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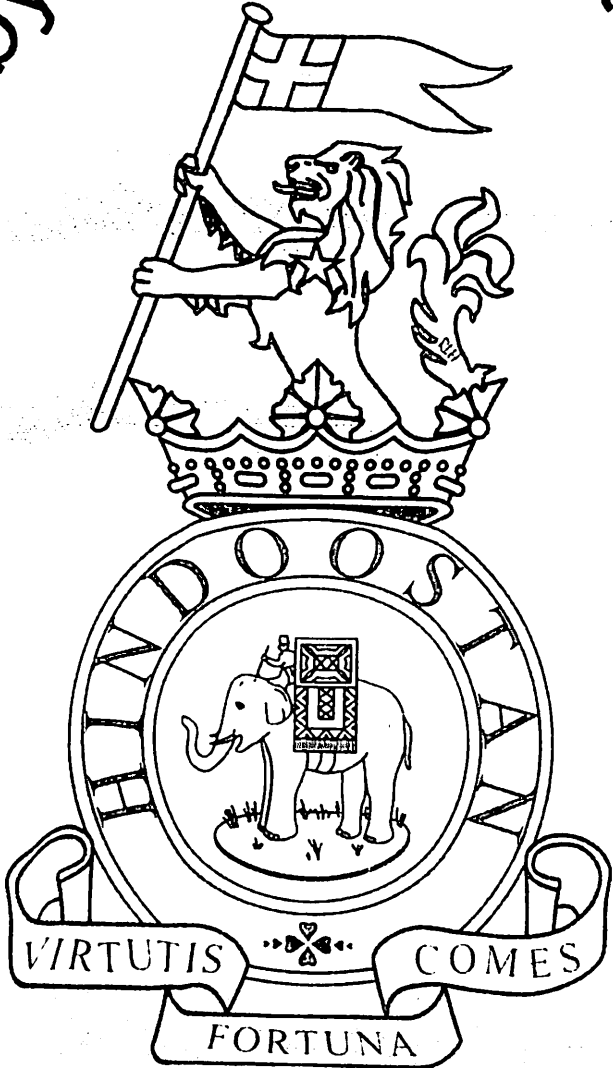
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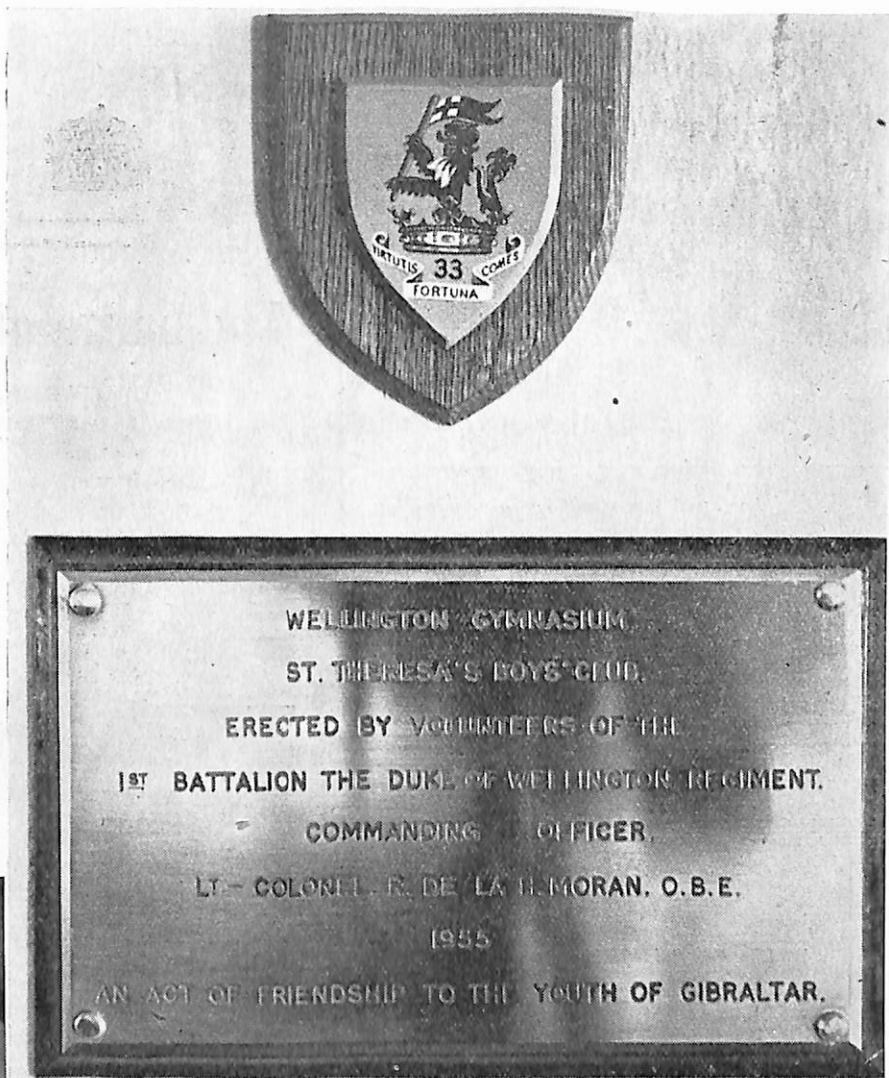


The Gymnasium

Built by
the
1st Battalion
at
Gibraltar

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*(Reference to this
Gymnasium was made
on page 129 of the
October 1955 issue of
THE IRON DUKE)*



THE REGIMENT

Colonel of the Regiment :

GEN. SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON, BT., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Commanding Officers :

<i>1st Battalion, Chiseldon Camp, Nr. Swindon, Wilts.</i>	Lt.-Col. R. de la H. Moran, O.B.E.
<i>Regimental H.Q. and Depot, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax</i>	Major A. C. S. Savory
<i>7th Battalion (T.A.), Wellesley House, Longwood, near Huddersfield</i>	Hon. Col.: Col. G. B. Howcroft, M.C., T.D., J.P. Comd. Offr.: Lt.-Col. T. Haighton, T.D.

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<i>"R" (6 D.W.R.) Medium Battery, The Drill Hall, Otley Street, Skipton</i>	Comd. Offr.: Major C. Bentley, R.A., T.A.

ALLIED REGIMENT OF THE CANADIAN ARMY

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<i>2nd Cadet Battalion (D.W.R.), The Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield</i>	Major F. W. Fielding, M.C.
<i>673 Cadet L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.), The Drill Hall, Keighley</i>	Major A. Dewhirst
<i>4th Cadet Battalion (D.W.R.), The Drill Hall, Victoria Road, Guiseley</i>	Major T. Dewhirst
<i>A.C.F. Contingent, Heckmondwike Grammar School ...</i>	Capt. A. M. Hey

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<i>25 West Riding Home Guard Battalion, Huddersfield ...</i>	Lt.-Col. J. B. Cockhill, D.S.O., M.C.
<i>35 West Riding Home Guard Battalion, Kirkburton ...</i>	Lt.-Col. G. Taylor, D.S.O., T.D.
SKIPTON SECTOR: Col. H. C. Hastings-Clay	
<i>27 West Riding Home Guard Battalion, Bingley ...</i>	Lt.-Col. H. Dixon
<i>29 West Riding Home Guard Battalion, Ilkley ...</i>	Lt.-Col. R. C. Laurence, O.B.E., T.D.
<i>31 West Riding Home Guard Battalion, Skipton ...</i>	Lt.-Col. J. M. Summers

EDITORIAL

At a recent sale in London, the Regiment was fortunate to purchase a very early shako plate of the 33rd Regiment. The plate is the one that was worn during the period 1812-1816 and has not hitherto been represented in the Museum collection. The Regiment also obtained a grenadier fur-cap plate of the 76th Regiment of the period 1807-1816. This plate is unique and for those interested is fully described and illustrated in the "Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research," Vol. 28, page 42.

At the same sale the Regiment purchased the Waterloo Medal of Captain John Longden, 33rd Regiment.

On November 27 our allied regiment, Les Voltigeurs de Quebec held a church parade in Quebec. At this parade the Honorary Colonel, the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, M.P., C.P., C.R., L.L.D., was handed the sword which belonged to Sir Wilfred Laurier, P.C., K.C.M.G., a former Prime Minister of Canada and Honorary Colonel of Les Voltigeurs from 1899 to 1919. We hope to be able to include a photograph of this most interesting and historic ceremony.

Major Charles Shepherd, M.B.E., D.C.M., whom many readers of THE IRON DUKE will remember as Quartermaster of the 2nd Battalion from 1917 to 1927, has recently spent a holiday with his married daughter in Nova Scotia. He was determined to take the opportunity of discovering any traces of the stay of the 2nd Battalion at Halifax, N.S., from 1888 to 1891. This proved to be no easy task. The usual coverts such as the old barracks, City Records, Archives House, Police Headquarters and the Chaplain's Department were drawn without result. It was not until Mrs. Shepherd undertook a methodical search of the cemeteries round Halifax that the burial place of such members of the 2nd Battalion as had died there was found at Fort Massey.

The graves include those of two officers—a Colonel Tydd and Captain C. E. Ruggles-Brise—and seven other ranks, together with that of one child of the Regiment. Among them is that of Pte. E. Hutley who died in 1889, having "Collapsed after eating lobster preserved as fresh."

Colonel Tydd, who died at Halifax in 1877, long before the arrival of the Regiment there, had served for a short time in the 76th Regiment but never commanded it. Captain Cecil Ruggles-Brise was a younger son of a Mr. Ruggles-Brise of Spains Hall, Essex, the forebear of the present Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Bt. He was commissioned into the 76th Regiment in 1878 and died in 1888 as a result of a shooting accident.

Captain Shepherd took photographs of all the regimental graves and these are now deposited with the Regimental archives at the Depot.

In the list of officers, whose photographs are missing from the first Battalion Album, published on page 129 of the last Iron Duke we regret that Lt.-Col. N. R. Whitaker's name was spelt with two t's. The same error also occurs in the list of Depot Commanders in the Regimental History.

The Depot wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Mess jackets given by Brigadier V. C. Geen, Colonel R. G. Turner, and Major I. Hirst. Also the gift of a sword from Colonel L. E. Bishop.

The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club and the Regimental Tea will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1, on Friday, June 1, 1956.

The April IRON DUKE will be No. 100—a pale phantom of what it was in its heyday, but none the less still alive and kicking, though the cost of production goes on climbing and the Editor is ever faced with the distasteful task of cutting out here, pruning there and generally trying to squeeze a quart of ale into a pint pot. Contributors can greatly help by being punctual with their copy. If this is late, it is liable to suffer from hasty editing, the date of publication is delayed, the printer is infuriated (though too polite to say so), and an unpleasant time is had by all.

Copy for the April number should reach the Editor *not later* than March 1.

We must draw attention to an error in the obituary notice of Lt.-Colonel F. H. B. Wellesley. The 1st Battalion, not the 2nd Battalion, occupied Bostanji in 1923.

We would like to draw the attention of all Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men, who are either serving or who have served, to the educational facilities offered by The Duke of York's Military School. The School is a boarding one and all board, education and essential clothing is provided free. The normal age of entry is 11. Further details may be obtained from the O.C. Depot.

We would draw our readers' attention to the very full and extremely interesting report by the Secretary of the Regimental Association at the end of this number.

It is hoped to resume Lt. Thain's Diary in our April number.

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

The Battalion left Gibraltar with a distinct feeling of regret at leaving so many good friends. Gibraltar turned out in force to watch the Battalion march to the quayside. Led by the Band and Drums and with the Colours of the 76th flying bravely in the early morning breeze; the column made a brave sight and was given a very warm and moving send-off. H.E. The Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman, K.C.B., C.B., took the salute at Government House.

It was indeed a fitting coincidence that we should complete our journey from Korea to England on board H.M.T. *Asturias*, and many were the happy renewals of old friendships with the ship's company and with the 1st Royal Tank Regiment, who were also on board, returning from the Middle East.

After an extremely calm voyage, we arrived at Southampton on September 21, to be met by a large reception party headed by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Philip Christison, Bt., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., and many former commanding officers.

The Regiment was the last unit to leave the ship and was eventually taken by two special trains to Chisleton. As has been previously mentioned, the engine "The Iron Duke" was unable to help in conveying the Battalion from Southampton.

On arrival, we found that the advance party had done a tremendous amount of work in preparing the camp for our arrival and the Battalion quickly settled in. After three days most of the Battalion went on two months leave and only a small rear party plus two intakes from the Depot remained to carry on the task of improving the camp.

As the Battalion has only just returned from disembarkation leave it is considered that all the Battalion's activities can be covered by this Sub-Editorial. There will therefore, not be any separate Company notes until the next issue.

Priority has naturally been given to the general improvement of the camp area and already the effect is visible. Each Company has been encouraged to take a pride in its own surroundings and as before when the Battalion was stationed at Chisleton a garden competition will be held in the summer. All professional gardeners have been collected together and are busily restoring the original gardens to their former magnificence. A drive has been made to improve existing sports grounds and to lay new ones which will eventually give us a total of six grounds, four soccer, one rugger and one cricket.

It is hoped to start a Regimental Farm including a piggery and a poultry section to supplement the rations. Pig styes still remain from the days when the camp was a vocational training centre and there is plenty of room for the poultry. The number of people with farming experience in the Battalion should enable us to establish the project on a sound basis in the near future.

We have already started preparing for field training in the New Year despite the numbers

required at the moment for internal administration and the shortage of officers and N.C.O.s. Companies are steadily getting fit by means of route marches, combined with practice in battle procedure. A tactical cadre is being held to instruct N.C.O.s in the art of commanding a section in the field. Officers training has been re-introduced and signal classes are being held three times a week.

We are by no means resting on the sporting laurels gained in Gibraltar and both soccer and rugby are being played regularly at all levels although there has been some difficulty in arranging fixtures. The Battalion Football Team has played two games, one being a floodlight game against Swindon Town Reserves, which we lost. The other against the 1st Battalion Royal Inskilling Fusiliers was won 3—1. The Battalion Rugby Team shows every promise of becoming an extremely powerful side. There is a nucleus of experienced players around which a strong team can be built for the Army Cup Competition next year. Both the games against R.A.F. Wroughton and R.A.P.C. Devizes have been won.

Cross country running is starting now and as we still have most of the long distance runners who were with the Battalion in Gibraltar, it is hoped to enter a team for the District and Command Competitions next February.

OFFICERS MESS

Our last notes closed just prior to our departure from Gibraltar. We were given a great send off, but before we sailed we managed to entertain many of our friends, both service and civilian on board. Among those who came to bid farewell were His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman, K.C.B., C.B.E., The Flag Officer Gibraltar and Mrs. Currey, the Deputy Fortress Commander and the Air Officer Commanding, to mention a few of the many.

After a short but pleasant voyage we docked at Southampton to be met by a far larger reception committee than we expected!

Up the gangway came the Colonel of the Regiment, General Exham, Brigadiers Fraser, Orr and Webb-Carter, Colonels Ramsay Bunbury, Cumberlege and Jack Dalrymple, Majors Savory, Austin and Kavanagh and Captain Brown.

After a quick cup of coffee, General Christison and the others then moved round the ship meeting old friends.

Then began the struggle of disembarkation! Let us draw a veil over the rest of the day except to say that by late that night all had arrived in camp plus most of their kit, though the P.M.C. was still wandering around looking for his golf clubs!

Then came two days settling in, followed by leave. Now we are living in a spick and span Mess newly decorated, not by the R.E., but by the strenuous efforts of the rear party and a very good job they have made of it.

We welcome some old faces back again: John



THE HINDOOSTAN SAILING CLUB

One of the last sails in Gibraltar Harbour

The Commodore, Lieutenant-Colonel R. de la H. Moron, and Vice-Commodore, Major A. D. Firth, taking H.E. The Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman, K.C.B., C.B.E., out in Woodpecker.

Butterfield, Sam Robertson and Peter Hoppe, plus new faces in Gladwin, Miles and Naylor.

We also say farewell to Barry Kavanagh to Mons O.C.S., and Simon Berry on, we hope but a brief attachment, to the R.A.S.C. Good luck to them both.

Finally congratulations to David Miller and his bride and Peter Mitchell and Diana.

SERGEANTS MESS

There were many friends on the quayside to see us leave the "Rock"—conspicuous among them were the Garrison Sergeant Major and Mrs. Scott, and R.S.M. Cooper (R.A.M.C.). The *Asturias* had not changed in any way from the happy and comfortable ship which brought us from Pusan to Gibraltar. Even those unfortunate Mess members who were detailed for duty as Ship's Orderly Sergeant or Guard Commander were able to enjoy the journey to Southampton.

The entraining of the Sergeants of the Colours' Party at Southampton was enlivened by the struggle

to get the pikes of the Honorary Colours into the Compartment and by a soldier who in so doing put his rifle through the carriage window.

We occupy the same Mess as in 1951, and are very comfortable. The single W.O.s and Sergeants live in pleasant rooms either side of the Mess. Our only grouse is that we seem unable to procure a billiard table at reasonable cost. Our table is too dilapidated now after many years of valuable service to be worth the expense of repair and installation.

Most of us have now returned from leave and we are preparing ourselves for Christmas. This will probably be a quiet period for the Mess as most members will be spending their holidays with their families.

As on every inter-theatre move, the membership seems to undergo many changes: this is no exception. We congratulate C.S.M. R. Callaby, M.M., on his promotion to R.S.M. and his appointment to the Regimental Depot, where we wish him every success. We are going to miss him, particularly when there is a Paardeburg Ball to be organised. We have also said good-bye for the time being to C.S.M. Frier, who has been posted to the permanent staff of the 7th Battalion and to Sgts. Pratt and Smith, E. A., also to the 7th Battalion. Sgt. Miles has left us for the Depot. All these take with them our best wishes. We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Norman and C.Q.M.S. Robins on their promotion to C.S.M. We welcome as temporary members of the Mess for the period of our stay in Chisledon, the W.O.s and senior N.C.O.s of H.Q. 3rd Infantry Brigade. They should be very useful people to know. We hope they will enjoy their stay with us. We have already had two very pleasant evenings in the Mess of the 1st Battalion The Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers who until recently were our next door neighbours at Ogbourne St. George Camp. We are very grateful to R.S.M. Anderson and his Mess members for making us so welcome.

We look forward to meeting our sister Battalions in the Brigade when they arrive shortly. Two of our former honorary members have been to see us—Mr. Evans, who still farms land in the camp, and Mr. Kitchen—an R.E. clerk.

We have renewed our liaison with the British Legion Club in Chisledon. After a long time, ex-C.S.M. Bob Cunningham has called on us, with his "Ivory and Blue" coach, with which he now earns his bread and butter. He and R.S.M. Corke proceeded to wipe the floor with all comers at darts—a flash in the pan for the R.S.M.

We shall say farewell before these notes appear in print to Sgt. Bill Bacon (to pension), Sgt. Flood (to discharge) and Sgt. Bohem (to H.Q. 1st Division).

RIFLE CLUB NOTES

For the first time since 1952, the Battalion were represented at the A.R.A. Central Meeting at Bisley in the Unit Championship as well as the Army Championship.

Practice started in April and by the beginning of June the team selected after much careful trial, travelled to England in H.M.S. *Centaur*. On arrival at Portsmouth the team found that the rail strike was still in being, so with the aid of the

Embarkation Staff Officer from Southampton, it was sent to the Guards Training Battalion at Pirbright, instead of to Strensall as previously arranged.

However, despite this sudden change of plan, the Guards generously lent ammunition and allowed the team to use their ranges and by the time every member had had a few days leave, most managing to reach their homes in some way or other, practice continued. The difference in climate and the lush grass of the English ranges were a pleasant if sudden change which made results better almost immediately. After a week at Pirbright the team moved to Bisley for Practice Week and eventually the Army Meeting itself. The weather was exceedingly fine throughout the Meeting which helped to make it a very successful one.

Cpl. Crossfield, C.Sgt. Norman and Pte. Wellock are to be congratulated heartily on their fine performance of getting into the Army Hundred, the former especially on being runner-up to the best shot in Class B.

RESULTS

The "K.R.R.C." Cup; Unit Team Championship—1, 1st Worcestershire Regiment; 2, 4th Training Battalion, R.E.M.E.; 3, 2nd K.R.R.C.; 4, Greenjackets Depot; 5, 1st K.R.R.C.; 6, 3rd Grenadier Guards; 7, 1st D.W.R.; 8, 9th Training Regiment, R.E.M.E.; 9, 10th Hussars; 10, 5th Training Battalion, R.E.M.E.

OTHER TEAM MATCHES

(a) *The "Northamptonshire" Cup*—1, 1st Worcestershire Regiment; 2, 2nd K.R.R.C.; 3, 1st D.W.R. 4, Greenjackets Depot.

(b) *"Small Arms" Cup**—1, 4th Training Battalion, R.E.M.E.; 2, 2nd K.R.R.C.; 3, 1st Worcestershire Regiment; 6, 1st D.W.R.

(c) *"Brittania" Trophy**—1, 1st Worcestershire Regiment; 2, 3rd Grenadier Guards; 3, 10th Hussars; 15, 1st D.W.R.

(d) *"Parachute Regiment" Cup**—1, 4th Training Battalion, R.E.M.E.; 2, 1st D.W.R.; 3, 1st South Lancshires; 4, Greenjackets Depot.

(e) *"Worcestershire" Cup**—1, 2nd K.R.R.C.; 2, 1st K.R.R.C.; 3, Greenjackets Depot; 8, 1st D.W.R.

NOTE.—Placings in matches marked thus * gain points towards the "K.R.R.C." Cup.

INDIVIDUAL

(a) The undermentioned qualified in the first stage of the Army Championship to shoot in the 2nd Stage, the "Army Hundred" Cup:

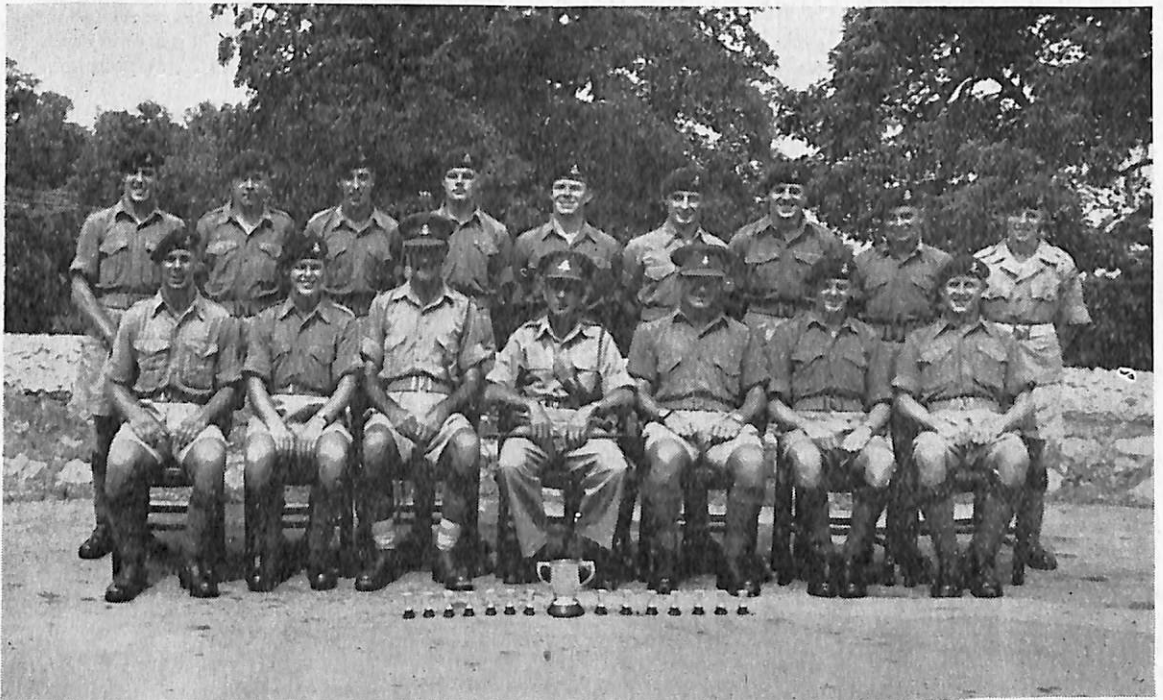
Class A, C.Sgt. W. Norman; Class C, Cpl. B. Crossfield; Class C, Pte. D. Wellock.

(b) Cpl. B. Crossfield was runner-up for the "Rifle Brigade" Cup awarded to the Champion Young Soldier.

(c) The following places were gained by individuals: *"Henry Whitehead" Cup*: Class A, Lt. Wood, 56th; Class C, Cpl. Crossfield, 4th; Class C, Pte. Wellock, 28th.

"Roberts" Cup: Class A, C.Sgt. Norman, 28th; Class B, Pte. Seymour, 8th; Class C, Pte. Wellock, 4th; Class C, Cpl. Crossfield, 7th.

"Roupell" Cup: Sgt. Bailes, 5th; Lt. Wood, 34th; Pte. Nicholl, 40th; C.Sgt. Norman, 135th.



1st Battalion Swimming Team, Gibraltar 1955

Location List

OFFICERS

Major-Generals

EXHAM, K. G., C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C. (designate), Nigeria District (February, 1956).
BRAY, R. N. H. C., C.B.E., D.S.O., Director of Land/Air Warfare, War Office.

Colonels

EXHAM, R. K., C.B., C.B.E., M.C. (T/Brigadier), D.D.M.O.(A.) War Office.
ORR, C. W. B., O.B.E. (T/Brigadier), Commander, 129 Infantry Brigade, Oxford.

Lieutenant-Colonels

STEVENS, E. W., M.B.E. (T/Colonel), P. & L. c/o Main G.H.Q., M.E.L.F. 17.
BUNBURY, F. R. St. P., D.S.O. (T/Colonel), A.A.G. A.G.2 War Office.
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LAING, G., M.B.E., A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Lubbecke District, B.A.O.R.
MORAN, R. de la H., O.B.E., Commander, 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
WALLER, W. A., O.B.E., M.C., Amphibious Warfare Centre, Fremington, Devon.
UPJOHN, G. F., Commander, 1st Sierra Leone Regiment, W. Africa.

Majors

WATHEN, *A. H. G., O.B.E., 2 IC Infantry Records, York.
EVERARD, SIR NUGENT H., Bt., Camp Commandant, 3 A.A. Group, Edinburgh.
MALLINSON, A., 11 Travelling Wing, Glasgow.
FALLON, J. B., O.C., 4 Army Defence Company (M.S.O.), B.A.O.R.
COUSENS, P. G. L. (T/Lt.-Colonel), Awaiting posting.
BEUTTLER, L. L. B., M.B.E., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
SKELSEY, W., M.B.E., 5th Battalion, K.A.R.
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DAVIDSON, J., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
GRIEVE, C. F., S.O.P.T., H.Q., 7 Armd. Division, B.A.O.R.
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HALL, P. B., Staff Captain, "Q" H.Q., Northern Command.
SIMONDS, D. H., D.A.Q.M.G. (Quartermaster), H.Q., Singapore District.
KAVANAGH, A. B. M., M.C., Mons O.C.S., Aldershot.
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TEDD, G. C., G.S.O.3 (Ops.), H.Q., East Africa Command.
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Streetfield, J. L., M.C., Depot, D.W.R.
BROWN, K. W., 7th Battalion, D.W.R. (T.A.).

Captains

SCOTT-EVANS, R., M.C., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
ISLES, D. E. (T/Major), G.S.O.2 (Tech.), H.Q., Northern Army Group, B.A.O.R.
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BLAKEY, W., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
ROBERTSON, W. F. C., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
HARDY, E. M. P., G.S.O.3 (S.D.), H.Q., Southern Command.
SHUTTLEWORTH, D. W., Mons O.C.S., Aldershot.
COWELL, D. J. P., Depot, D.W.R.
HARMS, R. M., M.C., British Military Mission, Libya.

Lieutenants

HOPPE, P. B. L., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
NAUGHTON, J. H. H., Cambridge University.
GILBERT-SMITH, D. E., M.C., Infantry Boys Battalion, Plymouth.
STACPOOLE, H. A. J. W., M.C., 2nd Battalion Para. Regiment, Aldershot.
NEWTON, J. M., 2nd Battalion Para. Regiment, Aldershot.
HUXTABLE, C. R., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
DASENT, E. J. H., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
MITCHELL, P. A., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

MILLER, C. D. D'E., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
CAMPBELL-LAMERTON, M. J., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
PELL, J. E., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

Second-Lieutenants

LUPTON, T. D., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
SOUTHERST, R. G., Depot, D.W.R.
CUMBERLEGE, J. R. P., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

Quartermasters

JACKSON, N., Captain, Depot, D.W.R.
PARR, A., Captain, Camp Comdt. (designate), H.Q., N.W. District Preston (February, 1956).
KENCHINGTON, C. C., M.B.E., (Lt.), 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

EXTENDED AND SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Majors

CONNOLLY, P. I., No. 2 P.S. Team (Y. & N. Brigade), c/o Depot Y. & L. Regiment (E.R.E.4).
ACKWORTH, C. R. G., Staff Captain, H.Q., Adv. Base (British Forces) B.A.O.R. (E.R.E.4).

Captains

HOLLOWAY, T., 1st Trg. Battalion, R.E.M.E. (E.R.E.4).
WARNER, R., Trucial Oman Levies.
BOOTH, D., C.O.D., Branston.
COOK, J., S.P. Establishment, c/o War Office (M.P.3 (B)).
TREE, M. J., Joins 1st Battalion, D.W.R., March, 1956.

Lieutenants

WOODCOCK, P., 26 K.A.R.
WOOD, C. M., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
BERRY, S. A., Alt. H.Q., R.A.S.C., Northumberland District.
CAMIDGE, W. D., Depot, D.W.R.
KELLY, H., Federation of Malaya Military Forces.

Second-Lieutenants

MESQUITA, T. L. B., A.D.C. to G.O.C., Nigeria District.
BIRCH, R. J. M., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
MILES, H. M. P., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

Quartermasters

GREEN, H. E. (Major), A.P.O., Manchester (E.R.E.4).
HELLOWELL, W. A. (Major), K.A.R., Depot, Nakuru, Kenya.
MCGREGOR, W. (Captain), H.Q., West Africa Command (E.R.E.4).

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GREEN, C. R., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
RAWSON, F. M., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
COOPER, G. C., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
CARTER, R. H., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
GRANGER, M. J., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
DAWSON, M. H., 1 Gold Coast Regiment.
GLADWIN, J. H., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
NAYLOR, G. F., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
RUSSELL, M. A., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

Warrant Officers, Class I

SEED, D., Bandmaster, 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
COOK, G. D., H.Q., 41 Garrison, B.A.O.R.
CORKE, G., R.S.M., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
HALL, J. S., M.B.E., Infantry Records, York.
CALLABY, R., M.M., R.S.M., Depot, D.W.R.

Warrant Officers, Class II

WOOD, R. W., C.S.M., Depot, D.W.R.
AKRIGG, T. W., O.R.Q.M.S., Depot, D.W.R.
DAWSON, B., R.Q.M.S., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
RANDALL, H., C.S.M., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
PRIER, J. J., C.S.M., 7th Battalion, D.W.R. (T.A.)
SHORT, G., C.S.M., 1st Battalion Green Howards, B.A.O.R.
PHILLIPS, J. L., R.Q.M.S., Eaton Hall, O.C.S.
WATERMAN, K. A., Band Sergeant, 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

Colour-Sergeants

BENNER, H., East & West Ridings Area, Harrogate.
SAMME, H. J., Depot, Green Howards.
THOMPSON, W. H., Band Sergeant, 2nd Battalion Green Howards, M.E.L.F.
GILL, F., O.C.S., Mons, Aldershot.
LAMB, L. (A/C.S.M.), 7th Battalion, D.W.R. (T.A.)
WILLIAMS, R. (A/C.S.M.), 1st Battalion, D.W.R.
CUTLER, E. A. (A/C.S.M.), Hallams Battalion (Y. & L.) (T.A.), Sheffield.
Quest, J., M.M., Depot, D.W.R.
LYTHE, W. (A/C.S.M.), 2nd Battalion Green Howards, M.E.L.F.
POWELL, J. F. (A/C.S.M.), 5th Battalion, W. Yorks (T.A.)
NORMAN, W., 1st Battalion, D.W.R.

REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

SUB-EDITORIAL

During the past quarter two of the major annual events in the Depot calendar have taken place: namely, the Old Comrades Reunion and Administrative Inspection.

The Old Comrades' Reunion took place on the weekend of October 8-9, and once again we were pleased to play our part of host to many members and ex-members of the Regiment from all parts of England. Our main problem was to find sufficient accommodation for all those who wanted to sit down to the dinner.

The Annual Inspection took place on November 4 and was carried out by Brigadier D. J. B. Houchin, D.S.O. One of the Staff Officers accompanying him was Lt. Colonel H. T. Chiswell, R.A.M.C., whom older members of the Regiment will remember as the R.M.O. when the 1st Battalion was at Devonport.

In addition, we have had our normal Passing-out Parades, which take place every six weeks. The largest of these occurred on November 23 when the G.O.C. in C. Northern Command, Lt.-General Sir Geoffrey Evans, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., took the salute. We were pleased to have the Mayor of Huddersfield, Councillor J. T. Gee, J.P., with us for the same parade. The G.O.C.-in-C. commented most favourably on the standard of the parade and said it was one of the best he had ever seen.

A non-military visitor was Mr. George Craddock, M.P., who during recent months has been carrying out an independent investigation into service conditions. He was accompanied by a large contingent of representatives of the local and national Press. However, we survived this visitation and even acquired some credit from it, which was a pleasant surprise in view of what we had heard concerning Mr. Craddock's alleged remarks after visiting some other units. We would therefore like to record that we found Mr. Craddock genuinely interested in service conditions and fully alive to the problems facing the Army and the important part finance plays in overcoming them.

From time to time we have referred to various works services which have been approved. The time that elapses between the granting of approval and commencement of work sometimes appears to be inordinately long; but there are indications that at last work on some of the more important projects is about to commence, and by the time the next notes are written we hope to be able to record that the baths and showers have been moved into the barrack blocks and central heating has been installed in the Education Centre. The external repairing of the barracks is nearly complete and work is well in hand on expanding the Museum.

OFFICERS' MESS

The week-end of the Old Comrades' Dinner was a hectic occasion for the Mess, when it was

full to capacity for two days and nights. Needless to say we welcomed the resultant activity, which was such a contrast to our normal rather secluded life. On Saturday, October 8, we had a luncheon party for sixteen, which included the Colonel of the Regiment, Generals Ozanne and Exham, Brigadiers Frazer, Webb-Carter and Exham, Colonel Cumberland and Lt.-Colonel Moran. Others whom we were glad to see in the Mess during the week-end were Roberts, Milligan and Emmett and Scott-Evans from the 1st Battalion; Harvey, Carey, Wathen, Skelsey, Firth, Hall, Stannard, Sills and Potts, from various parts of England, and Lt.-Colonel Houghton and other officers from the 7th Battalion. The effect created by the removal of the front stairway, which many officers had not previously had an opportunity of seeing, was much admired, and for the benefit of those who are interested we can assure them that there are now many fewer draughts in the Mess.

On November 23 we had the Commander-in-Chief and the Mayor of Huddersfield to lunch, and on the following evening we had a Regimental Guest Night. Our guests on the latter occasion were Lt.-Colonel R. L. Henson, M.B.E. (A.A. and Q.M.G., H.Q. East and West Ridings Area), Major John Driver and Mr. Anthony Hepper. After dinner we had a lively session of Liar Dice (played under Depot rules) at which our Medical Officer, Lt. Osmond, showed that he had benefited from the previous instruction he had received.

SERGEANTS' MESS

At first we thought we were going to have little to report, but the Regimental Association Dinner at the Depot seemed to be the signal for things to liven up after the summer lull, and we now find we have plenty to record.

R.S.M. Corke paid us a visit and we were very pleased to see him and thoroughly enjoyed his company. We hope that he enjoyed his stay. We feel sure he did, as he extended his original visit from four to seven days.

Arrivals, departures and changes have been numerous of late. Sgt. Horner arrived and is now, we are pleased to report, a fully fledged civilian working very near barracks, and seems to be settling down well to civilian life. C.Q.M.S. Harry Benner has left us for E. and W. Riding District at Harrogate, and he carries with him our very best wishes and a small memento of the happy days he spent amongst us. We were very sorry to see him go, but he has decided to settle in Halifax in a house of his own, and we shall see quite a lot of him at weekends. C.Q.M.S. Quest took over from Harry before he left, and now is fully installed as IC clothing department. C.Q.M.S. Harry Lancaster arrived from the Battalion to complete the "Q" Department and replaces C.Q.M.S. Quest as IC Accommodation and Rations. We hope that his stay will be long and pleasant. C.S.M. Nicholls, 7th Battalion, has left the fold and decided



Mr. George Craddock, M.P., talking to recruits at the Depot, September 5, 1955

to take over a T.A. Quarter near his work. Sgt. Smith is living with us until he takes up residence with the 7th Battalion, where we hope he will be happy and soon settle down.

The Dinner week-end, October 8-9, was quite hectic, to say the least. We were very pleased to have, and fully enjoyed, the company of those members of the Battalion who stayed amongst us, also W.O. 1 Jack Hall, accompanied by ex-R.S.M. Jackson, affectionately known to us as Big Jacko. We were sorry that no cameras were available to record the meeting of two ex-R.S.Ms. and the present R.S.M. of the Battalion, namely ex-R.S.M. Jackson, R.S.M. Pearce and R.S.M. Corke reminiscencing together at the bar.

On the Sunday after the dinner many ex-members who had stayed overnight gathered in the Mess, ready to rid themselves of that morning-after-the-night-before feeling. We, the serving members, fully enjoyed their topics and reminiscences of events of days gone by which made us all feel proud and proved that, once a "Duke" always a "Duke," is a fact and not just a saying. To them, wherever, they may be, we say "Thank you, good luck, and come again—you are always welcome."

On Saturday, November 12, we held a "Farewell" Social for R.S.M. Pearce, whom we are indeed

sorry to lose. We presented him with a clock, and when he is fully installed as publican at the "Brown Cow," just above barracks, we hope that every time he calls "Time, Gentlemen, please," he will remember us. He will always be remembered for the good work he did for the Mess which, we are proud to say, is a Mess worthy of calling a home, and may we here record our thanks and appreciation. To him and Mrs. Pearce we say "Good luck, success and happiness in your new sphere of life". We welcome our new R.S.M., R.S.M. Callaby, who is known to all of us and we offer our congratulations on his promotion. We hope his stay here will be long and happy, and we are sure that he is our gain and the Battalion's loss.

Before these notes are published we shall have said farewell to Sgt. Sargeant and Sgt. Craven. They take with them our best wishes, a fond farewell and success wherever they may be serving.

To all "Dukes," wherever they may be, we wish them a Happy New Year and all the Very Best in 1956.

CORPORALS' MESS

Since our last notes were published, we regret to record that the strength of the Mess has reduced considerably with the departure of Cpls. Evans, Hartley, Michie and Thomas to the Battalion, and

“Eric” Jenness, who has joined the ranks of the “multi-clad” humans of Shipley.

We congratulate “Geoff” Evans on becoming a proud father and “Tich” Evans on his recent marriage.

In November we had a social evening, which was a huge success. Our Mess was beautifully set for the occasion, with twinkling illuminated lights crowning the area covered by the bar, a buffet that Henry VIII would have galloped into, a new piano responding hauntingly to the magic fingers of our accomplished pianist, and if one can portray in one’s mind the charm and colour the feminine company added to the scene, it is easy to see why we give of our best in arranging and participating in these social events.

Next month we are holding a tramp’s ball, and whilst some of our members may be somewhat stumped in acquiring the orthodox sartorial effect, it has been whispered enviously during “N.A.A.F.I. breaks” that one of our comrades associated with accoutrements will find no difficulty in parading, peacock-like, in open-toed army boots. His great friend, a wizard in the culinary arts, is intent on procuring a strapless evening flour-sack, irrespective of container accounts.

TRAINING COMPANY

Since our last notes were written three more intakes have completed their training. The 30th and 31st Intakes have already gone to the Battalion, and the 32nd, which passed out on November 23, is still with us. This intake’s passing-out parade was taken by the Commander-in-Chief, Lt.-General Sir Geoffrey Evans, who said he was very pleased with the turn-out and drill. Details of the prize-winners are shown below.

The words Paardeberg and Peninsula, which formerly denoted Continuation Training platoons, have now been relegated to the limbo of the past, and we are now concerned solely with basic training. Our thanks to Sgt. Dickie and Cpl. Johannson for the specialist training they did.

Our order of battle has changed somewhat during the past months. In August, Major Dunn and Lt. Huxtable were succeeded by Captain Streatfeild and 2 Lt. Southerst. Sgts. Milton and Taylor have left for West Africa and civilian life respectively and Sgt. Sargeant is due to go to the Battalion shortly on completion of his tour. We have also said farewell to Cpl. Jenness to the rigours of civilian life, and to the following who have joined the Battalion: Cpls. Evans, Hartley, Michie and Hopper. C.S.M. Wood gives us continuity amid all these changes, and we are glad to record that Sgt. Simpson has signed on for further service.

Our congratulations to the following on their recent promotion: Cpls. Matthews, Sutcliffe, Collins and Richmond, and L.Cpls. Eaton, Doherty, Barron, Hill, Kitching and Mallen. All the foregoing are ex-recruits. Our congratulations also to L.Cpl. Lee who has gone to Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School and to L.Cpl. Kitching who obtained an “A” at the N.C.O. Cadre at York. Cpl. Cleator has recently returned from the Small Arms School

at Hythe and is now a fully qualified instructor.

During September we ran a week’s cadre for some of the Cadets from Leeds Grammar School. They were all extremely keen, and of their own accord did more than was required of them by a very full programme. It was much appreciated and we received some very complimentary remarks from their C.O. and the Area Commander.

An inter-depot P.T. Competition has been started, and in the first one, which took place on November 10, we were placed second.

On Remembrance Sunday the Senior Intake took part in a church parade, together with the Permanent Staff, and acquitted itself very well.

Results of the various intakes have been as follows:

30th Intake.—Parade on August 30, taken by Lt.-Colonel T. Haighton, r.D., Commander 7th Battalion The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment.

Winning Squad: No. 1 Squad (Cpl. Battye).

Best Recruit: Pte. Kitching.

31st Intake.—Parade on October 12 taken by Lt.-Colonel J. W. B. Marshall, Commander 12th (Yorkshire) Battalion the Parachute Regiment.

Winning Platoon: Dettingen (Sgt. Sargeant).

Best Recruits: Dettingen Platoon, Pte. Wragg;

Mons Platoon, Pte. Davy (R.A.E.C.).

32nd Intake.—Parade on November 23 taken by Lt.-General Sir Geoffrey Evans, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

Winning Platoon: Corunna (Sgt. Davie).

Best Recruits: Corunna Platoon, Pte. Johnson (391); Delhi Platoon, Pte. Stewart.

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SPORTS NOTES

At the opening of the season a Rugby seven-a-side team was entered in the Area Competition at Harrogate. Although we were beaten in two of our three games, valuable practice and experience was obtained, which was later to bear fruit.

Against a very fit and speedy schoolboy side (Heath Grammar) we were outplayed, but co-operation, teamwork and spirit were more in evidence in the second half and some players new to the "oval ball" game acquitted themselves well.

Our last two games resulted in decisive victories for the Depot. The scrummaging and the strong running of the three-quarters proved too much for the R.P. (R.A.O.C.) team, who were defeated by 15 points to nil.

After a resounding victory at our expense last

year the York and Lancasters must have been very surprised at their 16 pts. to 6 defeat by the "Dukes" at Pontefract. The forwards played with great spirit and, but for stubborn defence by the "Tigers," the score might well have been more in our favour.

The Depot Football XI has met with little success in terms of victories, but it now contains the nucleus of a very good side. We are handicapped in establishing a permanent team through the posting of recruits after training to the Battalion. These players should ensure that there will be strong competition to secure a place in the Battalion side. Of those posted to Chiseldon, Pte. Armitage gave some outstanding displays in goal for the Depot.

Our thoughts are now turning towards Christmas and 1956, and we would therefore like to conclude by wishing all "Dukes," wherever they may be, a very Happy New Year.

7th BATTALION, T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

The past three months have seen quite a few changes of command within the Battalion. To Major P. P. de la H. Moran, who has been a very efficient and popular training officer with us during the last two years, we must bid farewell and wish every success in the future. "Pip" Moran joins 1st Battalion York and Lancs as 2 IC; no doubt he will soon inject them with a true "Duke's" spirit. We especially welcome Major Louis Kershaw as training officer; he is no new boy to the Battalion, as he served as a T.A. officer with the 7th before the war.

Major Gordon Ashton has recently taken over the duties of the Battalion 2 IC and Major H. S. Heaton has assumed command of "S" Company.

Captain P. Haws has taken over command of "B" Company and handed over "H.Q." Company to Major Jimmy Young, late of the Royal Inniskillings, and to him we extend a cordial welcome to the "Dukes." The Battalion was represented by all Companies on November 6 at various local Remembrance Day Parades. Our Band and Corps of Drums attended Armistice Parades at Huddersfield in the morning and Lindley in the afternoon. The latter parade was taken by Captain Haws, as our C.O. was attending as President of British Legion, and thus wore a "bowler hat."

We hope to have some interesting news regarding the Band in our next notes, when an announcement will be made regarding the appointment of a new Bandmaster, who, incidentally, has spent many years at Kneller Hall.

The new role of Territorial Army and future commitments of National Servicemen are not yet officially known, but it seems certain that our numbers in 1956 will be substantially reduced, but we hope that the old volunteer spirit of pre-war days will be strengthened in the T.A.

"B" and "D" Companies have been carrying

out an experiment to try and increase the number of men turning up for evening drill periods. National Servicemen have been obliged to attend two evening drills out of six, instead of one day's training—so far the results have been very encouraging.

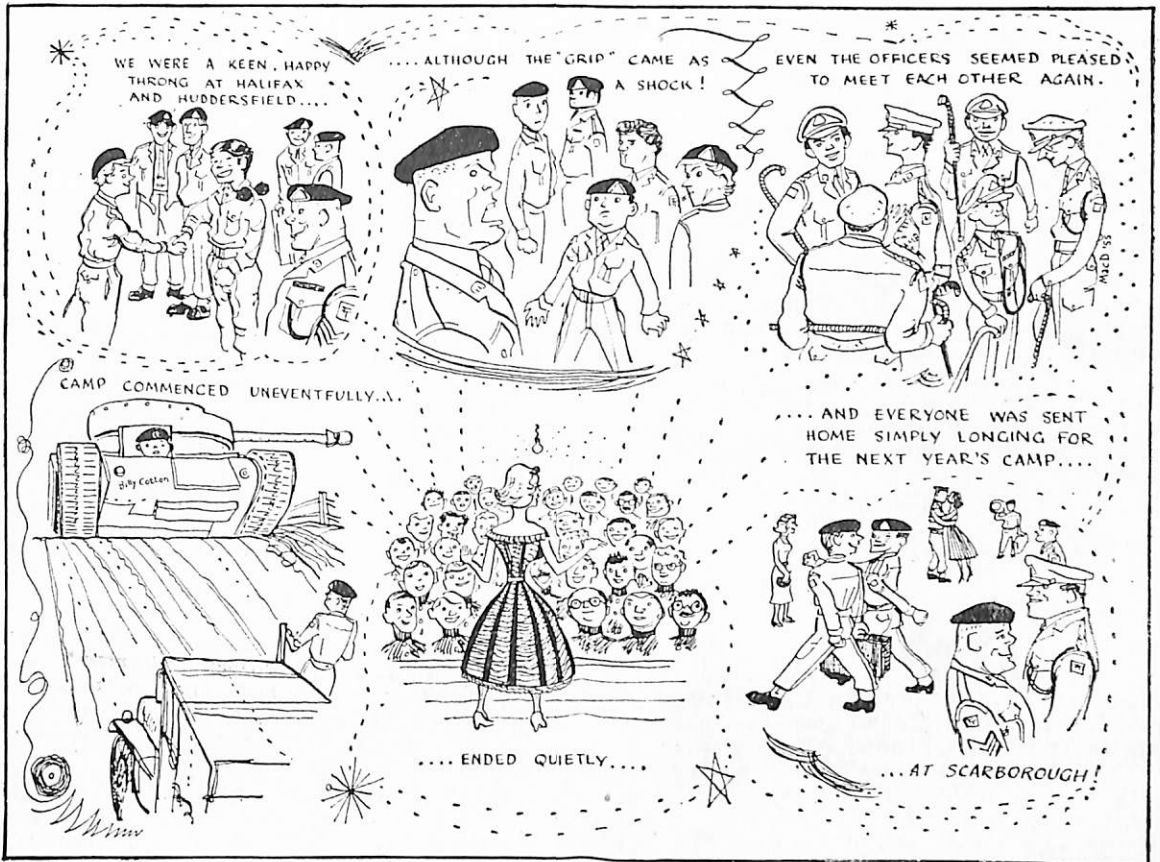
As these notes come from the press we shall be on the brink of our Annual Administrative Inspection, which is scheduled for Sunday, January 29.

OFFICERS' MESS

The so-called "quiet period" which usually follows in the wake of annual camp has passed this year almost unnoticed. Our short-lived peaceful interlude after "Topper" Brown's wedding was abruptly interrupted by the Prime Minister's announcement that part-time service for the National Servicemen was to be reduced to a mere 20 days' compulsory training. The effect of this new rule on our officers' strength cannot yet be fully assessed, but we hope that this news for readers will be followed in subsequent issues of our Mess notes by the good tidings that many of our National Service Officers have decided not to abandon the Battalion but merely to change their present status by adopting the more impressive title of T.A. Volunteer.

During the past few months the following officers have become volunteers: Captain A. Cowie, Lts. C. Curry, J. Hayes, T. Rothery, and we congratulate them on their decision.

Our "At Home" Sunday parties for honorary members are again in full swing, after a short lull when many of our serving members took their well-earned summer rest and gave the P.M.C. an opportunity to restock the bar in anticipation of coming events. The first of these occurred on the second Sunday of October, when we had the pleasure of inviting to our Mess for the first time the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion,



THE JOYS OF SUMMER CAMP

D. H. B. Dowdy

Lt.-Colonel "Bob" Moran and his Adjutant, Major Derek Roberts. We also had with us a number of other officers and their wives from the 1st Battalion and the Depot, together with Colonel and Mrs. Lockwood, S. Leader and Mrs. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Major Gadd (Officer Commanding "Q" Battery 382 Medium Regiment) and Mr. and Mrs. C. Hirst. Mr. Hirst made this an occasion for presenting the Mess with a most attractive set of silver salt cellars and spoons, for which we owe him our grateful thanks.

Our annual Regimental Dinner was held in the Drill Hill, Milnsbridge, on Friday, November 11. Exactly 40 serving officers and honorary members attended and, in addition, we had the pleasure of welcoming as guests Alderman and Mrs. Gee, who looked in for a short while, and our Brigade Commander, Brigadier F. L. Martin, Lt.-Colonel Y. F. Crossley, Officer Commanding 382 Medium Regiment, Mr. H. Bann (the Town Clerk), Major T. E. J. Price (representing T. and A.F.A.) and Major Tony Savory of the Depot. The hall was beautifully decorated with curtains, silver and flowers, though pride of place must be given to the display of our Colours and Drums, bordered with a variety of flowers and plants and most effectively

illuminated. In view of the date on which this event was held, the two minutes silence preceded the serving of dinner and made a most appropriate introduction to a very enjoyable evening.

Our monthly Mess suppers which are held on the last Thursday of each month continue to be well supported, and we hope that whenever honorary members are in the locality they will come and join us. Shortly after arriving at the Depot, Captain John Streatfield, who is well known to you, joined us at one of our Mess suppers, and we were all delighted to see him again. We feel sure that he must have noticed several changes since he served as Adjutant of the 7th in 1951.

The Officers' Ball was held in the Cambridge Road Assembly Hall in Huddersfield on November 25, when about 200 guests attended in an unusual setting. The large dance floor was split into three, each part being divided by low trellising and flowers, the whole surrounded by a mass of colour and overshadowed by coloured lighting, the Regimental Colours and Drums occupying the place of honour.

We were delighted to have with us as official guests the Mayor and Mayoress of Huddersfield (Councillor and Mrs. Gee) and our Divisional

Commander and his wife (Major-General C. H. Colquhoun and Mrs. Colquhoun). We were also pleased to have with us Major-General J. M. K. Spurling, Chief of Staff Northern Command, who came with our Brigadier, Brigadier F. L. Martin and Lt.-Colonel E. Barker (4th K.O.Y.L.I.).

The dance was voted a great success, and it is now to be repeated annually on the last Friday in November.

"A" COMPANY

At last the long-promised decorations have been finished at the T.A.C. T.A.F.A. have done us proud in the end, even going to the extent of paying an extra £2 for the painting of a cupboard which was not included in the original estimate. Bright, in new pastel shades (maroon and French grey), we held a party on November 26, 1955, to which we again invited as guests the Social Club from the A.D.A. Co. Ltd. The Officers' Mess was reopened and we had the pleasure of the company of the Commanding Officer, Major Ashton, Major Heaton, and their wives. It must be the effect of the new paint, because we are organising another Christmas Party on December 17. This could be a sad occasion, as for many almost time—expired members of the Company it will be their last reunion.

Perhaps the outstanding event of the past quarter has been the Armistice Parade. After a morning spent cleaning out the T.A.C., approximately sixty men paraded at Sowerby Bridge T.A.C. The salute was taken by the Chairman of the U.D.C., and after a service at Christ Church, the procession, headed by "A" Company, marched to the Memorial gates at Crow Wood Park where a wreath was laid. The standard of drill and turn-out was really first-class, especially considering that the Company were all acting well-paid civilians 24 hours previously.

We are very pleased to see, incidentally, that the C.S.M. has signed on for another year with the T.A. We should also like to record the excellent job of work done by him whilst we had no P.S.I., coming off a night shift early in the morning on every occasion he proceeded straight to the T.A.C. when something had to be done—this included both a check of stores and the arms' inspection. Final tribute came with a "very good" on the latter.

Talking of personalities, several members of "A" Company at various times this season have played for the 1st XV of Halifax R.U.F.C.; these include Mr. Macdonald (who is skipper), Cpl. Hoile, Ptes. Haigh and Smith, and the Company Commander. The long-standing connection between the "Dukes" and Ovendon Park (going back to the days of "Horsy" Brown) is thereby being well maintained.

"B" COMPANY

As a result of a training experiment, we have had a busier time than is usual at this period of the year. "B" Company volunteered to call up those who had not completed their compulsory training for two drill nights instead of one full day's training. To accommodate the numbers and to provide

adequate instruction, these men were split up and gave the T.A.C. a livelier look for a total of four evenings. Having upwards of thirty men in uniform for evening training is a heartening sight and more frequent periods of a similar nature could tend to enthuse the volunteer spirit in many lukewarm National Servicemen. (The fact that the bar sales jumped appreciably is merely incidental—but very welcome—to the experiment). For those still left to complete compulsory training a further two nights have been set aside for the middle of December.

The Remembrance Day parade at Slaithwaite was a huge success from "B" Company's point of view. Almost forty soldiers on parade must have made the Chairman of the Council feel that he really had a guard of honour worth calling such. All the men present were to be congratulated on their smart turn-out and soldierly bearing. Combined training during the afternoon made it another day worth while.

By the time these notes appear in print there will have been a change in command of the Company. Major H. S. Heaton having taken over "S" Company—to which he is no stranger—will have handed over "B" Company after four years at the reins to Captain P. Haws, formerly "H.Q." Company Commander.

"C" COMPANY

The Company have been concentrating on .22 shooting during this rather quiet period which follows our annual camp. This has been our main effort, and we are pleased to see that we have come twelfth in the whole of England amongst T.A. units entering the T.A. Small-bore Match. This reflects great credit on all ranks taking part and promises well for the future. Meanwhile, the .22 league which has shot all through the winter is going on quite well, and "C" Company in its particular division is doing very well. It is felt that all ranks, whether Territorial or National Service, can be interested and held together by the means of .22 shooting during the winter more than anything else, and this is proved by the great number of civilian clubs, including our own Elland Home Guard Rifle Club, many of whom use T.A. ranges and facilities. We have also taken part in the Annual Range Courses, and though the final totals have not yet been announced, we think we have done well.

Good reports have also been received of our weapons' and the Quartermaster's inspection, and here we can congratulate the hard work of C.Q.M.S. Stringer.

The Armistice Day parade in Elland was extremely wet but passed off successfully—"C" Company having the biggest turn-out seen in Elland so far.

With the announcement of the cutting down of National Service element, we hope that in the future we shall see many more volunteers and be able to develop and introduce the real T.A. spirit that was so successful and made such a happy contingent in pre-war days.

"D" COMPANY

Perhaps by the time these notes are in print it will be known officially what is to be the future role of the T.A. and also what the reserve training commitments of the National Servicemen are. Although the period after annual camp is normally rather a slack one, it is felt that premature announcements on the subject of National Servicemen reserve training, by the Press, have been responsible for a drop in attendances on training nights. The old saying, "one volunteer is equal to ten pressed men" still holds good however, and the regular attenders at Fitzwilliam Street T.A.C. have put in some useful training.

Certain "D" Company N.C.Os. who shall remain nameless, have recently been seen vigorously emulating the "Harlem Globetrotters" basketball team, with the aid of the W.R.A.C. netball kit; no excuse in future for them not "jumping to it" when on parade.

As an experiment, instead of a day's compulsory training, Company personnel have been given the option of doing two evenings' training out of six selected evenings. So far the response to this experiment has been encouraging. During the week-end October 22-23, members of the Company who had not previously fired their range course were at Strensall, together with "casuals" from other companies, quite a good weekend's shooting being enjoyed by all.

Prior to taking their Certificate A examination, members of the 2nd Cadet Battalion have been attending our T.A.C. for instruction in map reading.

We wish every success to the future of Sgt. B. Dickinson, who during the past two years has done sterling work as "D" Company P.S.I. He is shortly leaving us to rejoin his parent regiment the York and Lancs.

On November 6, together with the Band and Drums, the Company represented the Battalion in the Remembrance Day Parade in Huddersfield. After the parade many members accepted the hospitality of "C" Company, 12th Para. Battalion (T.A.), in their canteen at Springwood Street T.A.C.

In January our Brigade Commander will carry out his administrative inspection, so naturally much chasing of cobwebs is being done in preparation for this. Due to a change in Signal procedure, "D" for "Dog" now becomes "D" for "Delta," so that although metaphorically we are left without a tail to wag, nevertheless Delta Company is looking forward to a good training year in 1956.

"H.Q." COMPANY

We always seem to be saying good-bye to people in "H.Q." Company. Since our last notes, the

Company Commander, Captain P. H. Haws, has been transferred to "B" Company, and the P.S.I., C.S.M. Hardisty, has been transferred to Civvy Street (at his own request)—good luck to them both, say we. In their places we welcome Major J. C. K. Young and C.S.M. Frier. Major Young has come to us from the Inniskillings in Northern Ireland and C.S.M. Frier from the 1st Battalion D.W.R. We hope their stay will be a happy one. We would also like to welcome C.S.M. Woodcock who has joined us from the 5th Battalion.

Evening attendance at the drill hall has been rather poor during the last quarter; however, we have had the weekend training periods, and these have been well supported. The last parade we held was on Armistice Sunday when, as we did last year, we paraded in Lindley. Unfortunately the weather was very poor and we had to go to the church in transport, but it did keep fine long enough for us to march past the Mayor of Huddersfield after the service. Before we dispersed the Ladies' Section of the British Legion kindly provided us with "Char" and "Wads."

Information filtering back from the Isle of Wight tells us that C.S.M. Hawksworth has settled down quite happily, but he decided not to rejoin the T.A.—he has taken up a more restful hobby—fishing. We hope his clock still keeps good time.

We wish all our readers—A Happy New Year.



The G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command, Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Evans, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., presenting the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to R.S.M. T. Atkinson, 7th Battalion D.W.R. (T.A.), at a Passing-Out Parade held at the Depot on November 23, 1955.

By Courtesy of the Halifax Courier and Guardian

5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Officers' Dinner Club

We are afraid that the last Leaflet was issued when we were all suffering from the strain and stress of the Regiment's re-organisation, and we omitted to make it clear that Lieutenant-Colonel S. J. E. Huxley, T.D., R.A., had resigned from Command of the Regiment owing to family reasons, and that Major A. W. R. Brook, T.D., R.A., had been appointed C.O. It was with very great regret that we said good-bye to Colonel Huxley at such a critical time in the Regiment's career; had he finished his period of Command he would undoubtedly have been one of the Commanding Officers to have been remembered for a long time. Major Brook had the unenviable task of taking over at the most difficult part of the re-organisation, and he had the greatest sympathy of all of us "in the know." We are pleased to report that he did get his promotion, if only for a few weeks before he too left.

The re-organisation has caused another well-known "figure" (one might almost say institution) to sever connections with the Regiment. Major S. W. Higgins, M.B.E., T.D., R.A. He was the first officer to be appointed to the re-formed Regiment after the War, and it can be well and truly said that no officer of the permanent staff in the last 30 years has entered, with more cheerfulness and enthusiasm, into the activities of the Regiment than Major Higgins, and all the post-war officers and men of the Regiment, members of the Dinner Club, the O.C.A., the Regiment Dance Committee, and the Annual Children's Party, owe him a debt of gratitude for his tireless work for anything to do with the Regiment. On behalf of all we say thank you to a "dyed-in-the-wool" gunner. We are glad to say that although Major Higgins has been posted to Millom, Cumberland, the Army's new Civil Defence Training School, he has still retained his home in Huddersfield; so we hope we shall continue to see him when he is on leave.

It is very hard to feel that our "Active Body" is no longer a Regiment but only a Battery, but we have heard rumours that the spirit of 1936 is still there and that the Battery is keeping up the traditions that whatever they do with the 5th Dukes it will acquit itself as well if not better than any other Unit, and by the time we meet for our Annual Dinner let us hope that Colonel Crossley, having by then seen his amalgamated Regiment in Camp, will feel that he has got a Battery of which to be proud.

We are pleased to announce that Colonel Sykes, as the Senior Honorary Colonel, of the three amalgamated Regiments, has been asked by Colonel Crossley to become the first Hon.-Colonel of the amalgamated 382 Med. Regiment, R.A. (D.W.R.) T.A., and that Colonel G. H. Akroyd, who was the Hon.-Colonel of the old 382 Med. Regiment, now becomes Hon.-Colonel in waiting. We hope that Colonel Sykes will soon be mobile again and be able to help Colonel Crossley in dovetailing the three units into our Regiment—no easy task, however willing they may all be.

Members will be sorry to hear that Captain Henry Cooper, late Quarter-Master of the Regiment, died on May 9, 1955. He came to us as R.S.M. from the Grenadier Guards in 1933, being the fourth consecutive peace-time Grenadier R.S.M. When the Regiment was converted to S/Lights, a Sapper R.S.M. was appointed and R.S.M. Cooper retired from the Regular Army and immediately rejoined the Regiment as a T.A. Sapper, was promoted Sergeant, and when Major Roberts was appointed Admin. Officer of 370 S/L Company, R.E., Sgt. Cooper was appointed Lieutenant and Q.M. in his place, and served in that capacity till the middle of the War when he finally retired and became a Home Guard Quartermaster in Huddersfield with the rank of Captain.

RETIRED OFFICER'S FUND

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11 Jan. 56

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to record the death of Major Alfred Spry Carlyon at "Riversmead," Helland Bridge, Bodmin (briefly announced in our last issue), on September 24, 1955.

Major Carlyon was born on December 7, 1879; he was the son of the late Colonel T. F. Carlyon, the 76th Regiment, and was commissioned in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, from Sandhurst on February 24, 1900. He joined the 1st Battalion in South Africa in May of that year, and served with it throughout the rest of the Boer War, taking part in the action at Rhenoster Kop, receiving the Queen's Medal with three clasps and King's Medal with two clasps. He continued to serve with the 1st Battalion in York and in India until, while on leave in England in early 1914, he was posted to the Depot, Halifax. He then joined the 2nd Battalion in France and was transferred to a Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment in 1916, and while serving with them was wounded in April 1917. He retired on March 4, 1921, with the rank of Major, and in 1925 settled at Costislost, Washaway, Cornwall.

Major Carlyon was married on October 15, 1908, to Gwendoline Young-Jamieson, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Young-Jamieson of Fowey, Cornwall, and had two sons. We offer them our sincere condolences.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. V. Le P. Trench writes: "I first met 'Curly,' as he was affectionately called by his friends, 57 years ago when he, the late Lieutenant-Colonel 'Freddy' Wellesley and I were together at Sandhurst. His father, the late Colonel T. F. Carlyon, was an old 76th officer, and had served with my uncle; and "Curly" took me once or twice to see him at Farnborough, where he lived. "Curly" came out to the 1st Battalion with a draft from the Depot, to Bloemfontein where we were halted, and he continued to serve with the Battalion until he went home on leave in 1913. I only met him once after that, when we met by chance in London in 1919. 'Curly' had a most charming and modest manner, and with a fund of rather dry wit was always good company. He was keen on all games, but his real bent was shooting and fishing, in which he excelled. His retirement to far-away Cornwall enabled him to enjoy these sports, but rather cut him off from his old friends."

We deeply regret to announce the following deaths.

Mr. A. W. Robinson, died at Nottingham, July 15, 1955. He enlisted at Plymouth in 1920 for the Band of the 1st Battalion The Royal Munster Fusiliers and transferred to the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment on the disbandment of the Irish Regiments in June, 1922. He served with the 2nd Battalion D.W.R. continuously from 1922 to 1939 until posted to the Home Establishment, and held the appointments of Band Corporal, Band Sergeant, Colour-Sergeant (C.Q.M.S.) and Warrant Officer Class II (C.S.M.). He saw service during the late war in Iceland with 1st/6th Battalion.

Whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion D.W.R. he played in the Battalion hockey and cricket teams, and represented the Sergeants' Mess at tennis and billiards. He was responsible for the build-up of the Regimental Dance Band, and his prowess as a pianist put him in great demand at Regimental functions and concerts. Commonly known as "Robbo," he was a very popular member of the 2nd Battalion, and with his passing goes a very dear friend to all who served with him.

The death occurred of Brigadier-General H. R. Headlam, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., at his home, "Cobbles," Shillingstone, Dorset, on October 25, 1955. Brigadier-General Headlam had a very distinguished military record in many parts of the world. He commanded the 1st/5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment from September 1, 1915, to June 5, 1916, when he left to command a Brigade. He has always kept up a lively interest in the 5th Battalion and was the first President of the 5th D. of W. Old Comrades' Association from 1919 to 1939. He was also a member of the 5th Battalion Officers' Dinner Club. Many officers and men of the 5th Battalion remember him with great respect and affection and he had a great influence over the Battalion.

Mr. Wilfred Cowling died on September 27, 1955, at 55 Courtway, Twickenham, aged 74. He served with the 1st Battalion from 1902 to 1920, and 15 of these years he spent in India. To his widow, Mrs. Christina Cowling, we extend our sympathy.

PERSONALIA

MARRIAGE

On July 16, Dr. D. C. L. Burges, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. L. Burges, was married to Gilian Rosemary Sayers, daughter of Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. A. F. A. Sayers, at the old church, Edgbaston, Birmingham. The Bishop of Coventry, the late Dr. Neville Gorton, officiated, assisted by the

Vicar and Canon R. F. Wilkinson, great-uncle of the bridegroom.

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Our congratulations to Major W. Skelsey, M.B.E., on being mentioned in despatches for services in Malaya between January 1 and June 30, 1955.

The following appointments have been made:

Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O., has been appointed G.O.C. Nigeria District. He will assume command in February, 1956.

Colonel R. N. H. C. Bray, C.B.E., D.S.O. (T/Major-General), Director of Land/Air Warfare at the War Office, was promoted to Major-General on October 29, 1955.

Lt.-Colonel W. A. Waller, O.B.E., M.C., has been appointed D.A. and Q.M.G., H.Q., East African Command. He takes up his appointment in April, 1956. Other officers serving in East Africa are Major W. Skelsey, M.B.E., 5th Battalion K.A.R.; Major C. C. Tedd, H.Q., East African Command; and Major (Q.M.) W. A. Hellowell, K.A.R., Depot; Major R. E. Austin is due to join 3rd Battalion K.A.R., in April 1956.

Lord Savile has been appointed a J.P. for Dewsbury.

R.S.M. Pearce, who has served with the Regiment for over 26 years and has been successively R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion and the Depot, has become landlord of a public-house located conveniently near to the Depot. May he meet with every success in his new undertaking.

Major D. H. Simonds has sent us the following extract from a Singapore paper. It is taken from

an article dealing with the reminiscences of a Mr. James Wathen, a gentleman of independent means who was visiting the various presidencies of the East India Company. He arrived in Penang in 1811.

"On a visit to Penang Hill, the upper part of which he did on foot, Wathen says: 'My attention was attracted by the noise of a great deal of turkeys near a neat cottage by the road side.

"Here dwelt an invalided sergeant of the 33rd Regiment of Foot, with a wife and family, comfortably settled, and profitably employed in breeding turkeys for sale.

"That morning he had sent fifteen to Georgetown, for each of which he expected to receive four or five dollars. He had a handsome garden, well planted with fruit trees and vegetables. . . .

"The industrious sergeant,' Wathen says, 'does not realise less than £300 per annum by the sale of his turkeys'—a goodly sum in those days."

Major Simonds writes: "I recently called into Ahmed Din's shop and had a long conversation with his nephew. The latter remembered the 2nd Battalion well and asked to be remembered to many of the officers. In particular he mentioned Brigadier Burnett and Colonel Cumberlege.

"It is nice to know that the 76th are remembered after 26 years."

The 33rd in the War of the Spanish Succession, 1702-1711

BY MAJOR R. A. SCOTT

When I was in Oxford this spring I called on that well-known military historian, Mr. C. T. Atkinson, Fellow of Exeter College, whom I had not met for many years. During our conversation he remarked that Lee, in his "History of the 33rd," had not done the Regiment justice in the War of the Spanish Succession and had omitted a good deal of their record in that war, which he, Mr. Atkinson, had studied closely when writing the history of the Royal Dragoons. Since I met him we have corresponded on the subject and on his advice I have read, in addition to Lee's "History," the "War of the Succession in Spain" by Colonel the Hon. Arthur Parnell, R.E., now out of print, but obtainable through the public libraries, Fortescue's "History of the British Army," Vol. I, and Basil William's "Stanhope," all of which show that Lee is at times incorrect.

Lee, on pages 10 and 11, says that the 33rd were at the assaults on Cadiz and Vigo in 1702. Atkinson disagrees with this. He maintains that the 33rd were the first of the newly raised Regiments

to be sent to the Netherlands and thinks that Lee is in error in saying that they did not take part in Marlborough's campaigns, as they were shown in the 1703 Order of Battle and may have taken part in the small siege of Huy that year, where their Brigadier was engaged. He adds that they had certainly gone out to the Netherlands before the year's campaign had opened and formed part of the original establishment provided by the Queen as her contribution to the Allied Army.

Parnell, who quotes his authorities for every chapter and mentions all units at every action, does not show the 33rd as being at Cadiz and Vigo in 1702.

Lee, who, in Chapter III, gives a good account of the disastrous Battle of Almanza on April 25, 1707, begins Chapter IV by stating that after Almanza the 33rd were practically non-existent, that they took no further part in the war in Spain, and did not exist until an order was issued on March 5, 1708, for re-raising the Regiment in England. This is hard to understand, for Atkinson

writes that, "after the battle Galway, the British General, and the remnant of the cavalry who had escaped, fell back on Catalonia, which was the main support of the Allied cause in Spain. He took with him all the details who had not been in the battle and was joined by a lot of stragglers who had got away, prisoners of war who had made their escape, and such like. Before long he was able to reform the four oldest Regiments who had been in the battle and soon afterwards he also reformed the next two in seniority, the 28th, now the 1st Glosters, and the 33rd. Subsequently, he drafted some of these Regiments, but retained the 6th, now the 1st Royal Warwicks, and the 33rd. Parnell says the same thing most clearly.

Both Parnell and Fortescue show the 33rd as being present at the taking of the Pass of Alfaraz (Aragon) in July, 1710, and the subsequent battle of Almenara, at the successful battle of Saragossa in August, 1710, during the advance to Madrid, and at the far from successful battle of Brigheuga (Castile) in December, 1710. During the retreat from Madrid, owing to faulty intelligence, failure to picket the heights around Brigheuga and inability

to get help from Staremberg's column in time, Stanhope and his British column of 4,500 men were surprised, surrounded and finally compelled to surrender, but not until some little time after their ammunition had run out. That was the end of the 33rd in Spain; they remained prisoners of war until after the Peace of Utrecht in April, 1711, when they were shipped over to Ireland and went on the Irish Establishment.

Lee, page 35, says: "On August, 1719, an order was issued for the 33rd and other Regiments to go to the Isle of Wight to be held in readiness for employment on sea or land. . . . The expedition in which they were to take part was destined for Spain. . . . Doubt, however, is thrown on the assertion that the Regiment took part, but Dalton says that Hawley, the Colonel of the 33rd, served with his Regiment at the expedition to Vigo in 1719."

Atkinson writes, "the 33rd certainly appears in the list of those sent from Ireland to take part in 1719 in the 'descent' upon Vigo; quite a successful minor expedition, if the opposition was not very serious and most of the losses, as the contemporary account says, were due to the vine."

Reminiscences of a Subaltern in the Boer War, 1899-1902

BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL M. V. LE POER TRENCH

9TH INSTALMENT

THE ACTION AT DRIEFONTEIN

We moved off at 5 a.m. on March 10 and marched to Abraham's Kraal. The army was moving in three columns. Our column consisting of the 6th Division under Kelly Kenny was on the left, the 7th Division and Highland Brigade were in the centre, and the remainder further south; there was also a large convoy with our column. After we had marched some way heavy firing broke out ahead, and the Buffs and Gloucesters went on to attack a line of kopjes some way on, while we and the Oxforde halted to act as escort to the convoy. A Boer gun opened upon the convoy and landed a few shells in the middle of it, causing great confusion, but not much damage was done as none of the shells burst. Our artillery were quite out-ranged and were unable to reach the gun position. We were unable to see anything of the battle, which raged furiously until about 6.30 p.m. when fire ceased, and we moved on to find the Brigade bivouacking on the battlefield. Here we heard that attacking troops had done very well, getting in with the bayonet, but had had heavy casualties. Our water carts were sent out to take water to the many

wounded still lying out until they could be brought in. We had no line of communication with the railway now, so the wounded had to be left in a temporary hospital when we moved on.

We were on the march again at 5.30 a.m. next morning. My company was on advance guard and we passed through some cultivated ground which had had water melons on it, but the cavalry had been over it and only skins were to be seen except one, which I picked up. I carried it all day, thinking of the good drink I should have from it when we got in. Imagine my disgust when on cutting it open I found it was a pumpkin. I have never been able to face one since. During a halt near a farm house flying the white flag, we saw the first inhabitants, two girls, since we left the railway a month ago. We eventually bivouacked on a large mud plain, apparently a dried-up dam, and as our transport had not turned up we had no food until 9 p.m. I was very ill in the night and the colonel made me ride his spare pony next day, March 12, for which I was thankful, as it was a very tiring march of 14 miles in sand and scrub. The bivouack that evening was at Venters Vlei, where there was a farm and a dam, said to belong to Judge Gregorowski, who had tried the Jameson raiders. We

got some potatoes from the farm, and as there was no other fuel, looted some of the judge's fencing posts to roast them, and very good they were. While here, Captain Gibbs* of the 2nd Battalion, serving with the Burma M.I., called to see us, and gave me news of my uncle, then commanding the Battalion in Rangoon. General Macdonald, commanding the Highland Brigade, also called to see Colonel Lloyd; they had served together in the Egyptian Campaign. He had been wounded at Paardeberg, and was riding with his foot in plaster of paris. He gave us the news that our cavalry had got to Bloemfontein, which was only 12 miles away, and that we were to march there next day. However, after being round very early next day (March 13) we heard we were not to move till later, so got some more sleep. The 7th and 9th Divisions moved off during the morning and we were supposed to be starting at 3 p.m. But after several changes of orders we eventually got off at 11.45 p.m., acting as escort to the last portion of the immense convoy which covered about seven miles. Our own transport had gone on ahead so we had no blankets or greatcoats, and as dusk came on it began to rain and we had a miserable time waiting to move off. It was a nightmarish night, pitch dark, pouring with rain, and we were strung out in single file alongside the wagons, stumbling into holes or tripping over ant-heaps with frequent halts. After about eight miles of this we were halted and lay down in pools of water, so dog-tired that, though drenched to the skin in our thin khaki drill and very cold, we slept on till roused at daylight.

ENTRY INTO BLOEMFONTEIN

March 14

Very soon the sun rose and we began to dry out and feel happier. About four miles further on we reached Bran Dam Kop, where the rest of the Brigade was assembled, and just as the cooks had started fires to get us some breakfast we had orders to move on again with the whole Division to Bloemfontein. Colonel Lloyd protested that we had had no food after a gruelling night's march, but the staff officer who brought the order said that we had to go on, and that it was only three miles to the town. Our drums and bugles were got off the transport wagons, which were now with us, and our buglers practised as we went along so as to play us into Bloemfontein.

After marching over a kopje we came in view of the town, lying in a broad valley. It proved to be a good seven miles by the time we reached it, and we were all very tired and footsore; many of the men's boots were completely worn out, and they had tied their puttees round their feet, while all our uniforms were torn and dirty, some being in rags. At about 1 p.m. we entered the town with our drums and bugles playing a quick step, and it was remarkable how everyone made a great effort to step our smartly, and keep in fours at correct distances. A number of people lined the route;

the Dutch seemed in a minority and the English residents gave us a great reception, many holding out loaves of bread and cups of water to the men, with remarks such as "Thank God you have come at last." As we passed the Raadzal (the Government building) an English parson and some ladies were standing and I heard one of the latter say, "Poor things, what a time they have had," while another, pointing at me, exclaimed, "What a shame, look at that boy, he cannot be more than eighteen!" Our Division camped on the north side of the town, and General Kelly Kenny watched us march in.

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JOHN GRIFFIN - GRIFFIN
Colonel of the 33rd Regiment 1760-1766

JOHN GRIFFIN-GRIFFIN, 1719-97

Lord Howard de Walden, 1784 First Baron Braybrooke, 1788

By J. W. HAYES

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John Griffin-Griffin, Colonel of the 33rd Regiment, 1760-66, was a soldier not without distinction who became a field-marshal and a peer of the realm. Yet few in the Regiment can recall his name, let alone his achievements.

In an age in which landed property and wealth inevitably bred influence, or "interest" as the language of the day had it, John Griffin-Griffin had the good fortune to be born into the right circle and, even more important, at the right time. He was born not a Griffin, but a Whitwell, being the eldest son of a Northamptonshire gentleman, John Whitwell, of Oundle, who had married a daughter of the second Lord Griffin.

The Griffin estates in Northamptonshire were left without a master when the third and last Lord Griffin died in 1742 without a direct heir-male. Of his two sisters, only the younger had children. John, as the eldest son of Anne Whitwell, the younger sister, became the head of the Griffin family. The elder sister, Elizabeth, Countess of Portsmouth, who had (as we shall see) in part inherited, in part acquired, the Audley End estates Essex, left no issue by either of her two husbands. Her first husband's estates she left to his nephew, and her Essex estates she left to her own favourite nephew, our John Griffin Whitwell. John was thus the favoured child of fortune.

In 1749, on his marriage, the Countess settled on him her share of the estate, to which she added the house, Audley End, after she purchased it in 1751. He had already succeeded to the Griffin estates (changing his name to Griffin) and here was promise of something greater. Here was a man of broad acres and noble descent, "a man of p-r-o-r-erty," as Puff's old father would have said.

A word on Elizabeth Griffin, Countess of Portsmouth, would not come amiss, since to her John Griffin-Griffin owed so much of his good fortune. That he was not unappreciative is shown by a note recording her death on August 13, 1762. "I have just suffered the loss of the best Friend Man was ever blessed with, by the Death of Lady Portsmouth." She was one of the three surviving descendants of the third Earl of Suffolk, owner of Audley End, a great mansion in north-west Essex which had cost £200,000 to build in 1616, but which had since fallen on evil days consequent on the decline of its noble owners.

When the tenth and last Earl of Suffolk died in 1745, the estate was seized by the Earl of Effingham,

whose claim derived from the seventh earl. After an exciting suit in Chancery, the verdict was given to the descendants of the third earl, and the estate was divided up between the three claimants, Lord Hervey on the one hand, the Countess and her younger sister, our John's mother, on the other. Unfortunately, this verdict related only to the estate. The house and parkland were held to belong to the Earl of Effingham. Elizabeth, Countess of Portsmouth, was a determined woman: she set her mind on buying the delapidated mansion from the Earl, and finally in 1751 she bought the whole for £10,000, of which the house was estimated to have cost only £3,000. This figure gives eloquent testimony to the decay which had set into the fabric. Dealers in demolition had come to view its prospects, but one by one had shaken their heads and walked away. Elizabeth decided to rebuild the ruined house, but she got little farther than knocking more of it to the ground. It was left to our Sir John to rebuild the place.

Meanwhile, his professional career had gone forward. He had entered the 3rd Regiment of Foot Guards in 1739 at the age of twenty, and by the time of his marriage ten years later he was a captain and lieutenant-colonel with several campaigns in Flanders to his credit. He passed all 20 years of his regimental service with the 3rd Guards until, in 1759, he was given the colonelcy of the 50th Regiment. From thence he passed the following year to the 33rd, where he succeeded Lord Charles Hay, concerning whom an article will appear in a future number of THE IRON DUKE. In 1758 he had had another taste of active service, when he served with the disastrous expedition to St. Cast, commanding the Grenadier Companies in the rearguard action which covered the re-embarkation of the troops. He was therefore by no means a soldier of no experience, but an old campaigner when he took over the 33rd.

So far he seems to have been fortunate in his martial activities in having escaped injury. His good fortune in this respect was shortly to desert him. After commanding a brigade in Germany in the campaign of 1760*—to the great satisfaction of his superiors, it would appear—he had the mis-

* His Letter of Service appointing him Major-General to the forces in Germany, with one A.D.C., is to be seen in the Essex Record Office. The 33rd went out at this time also, as one of the six infantry battalions of the "Glorious Reinforcement". It was in the field beside him.

fortune to be severely wounded in the last action of the campaign before the Army retired to its winter quarters. This was in the hard-fought action of Klosterkampen. He received a gunshot wound above the knee, as well as being bayoneted by a British soldier who, on hearing him speaking French in the dark, mistook him for an enemy! What Sir John said is not on record! This put a stop to his campaigning. When he was summoned to be invested with the K.B. in March, 1761, he wrote to Lord Bute, the Prime Minister, requesting to be allowed to attend on his crutches; and when it became evident that his wound would not admit of his returning to Germany for the coming campaign, he wrote to Lord Ligonier, the Commander-in-Chief, to represent his inability to serve to His Majesty. "I am really distress'd about It, but yr Lordship will allow that in Justice to the Service and to Myself It would ill become Me to undertake What there's no Probability of my being able to perform." Thus quoth Sir John. His active campaigning now finished for good, he was able to turn his considerable energies to more peaceful channels.

With the rebuilding of Audley End and the restoration of its commanding place in the social and economic life of north-west Essex this article is not concerned. (Readers may find all they wish to know in an interesting and admirably written study of Audley End and its owners by William Addison, published by Dent in 1953). Suffice it that we remember that its rebuilding was entirely due to Sir John, who spent £100,000 on the task, concentrated in two great waves of building, in the 'sixties and again in the 'eighties, the first being principally concerned with structure and gardens, and the second more with the interior and furnishings. He gradually increased his parkland, much of which had belonged to Lord Hervey, the third claimant. I can do no better than quote Mr. Addison (p. 125), "And when his work was completed, Lord Howard [as he had become in 1784] was able to walk round his five manors without treading on anyone else's land, while at home he had seven miles of walks in his own pleasure grounds, requiring twelve gardeners to keep them mown, together with seven acres of kitchen gardens for the supply of his household." In truth, he was indeed "a man of p-r-o-r-perty"!

What of Sir John, the man? The pervading influence of his noble ancestry and his broad acres is evident in all his surviving letters, some 180 of which are deposited in the Essex County Record Office at Chelmsford. He was a man who took himself and his life seriously. "There was no wayward shadow of genius about him. He was orthodox, conventional, punctilious, and therefore typical of the greater part of the ruling class of his age." His letters are stamped with dignity and sincerity. With his noble ancestry, his great house, and large estates he considered himself a worthy applicant for a peerage. Writing on this topic to William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, with whom he was ever on amicable terms, he observes, with pleasing turn of phrase, "I am ready to persuade Myself your Lordship will not blame, nor think my

Ambition ill-placed, if with the Fortune that is deriv'd from my Ancestors, I should earnestly wish to share Some of their Honours." His ancestors he appreciated. In the Saloon at Audley End, the most beautiful room in the house, he placed an inscription which states that he refitted the Saloon "to commemorate the noble Families through whom, with gratitude, he holds these Possessions."

It is unfortunate that among the 90-odd letters from the period 1753-69 none deal with matters relating to the 33rd. Much that might have diverted us has been lost. On the other hand, some seven or eight letters from the year 1765 deal with an unsuccessful attempt to get him removed from the 33rd to the colonelcy of a regiment of Dragoons, which was a more lucrative appointment than that of a regiment of Foot. They illustrate the bent of Sir John's mind, and the importance of his weight in political circles. [He had been a Whig Member for Andover since 1749.]

General Conway, one of the Secretaries of State, wrote to him saying that two regiments of Dragoons, one Irish and one English, and also the single governorship of two Scottish forts were vacant, and that he should certainly have something. Sir John was a supporter of this administration. Unfortunately, Conway, to his horror, discovered that there was no choice at all, the King having, behind his ministers' backs, already promised the English Dragoons and the Scottish forts elsewhere! All that was left was the Irish Dragoons, which Sir John did not want. What really nettled him was the fact that General Studholme Hodgson, his junior, had got the forts. This in itself was bad; but, in his opinion, it was doubly so, since he had already seen Hodgson preferred before him, having stepped into the latter's shoes when he got the 50th Regiment. In high dudgeon he declined to have anything to do with the Irish Dragoons, there being "that justice Due to a Man's self, that he cant forbear feeling when things of this kind happen and which he is not conscious of having deserved."

It was now the turn of the politicians to get alarmed. Sir John must be placated; but how? Conway wrote to him, begging him to accept the Irish regiment on the understanding that he should get the next vacant regiment on the English establishment. "I shou'd be particularly happy that you shou'd us so much friendship as not to let the world say you were among the refusers and for our sakes among the dissatisfied which I feel wou'd with Justice hurt us," etc. Rockingham, the Prime Minister, after fruitlessly seeking him in Town, wrote post-haste after him in the same strain, "My dear Sir John . . ." But, despite such blandishments from his friends, Sir John stood firm. His personal honour was involved; he would not have the Irish Dragoons. After this terrible rumpus, it is gratifying to record that the following year he was removed to the command of the 1st Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards (a corps disbanded in 1788). With this transfer his connection with the 33rd was broken, not to be renewed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION, THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT

HELD AT HALIFAX ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1955

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

The Chairman welcomes those present and declared the meeting open at 1730 hours.

MINUTES

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary read his report of the previous year's working of the Association.

ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts of the Association were produced and circulated amongst the members present. They were passed unanimously. (A summary of the accounting system had been given by the Secretary in his report.)

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

1. At a meeting of the Management Committee held at Halifax on Saturday, September 24, 1955, it was decided to request the Annual General Meeting to approve the amendments to rules referred to in paragraph 6 below. The reasons for the changes are as follows.

2. It was originally envisaged the full control of the Association's finances would be vested in the Management Committee. The Management Committee has authority to delegate powers to the Finance Committee, who, it was visualised, would be primarily interested in case work. Because of this, the members of the Finance Committee were selected almost entirely from persons resident in Halifax.

3. It is now proposed that the Management Committee should vest full financial control in the Finance Committee. If this is accepted, it is advisable that the Finance Committee should be more widely based and increased in size. It is suggested it should be not less than nine in number; the quorum which is at present three should be increased to five.

4. In order to deal with case work a sub-committee of the Finance Committee will be formed. It will consist of four individuals and the quorum for a meeting will be two.

5. It is considered that, in future, Regimental Association affairs will be conducted as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>No. of meetings</i>
Management	Not less than two a year
Finance	Once a quarter
Case Sub	Weekly or as required

6. Amendments will be required to the rules as follows:

- (i) Rule 20, line 2, for "four" substitute "two."
- (ii) Rule, 27, line 2, for "five" substitute "nine."
- (iii) Rule 27. Delete second line; substitute "not less than once a quarter."
- (iv) Rule 28, line 2, for "three" substitute "five."
- (v) Rule 28A. Insert new rule:

Case Sub-Committee. The Finance Committee will nominate not less than three of their members to form a Case Sub-Committee. A quorum will be two members of the Sub-Committee, who will have power to make grants of up to £25 in any one case. The Sub-Committee is not authorised to make loans or to incur any expenditure of a recurring nature.

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After some discussion the meeting agreed to the amendments and passed them unanimously.

BRANCH BANNERS

The Secretary explained the outcome of a recent visit to two London firms specialising in standard and banner manufacture. Mr. Code informed the meeting that the superior type of banner suggested by some branches would be much too expensive and that we should have to think in terms of something much cheaper—possibly in the region of £30 or so—as opposed to the £150 quoted by the two firms for the former type.

At this point the Chairman threw the question open to discussion by the members. It appeared that some members wondered whether branch banners were not an unnecessary expense, but that if we decided to have them then banners of type already in possession of the Secretary at R.H.Q. should be good enough, *i.e.* without embellishments or indication of branch origin. The Chairman was also of the opinion that we should explore the merits of the cheaper kind and the possibility of the branches assisting with their provision. Finally, it was left to the Committee to go into the question with branches at an early date.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

General Christison wound up the meeting by saying we had another successful year to look back on from the point of view of Association activities. We were financially sound and, thanks to the work of the various Committees, the service and case work amongst our own ex-Servicemen was of a high order.

There being no other competent business to transact, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

REUNION DINNER

Once again we have pleasure in reporting a good attendance at this annual gathering which appears to gain in popularity as time goes on. About 300 members and their wives sat down to an excellent meal in a jovial atmosphere one always associates with Regimental occasions. It is one official function where everybody is happy and pleased to meet everybody else. This year saw a few well-remembered faces of yesterday present themselves here for the first time since the last war. We know they had a good time over the weekend, for we saw "Jigger" Lee, Sammy Broadbent and George Jackson along with one or two others on the Sunday morning.

All Branches attended in some force, except Gosport, who could not make it this time; we hope to see them at the next Reunion.

The Colonel of the Regiment gave the loyal toast and Lieutenant-Colonel Moran, commanding 1st Battalion, the toast of the Regiment, before which he told us something about the activities of the 1st Battalion at Gibraltar. He also informed us that the Battalion would be granted new Colours in 1956 and that the old ones would be laid up here

in the parish church. He said more details would be forthcoming later, but took the opportunity of inviting all Old Comrades to these ceremonies and said they would be most welcome. (Incidentally, as soon as firm dates, etc., are known, arrangements will be put in hand to run coaches from the north for as many members as possible who desire to take part in the new Colours ceremony. At the same time we hope to give information about the laying-up service here at Halifax).

General Christison, responding to the toast of the Regiment, said he wished, on behalf of all members, to welcome the 1st Battalion on its return to the United Kingdom from Korea and Gibraltar. He went on to say much had happened since the day in September, 1952, when the Battalion had sailed to Korea. The Colonel of the Regiment reminded all of the part the Battalion had played in the Battle of the Hook, where the highest traditions of the Regiment had been most worthily upheld, there and throughout the Battalion's stay in Korea. In Gibraltar they had seen the Battalion at its best under peace-time conditions, winning the goodwill and approval of the populace, sweeping the board at sport and shooting, and putting up an excellent show trooping the Colour. Perhaps the most memorable event in Gibraltar was the part the Battalion took during the visit of Her Majesty The Queen, her husband and children to the Rock. On this historic occasion the "Dukes" were in the centre of the parade and review by Her Majesty, at which all four Colours of the Regiment were paraded; this was a rare occasion and a great privilege for those taking part in the parade.

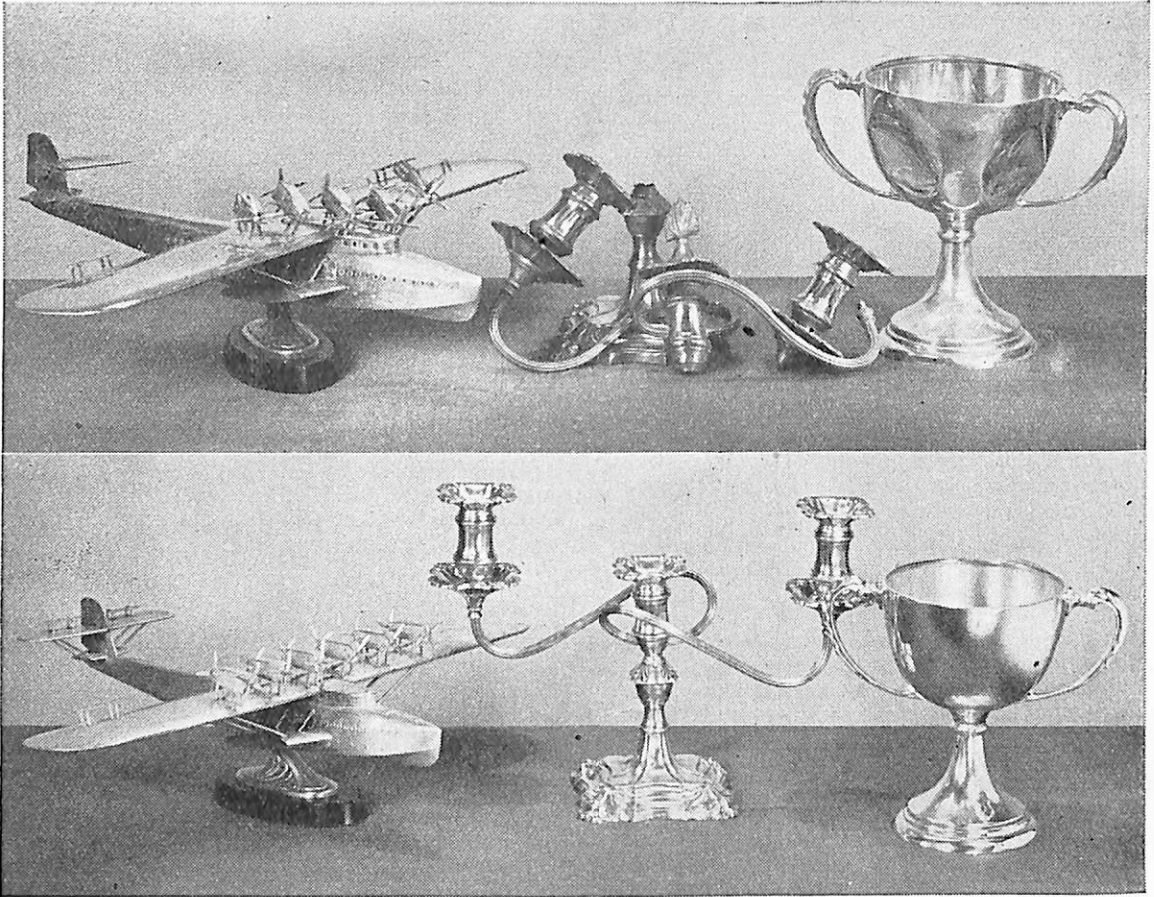
After the dinner everybody congregated in the gymnasium; there to circulate and seek out old friends and to make new ones. The bar and its vicinity is, of course, a perfect bable of conversation and back-slapping *bonhomie* on these occasions with tales old and new to be retold and retailed. Besides those actually attending the dinner, we usually have another 100 or so who for different reasons cannot get to the meal but manage to turn up afterwards, which makes it a pretty full house by about 10 p.m. We still have room for more and, should these notes catch the eye of any of our old acquaintances who have not been able to attend a reunion dinner so far, we hope they will try to make it next year. There is always somebody enquiring about *you*.

The weekend finished as usual with the Sheffield Branch leaving barracks at about 6 p.m. on Sunday. These chaps are like the swallows in Halifax—settle here for two days and then fly away until next year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the previous year's working of the Association and, in this connection, I should like to deal with case work first as it is perhaps our primary object.



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CASE WORK

During the past year we have received 188 appeals for financial assistance. Of this figure, 144 were assisted; the remaining 44 were either turned down as not worthy of assistance or were not recommended by the investigating body when looked into. Details of the cases assisted are as follows: 62 were helped from the O.C.A. (1st and 2nd Battalions) Fund and 82 from the Regimental Association Fund; amounts paid out were £380 11s. 9d. and £544 16s. 7d., respectively, giving a total of £925 8s. 4d. paid out on direct benevolence. These figures indicate that the average amount paid out on cases was £7. A comparison with last year's figures reveals we paid out about £300 less from the O.C.A. Funds but about £200 more from the Regimental Association Fund, from which it will be seen about £100 less has been disbursed this year in grants. Included in the above summary are refunds from the Officers' Association amounting to £36 8s. 0d.

The types of problems encountered by your Case Committee do not vary greatly from year to year; they mainly arise from the neglect to save when in full employment and from indiscriminate hire-purchase commitments. Young couples setting up house for the first time shoulder enormous h.p. burdens either through slick salesmanship at the shop or not just stopping to consider for a moment what they are letting themselves in for. Consequently, if sickness or a spell of unemployment comes along, they are in trouble straight away. At one period during this last year the Committee had to cut back drastically on h.p. cases because of the many such appeals coming in. Although the majority of the Case Committee's work concerns the disbursement of charitable grants to the needy, they also deal with advice and personal service by putting applicants in touch with the various welfare organisations up and down the country dealing with their particular troubles. The Case Committee meets weekly or as often as required to deal with cases presenting themselves for assistance. Before a case is considered by the Committee it has been thoroughly looked into by the various voluntary bodies specialising in this kind of work such as S.S.A.F.A., Forces Help Society, British Red Cross and British Legion; we also take advantage of utilising our own Regimental agents, wherever they exist, to look up cases and report on them. As an example of Regimental agents' work I mention only two, although all our Branch Secretaries carry out these duties, too. They are Mr. Butterworth of the London Branch and Major James of Manchester. Major James has put in a lot of time going round cases in his area, whilst Mr. Butterworth has made a total of 35 visits all over London to ex-members of the Regiment sick at home and in hospital. We can all imagine the pleasure with which they are received by these people realising they have not been forgotten. We hope to have accredited agents in all large towns as time goes on, for we consider the personal touch to be the greatest asset in Regimental benevolent work.

INSTITUTIONS

Grants totalling £95 19s. 0d. have been disbursed this year amongst the various institutions we support. This represents a decrease on last year's figure by £10 6s. 0d. Recently we reviewed our payments out in this direction, with the result that, although some organisations will benefit by receiving a slightly larger grant, others will cease to benefit at all. Those receiving more are S.S.A.F.A. (up from two guineas to five guineas) and the R.F.E.A. Association (stepped up to £20 from £15 p.a.). We have decided to cease paying the following: R. Drummond Orphaned Soldiers' Daughters' Homes (£6 p.a.), Corps of Commissioners (£4 p.a.), Netley Royal Victoria Hospital (£2 2s. 0d.) and the U.J.C. (£2 2s. 0d. p.a.). This decision was only taken after careful consideration by the Committee and after the Secretary had reported that we had heard nothing from these organisations for many years; in the case of the U.J.C., inquiry had shown that they received a per capital grant from the central funds of the three fighting services and it was felt that the club did not really need a donation from us any longer.

PENSIONS GRANTS

There have been no additions to the pension list since my last report. Recently all pensions were reviewed by the Finance Committee and it was decided that such grants would be looked at annually. The reason for this step was that in some cases pensions had been paid to individuals for many years and it was thought that the need for it may have diminished; the Committee have now agreed that pension grants would only be allotted for one year and that each case would be considered on its merits before re-allocation. As a result of the recent review, one pension had been withdrawn because the recipient was now in possession of an adequate income. The fact that a pension had been withdrawn for any reason considered just by the Committee did not preclude the individual concerned from applying again should his or her circumstances worsen at any time in the future.

We have had two decreases from the pension list through death of the recipients and in this connection I refer to Mrs. A. Butterworth, Greaseborough, Yorks, and Mrs. A. L. Brennan, Shipley, Yorks. Both had held the O.C.A. pension for a number of years before their deaths; we extend our sympathy to their relatives.

The total amount paid from O.C.A. Funds to pensioners amounted to £318 during the year under review.

ACCOUNTS

Herewith a short account showing the state of the funds to the nearest pound:

<i>Income from all sources</i>		
Old Comrades Association Fund	£	780
Regimental Association Fund		1,406
General Account (transferred from O.C.A. General Account)		737

<i>Expenditure</i>	
Old Comrades' Association Fund	857
Regimental Association Fund	1,352
General Fund Account	5

<i>State of Accounts</i>	
Old Comrades Association Fund (excess of expenditure over income)	76
Regimental Association Fund (excess of income over expenditure)	53
General Fund Account (excess of income over expenditure)	731

Those members who take an interest in the accounts of the Association as published yearly in THE IRON DUKE will observe this year they have been given a "new look," as all subsidiary accounts in the O.C.A. section have been "closed up" into one main account. Items like the suspense account and the old Leeds and District account have been written off and will not appear again, as they have been absorbed into the main account. The old general account in the O.C.A. funds have been transferred into the new General Account as shown above. This has caused the O.C.A. balance to show an excess of expenditure over income; the account is not really over-spent because the money has been transferred to the new General Account, which will, in future, cater for all expenditure *not* of a benevolent nature. We separated the accounts in such a way that, in future, only money for direct benevolence will be paid out of the trust funds, *i.e.* the Old Comrades' and Regimental Association Funds; expenditure on ordinary administrative items will come from the General Account. Under the old system the accounts were cumbersome and difficult for the layman to understand; future published accounts will have a much simpler layout and will be easy to follow.

I present herewith two audited copies of our accounts for the perusal of members attending the meeting. For those not here today our accounts are now in course of publication in the Regimental magazine, where they will see a full and detailed edition of the Association's accounts. If anybody would like to ask any relevant questions on the accounts, as now presented, I shall be happy to try and answer them.

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

Once again we have had a reimbursement from the A.B.F.; this year it amounted to £500. Not as much as formerly, but, as it happened, sufficient for our needs. Whilst on the subject of A.B.F. grants I think I should explain the position regarding these grants. To refresh the minds of those who know how this fund originated and to inform those who do not know, the accrued money from excess N.A.A.F.I. profits and money from disbanded units after the second world war went into a central fund which became the Army Benevolent Fund, having as its main objects the secure financial support of those organisations, particularly Regimental Associations which deal with the needs of the individual soldier (and his dependants) who served, or are serving, in Her Majesty's Army, and to receive subscriptions, donations, bequests or

gifts of property given in aid of the fund. Block grants are made to those regimental and other charities which satisfy the trustees that they are economically and efficiently run but cannot meet the legitimate demands made upon them. This method ensures that the money is spent to the best advantage by those who are in touch with the applicants and in the best position to assess their needs. But there are very large calls on the asset of the A.B.F., and at a recent meeting of Secretaries of the Northern Group of Regimental Associations we were told that future allocations to Regimental Associations, etc., would gradually diminish in size. We were given to understand that the trustees of the A.B.F. had planned to give grants on a gradually diminishing scale for not longer than the next 10 or 15 years. After that time had elapsed it was very possible we should be on our own and, if we wanted to carry on Regimental benevolence on the same scale as at present, we should have to cast about for means to raise money for that purpose. We have, of course, always catered for the future by investing any surplus money left over after the year's working, but forewarned is forearmed, and from now on we should be looking for ideas to raise money for investment.

O.C.A. AND REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Only two members have completed their Life Membership to the O.C.A. this year. This is no reflection on the O.C.A., as the only people who can become full Life Members of the O.C.A. are in-between-the-wars' Regular soldier who for various reasons did not complete his L.M. subscriptions and now wishes to do so.

The Regimental Association continues to acquire new members, but in nothing like the numbers it should do. Only about 60 new members have been added to our books this year—mainly from the 1st Battalion. The Committee are most anxious that all members, of the Regiment should avail themselves of Association membership; they feel that the work the Association does for the needy ex-Serviceman and his dependants merits recognition and backing by all connected with the Regiment, and this can best be done by explaining the objects of the Association to individuals and getting them to join.

Paradoxically enough, most of our applicants for assistance are non-members, but we hope that when better times come for them they too will join the Association. May I ask that in this next year every full member of the Association will take unto himself the task of recruiting at least one new member, and let us have a bumper increase in membership to record next year.

BRANCHES

We have another new branch in being and another in the offing. Since our last notes Halifax members have formed their own branch under the chairmanship of Mr. F. Stringer, ably assisted by R.S.M. Pearce of the Depot. We are pleased to report the Branch is well and truly established, having about 40 members on its books and all paying ones at that. It is envisaged that several functions will be held

in the near future to consolidate the work already done and, if this should catch the eye of any ex-"Duke" in the Halifax area interested in Old Comradeship, he will be very welcome on the first Wednesday night in each month at 8 p.m. at the sign of the old "Boar's Head," Southgate, Halifax. The Branch referred to above as being halfway to being formed is Huddersfield. Colonel Haighton, C.O. of the 7th Battalion, has very kindly undertaken to form a Huddersfield and District Branch, catering for the 7th Battalion and any ex-member of the Regiment. It is hoped all interested ex-members of the "Dukes" will contact Colonel Haighton and give him every support in his endeavours; we have long wanted a Branch in this very "Dukes" minded town and now is the chance.

Existing Branches continue to flourish with varying success. Some find it difficult to encourage enough members to attend meetings to make it really worthwhile, whilst others well enough supported by their "Old Guard" complain they cannot get the younger ex-"Dukes" into the fold. The same difficulty is being experienced by other associations and organisations. The British Legion, for example, report a falling off in many Branches. Of course, other people's difficulties do not solve ours; the only way to improve Branch membership is to get people interested and to do that we must think of some way to attract them. Whilst we cannot compete with Marilyn Monroe at the local "flicks," I think more Branch functions and entertainments might help. That—and each member dedicating himself to bring along a new chap to the first show would start the pendulum swinging. However, the next Management Committee meeting is going to deal with Branch organisation generally and, if anybody has any ideas he thinks will help to make Branches go, we shall be willing to listen to him.

NEW RULE BOOKS

These are now available for issue to fully paid-up members only and are obtainable from the General Secretary. Bound in maroon material with the Regimental Badge in gold embellishment on the front, they correspond roughly in size to a Part 1 paybook. Members will find they answer all questions relevant to the set-up and administration of the Associations. Those applying for them should supply their Regimental number, rank, name, etc., and old O.C.A. or R.A. number.

1ST BATTALION

From all reports in the national and local Press we have read with pride and satisfaction of the achievements of the Battalion in Gibraltar in the field of sport and the many ceremonial duties that befell their lot whilst garrisoning the Rock. We, the Old Comrades, wish to take this opportunity of registering our pleasure on hearing of these achievements and extend to them a hearty welcome on their return once again to the United Kingdom.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, my Committee once again wish

to thank all those ladies and gentlemen of S.S.A.F.A. and kindred bodies who have, in their honorary capacity, given their time so freely in the investigation of our cases and for almonising on our behalf. We also wish to thank our Hon. Auditors for so kindly auditing our accounts and for their guidance in financial matters. Messrs. Whitham and Turney have audited our accounts since 1918 and they have always taken a great interest, not only in the accounts, etc., but in the Regiment generally.

Again we must, we feel, vote a special word of thanks to Major Driver, our Hon. Solicitor, for his work in connection with the legal side of the Association. For five years he has worked hard getting our trusts, rules and deeds in proper order. The Committee now feel we have a set of rules and regulations that are broadly based and cater for all contingencies in the field of welfare.

Lastly, but certainly not the least important people in our organisation, we should like to thank all our Branch Hon. Secretaries. Without their hard work and enthusiasm, the Branches could not go on. Re-elected year after year, they uncomplainingly run the Branches and so keep alive the spirit of comradeship that is the main strength of the Old Comrades' movement; for that and their friendly co-operation with Regimental H.Q. in all matters affecting Old Comradeship we very sincerely thank them.

6th BATTALION O.C.A.

Veterans of both world wars gathered at the Devonshire Hotel, on Saturday, on the occasion of the annual meeting and dinner of the 6th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Old Comrades Association.

The annual report was presented by the secretary and treasurer, Captain H. J. Lawson (Skipton). Officers re-elected were President, Colonel F. Longden Smith; chairman, Major H. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Captain Lawson.

Committee: Messrs. J. Garlick, J. Bateson, J. Fennerty, E. Sharpe, W. D. Ogdan, A. Wear and P. Fletcher.

At the dinner which followed the meeting, 121 were present, including Major R. Wood (Leeds), former secretary for many years, and Lieutenant-Colonel F. Crossley, O.C. 382 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, from Halifax.

A Haworth man, Mr. B. K. Toothill (80), was probably the oldest soldier present. He fought in France in the 1914-18 war and gained the rank of C.Q.M.S. He was a well-known rifle shot.

Colonel Longden Smith presided at the dinner, and proposed the loyal toast. He called upon Colonel Crossley to propose the health of the Old Comrades Association. Colonel Crossley explained the present constitution of the Territorial Army in the area and plans for the future. He remarked how pleased he had been to accept an invitation to their dinner, and what a grand sight it was to see so many people present, particularly so in the case of 1939-45 war soldiers, of whom there were more than ever before.

In reply, Colonel Smith said that, in view of the reorganisation, H.Q. would have no further need of the Battalion Colours, and he thought it would be fitting to have a simple ceremony and put them in the Skipton Parish Church. This remark received the wholehearted support of all those present.

Colonel Smith said he was pleased to see so many old faces. Some of them were a little balder, others a little greyer, but they could all still smile, and it was this latter quality which was most important.

He thanked Major Dixon for his work as chairman and Captain Lawson for his work as secretary, and mentioned Major Wood, who, although he was there as a guest, would never be a guest to him but rather an old friend.

10th BATTALION O.C.A.

The value and permanence of comradeship forged in the heat of battle was the keynote of the speeches at the 1955 reunion of the 10th (Service) Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, O.C.A. at the Market Tavern Hotel, Bradford, on Saturday, October 22, 1955, when Lt. M. A. S. Wood, M.C. (Bradford), chairman of the Association, presided over a gathering of 79 guests.

He said that, when he read of the exploits of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment at the Battle of the Hook during the war in Korea, he felt the 10th Battalion had a much greater and closer feeling of comradeship with their present-day successors in

the Regiment because, in their own case, the principal reason why their reunions continued was because of the spirit developed between all ranks of the Battalion in France, Belgium and Italy in the 1914-18 war.

Proposing the health of the 10th Battalion O.C.A., Lieutenant-Colonel R. de La H. Moran, commanding the 1st Battalion at Chiseldon Camp, Wiltshire, said that whenever men of his unit were leaving he always told them to remember that the fighting in Korea constituted a momentous period in their lives and that they should not forget the friendships made with the men who fought alongside them. Friendships forged in battle were great and deep and, as he looked round the strong gathering of former officers and men of the 10th Battalion, he realised that they were quite determined that the type of friendship to which he had referred would never die or fade away as old soldiers were supposed to do.

The 10th Battalion, he said, had worthily upheld the finest traditions of the Duke of Wellington and the Army in the Great War. That spirit, he thought, was discovered more when the histories of the various Battalions of the Regiment were read. He had been supplied with a history of the 10th Battalion and when he read it it gave him a tremendous interest because he had not previously realised how well the unit had conducted itself throughout the first world war. That history was being passed round the 1st Battalion for all ranks to read.

The 1st Battalion, said Colonel Moran, now

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formed part of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division. In the last war the Battalion fought throughout hostilities with the 3rd Brigade and they were glad they were back with the formation.

Next year the Colonel of the Regiment (General Sir Philip Christison) intended presenting new Colours to the 1st Battalion, and he (Colonel Moran) hoped that representatives of the 10th Battalion would find it possible to be present.

Among those attending the reunion were Major J. C. Bull (Winchester), Major A. C. S. Savory (commanding the Depot, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Halifax), Mr. S. E. Code (Secretary of the Regimental Association), Captain S. Currington (London), Captain R. Bolton (Surrey), Captain F. H. Baume (Staffordshire), Captain R. S. S. Ingram (Surrey), the Archdeacon of Craven (the Ven. T. J. Williams, a former padre of the 10th Battalion), Lt. C. W. Wildy (Surrey) and other officers and men from various parts of Yorkshire and Lancashire.

A message of loyalty and affection was sent to Her Majesty the Queen, who graciously replied.

Before the reunion, officers and men assembled at the cenotaph in Victoria Square, Bradford, where the chairman laid a wreath in memory of members of the Battalion who gave their lives in the Great War. Subsequently the annual meeting was held, at which the chairman, the hon. treasurer (Mr. Walter Barker), the hon. auditor (Mr. D. R. Auty), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. R. Goodchild) and the committee were re-elected.

PERSONALIA

Lt. S. B. Airey, of Skipton, who served with the 10th (Service) Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in the Great War, 1914-18, retired on Saturday, October 29, 1955, after 28 years' service as rent collector to the Skipton U.D.C. Presentations were made to him by tenants on local housing estates. When he took up his post there were only 100 council houses in Skipton; today there are over 1,000. Lt. Airey is a well-known breeder of Pekin Bantams.

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