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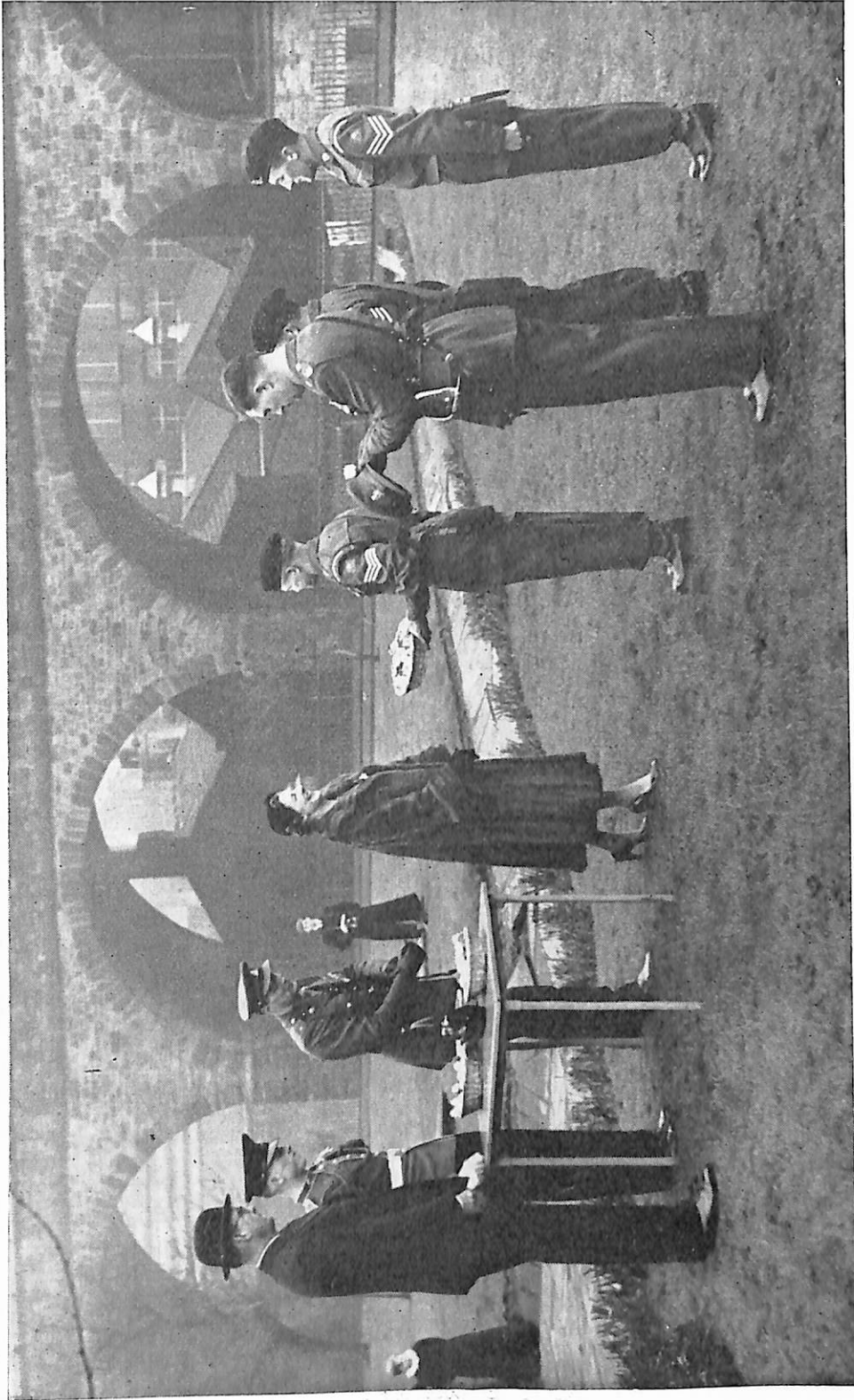
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REGIMENTAL DEPOT ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE, HALIFAX, 22 APRIL 1956

Lady Bucher presenting white roses to Sergeant Mouncastle. Also shown in the photograph are General Sir Roy Bucher, K.B.E., C.B., M.C., Major A. C. S. Savory, Major J. L. Streatfield, M.C., and Sergeant Pratt.

EDITORIAL

The outstanding event of the past quarter has of course been the Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion by His Grace The Duke of Wellington at Chisleton. Dukes from all parts of England assembled for the occasion and they witnessed—in the words of Sir Philip Christison: “a superb performance.” From every quarter—from comparative strangers as well as from those most severe and informed critics, the old guard, came expressions of admiration and pride in the achievements of the younger generation. The steadiness of the parade, the precision of the drill movements, and the superb music combined to provide a spectacle, which those lucky enough to be there will not easily forget. Nor will they forget the hospitality which followed on a scale worthy of the occasion and the regimental traditions. All their guests will wish to congratulate the 1st Battalion on their splendid display and to thank them for a day of unalloyed pleasure.

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A pictorial record has been compiled by the Battalion and is bound in the centre of this number, so that it can be readily detached by those who wish to keep it as a memento of the occasion. The rest of THE IRON DUKE has been curtailed somewhat to provide room for the supplement, and one or two articles have been held over to the next issue.

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The following battle honours have been allotted to the Regiment and emblazoned on the new Colours. They have also been added to those appearing on the title-page: North-West Europe 1940, 1944-45; Dunkirk 1940; St. Valery-en-Caux; Fontenay-le-Pesnil; Djeboul Bou Aoukaz 1943; Anzio; Monte Ceco; Burma 1942, 1943, 1944; Sittang 1942; Chindits 1944.

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A lynx-eyed reader, Sgt. J. E. Morley, draws attention to the spelling of Dettingen on the title-page in the last three numbers of THE IRON DUKE, and invokes the “Shade of the consistently meticulous Duke to take note of this cardinal error,” but charitably attributes it to “automation.”

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Another (a Senior Wrangler?) queries the statement in the last number that THE IRON DUKE started only 27 years ago. After prolonged calculations he estimates that 25 subtracted from 56 leaves 31, not 27. To prevent a headache for the future historian, we provisionally accept his correction, subject to audit.

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Attention is drawn to two comparatively new organisations: The Forces Motoring Club and the

Army Cycling Union. They offer many facilities to enthusiasts. Particulars can be obtained from the following officials.

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The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Army Cycling Union,
The War Office (A.S.C.B.), Stanmore Middlesex.

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The Woolwich Searchlight Tattoo, which is organised to raise money for the Regimental Charity will take place this year from September 12 to 15. Tickets may be obtained from the Tattoo Box office, Artillery House, 58 Woolwich Common, S.E.18.

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The Army Art Society is holding its 25th Annual Exhibition in London during October; this will be opened by the President of the Royal Academy. Intending exhibitors are invited to apply for particulars to the Hon. Sec., The Army Art Society, 1 Durham Place, S.W.3.

Copy for the October number of THE IRON DUKE should reach the Editor not later than August 29. Contributors are particularly asked to be punctual.

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1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

Most of the prognostications outlined in our last notes have come to pass.

Battalion training carried on as planned, despite quite fearful weather; it did everything except rain. There are few of us who will forget the night spent in the Assembly Area behind Beechers Barn, nor shall we easily forget Four-mile Clump, Sidbury and Silk Hills, Weather Hill Firs and The Wig. The whole series culminated in an exercise set by Brigade on April 5-6, where we defeated, we think, a particularly lively enemy. Battalion H.Q. took part a week later in a Brigade signal exercise, in which they romped over the Plain at great speed, finishing up near Imber.

Space prevents going further into detail about this phase of our training, but it can be said that at the end of it we had shaken down into a good fighting team. A typical example is our M.T. moves—when we first did one we were somewhat slow and awkward and packed the wrong things in the wrong places. At the end of our training we were very quickly away, properly loaded, dead on time and no fuss. Our Brigadier has said he was very pleased with our morale on these exercises, which were without exception carried out over very cold nights and days. He was also very impressed with our powers in digging, in fact he went so far as to say we were the best Unit at digging-in he had seen for a very long time. It is pleasing to know that our reputation as diggers-in has been so well carried on by our present soldiers.

When these exercises finished, Support Company complete and some "H.Q." Company personnel, under command of Major Harris, assisted by Captain Tree and Lt. Berry and an attached Quartermaster and R.S.M., went down to Bulford to set up the T.A. camp. This is further and more fully reported upon in Support Company notes.

The remainder of us got down to rehearsing and preparing for the Presentation of New Colours, which is reported upon separately, but it hardly seems necessary to do so because it appeared that almost every possible and potential reader of THE IRON DUKE was there and saw it for himself.

As was said in our last notes, the work required to make the camp presentable and habitable was quite prodigious, but by the time May 25 came the camp really was looking more reasonable and although more still remains to be done, all those officers, N.C.O.s, men and civilians who with almost superhuman effort cleaned the Augean stables, are very much to be congratulated.

The change in the weather and the (late) advent of spring helped a lot, admittedly, and the interest in gardening grew apace. The members of our barrack block, dismayed at the apparent lack of effort on the part of their grass seeds, thought they may have sown the seed upside down and had to be prevented from extracting each individual

seed from the ground and reversing its position therein. We do hope that all our work on the gardens will not be wasted when we go.

As mentioned in our Officers' Mess notes, General Erskine visited us in March, inspected the camp (particularly the dining hall and cookhouse!) and met most of the officers.

Later General Furbank visited us and watched a parade rehearsal before lunching in the Mess and going on to look at our detachment in Bulford.

Before closing these notes we would like to wish Mr. Seed, our Bandmaster for 11 years, all the best in his new position and to thank him for his services. There are few of us who will forget his baton poised, quivering, ready to drop on the operative word "March"; his teaching of his Bandsmen the words of "Ikla Moor" and not forgetting a verse; his compositions and arrangements; and his keeping of the Band together when the Battalion has been far away.

Between now and the next notes we shall be concentrating on T.A. and C.C.F. camps, range classification, cadre training and leave. When the next notes are written we hope to have some news of our cricket, shooting and athletics.

OFFICERS' MESS

The great occasion this quarter has, of course, been the presentation of new Colours on May 25. The parade itself is being dealt with elsewhere in these notes so only the Officers' Mess activities on that day need be covered. The parade finished round about one o'clock and shortly afterwards some 300 guests made their way to the Officers' Mess where drinks were available either on the lawn or inside. There followed an excellent cold buffet lunch provided by the N.A.A.F.I. and accompanied by a very palatable wine. All this time the Regimental Band played on the lawn. The day was not as settled or as warm as it might have been and there was even a threat of a down-pour during the parade. Even so, the Mess gardens which, though lacking in flowers, looked neat and cared-for, the display of Colours both new and old, the show of silver, floral decorations and the contrasting colour provided by the ceremonial No. 1 Dress of the officers, the scarlet of the Band and the dress of our lady and gentlemen guests all contributed towards the gay and memorable scene. The description of the two hours or so before the lunch party was over has occupied little space, but its success was apparent from the many flattering remarks made by the guests. Sincere thanks are due to the Mess Committee, staff and others who were involved in the numerous preparations for the great day. These included doubling up to make room for guests who stayed the night of May 24 spring cleaning, decorating, the fitting up of a marquee as an ante-room and dining room for living-in members two days before the presentation, the arrangement of silver and flowers and

finally a mass assault on the Mess gardens and lawns. N.A.A.F.I. for their excellent buffet and the florists from Swindon for their lovely flowers deserve, too, a good share of our thanks.

There was a pause for breath for some and feverish activity for others before the dance which was held the same night. Music was provided by the gallant Band who at 01.30 a.m. on Saturday morning respectfully put an end to the proceedings, since some of their numbers who wielded wind instruments were suffering from blistered lips. This was quite possible for they had, during a period of 12 hours, played at the parade, given a concert during the lunch party and finally met their Waterloo at the dance. There were some anxious moments for the P.M.C. when the remnants from lunch, though promised otherwise, proved quite inadequate for the dance buffet, but, luckily, provision had been made for the worst case. Somehow the officers, their wives and girl friends managed to acquire a second wind for this evening function and voted it a good ending to a day which will be long remembered.

Though the presentation of Colours takes pride of place there were other events of importance during the period. First of these was a formal lunch which we gave for General Sir George Erskine, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-Chief, Southern Command, when he visited the Battalion on March 12.

Later, on May 10, we were visited by Major-General C. L. Firbank, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Director of Infantry, who also lunched in the Mess. On both occasions a programme of music was played by the Regimental Band.

Finally we had our first Regimental guest night at Chisledon on March 27. The guests for dinner were Major-General Bray, Brigadier Fraser, Colonel Bunbury, who are well-known to our readers, Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Williams, A.A. & Q.M.G. of Salisbury Plain District, and Mr. J. E. Waterfield who lives nearby and has offered considerable hospitality to a number of our members. We are pleased to be able to record that these three occasions were much enjoyed by our guests, as they were indeed by us too.

We come now to the arrival and departure and "other events" section. We are sorry to say goodbye on release to 2 Lts. Granger, Cooper and Carter and wish them luck in civilian life. Each had played a considerable part in the sporting and military activities of the Regiment. In their place we welcome 2 Lts. Parnham and Naylor. The departure of our M.O., Captain Owen, who returned with the Battalion from Gibraltar, was followed by the arrival of our new doctor, Lt. Samuel. We are pleased to have back with us Bertie Beuttler, who has come from the War Office as our new 2IC, and Michael Tree who has completed a tour with the Malay Regiment. Finally we wish Mike Campbell-Lamerton and Christine every happiness on their marriage. In this connection, Lts. Berry and Huxtable and 2 Lt. Gladwin, who attended the wedding in Gibraltar, deserve some congratulation for their mad dash across the Continent and back in six days which was recorded by Peterborough in the *Daily Telegraph*.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The main event we have to report in this issue is, of course, the presentation of the new Colours to the Regiment. We need hardly report that the parade was perfect and the Regiment was much praised by all our visitors.

After the parade we held a reception for our 300 guests. For this we had a large marquee pitched on the flattest piece of ground near the Mess. It had a fully covered approach leading to the Mess front door, and N.A.A.F.I. provided a really excellent buffet luncheon. The Mess was well decorated and three well-stocked bars were set up. The President had wondered if three bars were really necessary, but soon realised that they were and now our most experienced barman can say, "I told you so."

We were very much honoured by a visit from His Grace The Duke of Wellington, General Sir Phillip Christison, and many other serving and retired officers called. A party of the Halifax O.C.A., headed by Mr. S. Code, travelled all night to be with us and Mr. J. Butterworth brought a party from the London Branch. Many others came from near and far, which included Mr. Jackson (ex-R.S.M.) from York, ex-R.S.M. E. Smith and his wife and daughter, the latter being at home on holiday from Canada. I might add that Mr. Smith looks not a day older than the day he left the Army. There were many other Old Comrades, but unfortunately space will not permit us to give all their names. Of serving members to visit us there was R.S.M. R. Callaby, M.M., from the Depot, R.S.M. Atkinson, M.M., and B. M. White from the 7th Battalion and—looking much slimmer than Gibraltar days—W.O.1 ("Erny") Hall from Records.

The Mess is grateful to C.S.M. Norman and Committee and to Sgts. Blezzard, M.M., Waite and Craven, and to the Mess staff for all the hard work which make so important an occasion such a success, also to C.S.M. Jobling, M.M., for the excellent dance which rounded off the evening.

For our "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched" column we have a little change from our last issue. First of all we congratulate C.S.M. Munro on the birth of a son (Geoffrey), also to Sgt. Sargeant on the birth of a boy (John). Sgt. ("Sandy") Powell has retired and is happily installed in the House of Lords, and we all wish him the very best of luck in "Civvy" life. After giving very good service to the Regiment our Armourer Sergeant, "Tippy" Wilkinson, has been posted. Good luck to you "Tippy." We welcome your successor, Sgt. Kingdon and also Sgt. L. Fry of the R.A.E.C. May you have much success in your efforts to educate us. You will both be hard worked. Sgt. ("Terry") Garrity decided that "Civvy" life was not for him and has returned to the fold. Follow this good example all you men on the brink, and this does include a Sniper Sergeant!

Despite the pressure of events some time was found for other activities and we had two enjoyable socials with our old friends of the British Legion from Chisledon and Marlborough. We suppose we have to report that the officers beat us at soccer;

the R.S.M.'s. secret team will shake them on the return match. However well done.

Sgt. Appleby found himself itching for pick and shovel once again so took it on himself to do our Mess gardens.

Sgt. McKenzie has left the Provost Staff and handed over his stick of office to Sgt. Chadwick.

Our last report is that we sent a coach to the Annual Dinner of the O.C.A. London Branch, and we again thank Mr. Butterworth and all members for an enjoyable evening.

CORPORALS' MESS

After a long period of inactivity and quietude which had overtaken the Mess, the author of these notes is pleased to report that at last everyone appears to be "coming-out-of-their-shell"—probably something to do with the spring, not long past.

As a result we have all enjoyed a rather hectic time of late, with the promise of much more to come once we have the "Troop" behind us. The first of the recent organised functions was the coach trip to London, an opportunity of which 35 of our members availed themselves and which was two-fold in its appeal. By a lucky coincidence, the Annual Reunion Dinner this year took place on the same day as the Rugby League Final. To make things even more enticing, Halifax—the home town of many of our members—was one of the teams.

The second Mess "do" was undoubtedly a huge success (thanks to the quantity and price of the beer to no small measure) and most certainly an excellent substitute for our abandoned "St. George's Day Ball."

Here we must pay tribute to Cpl. Dodds who so effectively organised a local concert party and his helpers. For the first time in my memory at least, "Bill" Wakefield was not present and therefore did not arrange the buffet as he has so often done in the past; instead we thank our new head cooks—Cpls. Marsh and Dyer—for an excellent "scoff."

All officers and Sergeants were invited and judging by the reluctance of most to leave when at last things came to a riotous end, they enjoyed themselves as much as we did. We have recently lost one of the old clique, namely, Cpl. Legarde, who has left us after many years with the Regiment for "Civvy" street. We wish him all success and good fortune for the future.

We have several propositions on hand so by the time the next notes have to be written we will at least have plenty of material. Incidentally, we take this opportunity of extending our regards to our "brothers" at the Depot—who appear to lead such mysterious lives that we rarely hear from them—and to all other members both past and present, wherever they might be.

"A" COMPANY

With the advent of the warmer weather living conditions are becoming much more pleasant and we are looking forward to a warm summer which has been promised to us by the weather experts.

At the time of writing most of the Company are busily engaged in rehearsing for the presentation of

the new Colours. When the parade is over they will be able to get down to their continuation training which has rather gone by the board during the past fortnight.

Apart from the Colour parade rehearsals which have taken place during the mornings, the accent has been on gardening in readiness for the competition which takes place at the end of June.

Fresh grass seeds have been sown and herbaceous borders planted. We are now awaiting the results of our labours, so far only the grass in patches has appeared.

There has been no change in personalities since our last notes, the main highlight being the marriage of Lt. Campbell-Lamerton to Miss Christine Cottrell. If it had not been a problem of time and distance we would have all been delighted to attend. May we take this opportunity of wishing them every happiness.

May we also congratulate Pte. Hurren on his promotion to full Corporal and we wish him every success.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	Captain R. Scott-Evans,
	M.C.
2IC	Lt. M. J. Campbell-
	Lamerton
C.S.M.	C.S.M. Clark
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. Batty

"B" COMPANY

Since the last notes were written, we have enjoyed an excellent camp at Bulford and much benefit was derived from it. We became a highly proficient digging Company, although it must be pointed out that we saw so much of one particular area of Salisbury Plain that platoons automatically knew where to dig long before orders were issued. Much of our time recently has been taken up with practice for the presentation of new Colours. This is fully reported on elsewhere. Sufficient to say it was tough going, but on the whole we enjoyed it immensely.

In the realm of sport, the following are to be congratulated on doing so well in the Battalion Novices Boxing Competition which, incidentally, we won quite comfortably: Cpl. Corlett, L.Cpls. Nettleton and O'Brien and Ptes. Potter, Backhouse, Wyatt, Riley, Standing and Silson. The latter put up one of the best slugging matches seen in years.

We congratulate the following on promotion: Cpl. Thornton and L.Cpls. Drummond, Halton, Mays, Jacks and Hill, and we welcome to the Company L.Cpls. Brydon and Hargreaves from "A" Company. To the many others who have joined us we extend a hearty welcome, and to those who have departed to the terrors of civilian life, good luck. To mention just a few: Pte. Emery who did so well for us in the cross-country running, Cpl. Bowering and Pte. Northrop, ex "B" Company finance wizard. We were most sorry to lose 2 Lt. J. H. Gladwin, No. 6 Platoon Commander, who has left us to join the Assault Pioneer Platoon.

Finally, and right up to date, we congratulate Cpl. Michie on his recent marriage and Sgt. Sargeant on the birth of a son.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	Major J. H. Davis
2IC	Captain W. Blakey
C.S.M.	C.S.M. Robins
C.Q.M.S.	C.Q.M.S. Arundle

No. 4 Platoon:

Platoon Commander..	2 Lt. J. R. P. Cumberlege
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. Sargeant
Platoon Corporal ..	Cpl. Hartigan

No. 5 Platoon:

Platoon Commander..	2 Lt. H. M. P. Miles
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. Perrin
Platoon Corporals ..	Cpls. Corlett and Thornton

No. 6 Platoon:

Platoon Commander..	
Platoon Sergeant ..	Sgt. Smith
Platoon Corporals ..	Cpls. Michie, Barnett and Dixon.

"C" COMPANY

Since the last notes were written no major changes have taken place in the organisation of the Company. However we would like to welcome the following: Sgt. McKenzie M.M., Cpl. Beaufort-Jones, Cpl. Burrows (R.A.P.C.) and L.Cpl. Plows. The following are to be congratulated on their promotions: Cpls. Beaufort-Jones, Dolan, Maull and Brown and L.Cpl. Handy.

Recently we have lost L.Cpls. Stead, Sheard and Bowering, who have returned to civilian life, and we wish them the best of luck in the future. Cpl. Hardeman (R.A.P.C.) has been transferred to "H.Q." Company. We thank him for his excellent work as pay clerk while he was with the Company and wish him luck in his new task.

The hectic preparations for the presentation of new Colours are continuing. The shortage of rain has prevented the grass coming up to expectations, but the gardens are now quite presentable.

The Company athletics meeting was held on Wednesday, May 9. No sooner had the events begun than it started to rain heavily and a number of events had to be postponed till Friday, May 11. The result of the competition was a very satisfying win for No. 9 Platoon. The individual winners, who each received a bronze medal, were as follows:

Three Miles: Cpl. Beaufort-Jones and L.Cpl.

Rushbrooke (tied).

100 yds.: Cpl. Dolan.

One Mile: Cpl. Beaufort-Jones.

Hammer: Sgt. McKenzie.

High Jump: Pte. Brunning.

440 yds.: Cpl. Dolan.

Javelin: Lt. Lupton.

220 yds.: Cpl. Wells.

Hop, Step and Jump: Pte. Pinder.

Discus: Pte. Brunning.

120 yds. Hurdles: Cpl. Wells.

Long Jump: Pte. Blench.

Shot: L.Cpl. Robinson.

880 yds.: Cpl. Beaufort-Jones.

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ESTABLISHED OVER A CENTURY

The Company team is beginning to take shape and by June 6 and 7 we hope to have a strong competitive side.

The Company shooting team has been training hard. Including the Company members of the Bisley team, on paper we have a strong side. At the present time it is difficult to train the team, as the preparation for the parade on May 25, the training for athletics and the usual fatigues all conflict.

Once again the Company has had a very successful season in the inter-Company league and the inter-Platoon knock-out competition, winning both. The results give a good idea of the degree of success. Not a single match was lost.

RESULTS

Company Games

"C" v. "B" Company	Won	7—0
"C" v. "B" Company	Won	9—2
"C" v. "D" Company	Won	3—1
"C" v. "D" Company	Won	4—1
"C" v. "S" Company	Won	3—1
"C" v. "S" Company	Drew	1—1
"C" v. "H.Q." Company	Drew	2—2
"C" v. "H.Q." Company	Won	6—0

Inter-Platoon Knock-out Competition

No. 8 Platoon v. No. 6 Platoon	Won	6—0
No. 8 Platoon v. Mortars	Won	4—1
No. 8 Platoon v. No. 10 Platoon	Won	3—2
No. 8 Platoon v. No. 11 Platoon	Won	6—1

"D" COMPANY

These notes cover the period which ends with the presentation of new Colours on May 25. A fitting place to conclude since the preparation for the ceremony dominated our life for so long. Suffice it to say that the success was well worth the effort and that we were proud to play our part as No. 3 Guard on the great day.

Our order of battle has changed rapidly. Major Harris stayed but a short time before leaving for Bulford. Captain Wood's stay was even shorter before he left for full-time service with the Bisley team. Captain Shuttleworth, a former member of the Company, who has recently returned to the Battalion, is now in command.

The other important changes are: 2 Lts. Granger and Cooper to civilian life, 2 Lt. Parnham to the Messing Office, 2 Lt. Birch from the Messing Office, 2 Lt. Naylor arrived from Eaton Hall, and C.Sgt. Sheehan from "H.Q." Company as C.Q.M.S. In addition a large number of our remaining members who served the Battalion and Company so well in Gibraltar have departed on release. To all who have left we wish good luck. To those who have arrived—welcome: your predecessors have set a high level of achievement.

Our thanks are also due to Sgt. Wilson who has acted as C.Q.M.S. since Christmas.

We were placed second to "C" Company in the soccer league. Those who were not present may hear an account of the final game whenever the respective C.S.M.s meet! Cpl. Oates and Ptes.

Durrant, Vinton, Haigh, Kenyon and Larbin were again regular members of the Battalion XI. In the inter-Platoon knockout competition, No. 11 Platoon was beaten by No. 8 Platoon of "C" Company. Both these results will provide a background for next season's rivalry.

Throughout this period 2 Lt. Birch, Sgt. Fenn and the members of the Company shooting team have acquired a healthy tan through long hours on the range. Their results are encouraging, and in a few weeks we shall know exactly how good they are.

In the Novices Boxing Competition we were represented by Cpl. Morris and Ptes. Miller, Young, Smith, Wilde, Carr and Dowdall. Ptes Carr and Dowdall won their respective weights, and Smith and Young were specially commended for their spirited performances.

The next event in the sporting calendar will be the Battalion Athletics Meeting. In preparation for this the Company Sports were held on May 14 and resulted in a good win for No. 10 Platoon, although they were closely pressed by No. 11 Platoon. Mrs. Shuttleworth very kindly presented the new Company Challenge Shield to the team captain of No. 10 Platoon. The first and second in each event were entertained to supper in the local village the same evening. The winners of the various events were:

100 yds. and 22 yds.: Cpl. Halliday.

440 yds.: Pte. Kenyon.

880 yds. and 3 miles: L.Cpl. Walker.

1 mile: Pte. Pearce.

High Jump: Pte. Gregory.

Long Jump: Pte. Larvin.

Shot: Pte. Davison.

Hurdles: Pte. Gregory.

Inter-Platoon Medley: No. 11 Platoon.

The change from "Dog" to "Delta" means a difference in wireless procedure. Those who remain with us know, and those who are joining will quickly learn, that there is, however, no change in the high level of achievement and spirit of "D" Company.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander ..	Captain Shuttleworth
C.S.M.	C.S.M. Jobling, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.	C.Sgt. Sheehan

No. 10 Platoon:

Commander	2 Lt. Birch
Sergeants	Sgt. Wilson
Corporals	Cpls. Morris, Halliday, Jemmison, Oates
Lance-Corporals ..	L.Cpls. Walker, Tenant

No. 11 Platoon:

Commander	2 Lt. Naylor
Sergeants	Sgts. Wood, Evans
Corporals	Cpls. Wood, Hawkshaw, Harris
Lance-Corporals ..	L.Cpls. Patchett, Green, Lloyd

No. 12 Platoon:

Commander	2 Lt. Russel
Sergeant	Sgt. Fenn
Corporal	Cpl. Jemmison
Lance-Corporals ..	L.Cpls. Bamber, Bar- ron, Brown, Lee

"S" COMPANY

The country cousins from Bulford Fields went up to town (Chisledon) on May 25 and could hardly recognise the old place. We were very impressed with the drill and turnout, and cast a critical and professional eye at the marquee (wet weather programme). A few hours later we returned to 1,000 empty tents and a suit of denims.

The 1,000 tents stand at Bulford as undeniable proof of our hard work during the last five weeks. We came down to Carter Barracks, where the Gunners are accommodating and feeding us, on April 17, and have never stopped erecting tents of all descriptions ever since. Periodically we have a change, and cart coal or clean cookhouses, ablutions and utensils. Meanwhile we read with interest from reliable newspapers that the T.A. are to put up their own camps; this is a good idea.

There is a sense of pride, however, deep down in the subconscious mind of the selected specialist, as he looks back from the surrounding hills, and sees, for once, tangible and very obvious evidence of his labours. For there it lies below him, a great brown army of tents dressed by the right, stretching away as far as the eye can see, and dwarfing even Bulford itself.

The Company H.Q. has remained intact since our last notes, the only excitement within our ranks being the wedding of Pte. Wells, who is still looking after the arms of the Company with great efficiency. We wish him all possible good fortune, and as he is such an old soldier we feel sure he has made a good choice. L.Cpl. Kelly, the Company Storeman, is now getting paid for his responsibilities, and C.Q.M.S. Webb has signed on for 22 years and bought himself a Bentley.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

This report is written from the Bulford Fields, where we are now sponsoring the T.A. for their annual camps. Life has been a fairly hectic round of erecting tents, then pulling them down and putting them up again but in line this time.

Sgt. France has been left in Chisledon to enjoy a daily morning's exercise on the Colour Parade.

During March and April the Platoon took part in a number of exercises, culminating in the Brigade Exercise where we got congratulated on our speed into battle, but with the proviso that we would all have been dead. The other noteworthy items of interest have been the apparent ease with which a Carrier will skid on icy roads and the effect that this has on a gun; and the amount of tea drunk by Platoon Headquarters.

We are fortunate in that we have lost no members of the Platoon to "Civvy" street. Cpl. Chivers avowed his intention of leaving, went, and then returned. His excuse being that no trades union would have him!

The following are to be congratulated on their promotion: To Corporal: L.Cpl. Martin; to Lance-Corporal: Ptes. Waddington and Hill.

In the sporting world Cpl. Ingleson and Pte. Jarvis have been valuable members of the Company soccer team, while Pte. Blackburn has also played when not cleaning his Carrier! Mr. Mitchell and Pte. Blackman have both played for the Battalion hockey side, which had few matches but won most of them. The Platoon managed to provide some "volunteers" for the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Competition, the noteworthy one being Pte. Wright (50) who won the best runner-up cup, whilst Pte. Goldsborough also performed with some success. Pte. Burton was to have fought, but was considered "too experienced" for the Novices Boxing, and Pte. Blackburn was injured. However, the cricket season is upon us once more and Pte. Rollinson is reputed to be loosening himself up again after a period of hibernation.

The only old member of the Platoon of whom we have heard is Sgt. Flood, who was seen in Wakefield in corduroy trousers standing over a hole in the road and flexing his muscles.

The recent pay rise seems to have had little effect unfortunately—the only two to sign on being Sgt. France and Cpl. Chivers, both Regulars already.

Again there are no marriages to record, though rumours fly thick and fast and some of the more suspicious of us wonder why L.Cpl. Waddington goes to Chisledon each weekend.

Finally, we are all very sorry that Pte. Burton has left us to be the Company Runner, in which capacity he is reputed to live in deadly fear of his Platoon Commander.

M.M.G. PLATOON

We have taken part in all the Battalion exercises and as far as we know have acquitted ourselves quite well, although in one exercise Platoon H.Q. and Sgt. Houghton's section were killed by the umpires, but they refused to die and saw the battle through to the bitter end.

Sgt. Lodge has taken the plunge and departed for civilian life and, we gather, some Antarctic expedition. He may one day write to us from the *Theron*.

Now that we are at Bulford, the Platoon Commander is daily seen peering through his director, not measuring switches for the guns but lining up tents. We have left Sgts. Houghton and Spring back at Chisledon Camp and they are representing the Platoon in the Presentation of Colours Parade.

We are hoping to take about a dozen men back to Chisledon in the middle of June in order to train for the Machine Gun Cup, which we hope to shoot in the first week of July.

Congratulations go to Cpl. Liddle on his promotion, and we welcome Ptes. Haley, Howarth and Parkinson to the Platoon.

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

Our gardens are neglected at Chisledon, but proof of our industry is here at Bulford Fields. Ours is the energy of youth, for the Platoon was reformed

in January this year. Sgt. Blezzard ably steered the Platoon through its various assignments until 2 Lt. Gladwin joined us in April. We are happy to have him with us.

No sooner had our new Platoon Commander arrived than Sgt. Blezzard was called hence to the Sergeants' Mess at Chisledon to act as Mess Caterer. We hope that he coped well with the extra work that the Presentation of New Colours entailed, and that he returns soon. Cpl. Brown is also away from us at present, on re-engagement leave.

Our congratulations go to Pte. Emery, who was married in Halifax on May 19. Pte. Burke officiated as best man—to see "fair play" doubtless. Congratulations, too, to Pte. McRoy, married in Swindon on May 26.

We were sorry to see L.Cpl. Collison go early in May. Shortly after enjoying Easter duties with Cpl. Norman he was granted his discharge by purchase. We will be equally sorry to say goodbye to L.Cpl. Baker, our Storeman, whose term expires in August.

The Platoon is well employed at Bulford Fields. Most of its members have managed to secure jobs on the "Q" side; the responsibility for fire precautions is shared by 2 Lt. Gladwin and Cpl. Norman, Fire Officer and N.C.O. respectively. Mention must be made of the permanent employment of Pte. Cage as boilerman—a very "steady number."

Before employment here becomes too "steady" though, we hope to be able to do some Platoon training. A watersmanship course at Weymouth is in the offing, and given a little time this summer we should manage to learn some of the essentials of Assault Pioneering.

3-IN. MORTAR PLATOON

In the early stages of the period covered by these notes, we managed to get in quite a lot of live firing on the Beaches Barn range, and also practised our field administration in the Battalion exercises. However, all too soon the training season finished, and gardening was the order of the day until the move of the whole Company to Bulford. We did manage to get one section out on the field helping in an exercise with 3 Division since arriving at Bulford, and all agreed how pleasant it was to handle the old mortars again.

The organisation has varied only slightly. Unfortunately, Cpl. Kelly has left for civilian life and his quiet sense of humour is missed. Congratulations to Cpls. Baker and Laherty on their promotion, and also L.Cpl. Dickinson. Sgt. Innes and Cpl. Baker will be going on their courses soon, which means that only the Platoon Commander has not done the course. Sgt. Sullivan still has his car; no doubt it stands him in good stead at Bulford.

We will be leaving Bulford in September, and then we can visualise what will be happening—all the packing and preparation for the move to Germany. We are all looking forward to being there, having heard so much about the wonderful opportunities for training.

Incidentally, anyone seeing the far-away expres-

sion in Sgt. Dickie's eyes will guess at once that he is at last engaged.

"H.Q." COMPANY

As the Signal Platoon and M.T. Section are writing their own notes we feel these notes ought to cover the otherwise voiceless remainder of "H.Q." Company—the clerks and the storemen and the cooks and the waiters and the batmen and the sanitarymen and the medical orderlies and the armourers and the carpenters and the painters and the intelligence and the snipers and the police and the many we rarely see and often wonder what they do.

And what have we done since the last notes, apart from generally running the Battalion? During the collective training period ending with the Brigade exercise on April 5-6 we took part in the various exercises in our various capacities and were just as cold as our friends in the Rifle Companies. On the morning before an exercise on the road outside "H.Q." Company office it really is a sight to see Battalion H.Q. loading itself into trucks and setting off. We have not yet actually taken the kitchen sink, but we are getting one ready for Germany.

After early April, apart from the Signal Platoon rehearsing for the presentation, and gardening we carried on more or less as normal. An old custom has been resuscitated, which causes a bit of despondency but exercises to the full our inventive powers—it is called "Employed Men's Drills"—twice a week under the direction of Mr. Corke. Incidentally, does the word "employed" mean that the men in Rifle Companies are unemployed or, to put it more bluntly, out of work?

One failing we have got—we cannot produce a Company Orderly Sergeant of our own, our own corporals being busily employed on other duties. We are sorry to lose Cpl. Carmen, loaned to us from the Drums, who has carried our can for the last three months and is now elevated to the Sergeants' Mess. Welcome in his place Cpl. Martin, lent to us by Support Company.

Two old stalwarts have left us, Sgt. Powell from the M.I. Room to mufti and Cpl. Richardson from the dining hall to H.Q., 1 Division, Employment Platoon. We welcome in Sgt. Powell's place Sgt. Craven from the Depot. We also welcome Armourer Sgt. Kingdom in place of Sgt. Wilkinson, this change apparently being a whim of R.E.M.E. Records. At his own request Sgt. McKenzie has gone to "C" Company (to teach them boxing?) and we welcome in his stead Sgt. Chadwick or "The Voice."

Our Company Office welcomes Cpl. Hardeman, R.A.P.C., from "C" Company, vice Cpl. Burrows, a routine change-over, and Pte. Tuff from "A" Company as assistant clerk. "H.Q." Company in action has to be seen to be believed—give us any problem and the soviet, consisting of Pte. Briggs and Pte. Tuff, L.Cpl. Lee, Cpl. Martin, C.S.M. Munro and the Company Commander, sometimes assisted by Sgt. Waite and Cpl. Dodds, can eventually unravel it—or confuse it—and you really should see any problem when it has been confused by us.

Across the way, occasionally to be glimpsed sunning themselves in our recent spell of glorious weather, we find R.Q.M.S. Dawson, Sgt. Jones and Cpls. Sanderson, Curling and Playford of the Q.M.'s staff. We welcome Sgt. Garrity as Intelligence Sergeant and say farewell to Cpl. Johnson and his car, gone as an instructor to "A" Company. Talking about cars, it really is time someone in "H.Q." Company office got a new car—the road outside the office looks singularly like a scrap heap compared with the other car-parking lots.

There has not been much sport this quarter, but we congratulate L.Cpl. Parker on being a finalist in his weight in the inter-Company novices boxing and also the other four entrants who nobly represented us. We also reassure Pte. Conway that the prizes he won in the Company athletics meeting do not make him a professional.

Finally, our congratulations to C.S.M. and Mrs. Munro on the birth of another son.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander	..	Major R. E. Sugden
C.S.M.	C.S.M. Munro
C.Q.M.S.	Sgt. Waite
Orderly Sergeant	Cpl. Martin
Pay Clerk	Cpl. Hardeman
Storeman	L.Cpl. Rainforth
Clerk	L.Cpl. Lee
Assistant Clerk	Pte. Tuff
Storeman	Pte. Evans
Runner	Pte. Briggs

Reference our last notes—Sgt. Sykes is *not* Signal Sergeant. Sgt. Gunn is Signal Sergeant after C.Sgt. Sheehan, for whose many services we thank him, has gone to be C.Q.M.S. of "D" Company.

SIGNAL PLATOON

Since the last notes were written we have performed various exercises, both those of our choosing and those which were thrust upon us.

We have spent a long time rehearsing for the Colour Parade and are now faced with the very pleasing prospect of leave. The Platoon has received another selection of recruits and so we shall shortly be starting on another cadre, as well as more advanced training for those who have completed their initial cadre.

In the Company Sports the Platoon won half the prizes to be won in the Company, and we are now busily training for the Battalion Sports early next month.

Sgt. Gunn is now Signals Sergeant, C.Sgt. Sheehan having been finally lost to "D" Company. We should like to offer our congratulations to Cpls. Barrand and Wilcock on their promotion, and L.Cpls. Fenwick and Haigh on their appointments. We are sorry to see Pte. Pashley leave us for civilian life.

M.T. SECTION

This is the first time we have contributed notes to the Regimental Magazine since we left Gibraltar, and as a result there is a great deal we have to say to cover the period. The big events, of course,

have been the move to the U.K. and the Presentation of Colours. We arrived in England just as winter was beginning and came to what was then an appalling camp—in which the M.T. facilities were nil, no water, pits or lights. As the M.T. office was scheduled to be about a quarter of a mile away from the yard, which was impracticable, we created an office out of virtually nothing in one of the garages, and in fact it is only now that we have managed to take over our own garages, which until the end of April were full of ammunition and furniture. However, we are functioning quite well now after a period of trials and tribulations.

We were very sorry to bid farewell to Sgt. Waite, who gave long and faithful service as M.T. Sergeant—he is now in charge of the Company stores—and we hope that he will not forget us. We welcome warmly in his place Cpl. Sykes, now Sergeant, who bears the heavy responsibility of M.T. Sergeant. Cpl. Almond (R.E.M.E.), now Sergeant, of whom it is said "he is one of the oldest Dukes," we also welcome in his new appointment, and congratulate L.Cpls. Waite and Harland on their promotion to Corporal, Cpl. Jenney back to the M.T. Section, and also the many Privates now appointed Lance-Corporal.

We were thankful to draw up new vehicles in the U.K., which were, if not too powerful and complex, a very great change from our old vehicles in Gibraltar.

In the first few months here we had a number of accidents, due largely to drivers of old vehicles not fully appreciating the potentialities of those in current use. Happily now our accident rate has gone right down and it is a very rare occurrence if there is an accident.

We were very largely engaged in Battalion exercises in the early part of the year, and if we have learnt nothing but how to cross Salisbury Plain at night with no lights on, we have done well. In March last we were asked to try out a new servicing scheme, the main elements being that there is a central servicing team who are entirely responsible for inspection, repair and servicing of vehicles; the driver is responsible only for the driving and cleaning of his vehicle, which is off the road for three days a month—thereby cutting completely across the old system, and is in fact revolutionary.

We are the first Unit to try it out, and depending on our success it may be brought into general use throughout the Army. We started it on May 1—and so far it is working most successfully. We have a certain amount of extra equipment which is of great assistance. The M.T. have been providing men for the operation and servicing of lawn mowers for the cutting of grass for the Colour Presentation—the one cry has been "top priority grass cutting," and the unfortunate M.T.O. and M.T. Sergeant are almost in a state of nervous breakdown trying to please everybody, so we hope things will simmer down after the Colours.

We are entering a team for the Haslemere and District M.C.C. Punch Bowl semi-sporting trial on June 3, and we wish the people selected every success in this our first motor cycling trial.

In conclusion we look forward to the move to Germany, and hope that it will be a M.T. paradise.

REGIMENTAL BAND

After many weeks of rehearsals we can now relax after the Presentation of the Colours with a feeling of satisfaction for a job well done. The parade will be reported elsewhere in this Magazine, so sufficient for us to say that we feel very pleased with our own efforts, and slightly dizzy from the compliments received from various celebrities who visited us during the last weekend.

We are very soon going to let the people of Swindon see us in our glory, as we are beating Retreat at the Swindon Horse Show next week.

We had great pleasure in meeting Bandmaster "Tanky" White, late West Yorks Bandmaster and now conducting the 7th Battalion Band. We are joining them in July to perform at the Presentation of their Colours and are looking forward to our stay very much.

We recently said goodbye to Charlie Atkins and "Mick" Shaw who departed for "Civvy" life, and we wish them all our best wishes. We understand Charlie could not stand butchering, and is now

looking for employment elsewhere. He can always come back to us, and at a very increased wage these days.

Sadly we report that by the time these notes are published we shall have said goodbye to our Bandmaster, Mr. D. Seed. He has conducted the Band of this Battalion, through good times and bad, for the past 11 years, and when he finally departs he will be greatly missed, both by the Band and by the whole of the Regiment. We know that very shortly he will rise a further step up the ladder of fame and we wish him every success in his future career.

We are soon having a short leave, and after that we look forward to a few summer engagements to brighten our life between periods of star tests and pounding the new square.

We welcome visits from any old Bandsmen, whom we can accommodate if necessary, or correspondence to let us know how they are faring. Is ex-Bandmaster Gough still in touch with the Regiment? We still play his march "Fareham" on occasions.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

A fairly successful football season finished on April 25, 1956, with the termination of the football league of which we were a member. We have not concentrated so much on producing a winning side this season but with an eye to the future seeking out young talent which will be good material for next season. With this end in view we have seldom played the same team twice and have switched the players from one position to another. The highlight of the season was the floodlight match against Swindon Town F.C. A copy of the report is given below.

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[*Swindon Evening Advertiser*

Playing in the unaccustomed role of inside right, Cyril Riseborough scored the goals which gave Swindon Town Reserves a 2-1 victory over the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in a floodlit match at the county ground last night.

Riseborough, who is normally an outside right, was venturesome with his shooting and would have finished with a hat-trick to his credit if he had not missed his first chance soon after the start.

The "Dukes," who played some useful football, went ahead in the 36th minute, but Riseborough equalised just over a minute later.

The soldiers' goal was a good one. Larvin swept a long pass out to the right and Hodson pushed the ball back across the goal for Oates to head in.

Riseborough had the simplest of tasks to score his first goal. He had only to push the ball into the empty net after goalkeeper Armitage had been unable to clear a ball from the left.

The inside forward was in the right position again five minutes after the interval to score his second goal with a pile-driver which gave Armitage no chance.

The "Dukes" had to reorganise their side in this half because centre-half Harman and right-half Durrant had pulled muscles, but they continued to fight hard, although unsuccessfully!

The playing of the Duke of Wellington's Band added to the enjoyment before the game and during the extended interval.

Teams:

Swindon Town Reserves—Gill; Page, Hilton; O'Mara, Jackson, Williams; Corbett, Riseborough, Onslow, Farr, Brennan.

Duke of Wellington's Regiment—Armitage; Vincent, Bentley; Durrant, Harman, Wells; Hodson, Parker, Waite, Larvin, Oates.

Attendance: 1,161. Receipts: £45 19s.

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As far as other matches are concerned it was in nearly every case a question of staying power. We usually started off well and as often as not scored the first goal, but unfortunately the team were not real 90-minute players and, as a result, play used to taper off in the second half.

Swindon Town F.C. are very kindly lending us one of their coaches to help train a team during the summer months. We have also recruited into the Battalion a player who is on the books of Swindon Town F.C.

We are not going to be dormant during the summer months and, as a result, by the time the season opens again we have every confidence in producing a real match-winning side to compete in the Army Cup.

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Presentation of New Colours

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Field Officers for the New Colours :

MAJOR L. B. B. BEUTTLER, O.B.E. MAJOR J. H. DAVIS

Old Colour Party :

Second-Lieutenant J. R. P. CUMBERLEGE
Second-Lieutenant R. J. M. BIRCH
Colour-Sergeant R. S. BATTY
Sergeant J. SARGEANT
Sergeant G. W. EVANS

New Colour Party :

Lieutenant C. R. HUKTABLE
Lieutenant E. J. H. DASENT
Colour-Sergeant P. SHEEHAN
Colour-Sergeant A. ARUNDEL
Sergeant A. SPRING

Escort for the Colour :

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Captain E. M. P. HARDY
Colour-Sergeant W. BURKE

No. 2 Guard :

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Lieutenant T. D. LUPTON
Second-Lieutenant H. M. P. MILES
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No. 3 Guard :

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Bandmaster : Bandmaster D. SEED, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

Drum-Major : Drum-Major J. BRYAN

Programme of Music

The Battalion marches on ..	Duke's March	The Troop	Grenadier's Slow March
The Officers take post.. ..	"Destiny"	The Old Colours march off parade	"Auld Lang Syne"
Inspection	"My Girl's a Yorkshire Girl"	New Colours received on parade	National Anthem
	"I'm Ninety Five"	March past in slow time	
Slow March by Band and Drums	"Logie O'Buchan"		"Mollendorf's Parade March"
Quick March by Band and Drums	"Ilkla Moor"		"Scotland the Brave"
Escort for the Colour takes Station		March past in quick time ..	"The Wellesley"
	"British Grenadiers"	Colours march off parade ..	"Point of War"
Old Colours received on parade	National Anthem	The Battalion marches off parade	"Ilkla Moor"



Photo : Steves, Swindon

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Address by His Grace The Duke of Wellington, K.G.

Officers, Non - Commissioned Officers and Men
of the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment

NO other Regiment in the British Army bears the name of a person who was not a member of the Royal Family. The Wellington family have, therefore, always been very proud of their connexion with the Regiment, and it was a very great honour for me when I was invited to present these Colours. That the name of the great Duke should be for ever connected with the Regiment is appropriate, for he did nearly all his regimental soldiering with the old 33rd Regiment, the ancestor of the 1st Battalion. Previously he had been for a time a subaltern in the old 76th, the ancestor of the 2nd Battalion. When he became a Divisional Commander, he wrote that there was nothing about which he was personally so much interested as the proper equipment of the 33rd. This interest never flagged during his long life and even ten years before his death it was suggested that the Regiment should be known as "the Duke of Wellington's Regiment," a title conferred on it by Queen Victoria on June 18, 1853, the first Waterloo Day after the Duke's death.

The 6th Duke, a great great grandson of the 1st Duke, was a serving officer in the Regiment. He was killed in September, 1943, at Salerno, when attached to No. 2 Commandos. My father, the 4th Duke, presented Colours to the 2nd Battalion in 1906.

The Colours which I have just presented bear the battle honours of the late war gained in N.W. Europe, N. Africa, Italy and Burma. It is difficult to pick out one as being more glorious than another. Perhaps the greatest courage was shown during the four months' pounding when the British Army doggedly clung to the little beach at Anzio. But who shall say whether the 2nd Battalion, who endured the hardships and privations, the murders and drowning in the bitter fighting in Burma, did not display an equal heroism?

The old honours epitomised the military exploits of this country during the last 200 years. A very rare and unusual distinction is that of the 3rd Afghan War in 1919.

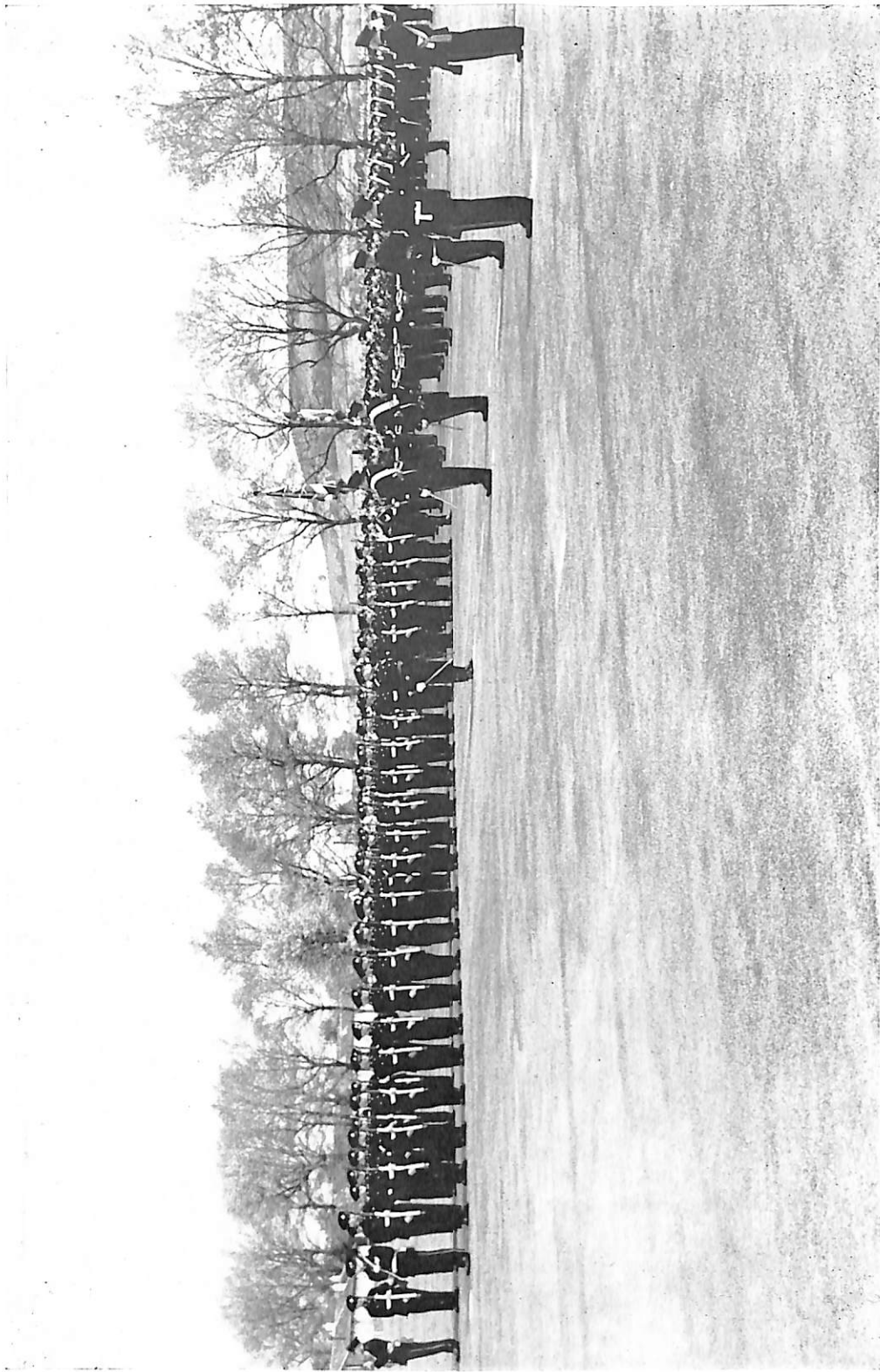
You young soldiers here today are now the guardians of the great traditions and the splendid record handed down to you by your fathers and grandfathers. From what I have seen on this parade I, as one of a much older generation, am confident that if ever the need should again arise, which please God it will not, then you will not be found wanting.

Reply by Lt.-Col. R. de la H. Moran O.B.E., Commanding 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

YOUR GRACE, My officers, non-commissioned officers and men are deeply honoured that you, whose family have had such close connections with the Regiment, have come this day and presented us with new Colours.

We thank you for the kind words with which you have addressed us.

You may rest assured, Sir, that this Regiment, proud of its great name, and its traditions, will always uphold the honour of the Colours. Its spirit is high, and I know that on the next occasion that the Battalion is called to service, the young soldiers whom you see before you here will acquit themselves as nobly as the veterans to whom we owe the battle honours already inscribed on the Colours.



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THE COLOURS' ESCORT TAKING OVER THE OLD COLOURS

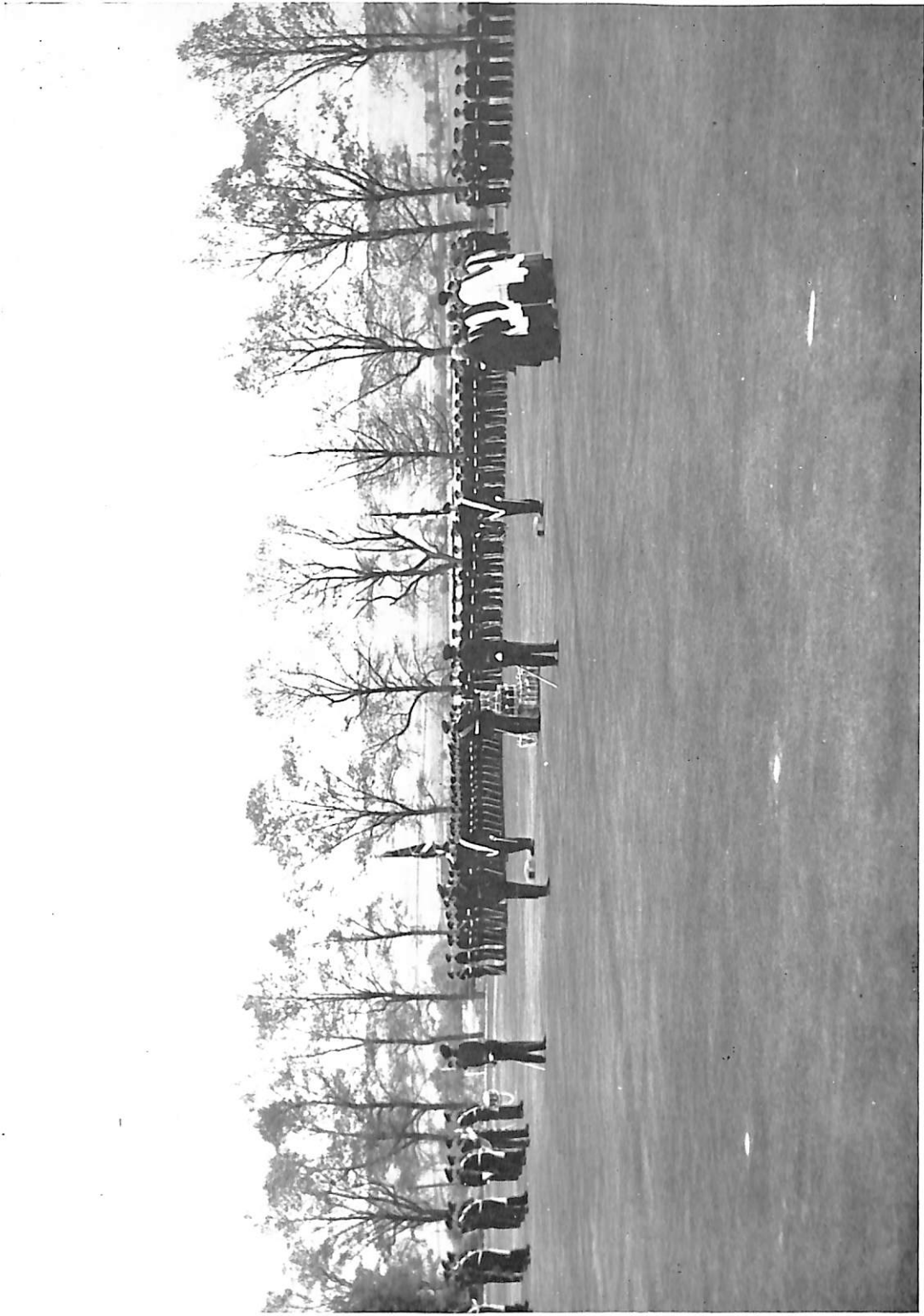


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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON ADDRESSING THE BATTALION



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MARCH PAST IN SLOW TIME

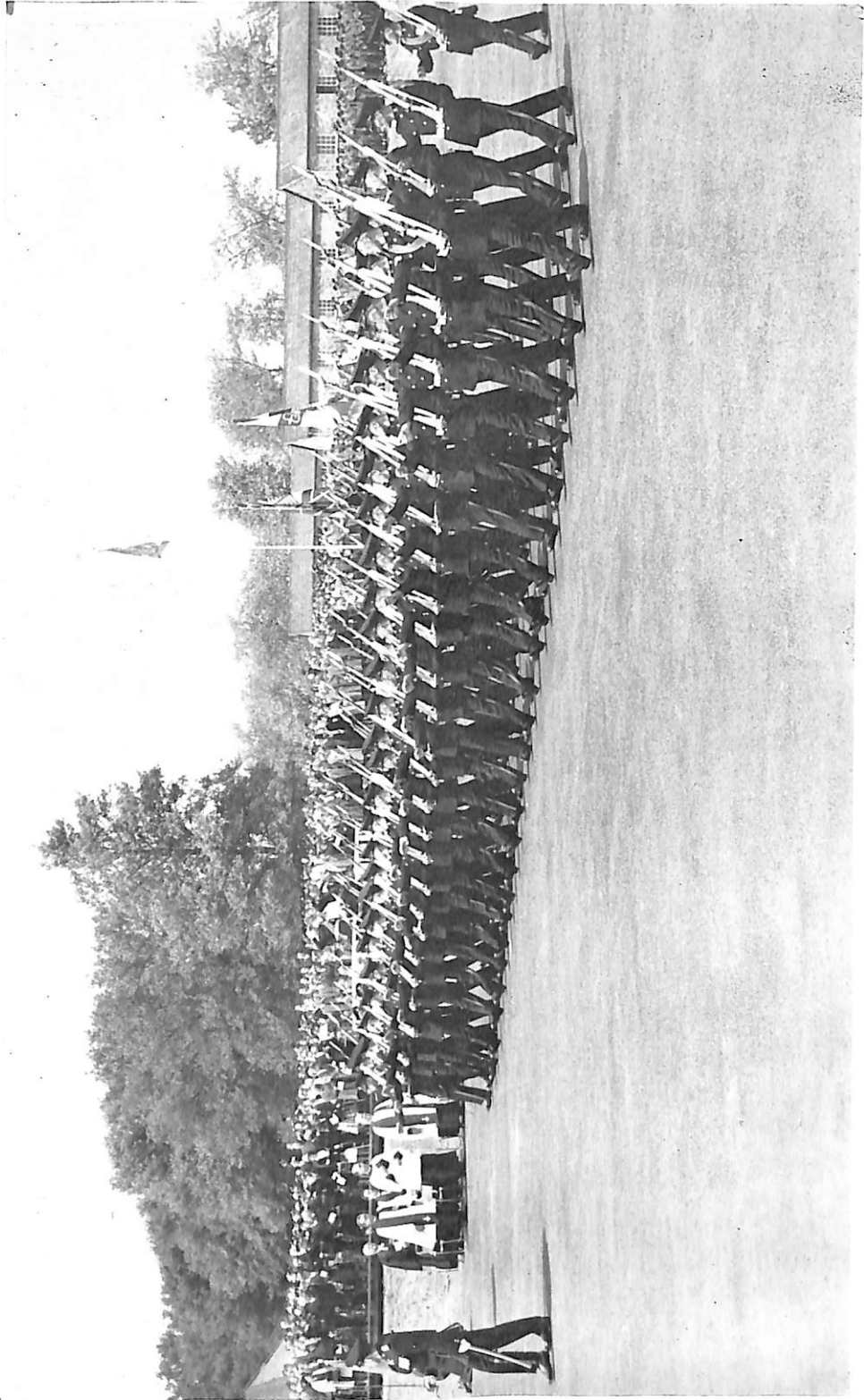


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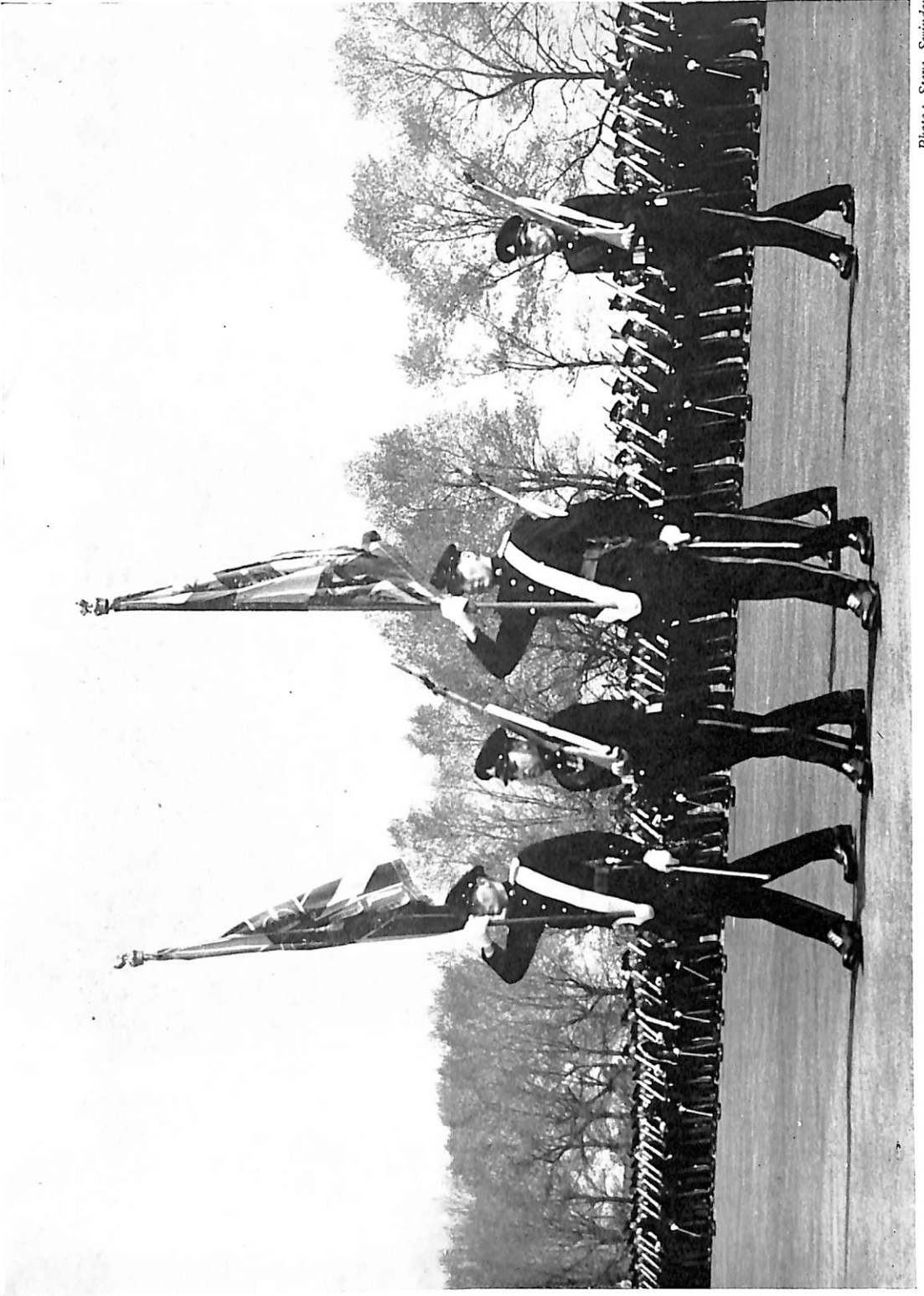


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THE OLD COLOURS MARCHING OFF PARADE



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THE NEW COLOURS DURING THE ADDRESS

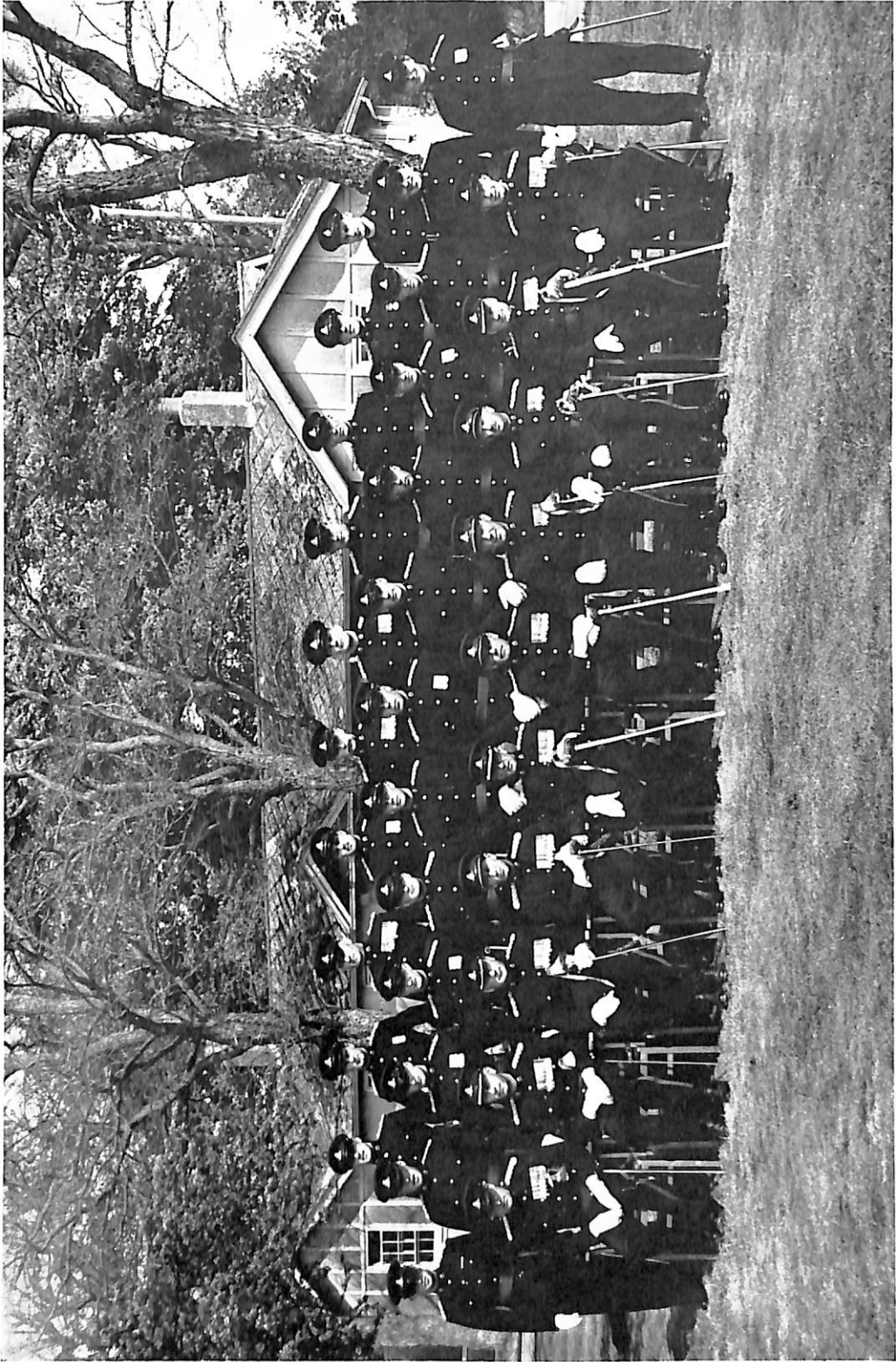


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THE OFFICERS — 1ST BATTALION

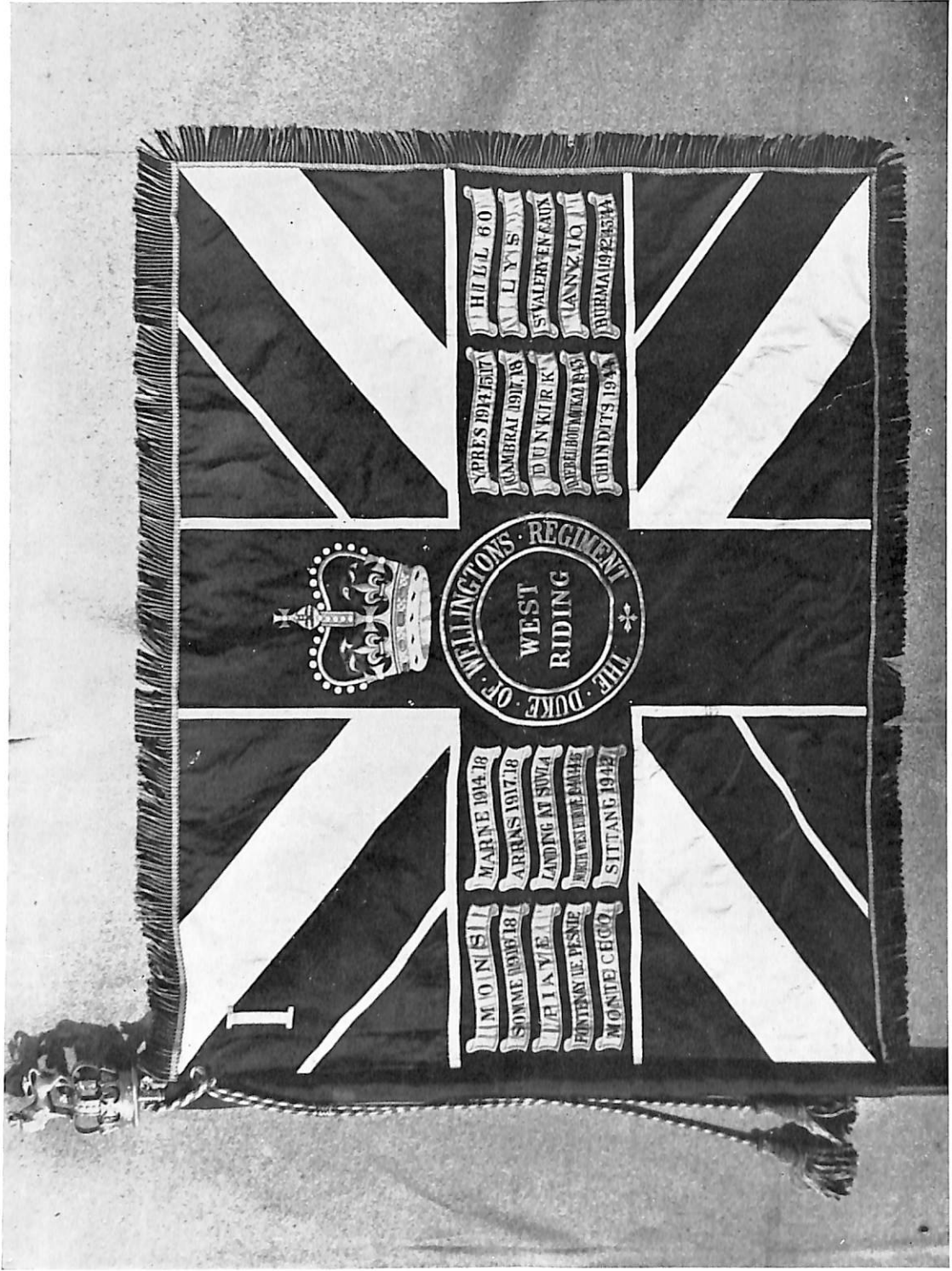


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THE NEW QUEEN'S COLOUR



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THE NEW REGIMENTAL COLOUR

RESULTS

East Wilts Services Football League

1st D.W.R. v. 1st Beds and Herts ..	Won	6—1
1st D.W.R. v. 18 Med. Regt., R.A...	Won	4—1
1st D.W.R. v. 1st Roy. Innis. ..	Lost	4—3
1st D.W.R. v. R.A.P.C. ..	Lost	4—1
1st D.W.R. v. R.A.F. Ampport ..	Won	1—0
1st D.W.R. v. R.A.F. Upavon ..	Lost	2—1
1st D.W.R. v. R.A.F. Bscmbe. Down	Lost	4—2
1st D.W.R. v. 32 Assault Regt., R.E.	Won	6—5

HOCKEY

By the time the Battalion was properly installed in Chisledon camp the 1955-56 hockey season was well under way. We decided, therefore, not to enter any of the Army hockey competitions but to confine ourselves to friendly matches, all of which had to be away fixtures as there is at present no hockey ground in the camp. The lack of a ground has been unfortunate, since it has not been possible to have any practice games and all our players were drawn from those who had already established a reputation in Gibraltar.

Six matches were played, all against civilian clubs and, of these, we won four comfortably, drew one and lost one. Unfortunately, several of our later fixtures had to be cancelled as a number of our players were very much involved at Bulford in preparation for the T.A. camp which we are sponsoring there. In April we did take part, though, in a six-a-side tournament at Swindon. A number of strong teams were entered and, although we did not reach the final stages, we gave a good account of ourselves on a thoroughly wet Saturday afternoon.

Our main problem next season will be to fill the inside- and centre-forward positions and if we can do this we should have a very strong team. For some reason we have an abundance of halves and backs and this is not, as is often the case, a matter of old age forcing attacking players to revert to the defence.

The following represented the Battalion in the 1955-56 season:

Goal: C.Q.M.S. Batty.

Backs: Majors Sugden and Butterfield, 2 Lt. Cumberlege (the latter two also playing a thalf), C.S.M. Jobling and L.Cpl. Dixon.

Halves: Captain Tree (also back), Captain Hardy (also forward) and Lts. Mitchell and Huxtable.

Forwards: Lieutenant-Colonel Moran, Captain Blakey, Lts. Dasent and Miller, 2 Lt. Miles, Cpl. Ashton, L.Cpl. Bowering and Ptes. Northrop and Blackburn.

BOXING

The noble art of self defence was severely handicapped by the absence of any gymnasium until the beginning of April. Until then we only managed to find a handful of stalwarts keen enough to train in a freezing and rather derelict cinema. We did put forward four entrants for the District Individual Championships in February, namely, Cpl. Hartigan ("B" Company), L.Cpl. Hayes ("H.Q." Company), Pte. Sivyver ("H.Q." Company) and Pte. Midgley ("S" Company). Although all four

fought gallantly we did not collect any championships. In addition, Pte. Sivyver and L.Cpl. Hayes represented Salisbury Plain District v. The R.A.F. Salisbury Plain.

In April, however, interest in boxing began to mount, as the Inter-Company Novices Competition began to take form and our newly emptied gymnasium became available for training.

The competition took place on April 10, 11 and 13. The Company teams were to consist of 11 competitors covering all weights from bantam to heavy. It soon became apparent, however, that bantam-weights were not forthcoming in any Company, possibly due to the diligence of the Messing Officer, and this weight was scrapped.

The competition was a very great success, and uncovered a surprising amount of talent; there were some first-class bouts and a tremendous amount of guts and enthusiasm shown, and the audience obviously appreciated this, judging by their applause. It is difficult to single out any particular competitor or fight for the three nights, but the winners in each weight were:

Featherweight: Pte. McCloud ("C" Company).

Lightweight: Pte. Silson ("B" Company).

Light Welterweight: L.Cpl. Nettleton ("B" Company).

Light Middleweight: Pte. Potter ("B" Company).

Middleweight: Pte. Flynn ("S" Company).

Light Heavyweight: Pte. Dowdall ("D" Company).

Heavyweight: Pte. Carr ("D" Company).

Welterweight: Pte. Lowe ("A" Company).

The winning Company was clearly "B" Company, who amassed 27 points throughout the competition. The final order of merit within the Companies was:

1st ..	"B"	..	27 points
2nd ..	"S"	..	21 "
3rd ..	"A"	..	16 "
4th ..	"C"	..	13 "
5th ..	"D"	..	11 "
6th ..	"H.Q."	..	7 "

The prize for the best loser went to Pte. P. Wright of "S" Company, who stood toe to toe with Pte. Silson of "B" Company and traded hard blows without respite from gong to gong.

Before the next season starts we hope to turn some grand fighters into good boxers.

GOLF

Since the Battalion left Strensall in 1951 there has been little opportunity for golf. A little was played, however, at Campamento on the nine-hole course. The "Dukes" made history by winning the Atlantic Cup, which in the past has only been competed for by teams representing the R.N., Army, R.A.F. and civilians. Members of the team were: Lieutenant-Colonel Moran, Major Davidson, Major Grieve and Major Roberts.

On our return to Chisledon it was decided to enter a team for the Army Golf Meeting. Since our last appearance in 1950 the rules have been changed. The team now consists of five, two of whom

may be retired officers. General Ozanne wrote inspiring letters in April and practice began in earnest on the local course and at Tidworth. The form at the start was erratic, but by the time the Southern Command Championship was held at the end of April one had to play well to get a place in the team. To dismay of all, Bertie Beuttler had to be left out, he developed 'flu and with it a fit of "shanking."

In the first rounds we easily defeated Training Regiment R.E., Locating Regiment R.A., but were just beaten by a R.A.P.C. team in the quarter finals. The team consisted of Lt. Colonel Moran, Majors Roberts, Hardy and Miles.

In the individual championship the last three finished in the first 20.

We were now well tuned up for the Army Meeting and with the help of Generals Ozanne and Beard, and Charlie Grieve, we felt we had an outside chance. The latter came over from Germany—a great effort.

The championship was played at Royal St. George, Sandwich, in the most glorious weather. We drew a bye in the first round, but met our old enemies, the Seaforths, in the second.

As usual they were favourites. It was a wonderful match and we won by 6 holes. Next day we played the Coldstream Guards in the semi-final, and were beaten by 7 holes. They went on to win the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl. Our team was: Generals Ozanne and Beard, Majors Grieve, Roberts and Miles. Finally congratulations to the latter on having the best net round at Deal in the individual championship.

REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

SUB-EDITORIAL

As these notes are being written we are in the midst of a spell of warm and pleasant weather. We can only hope that this augurs well for the summer.

We have had two pass-out parades since our last notes. The first took place on April 17, when we were honoured with the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment. A few days afterwards we had a special parade and church service at Halifax Parish Church to mark St. George's Day. The parade was inspected by General Sir Roy Bucher, K.B.E., C.B., M.C., president of the Yorkshire Branch of the Royal Society of St. George.

The second pass-out parade was taken by Colonel D'A. J. D. Mander, D.S.O., the Brigade Colonel, Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigadé, on May 23, 1956.

During the quarter we have been the recipient of several most interesting gifts for the Museum and archives, details of which are given on another page. The work on the Museum is, incidentally, rapidly nearing completion and a detailed description of the new layout will be given in the next issue of THE IRON DUKE.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the presentation of the Colours to the 1st Battalion on May 25 will long remember

CYCLING

Since the last IRON DUKE was published the Battalion has formed a Road Racing Cycling Club, which has become extremely popular.

The Club is run entirely by the O.R. members with the assistance of Lt. Campbell-Lamerton and Lt. Smyth, who act as treasurer and adviser respectively. The Club Committee is as follows:—

Chairman: Pte. Beck.

Racing Secretary: Cpl. Prior.

Treasurer: Lt. Campbell-Lamerton.

Committee: Lt. Smyth and Ptes. Balmforth and Lockwood.

Since the Club was formed they have taken part in two events, with promising results. The first event was the Southern Command 25-mile Road Time Trials in which the "Dukes" team came third. Ptes Balmforth and Beck put in a splendid effort by coming fifth and seventh respectively.

The second event was the Swindon Wheelers 48-mile Road Race in which the "Dukes" team was winning right up to a mile from the post, when unfortunately for us Pte. Beck, who was well in the lead, crashed and had to drop out, which only left four in the "Dukes" team (the race was judged on the first five in each team).

The Club is entering a team for the Army Individual and Inter-Command 50-mile Road Time Trial Championship at Chester on June 29, and we wish to take this opportunity of wishing them every success.

the occasion. We know that the three coach-loads of Old Comrades and parents that went down to Chiseldon from Halifax were equally impressed both by the excellent parade and the smooth arrangements for their entertainment whilst they were in Chiseldon. We feel, incidentally, that the pertinacity of the Old Comrades and relatives was itself a memorable feat. They left Halifax at midnight on May 24, travelled all night, remained at Chiseldon all day and eventually arrived back in their homes at various times after midnight on May 25.

On account of a general cut in National Service intakes allotted to infantry, the numbers under training have recently rapidly decreased. It is partly for this reason that we have dispensed with separate training Company notes. We should, however, record that the best recruits of Nos. 35 and 36 Intakes were Ptes. Simonet and Barton and Ptes. Charlesworth and Sampson, respectively. The latter comes from Swindon and we were therefore particularly pleased to see his parents present at the pass-out parade on May 23.

The increases in pay which came into effect on April 1 have proved attractive to National Servicemen and at the time of writing 18 have converted to Regular engagements. This represents something like 20 per cent. of those under training.

We take this opportunity of belatedly congratulating Pte. Lawton (now with the 1st Battalion) on winning the Northern Command place-kicking competition. Cricket is now, however, our foremost concern and we have quite a well-balanced team which is capable of some good scores. So far, we have played three matches and won them all. Numbers seven to eleven have yet to bat!

OFFICERS' MESS

Our major social engagement has been our annual cocktail party, which we held on April 18. The Colonel of the Regiment was present and we were also pleased to have the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion and Jimmy Davidson with us for the occasion, not to mention 120 other guests. However, we very much missed the presence of Mr. George Stansfeld of Field House and many hope he will be able to attend next year.

After the St. George's Day church service on April 22, we had a luncheon party in the Mess when our guests were General Sir Roy and Lady Bucher, Archdeacon and Mrs. Treacy and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hargreaves, all of whom are connected with the Yorkshire Branch of the Society of St. George in one capacity or another.

Our other social commitments have been few, though one dinner night deserves mention. After dinner we settle down to liar dice as is our custom during which many unkind remarks were passed concerning cigarettes smoked by Lewis Kershaw. It was not until the next morning that we discovered that during the course of the evening a large hole had been burnt in the side of one of the armchairs, which had been placed too close to a gas fire.

The installation of the central heating has nearly been completed. Our previous guess that it would come into operation on Midsummer's Day looks like being a remarkably accurate forecast.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The last quarter has been very quiet and very little of note has taken place in the way of Mess activities.

We extend our congratulations to Sgt. Sykes (R.A.E.C.) on his recent wedding and hope that he and his wife will be very happy for many years to come.

We played the corporals at football and we are sorry to say we lost to the tune of 4-1 (could it be because the corporals supplied the referee?). In the evening we entertained them to a social evening and a good time was had by all. We managed a draw at indoor games—seems that some of us old ones can still hold our own at parlour games.

Ex-C.S.M. "Ginger" Quirk, who served with the Regiment for 18 years, called to pay his respects at Easter and he sends his best wishes to all.

Our congratulations are extended to Sgt. Wilkinson on his promotion and we welcome him to the Mess and also to Sgt. Busfield on obtaining substantive rank.

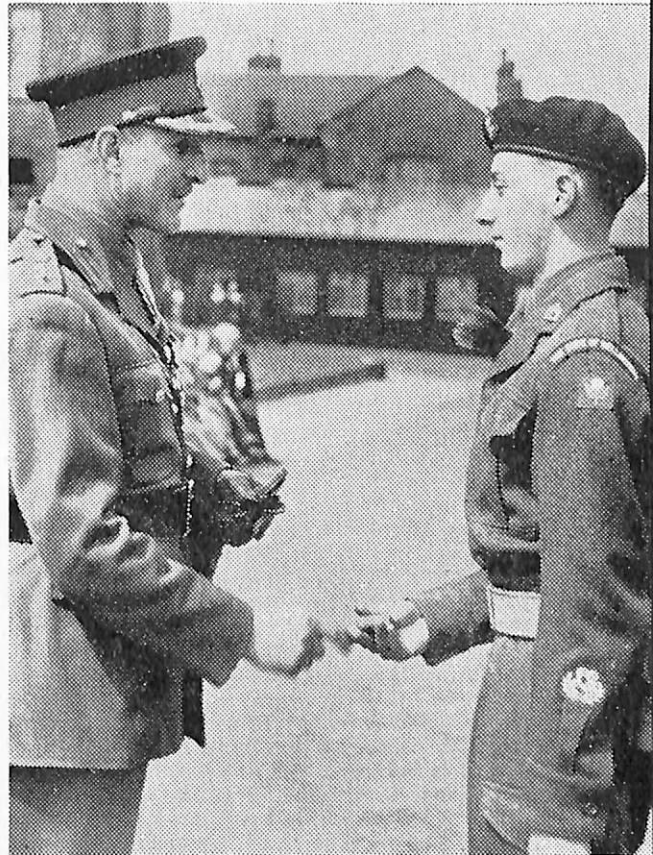
Before these notes are published we shall have said farewell to Sgts. Busfield and Sykes (R.A.E.C.) and we wish them good luck in civilian life.

We also note that C.Q.M.S. Harry Benner, who was serving with H.Q., East and West Ridings Area, has now completed his service and we wish him good fortune.

CORPORALS' MESS

Warm congratulations are offered to Cpls. Battye and Collins on attaining substantive promotion, Cpl. Hellowell on entering the full rank circle, and L.Cpls. Bailey, Owers and Stead on reaching the first rung of the promotion ladder. Keep climbing!

In mid-April we had a most enjoyable social evening at the Sergeants' Mess. This was preceded by a football match in the afternoon in which we managed to inflict a 4-1 defeat on our opponents, though we conceded a point in their favour when we were informed that the Sergeants'



Colonel D. A. J. D. Mander, D.S.O., Brigade Colonel, Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade presents a prize to 23294409 Pte. J. P. Lassey

average age was 29 years 3 months as opposed to our adolescent years. At the end of the game 22 sweating dejected humans left the field of conflict somewhat dubious about the validity of the term recreation in relation to football.

In the evening, headed by our industrious President, we repaired to the Mess, where for two hours we pitted our skill against the Sergeants at snooker, darts and dominoes. A satisfactory draw was the outcome of the combined competitions.

A very welcome meal of fish and chips was consumed with relish by all, followed by a most enjoyable period of music and singing which revealed considerable amount of talent. "Doc" Preston's rendering of the "Soldier's Ten Commandments" brought the house down, whilst Cpl.

Break's "Rock of Gibraltar" was accompanied by such violent body action and hot rhythm that he almost succeeded in getting those of us with sedentary occupations to follow suit. Our hosts rounded off a convivial evening with consummate ease. The spontaneous applause was indicative of students of hedonism.

For the future we envisage a day trip to a noted seaside resort, reputed to be a veritable haven of hospitality and charm. However, more of this in our next notes.

In closing we would mention a new-found virtue of Cpl. Bland's who has excommunicated himself from the narcotic weed, much to the chagrin of his associates. Nevertheless, a creditable move to stave off penury.

7th BATTALION, T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

Since our last notes there has been another change in policy in the structure of the T.A. Our paper strength remains the same, but National Servicemen are now only obliged to attend one annual camp, instead of three, during their 3½ years' part-time service. So our camp strength has now considerably and suddenly been reduced after a steady build-up over the last few years.

However, our T.A. strength remains much the same, with the enlistments keeping up with resignations which are largely due to changes of employment and leaving the area.

Annual camp starts on June 23 and it is at Wathgill, near Richmond, Yorks. It is a tented camp and the same that we were in last year, added to which we shall be by ourselves and divorced from our Brigade who are having their camp earlier. This has been necessitated by the date, July 7, when H.R.H. The Princess Royal is to present us with new Colours in Huddersfield. Having fewer men to train we hope will go some way to emulate the magnificence of a similar parade a few of us were privileged to witness at Chisleton. As a matter of interest this is the first T.A. unit to have new Colours with the last war's battle honours.

We are, of course, at a considerable disadvantage in that we cannot start rehearsals until we get to camp, but all the preparatory work we hope will be completed by the time we leave the district.

The presentation parade is taking place in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield, and afterwards we are exercising our "freedom" rights and march past the Mayor of Huddersfield.

Later in the year we are to leave the formation that we are in at present and join a Division in which we served before the war. In the same Brigade will be 4th K.O.Y.L.I.s and the Hallams.

The shooting team are busy keeping their hands in at Deer Hill and we should have a team to compete with honour at Bisley for the China Cup, and in the Divisional and T.A.R.A. Decentralised Competitions. In the Leeds Small-Bore Competition our team obtained a fourth place.

The gardens at Wellesley House are being brought into peak condition once more. The good

work has been slightly set back by the laying of a drain, but we know that Bert Burrows and his team will reach a very high standard for the tea party for H.R.H. and the cocktail party on July 7.

OFFICERS' MESS

On April 17 we were most pleased to have with us General Sir Philip Christison and the Mayor of Huddersfield (Alderman J. T. Gee). During the dinner the Colonel of the Regiment formally presented us with the silver table lighter of which mention was made in the last copy of this magazine.

Another beautiful piece of silver in the shape of an ink-stand has arrived from the Rt. Hon. Iain McLeod, M.P. We hope that one day he too will be able to make the presentation himself.

The second Sunday of the month openings of the Mess seem to be going from strength to strength and the many new faces would seem to indicate that more honorary members are becoming aware of these gatherings. It is to be hoped that the popularity of these functions will continue when the Mess is open again for honorary members on Sunday, October 14.

The spring cleaning of the ground floor has begun in preparation for the events on July 7. They are likely to reach such magnitude that some rose bushes are having to be moved to accommodate two marquees.

We welcome Gerald Reddington as our newest T.A. officer, Tom Pickles on transfer from A.E.R. and 2 Lt. R. H. Carter from the 1st Battalion. Our farewells to Clive Goodwin, Ian Thompson and Guy Thomas, who have completed their part-time service.

SERGEANTS' MESS

From our point of view this has been rather a quiet period of the year, although the Mess has continued to open after drills on the second Thursday of each month. Unfortunately, the attendance on these nights has dropped off, members attending coming mainly from Battalion H.Q. This is possibly due to transport difficulties.

On Sunday, May 13, a W.O.s' and Sergeants' training day was held in Milnsbridge T.A.C. and

there was quite a good turn-up, all volunteer members of the Mess being in attendance with the exception of those who were with the .22 shooting team at Leeds. During the day the R.S.M. went through the form of the parade for the presentation of the Colours on July 7, showing that a great deal of training would be required for that day. One of the points he brought out was the difficulty in keeping to a 30-in. pace, and only one, our Provost Sergeant, succeeded at the first attempt.

At the end of the afternoon a Mess meeting was held. After passing minutes and accounts and appointing officials and committees for the next period, social activities during the camp period were discussed. As the remainder of the Brigade are not near us this year and there is no families' day on the middle Sunday, there will be no outside invitations at camp and the committee are to arrange evenings for the officers and the corporals of the Battalion to be invited to the Mess. Decisions over the holding of a social evening after the parade on July 7 were put off until the next meeting, as it was not known where the Mess would function on return to Huddersfield.

"A" COMPANY

As a result of changes in T.A. policy and an endeavour to tighten our ranks, we have moved temporarily into Arden Road T.A.C., Halifax. At one stage it appeared that the Company might have to accommodate itself in a corner of the parade ground under canvas, but after a certain amount of good-humoured manoeuvring between Company Commanders we were accommodated in a Company office and Company store, both of which were highly satisfactory. We are naturally very sorry to leave Sowerby Bridge, especially as it had just been decorated and refurnished and a lot of work had been put into the place by all ranks, especially by C.S.M. Bye. However, we feel that the move to Arden Road will place us in a better position for recruiting. "A" Company has an indestructible hard core, and together with National Servicemen we should be able to muster about fifty bodies at camp, although drivers and employed men will soon make inroads into these numbers.

During the rather hectic weeks of recruiting, the bar sales went up to a most encouraging degree. So much so that one member of the Company pointed out that "the best time to sign them on seemed to be 10.30 p.m."

In addition to any new National Servicemen who will be coming to camp this year, we welcome Lt. Jantet to the Company. He will command No. 2 Platoon.

Most people who write notes for the IRON DUKE must feel that their quarterly essays have the effect of shortening the year. For in next to no time we shall be at camp again!

"B" COMPANY

The change in the implementation of the National Service Act has sadly depleted the ranks of "B" Company. We have had some success in retaining National Servicemen as T.A. volunteers and we hope in time to change the minds of others.

To counteract this reduction in the Company strength, the emphasis lately has been on recruiting. Inter-Company competitions have been in the forefront and we are pleased to say that "B" Company managed to win the shooting prize. We failed in the drill competition, and a darts competition is still in progress. Our main effort was a pie supper held "over the hill" at Mossley. It was very well supported and one of the best we have had for a long while. Many brought along their wives and girl friends and they all had a pleasant evening. The Commanding Officer and Training Major popped in for a short time, and both agreed that it was a very good "do."

All the men who attended the weekend camp at Bellerby decided that it was a first-class camp. The weather, though fine, was cold. However, this was compensated for by the huge fires and good food. If only outsiders could have seen the food we had that weekend they would soon join the T.A.

In the absence of the C.Q.M.S., Cpl. Larnder stepped into the breach and assisted the Q.M.—he did a grand job and has decided that he liked it enough to apply for the job permanently.

The next few weeks are going to be pretty hectic—the weeks before annual camp usually are, but this year with the Colour Parade being held on the last day of camp, it is going to be even more so. We are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping for a fine day, because when the people of Huddersfield see us marching through Greenhead Park they will all want to join—Roll on, Camp!!!

"C" COMPANY

These are sad notes to write as we are temporarily leaving our home at Elland and concentrating with "S" Company and "A" Company at Arden Road, in Halifax.

This will, of course, permit more work to be carried out, and once the rifle range is built there should be one or two quite interesting things for people to do. With quite a number of fellows attending from different Companies, it will be better for everybody. However, the Elland Drill Hall full of keen "Terriers" is what we are looking forward to having, and some day we shall be back.

Meanwhile the struggle for new faces and the desire to obtain recruits is with us all, and we look forward to slowly increasing our numbers, in due course.

"D" COMPANY

Annual camp this year will be of special importance, inasmuch as we will be preparing for the presentation of new Colours by H.R.H. The Princess Royal on July 7—our last day of camp. That this important event will soon be upon us becomes increasingly apparent as officers and N.C.O.s may be observed wandering about dazedly, silently mouthing words of command, or cleaving the air with imaginary sword strokes.

The response to appeals for more T.A. volunteers in the Huddersfield District has been very poor;

however, those volunteers we already have continue to display sterling qualities.

During the past two weeks our T.A.C. at Fitzwilliam Street has been used as a collecting centre for kit handed in by National Servicemen who have completed their training obligations and have declined to enlist in the T.A. Many thanks to C.Sgt. Thorpe and Sgt. Laherty, who have given many hours of their spare time during this period to help the regular "Q" Staff to collect and bundle this kit.

As in previous years, an N.C.O.s' cadre has been held during the first three months of the year, and Fitzwilliam Street T.A.C. has been the centre of this year's training; thanks to the N.C.O.s for helping to swell the bar profits of the "Quartermaster's Arms."

On May 7 we entertained "B" Company to a darts match and had an enjoyable game, although losing to their superior marksmanship. Our position in the Battalion inter-Company small-bore rifle competition is not yet known, but it would appear from a study of the targets that most of our team fired with safety catches on and wearing blinkers.

The Band and Drums still continue to charm or alarm us with their musical meanderings—Bandmaster White is achieving remarkable results in his efforts to form a Band worthy of the Battalion—we wish him continued success.

"S" COMPANY

Recent weeks have witnessed unusual activities at the T.A. centre, the main "upheaval" being the sorting out of office and stores accommodation to enable "A" and "C" Companies to obtain "digs" with "S" Company. That was eventually accomplished and we now find ourselves a three-Company T.A.C. with, of course, the added advantage of there being more personnel about so that we shall be able to organise composite lectures, etc., for the future.

In the results of the recent Company guard competitions, we have been placed second to "H.Q." Company and those who turned up for the Company guard are to be congratulated on making a good turn-out. Special note must be made of the stentorian bellow acquired by C.S.M. Fitton at his recent Guards' drill course! Our Company Commander has recently returned from a course at the Senior Officers' School and it is to be hoped that someone will benefit thereby.

Once we can clear the Drill Hall of all the clothing, etc., handed in by outgoing National Servicemen (impervious to our pleas, blandishments, cajolings, threats, etc., to become T.A. volunteers), we may be able to get a good look at the two half-tracks provided for the Anti-Tank Platoon. We shall also be able to start sorting ourselves out in preparation for annual camp which is drawing near with rapidity and, by the

time the next notes are written, we hope to be able to write of yet another successful camp, followed by the "event of the year" in Huddersfield—the Colour parade.

"H.Q." COMPANY

In the guard competition held by the Commanding Officer, "H.Q." Company obtained first place and were congratulated by him on a good turn-out.

We also did well in the T.A.R.A. .22 shoot, gaining third place. All members of the team are to be congratulated, as they were up against stiff opposition. This third place was the best gained by any company in the Battalion.

At present we are running M.T. and Signal courses. The attendance to date has not been too good, but we hope the news will spread and more men will come in. The M.T. course is being run by Sgt. Brennan (T.A.), an expert mechanic.

Lt. Mallalieu is running the Signal cadre and we hope in the near future to run driving instruction courses.

All ranks who attended the W/E camp at Bellerby were unanimous in their praise of the quality and quantity of the food which they enjoyed during their stay there. For once, at least, congratulations to the members of the A.C.C. and the advance party.

7th BATTALION (T.A.)

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

We are sorry that the usual report on the activities of the Regiment was missing from the last edition of THE IRON DUKE. We can only put the blame on what now appears to be the annual reorganisation of the Territorial Army. It is indeed difficult to write about the past and future of a Regiment when one is not certain that by the time the notes are published that there will even be a 382 Medium Regiment left.

All is now well and the outcome of the latest reorganisation is far better for us than we had even hoped for. We are to remain a self-propelled Medium Regiment and to expand to three batteries instead of two. This means that we can now complete our previous amalgamation of the former 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions, by having a Battery representing each of the Battalions, and each with its B.H.Q. in the original geographical locations.

The proposed new layout of the Regiment is—

R.H.Q.	Halifax.
"P" (4 DWR) Battery	Halifax.
"Q" (5 DWR) Battery	Huddersfield.
"R" (6 DWR) Battery	Skipton.

"Q" Battery will have a troop at Mirfield and it is expected that "R" Battery will have a troop at Keighley.

Due to the new regulations governing National Servicemen and their part-time service with the T.A., our numbers will be considerably reduced on last year, but, what to us is very important, is that the volunteer element in the Regiment will be very much higher. In other words, the T.A. is getting back to its original form of a Volunteer Army, and every Territorial, old and new, will welcome this.

We would say that the National Servicemen whom we have had during the last few years have been absolutely first class, and we only wish that more of them could find the time to continue as T.A. Volunteers. It is interesting to note that quite a large proportion of our senior N.C.O.s are men who joined us from National Service.

TRAINING

We have had several very successful officers' weekends and great stress has been laid on the importance of all officers being able to use the wireless properly. There has been a steady improvement in procedure, even if at times some of the remarks heard on the air were not strictly according to the training pamphlets.

"Q" and "R" Batteries have each had two

weekend camps at Knostrop, nr. Leeds, and we have been able to drive our S.P. guns (by devious routes) over to the camp. This has been invaluable from a driver training angle, even if a little expensive on kerb-stones.

R.H.Q. is still trying to fathom how "R" Battery managed to have 50 W.R.A.C.s attached to their second weekend at the beginning of June. As this camp will be taking place as these notes go to press, this story will have to be continued in our next.

All training is now directed towards Practice Camp, which this year is at Westdown on Salisbury Plain from July 28 to August 11, and the training programmes are well in hand. Westdown is one of the best Gunner camps and is not to be compared with last year's site at Otterburn.

PERSONALIA

Our Honorary Colonel, Colonel Keith Sykes, retires in July, and his place will be taken by Colonel George Akroyd.

We thank Colonel Sykes for the help and support which he has given to us during the year following the amalgamation and we wish him a speedy recovery to full health.

Lt.-Colonel Freddie Crossley has announced his intention of retiring in November of this year, and he will be succeeded by the second in command, Major Ray Simpson.

We are, unfortunately, unable at this stage to publish details in the changes in officers which the new reorganisation will necessitate.

Major Tony Tracey, our regular Training Officer, is leaving us at the beginning of June to take up a staff appointment with Southern Command. We thank him very sincerely for the grand work which he has done for the Regiment, especially during the teething troubles of amalgamation, and we offer our best wishes to him and his family for the future.

We welcome Lt. J. C. Mason, who will be joining us at camp from National Service. His father served for 20 years in the 5th Dukes.

We were sorry to lose B.S.M. G. Rawlinson, one of our P.S.I.s, who left us upon completion of his time in the Army. His pleasant and efficient manner will long be remembered.

In his place we welcome B.S.M. J. Turner who has joined us from 4 R.H.A., and Sgt. E. Wayman from 40 Field Regiment, and we hope that they and their families will enjoy their stay with the Regiment.

“Q” (5th D.W.R.) MED. BTY. 382 MED. RGT. R.A. (D.W.R.) T.A.

We must first of all apologise to our friends and supporters for our temporary absence from these pages. However, we feel sure our main news has been worth waiting for. After spending a long, anxious and frustrating period wondering what fresh turns of fate the genius of reorganisation had devised for us, we have now learned that we are to continue in our present role—for which mercies we are only too grateful.

Our numbers have, of course, thinned considerably following the new privileges extended to National Servicemen, but there is a new feeling gradually becoming evident in the Battery; a feeling that to many recalls nostalgic memories of the nineteen thirties and springs from the fact that we are now in effect a volunteer Battery. So infectious has this volunteer spirit become that we have in a modest way revived the almost forgotten techniques of the recruiting campaign, which despite quite keen local competition for the favours

of the reluctant recruits, has been attended with most gratifying results.

Since we were confirmed in our present role, training weekends have fallen thick and fast, and with the possible exception of our wives, have been very much enjoyed by everyone. We were particularly honoured on Sunday, April 22, when our Honorary Colonel, Colonel Keith Sykes, paid us a visit and had lunch with us. We were delighted to see him looking so very much better.

For some months the Sergeants' Mess at St. Paul's Street has been undergoing reconstruction, and on Saturday, May 26, the new Mess was opened with a most successful Mess party. Most of the work has been carried out voluntarily by B.S.M. Skinner-Berkeley, one of the few remaining in the Battery who actually served with the old 5th Dukes in their halcyon days. We should like to pay tribute to his hard work and enthusiasm, which he himself would attribute to the 5th Dukes' spirit!

The Regimental Dinner Club

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Dinner Club took place on June 1 in the Hyde Park Hotel. As is the custom, the Colonel of the Regiment made the only speech in which he reviewed the events of the past year. A telegram, he said, had been sent to H.M. The Queen, conveying the loyal greetings of the members of the Dinner Club, and he read her reply graciously acknowledging its receipt. Telegrams had also been received from officers stationed in Germany and in East Africa, Major-General R. K. Exham and Brigadier V. C. Green. He welcomed the Duke of Wellington to the dinner, saying how much we all appreciated his great interest in the Regiment, and particularly his presentation of the New Colours. He warmly congratulated Lieutenant-Colonel Moran and the 1st Battalion on the ceremony. "What he learned at Gibraltar, he has performed at Chisleton. As a drill spectacle and as a musical feast the whole performance was superb." The Colonel also congratulated the Battalion on their success in the Salisbury Plain Shooting Competitions, in which they swept the board against 150 competitors. He hoped that they would be able to strengthen their liaison with Wellington College, now that they were in their neighbourhood, even if it was only for a few months. He also congratulated the Regimental Team in the Army Golf Meeting on their magnificent achievement in beating the Seaforth Highlanders, old opponents and favourites for the championship. Finally, he congratulated the Hon. Secretary, Captain Bolton, on arranging, as always, such a delightful dinner and tea.

The following were present: General Sir A. F. Philip Christison (Bart.), Colonel of the Regiment; Major-General W. M. Ozanne; Brigadiers R. N. H. C. Bray, R. K. Exham, F. H. Fraser. C. W. G. Grimley and B. W. Webb-Carter; Colonels F. R.

Armitage, L. E. Bishop, F. R. St. P. Bunbury, C. R. T. Cumberlege, W. A. Hinchcliffe, E. W. Stevens, R. G. Turner and G. C. H. Wortham; Lieutenant-Colonels E. C. Boutflower, M. N. Cox, J. H. Dalrymple, R. de la H. Moran, D. Paton, O. W. Price, A. E. H. Sayers and W. A. Woods; Majors L. B. B. Beuttler, J. E. V. Butterfield, J. Davidson, J. H. Davis, T. St. G. Faulkner, A. D. Firth, A. B. M. Kavanagh, H. R. Kavanagh, L. F. H. Kershaw, H. S. Le Messurier, J. A. Lennon, J. G. Lepper, P. B. Lowe, C. J. MacLaren, P. P. de la H. Moran, R. W. Nicholson, D. C. Roberts, R. A. Scott, J. L. Streatfield, A. C. S. Savory, R. E. Sugden, J. Scott-Milligan and A. H. G. Wathan; Captains R. H. D. Bolton, E. M. P. Hardy, H. Middleton Hands, J. A. d'E. Miller, W. F. C. Robertson, The Lord Savile, R. Scott-Evans and H. A. J. Stacpoole; Lieutenants J. W. Hayes, P. A. Mitchell, C. D. d'E. Miller and J. N. H. Naughton.

Guest: His Grace The Duke of Wellington, K.G.

The Regimental Tea

The dinner was preceded by the tea at 4 p.m. The numbers were rather less than usual, as some found it difficult to get away again so soon after the Presentation of the Colours. None the less it was a very pleasant and representative gathering, enhanced by the opportunity to see the photographs of the Presentation Ceremony which Major Sugden had brought with him.

The following were present: Captain and Mrs. R. H. D. Bolton, Major and Mrs. R. A. Scott, Major and Mrs. A. C. S. Savory, General Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. A. E. H. Sayers, Major and Mrs. C. J. MacLaren,

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East African Dinner

On May 31, officers of the Regiment serving in East Africa held their own dinner in the Tudor Room, Torrs Hotel, Nairobi.

The Guest of Honour was Brigadier T. H. Birkbeck, D.S.O., and the following were present: Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Waller, Majors W. Skelsey, R. E. Austin, G. C. Tedd and A. Hellowell, Captain P. A. Wilks, and Mr. Smart (late 1 DWR).

Colonel P. G. L. Cousens was unfortunately unable to attend.

Personalia

The engagement is announced between Captain Kenneth Malcolm Leonard Frazer, The York and Lancaster Regiment, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Frazer of The Vicarage, Duddington, Stamford, and Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Colonel W. A. Hinchcliffe, T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Hinchcliffe of Rhinefield, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Trench writes that he has heard recently from Colonel Le Marchant's son, who writes to say that his father, who celebrated his 97th birthday in February, has been confined to bed since he broke his leg last year (THE IRON DUKE of April, 1955) and is now in a nursing home in Cheltenham. Though almost blind, and very deaf, he still takes a keen interest in cricket and the Stock Exchange.

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Among the many telegrams received by the 1st Battalion on the occasion of the Presentation of New Colours was one from the Inces, father and son, then in Gibraltar.

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Colonel E. W. Stevens, M.B.E., is now serving at H.Q. Northern Army Group, B.A.O.R.

Major Sir Nugent H. Everard was recently posted to 39 (Indep.) Infantry Brigade, Northern Ireland.

Colonel F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., leaves England for Cyprus, where he is to command a Brigade, early in August.

Late News

We regret to announce the death, on 26 June 1956, of Lieutenant - Colonel H. K. UMFREVILLE, D.S.O.

An obituary notice will appear in the October number of the Iron Duke.

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Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. Maberley

The introduction of penny postage into the United Kingdom and the initial carrying of two sets of Colours by the 76th Regiment appear to be widely separated events. Yet they are linked by the ebullient personality of Lieutenant-Colonel Maberley.

William Leader Maberley was born on May 7, 1798, the son of John Maberley, of Shirley House, Surrey, who was M.P. for Rye and later for Abingdon. With an opulent background his military career followed the usual pattern of those days of purchase. It can best be summarised as follows:

- Lieutenant, 7th Royal Fusiliers, March 23, 1815.
- Lieutenant, 9th Lancers, July 3, 1817.
- Captain, Half-Pay List, May 14, 1818.
- Major, 72nd Highlanders, November 10, 1825.
- Lieutenant-Colonel, 96th Regiment, December 30, 1826.
- Lieutenant-Colonel, 76th Regiment, September 13, 1827.

Maberley thus became Commanding Officer of the 76th at the age of 29. He succeeded Lieutenant-Colonel John Wardlaw, who had commanded the Regiment from 1810 and had led it through the later Peninsula battles and during the American War of 1812-14. The Regiment was stationed at Fermoy when Maberley joined it.

The Colours borne by the Regiment at this period were the first honorary stand presented by the East India Company in 1808, when they replaced the regulation stand that retired that year. These colours had undergone the Corunna and Walcheren campaigns, besides the battles of Nive and Nivelle and the American War, and it is not surprising that they had been reported upon in 1827 as "very old and very ragged." Doubtless the veteran Wardlaw had been reluctant to replace the Colours he had served under his whole 17 years of command, especially as it seemed probable that a regulation stand, without the Indian honours inscribed on the honorary stand, would be forthcoming.

Colonel Maberley had other ideas. It is worth noting at this stage that the new Commanding Officer had other interests than his military career. In 1819 he had become M.P. for Westbury and then flitted from constituency to constituency with the same abandon as he leapt from regiment to regiment. After leaving Westbury he was M.P. for Northampton, Shaftesbury and Chatham in turn. At the time he took over command of the 76th Maberley was representing the voters of Northampton.

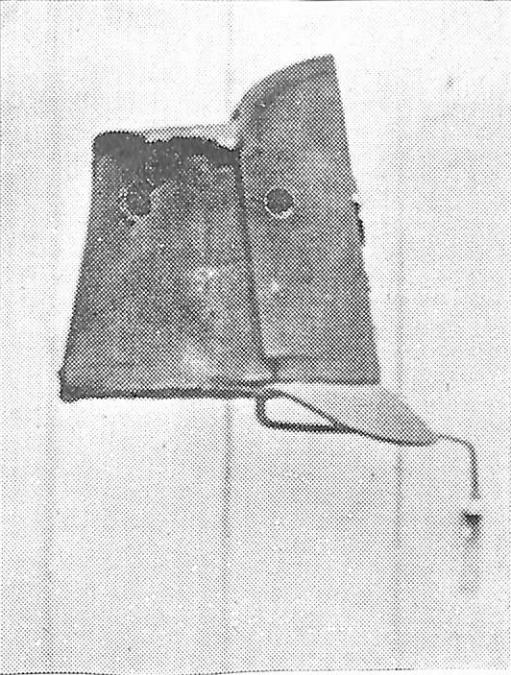
To solve the Colour question Maberley functioned first in the normal fashion. He applied to the Colonel of the Regiment—Lieutenant-General Sir Christopher Chowne—for the Colours to be re-

placed. This was duly done and a regulation stand of Colours arrived with the Regiment in 1829. The only battle honours displayed were "Peninsula" and "Hindoostan," whilst the elephant badge was shown without howdah or mahout. Colonel Maberley examined them, put them into store and then proceeded to his second plan. This took the form of writing to the East India Company directors in London and asking for a replacement of the Honorary Colours. It is significant that, though he mentioned the Regiment had received a regulation stand and, in fact, based his request on the fact that it did not bear the Indian honours, he discreetly did not disclose his intention to display both stands on parade. Doubtless the fact that the Maberley family could muster two votes in the House of Commons helped the directors of the company, always sensitive to Parliamentary pressure, to agree to the presentation of a new stand of Honorary Colours.

On Christmas Eve, 1829, this stand was despatched from London to Templemore, where the Regiment was then stationed. It was perhaps a convenience that Colonel Maberley was asked by the director to present the Colours and at a purely domestic ceremony on July 3, 1830, the Commanding Officer presented both the new Honorary Colours and the new regulation stand to his Regiment. From that date the 76th Regiment, and after 1881 the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, have carried both pairs of Colours on parade.

Maberley continued to command the Regiment until March, 1832, but, finding the double occupation of a Lieutenant-Colonel of infantry and a Member of Parliament insufficient to occupy his time, he obtained in January, 1831, the office of Surveyor-General of the Ordnance. This office he held until December, 1832, when he became Clerk of the Ordnance and then Commissioner of Customs. He was still a Lieutenant-Colonel on the Half-Pay List and M.P. for Chatham, but gave up his seat in late 1834. Finally he became a real permanent Civil Servant and was appointed Joint Secretary of the General Post Office in 1836. A true Civil Servant at heart, he opposed any reform, good or bad. Sir Rowland Hill was at the height of his campaign for the introduction of penny postage and he encountered bitter opposition from Maberley, who always referred to him as "that man from Birmingham." In 1840 Hill triumphed and penny postage was introduced, and in 1846 he was made Secretary to the Postmaster-General. The limpet-like Maberley, however, was appointed Permanent

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By Courtesy of the Halifax Courier & Guardian

WATERLOO SHAKO
Light Company 33rd Regiment

The Museum

The Museum has recently acquired several very interesting new items. Pride of place must go to an officer's Waterloo shako which was purchased by the Colonel of the Regiment, when it recently came on the market. Apart from the fact that it is the only Waterloo shako we possess, it has two other claims to distinction. First it has on it the badge of the Light Company, 33rd Regiment, a badge that was only in use between December 1814 and 1816 and must therefore be very rare, and secondly is almost certainly the shako worn by Ensign James Arnot Howard (33rd Regiment) at Waterloo, for in a letter dated July 8, 1815, and published on page 245 of "The History of 33rd Regiment," he states: "I had a very narrow escape that day. A ball passed through my cap and must have been within the eighth of an inch of my head. I intend bringing the cap back to England." The shako has a bullet hole exactly where the description would indicate.

The Museum has also received the Crimea uniform coatee of Captain J. J. Greenwood, 33rd Regiment, who was wounded at Alma whilst carrying the Regimental Colour. With the coatee were also his epaulettes, sword belt and breast-plate, colour belt and sash. The Regiment thanks his daughter, Miss Louisa Greenwood, for so kindly donating these most interesting items to the Museum.

Finally, we are indebted to Mr. H. Beaufort Jones for the gift of a pair of Napoleon's spurs. They came into his possession through an aunt, whose father was Governor of St. Helena when Napoleon was there.

All these items are now on display in the Museum, which it is hoped to officially reopen in July.

Another recent gift was from Mrs. G. Carlyon, widow of Major A. S. Carlyon, who has most kindly given the Depot copies of the Army List of 1806 and 1815. The Depot possesses an almost unbroken series of Army Lists from 1779 to the present day; the only major gap occurring between 1800 and 1828. Mrs. Carlyon's gift has, therefore, helped to fill a gap during an important period in the Regiment's history

REGIMENTAL WORTHIES

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Secretary at a high salary and in full command of the postal staff. In this key position Maberley for more than seven years obstructed all improvements and achieved the waste of some millions of public money.

At last in 1854 he was transferred to the Board of Audit, receiving a piece of plate from his admiring fellow Civil Servants. From this office he retired in 1866 on a pension of £1,200 a year, supplemented by the surprising sum of £533 6s. 8d. a year from the Post Office. Finally the introduction of the Cardwell system in 1881 removed him at last from the Half-Pay List and he retired from the Army. He had married in 1830, when still with the 76th, Catherine, the daughter of the Hon. Francis Prittie, a brother of Lord Dunalley.

Maberley died in 1885. Chiefly remembered now, if at all, as an obstructive Civil Servant, he merits regard in the Regiment as the officer largely responsible for our unique honour of carrying two sets of Colours on parade.

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4th BATTALION D.W.R. FORTY-ONE YEARS AFTER

First/Second Fourth "Duke's" Old Comrades' Reunion

On April 14, 1915, the 1st/4th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment landed at St. Martin's Camp, Boulogne, to begin years of active service which brought honour to the Battalion, drawn from this corner of the West Riding. And on Saturday evening, just 41 years afterwards, a good proportion of the 130 members of the 1st/2nd 4th Battalion Old Comrades' Association who attended the annual meeting and dinner at the Prescott Street Drill Hall, Halifax, were men who had served with the 1st/4th.

This was the 37th annual reunion, but it has been a source of pride to the Association that, though each year the roll of those Old Comrades who have died grows longer, the occasion has remained a rallying point to members of the battalions.

A press report of the meeting is printed below.

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At the annual meeting, at which Mr. B. Haigh presided, the report was presented by Captain N. T.

Farrar, who apologised for the absence of his co-secretary, Colonel Sir Alfred Mowat. Captain Farrar said that some men who "went through it" in the 1914-18 war had been going through it ever since and hardship had been occasioned by the devaluation of the pound. During the year, £85 had been distributed in sundry help and several members had been sent to convalescent homes. In its 37 years the Association had distributed thousands of pounds in aid and had found employment for nearly 400 men.

Mr. Fred Bentley, the Treasurer, said that in the year there had been an excess of income over expenditure of £165 and funds in hand were sufficient for three years' more work without call on the members.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. D. Huby; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. T. Miller; Secretaries, Colonel Sir Alfred Mowat and Captain N. T. Farrar; Treasurer, Mr. F. Bentley. Thanks to the officers and committee were proposed by Mr. Frank Lumb, who reminded members that there was much more to the Association's work than just the annual reunion. The value of the succour and help given in the Association's life was more than could be

measured in money, but he believed that so long as the need was there, there would be those willing to take on the task.

Responding, Mr. E. G. Jones, a committee member, said the greatest thanks were really due to the co-Secretaries and the Treasurer, who could almost be regarded as "permanent officials."

At the dinner which followed, the Chairman was Mr. D. Huby, who proposed the toast of "The Regiment."

In response, Major A. C. S. Savory, commanding the Regimental Depot at Wellesley Barracks, Halifax, referred to the consideration being given at the moment to the Regiment's battle honours for the last war and commented that the number would certainly be small compared with the First World War. From the first war it had been 63, but for the last war it was expected to be about 25.

That might seem strange, because the last war went on equally long and ranged all over the world. In the 1914-18 war, however, the Dukes had 16 battalions which saw active service, but in the last war there were only six. As things went at present, and with the infantry being steadily reduced, if there came another war the number might only be one.

10th (S) BATTALION, BRADFORD, O.C.A.

Although, in the nature of things, the ranks of the 10th (Service) Battalion are gradually thinning, it is always a melancholy task to report the passing of more of our members. Since our last notes were published we have lost by death Capt. the Rev. H. Sparling, M.C., of Bethersden, Kent (1955); Mr. E. Merrall, of Keighley (March 20, 1956); Mr. J. W. Hoyle, of Settle (January 28, 1956); and Mr. Walter Wilkinson, of Bradford (May 16, 1956).

Capt. Sparling was O.C. "C" Company, and after the Great War became Vicar of Dent, Yorkshire. Later he left the ministry and took part in a number of important property deals, including the Launde Abbey (Leicestershire) Estate of 1,585 acres in June, 1947, and the village of Cold Kirby, near Thirsk (Yorkshire), Eaking (Nottinghamshire), Yawthorne (Lincs.) and Nethermuir (Aberdeenshire) in August, 1955. Capt. Sparling was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Leeds University, where he graduated in 1919. He was ordained in 1921 and held curacies at Roehampton and Dulwich before becoming Vicar of Buckminster-with-Sewstern in 1927. He went to Dent in 1930 and was there for 17 years. He won his M.C. during the fighting in the Ypres Salient in 1917 and received a leg wound which left him a cripple for the rest of his life. Before the last war he preached at a number of Annual Service Parades organised by his Battalion's O.C.A. He was in his early sixties.

Mr. Merrall died in distressing circumstances in March last. He will be best remembered by the Keighley and Craven contingent who served with the Battalion. At the end of the Great War he

Colonel Sir William Fenton, who proposed the toast of "The Guests," said that those who attended those gatherings were constantly reminded of men like R. E. Sugden, James Walker and Fred Smith, who would remain in their memories as examples of the sort of people whom this world was the better for having had. He recalled those days of 40 years ago on the Somme, when the catchwords of the Battalion seemed to have been "Any letters?" "Any parcels?" and "How many to a loaf?"

Responding, Colonel H. Dixon, of the 6th Battalion, said that he was glad to visit the 4th and had been proud to serve under Sir William in the last war, when he had done a wonderful job in organising the Home Guard. Also responding, Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Crossley, C.O. of 382 Medium Regiment, R.A., T.A., formerly the 4th Battalion, said that there were now only two Territorial Army units of the Regiment—his own unit and the 7th Battalion at Huddersfield. He denied, however, that the T.A. was destined to become a Civil Defence force. It would have, and always did have, a duty to aid the civil power, but it would retain its military role. He hoped that the 4th Battalion Old Comrades would remember that Prescott Street Drill Hall was their home; they would always be welcome.

held a commission in another unit. He was in business in Keighley as a boot and shoe dealer.

Mr. Hoyle is remembered as one of "A" Company's runners and was a regular attender at the O.C.A. reunions.

Mr. Wilkinson, a retired grocer and corn factor, joined the 10th Battalion at Ypres in 1917, and became Battalion Postman—a position he held until the end of the war. He was a generous supporter of the O.C.A.

The sympathy of the Association goes out to the relatives of all these men.

On April 15, 1956, the Rev. H. E. J. Biggs, Metropolitan Secretary of the United Society for Christian Literature, preached in Bradford Cathedral, and he received a greeting on behalf of the members of the O.C.A. from the Honorary Secretary, who attended the service.

The 1956 annual meeting and reunion dinner has been fixed for Saturday, November 3, at the Market Tavern Hotel, Bradford. Details will be circulated in due course, but ex-10th Battalion officers and men are invited to communicate with the Honorary Secretary at 10 Willowfield Crescent, Highfield Road, Bradford 2, if they are doubtful whether they are on the roll.

**The Annual General Meeting
and Reunion Dinner of the
Regimental Association.**

**Saturday September 22nd.
at Wellesley Barracks.**

London and Home Counties Branch

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held on Saturday, April 28, at the H.Q. of the Westminster Dragoons, Elverton Street, London, S.W.1.

There was a very good attendance, ably supported by a large contingent from the 1st Battalion from Chisleton. The dinner was presided over by the President of the Branch, Colonel Armitage, supported by Mr. Temple, the Chairman.

The meal provided was as good as ever and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was regretted that Major Huffam, v.c., was unable to attend owing to illness and the branch sent a letter of sympathy and hoping for a speedy recovery. Other notable absentee's were Major-General Ozanne, Brigadier Fraser and Colonel Dalrymple, from whom letters of regret were received. After the dinner the company proceeded to enjoy themselves as only Old Comrades will, and it was voted a most successful event.

On Friday, May 25, a party from the branch travelled to Chisleton to attend the Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion. The parade was very impressive and a credit to the Regiment, and it was agreed that not even the Guards could have bettered it. It had an additional interest for many present, as the new Colours had emblazoned on them Battle Honours from the last war, of which many of those present had taken an active part in the operations.

After the ceremony lunch was provided at the Sergeants' Mess, and it must be recorded that the arrangements made were first class and it was enjoyed by all. The party left Chisleton in the early evening to return to London after a most enjoyable and memorable day.

H. BUTTERWORTH (*Hon. Sec.*).

Huddersfield Branch

Huddersfield now has a branch of the Regimental Association. The second meeting took place on Wednesday, March 7, at which some thirty ex-members of the Regiment attended. Part of the evening's business was to elect Branch officers, and the following were installed:

Chairman: Colonel W. A. Hinchliffe, T.D.

Vice-Chairman: Major L. Kershaw, D.S.O.

Secretary: Mr. G. Machen.

Treasurer: Mr. R. L. Bates.

A Committee was also formed to take care of the social activities of the branch.

Lt.-Colonel T. Houghton is really responsible for the foundation of the branch and we feel he is to be congratulated on bringing into being what looks like turning out to be a strongly representative gathering. Members range from the South African War to Second World War chaps. We hope many of our local National Servicemen join in too and so help swell the numbers.

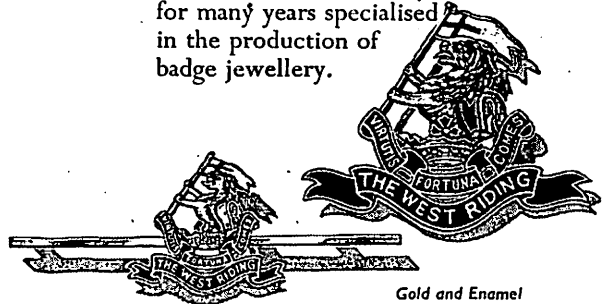
The branch meets on the first Wednesday in the month at 7.30 p.m., in the Crown Hotel, Westgate, Huddersfield.



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