer on the subject of a few men of the 33rd straying from the line of march. Shee was enraged and foolishly protested and, even more foolishly, protested on paper. He was not summoned to one of those interviews with the future Duke "from which men emerged white and shaken," but received instead an extremely severe, reasoned rebuke in one of those letters, written in faultless English, which Commanders of those days seemed capable of producing in the most strenuous circumstances in camp or field. Wellesley states: "I conceive I have a right and that it is my duty to interfere in any matter of detail in which the 33rd are concerned and that being the case it was my duty to send to you when I thought something had escaped your notice." He continues: "This is not the first time that I have had occasion to



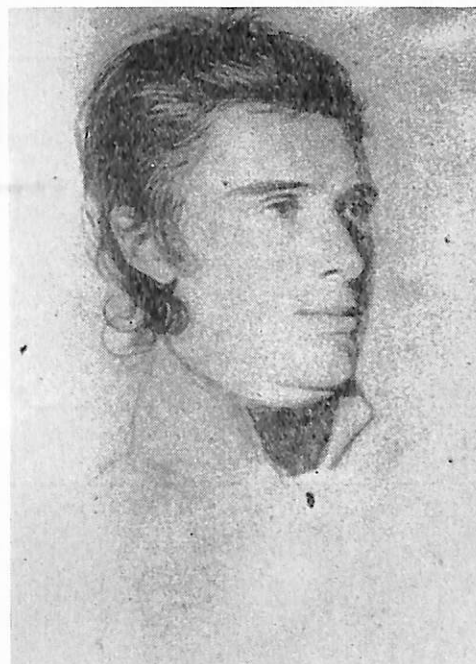
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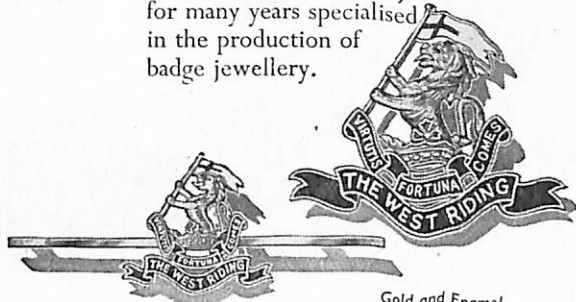
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OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account as at June 30, 1954	9,318	18	4				
Add: Transfer of: 3rd Battalion Officers' Account	463	10	6				
Regimental War Memorial Pension Fund investment at market price ..	1,586	0	0		11,368	8	10
Income Account: Balance at June 30, 1954: Deed of Trust Income Account	1,396	11	7				
Regimental Charitable Fund, 2nd Battalion	424	18	0				
3rd Battalion Officers ..	162	3	4				
Regimental War Memorial Pension Fund ..	115	5	4				
	2,098	18	3				
Less: Excess of expenditure over income for year to date	76	18	9				
					2,021	19	6
					<u>£13,390</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Investments at cost:								
£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock	463	10	6					
£3,150 3½% War Stock	3,117	11	0					
£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan	4,107	16	7					
£1,979 0s. 8d. 3¼% Conversion Loan	1,586	0	0					
£2,650 4% Funding Loan	1,950	1	6					
£621 5s. 4% Consols ..	500	0	0					
£300 3% Defence Bonds	300	0	0					
£100 3½% Defence Bonds	100	0	0					
£300 2½% Defence Bonds	300	0	0					
£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	300	0	0					
£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	469	3	3					
(Market value, June 30, 1955, £13,291)					13,194	2	10	
Loans						100	0	0
Cash in hand and at bank: Current Account	93	4	3					
Cash in hand	3	1	3					
					96	5	6	
					<u>£13,390</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Fund as at June 30, 1954	23,280	15	5				
Add: Balance of income over expenditure for year	53	3	8				
					23,333	19	1
Mitchell Trust Fund as at June 30, 1954	1,807	15	7				
Additions — Income year to date	42	10	0				
					1,850	5	7
					<u>£25,184</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments at cost:							
£500 3½% Conversion Loan	379	19	9				
£1,000 3½% Defence Bonds Conversion Issue	1,000	0	0				
£1,000 3% Defence Bonds, 4th Issue ..	1,000	0	0				
£500 2½% Defence Bonds	500	0	0				
£2,100 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	2,100	0	0				
£843 2s. 8d. 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	701	15	0				
£2,250 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	2,376	15	3				
£533 11s. 8d. 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-70	501	5	0				
£4,100 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	4,353	4	11				
£5,023 3s. 11 2½% Nat'l War Bonds, 1954-56 ..	5,245	13	10				
P.O.S.B. deposit	3,340	0	5				
£1,550 2½% Funding Loan, 1956-61	1,547	1	1				
(Market value, June 30, 1955, £20,879)					23,045	15	3

Mitchell Trust Fund: £1,700 2½% Defence Bonds (market value, June 30, 1955, £1,700) ..	1,700	0	0				
Stock of badges, etc., at cost	149	1	8				
Cash at bank	289	4	0				
Cash in hand					3	9	
					<u>£25,184</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

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

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

WHITHAM & TURNEY,
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August 3, 1955.