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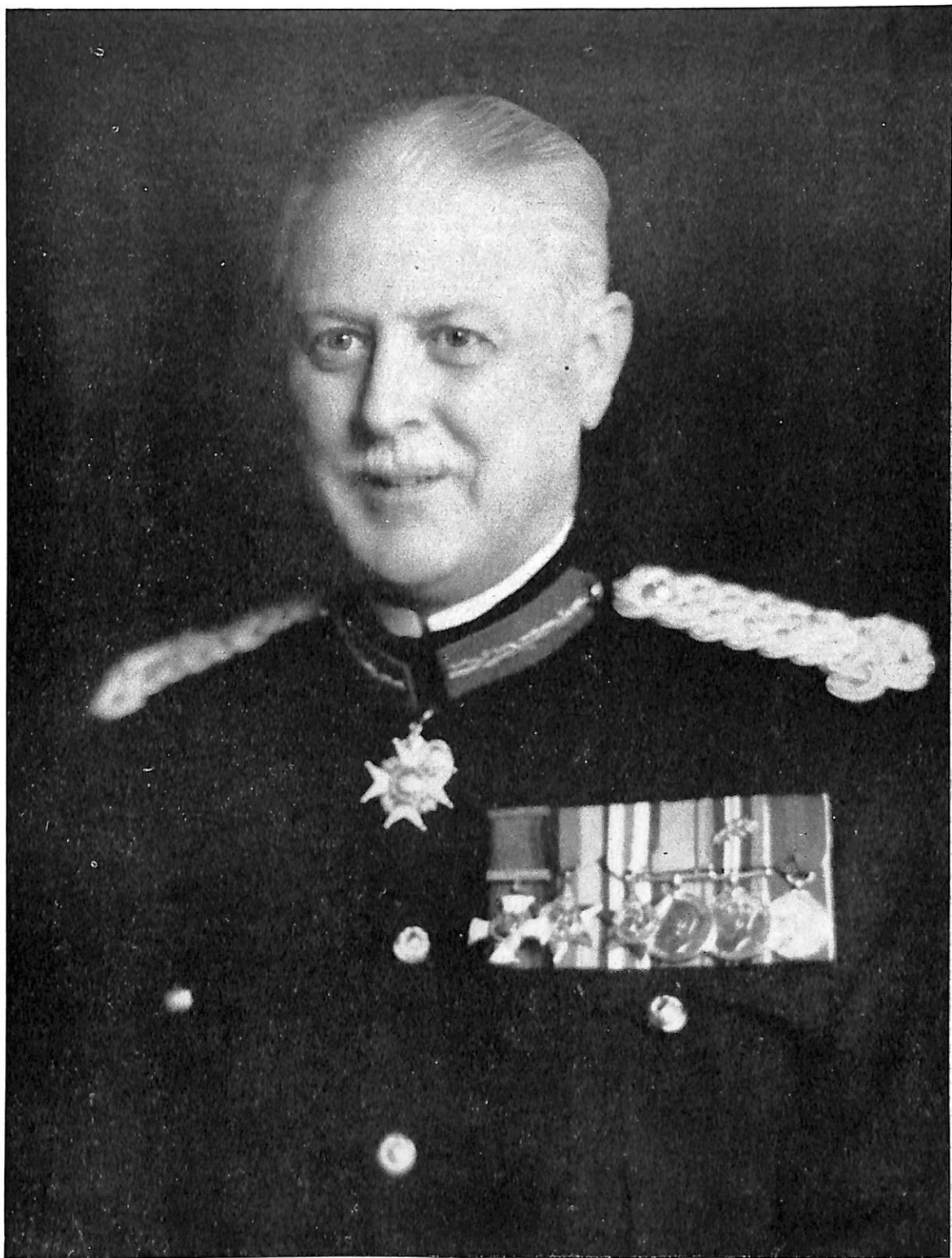
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MAJOR-GENERAL K. G. EXHAM, C.B., D.S.O.
The New Colonel of the Regiment

Farewell Message

from

GENERAL SIR A. F. PHILIP CHRISTISON, BART., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

On relinquishing the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment, I send to all readers of *THE IRON DUKE* my best thanks and deep appreciation of all the many kindnesses I have been shown, and the loyal support I have invariably been given, these ten very eventful years.

I lay down office at a period of change unparalleled in history; the end of an era, and the beginning of a new one.

It has been a tremendous privilege to guide the fortunes of the Regiment in these post-war years, and I have every confidence that in Major-General Kenneth Exham the future of the Regiment is in the right hands.

Thank you all once more, and the best of good fortune to all of you,

PHILIP CHRISTISON.

A Greeting

from

MAJOR-GENERAL K. G. EXHAM, C.B., D.S.O.

It is a great honour, indeed, to have been appointed Colonel of the Regiment and I am very conscious of the trust and responsibility which has been placed on me at this difficult period in the history of our Regiment.

Many important changes are shortly to take place in the organisation of the Infantry of the Line and although our own famous Regiment has been spared amalgamation, we must face many changes in the future pattern of our Regimental life. This will be a difficult and often distressing time for all of us; particularly for those who have spent a life's service in the Regiment.

However, I am quite convinced that these changes will be for the good of the Regiment, provided we are determined to preserve our unique title and identity and maintain the standards and traditions which have always distinguished the "Dukes." I have no doubt that we shall do this, and that, when reorganisation is complete, there will be better and more stable conditions of service for the Regimental officer and soldier.

The new order is a challenge to us and I confidently ask all serving "Dukes" and Old Comrades to do all that lies in their power to ensure that the changes go smoothly and that the Regiment's reputation within the Yorkshire Brigade is second to none.

It is particularly gratifying to have the 1st Battalion home again at this time and I am glad to be able to tell you that I have already heard the most favourable reports of them.

With all good wishes to all "Dukes" for the New Year.

EDITORIAL

STOP PRESS

The year 1957 has been a momentous one for the Army as a whole, and for this Regiment in particular. For it marks the close of General Sir Philip Christison's appointment as Colonel of the Regiment. It is difficult to express adequately the debt we owe to him for his wise direction throughout the difficult years which followed the war. They saw the 2nd Battalion put into cold storage, the Depot deprived of its normal functions and reduced for a time to a care and maintenance party, three of our territorial regiments amalgamated, and our one remaining regular battalion set to training men destined for other units.

What set of circumstances could have been better designed to extinguish altogether the Regimental spirit? That it survived and today flames as brightly as ever it did in the past is due in a large measure to his inspiration. The Regiment is deeply grateful to him and wishes him every happiness in the years to come.

Everyone will wish to welcome his successor, Major-General K. G. Exham, a distinguished member of a distinguished regimental family. Until he finishes his present command as G.O.C. in Nigeria, Brigadier Webb-Carter will act as his deputy.

Seldom, if ever, has a larger number of "Dukes" assembled at the Depot, than for this year's Annual Reunion. The main functions, which included the laying-up of the old 1st Battalion Colours and a farewell dinner to the Colonel are described elsewhere. It is sufficient to say here, that if this was, as it may well be, the swan-song of the Depot as a Regimental centre, it was anything but a dirge or a lament. But we should not leave this subject without a word of thanks to Major Roberts and the whole Depot staff—and especially the Officers' Mess Staff—for their hard work and the triumphant result. It is a truism that the Depot always does things well. In this case it surpassed itself.

H.M.S. *Cleopatra* has been placed in reserve and no longer has a crew on board. Thus for the present, at any rate, is broken our long association with the Royal Navy, beginning with H.M.S. *Iron Duke* and extended after her demise to H.M.S. *Theseus* and H.M.S. *Cleopatra*. The latter is a cruiser of 5,700 tons and was commissioned in 1941. She had a distinguished war career in the Mediterranean, which is summarised in No. 67 (June 1947) of THE IRON DUKE.

So now we have no link with our sister service, but it seems improbable that so splendid a name as H.M.S. *Iron Duke* has vanished for ever from the Navy List. No doubt it will be resurrected, though what strange craft will inherit it is anybody's guess. We look forward to the day when our alliance will be restored.

The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Dining Club and the Regimental Tea will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1, on Tuesday, May 27, 1958.

Contributions to the April number of THE IRON DUKE should reach the Editor not later than March 1.

QUARTER-FINAL ARMY RUGBY CUP

1 Duke of Wellington's Regiment v. 1 Training Regiment, Royal Signals, at Catterick on Jan. 9, 1958.

There was a wonderful turnout for this game, and a large percentage were, no doubt, readers of THE IRON DUKE; but for the benefit of those who couldn't make it, including Colonel "Bob" Moran, we have, at the last minute, inserted a small account of this important game.

It was a very dull day with a strong wind but no rain.

We were soon pressing, and the first score came from L/Cpl. Saville who dropped a goal from his position at centre in spite of the very high wind. The other points came from Lt. Gilbert-Smith, M.C., who scored a try by a brilliant piece of anticipation, beating two of the opposition for a touch-down between the posts. Capt. Hardy converted.

At half-time the spectators were a little apprehensive about our lead of 8 points, for the Signals are known to be great finishers and now they were to play with the wind behind them. We were all in for a pleasant shock, however, for soon the Signals were bottled up and fighting for their lives in their own twenty-five. For 20 minutes at least they had their backs to the wall and were lining the try-line, using every desperate stratagem to keep us at bay, falling, kicking, and even fly-hacking. Twice we thought we had scored again but the whistle had already gone. Finally the game opened out a bit more, but there were no very near shaves for us, and we were hardly ever behind our own twenty-five. Still, there was a certain amount of watch-peering going on and a considerable sigh when the final whistle went.

Lasting impressions. First and foremost; the wonderful support from every other unit in the British Army. The cry of "C'mon the Dukes" issuing from the throats of the R.A., R.E., A.C.C., R.A.C., R.A.M.C., from the stalwart throats of 250 of The York and Lancaster Regiment, and a large number of The King's Own Regiment. Not to mention the "Dukes" who turned up from every quarter as if it was an Old Comrades' reunion, some having flown over in a Shackleton from Ireland, spending five hours in a coach, three hours in an aeroplane, and two hours standing in the back of a 3-tonner before they got back to barracks the same day.

Secondly, the game itself. The wing forwards completely bottling up the opposing half-backs so that they could do nothing with the ball although they were always getting it.

The fitness and fighting spirit of our forwards, who reigned supreme in the loose, but hardly ever hooked the ball in the set scrum.

The clever kicking and intelligent marking from our three's.

Altogether a day to be remembered, one which eradicates with honour the defeat we suffered at the hands of 1 Training Regiment, Royal Signals, after extra time, way back in Strensall days.

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

Gone is the inspiration of our outdoor life in Cyprus; in its place the logistics and mathematics of paint and parade states, guards and groundsmen, carpenters and courses, ranges and rigger, all of which are not conducive to flights of fancy in a sub-editorial.

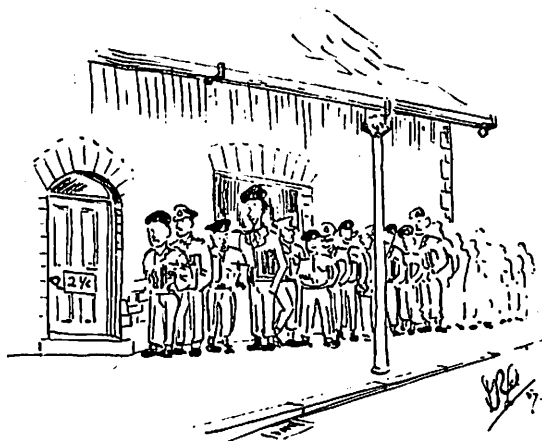
There have been two faint excitements; a platoon of "S" Company in Londonderry was called out to assist the Police after an incident and a few days ago our alarm went off accidentally. This caused a certain amount of to-ing and fro-ing and consternation, particularly as some of us confused it with Harland & Wolf's knocking-off buzzer from across the lough. It could only be "Dukes" who could have an alarm which sounds itself and, when it has decided it has caused enough excursions, stops suddenly with a sort of burp.

We had a quiet and comfortable trip home in the *Dilwara* and were pleased and gratified to have so many "Dukes" to meet us. As we drifted up Southampton Water at an excruciatingly slow speed (no doubt for some eminently sound nautical reason) faced with such a fearfully early rise in the morning that we wondered if it was worthwhile going to bed and, as it got later and later and colder and colder and the hours grew longer, we wondered if anyone would meet us. They did—and to those who fought their way down south and stayed up into the small hours to welcome us we do say it was most heart-warming to see them. Next morning General Exham spoke to us over the ship's Tannoy and then we all sped away on leave.

Leave was unnoteworthy except for the laying-up of old Colours at Halifax, which is reported upon elsewhere in this issue.

Through some master plan on the part of our Adjutant, no doubt the result of over-indulgence at the staff table, we spent about a month getting here; first the advance party, then "B" and "S" Companies and half "H.Q." Company, "A" and "D" Companies, the other half of "H.Q." Company, then the Drums and, last week, the Band. It was hard work for "B" Company and the Anti-Tank Platoon coping with all the guards and fatigues until the rest of the Battalion filtered in, but gradually the situation eased and now we are working to a definite cycle.

One Company ("S" at the moment) is at Londonderry for three months at a time, living very comfortably with H.M.S. *Sea Eagle*, the joint R.N./R.A.F. anti-submarine school. This Company is responsible for the whole of Londonderry and also manages to do some useful specialist training. In fact, this Company is so far away from home that we begin to wonder what they do do, apart from going to sea in submarines.



The Sub-Editor's Pipe Dream

The Companies in Holywood "enjoy" a fortnightly cycle of guards and inlying picquet, fatigues and training. The Company on training is struck off everything else—it even tries to get its many employed men out. With the many admin. requirements in the barracks one is sorely tempted to encroach on the Training Company's seclusion, but so far this temptation has been resisted. The other two Companies on guards and fatigues have a thin time because the demands of security and administrations are enormous, but as we settle in should become less.

Needless to say, there are many things that require to be done. As seems usual with this Battalion (shades of Chisleton) we were faced with moving into a temporary Officers' Mess (ex-M.R.S.) while the real Mess is rehabilitated, and the date of our move to the temporary Mess recedes further and further while the existing mess gets colder and more decrepit. The cookhouse and dining hall is in nearly the same condition. We are getting a new one next year, so little money is available to renovate the old one and later still (two years) a new Naafi, no doubt the pride and joy of auld Ireland, will be built, but we most likely will not be here to see it; meanwhile we try to make the existing Naafi shipshape.

On the credit side, however, the new barrack blocks are good, we have a cinema which can give shows on Sundays (a day on which all Ireland shuts) and the local people are most friendly.

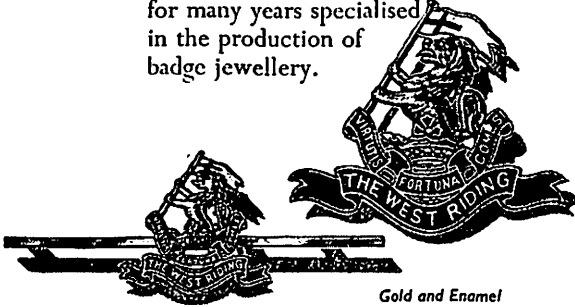
Brigadier O. G. Brooke, D.S.O., M.B.E., our Brigade Commander, in which we are with 15/19th The King's Royal Hussars and 1st Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and Lt.-General



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Sir Brian Kimmins, K.B.E., C.B., G.O.C. Northern Ireland District, came and welcomed us all. General Sir Brian Kimmins, it will be remembered, was B.M. to 147 Infantry Brigade, T.A., before the war. He well remembers all the then members of the 5/7th D.W.R. and 4th Battalion and, as he says, he knew the highways and byways of the West Riding like the back of his hand. We are at the moment taking our turn at guarding his residence.

Before we close we feel we ought to mention three people who have left us recently and whose activities affected the whole Battalion. Captain Samuels, R.A.M.C., looked after us most ably for over a year, all through Cyprus and nobly made up for all his errors of attire by persistently wearing his Regimental socks. Captain Taylor-Smith, R.A.P.C., who was with us for about the same length of time and whose sheer hard work (at times to the detriment of his health) very considerably eased the burden on harassed Company Commanders and account holders, particularly in Cyprus. And last, but not least, Major Davis, upon whom the mantle of command was suddenly thrust twice—the first time to lead us through the longest operation yet known in Cyprus, two months, where he cheerfully deflected any rockets coming our way and equably directed our efforts; the second time, as we checked, pasted up and packed up, he again carried the can all the way home.

Colonel "Pip" came over to Ireland with the first two Companies and we welcome him and Mrs. Moran to our midst. It is with perhaps a sigh of relief that the clothing storeman struck the figure 12 off his size roll for boots.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Officers' Mess in Palace Barracks is scheduled for modernising and to this end an old hospital in the barrack grounds is being prepared for occupation in January. No doubt we shall have departed before work on the old Mess has been completed, for life in Northern Ireland seems a little Asiatic.

The Mess property and silver has been unpacked and is being surveyed. We have, however, been able to hold our first guest night here to which the G.O.C., Lt.-General Sir Brian Kimmins, K.B.E., C.B., and his Chief of Staff, Colonel G. J. Hamilton, D.S.O., O.B.E., were among the guests.

On December 5 we are giving a cocktail party and that should see us through to Christmas.

The subalterns had an informal party in the Mess one night which proved good fun and a fairly cheap way of entertaining.

Feelers are out for finding good shoots for the Mess and, looking ahead to the summer, fishing and sailing contacts. So far there has been little time for recreation, apart from those who still have wind and limb for playing rugger. Tony Firth has enlisted many of us into the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club and we look forward to sailing on the Lough next year.

Those of us who are remaining here for Christmas will be lifting our glasses to "absent friends," both past and present, to whom we wish a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Before our final departure from Cyprus it was decided that we must leave some social impressions. This took the form of a social evening with members from the Brigade Messes coming along for the evening to help us drink up our stocks. Although on this occasion we did nothing spectacular it was proved that our guests did not possess the same capacity for KEO as did the average Yorkshire men; however, everyone had a very pleasant evening.

We mentioned in our last notes that we were preparing for a farewell ball. The R.S.M., due to some unknown fiddle, managed to find time to visit most other regimental balls in Nicosia and he decided that ours must be as splendid. After much high-pressure work from the organising committee the ball was arranged for Saturday, August 24. We hired Wolseley Hall for the occasion and invited some 300 guests. His Excellency The Governor and Lady Harding were invited and we are very pleased to report that they accepted. Not only did they honour us with their presence but stayed longer than they usually do at such functions. General Bourne, C.-in-C. M.E.L.F., and Major-General Kendrew, G.O.C.-in-C. Cyprus, could not attend owing to the trouble in Muscat Oman and we were sorry to find that illness prevented Brigadier F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., from attending. However, our own Brigadier came along and the "Dukes" officers turned up in full force, the lucky ones with their wives. It was a pleasure to entertain them all together once more. The R.S.M.s and a number of Mess members of all major units in Cyprus were invited, most managed to turn up with their ladies and, with the few we had in Cyprus, there was no lack of dancing partners. The ball was voted one of the best we have ever held and, although our funds were somewhat depleted, we believe we achieved all we set out to do and that was to show true Yorkshire hospitality to our guests and to entertain them in the traditional "Dukes" style.

We left Kermia Camp for Waynes Keep on August 28 and spent a few days in transit before leaving for Limassol, and on Monday, September 2, we embarked for home. The journey home was quite uneventful, most members taking the opportunity to enjoy a few days' rest. This journey is no doubt described in other notes, so we will not dwell longer on the subject, but we docked on September 13 and the next day met our loved ones to enjoy a well-earned leave.

Under the R.S.M. a small party took part in the laying-up of the Old Colours and later met at the O.C.A. dinner, a dinner that seemed to surpass all previous ones. Many old comrades were met and we re-fought the battles from Loe Agra to the Hook, but, like the journey, there will be much mention of this in other notes, so we'll say now't else.

In the bleak month of October the members began to dribble back to the Regiment in small parties, all having lost their beautiful Cyprus sun-tan and, indeed, some looking a little green after the journey on the unkind Irish Sea.

The first thing that strikes one on entering Palace Barracks is a huge modern building which is

the Sergeants' Mess, and anyone who enters it is absolutely astounded that it really is the Mess and not some first-class hotel they have wandered into. It is really the last word in modern military luxury that one so often reads about, but never sees, and it seems to have every labour-saving gadget invented. All the single members are accommodated in the single bunks, which have everything down to a nail brush, and after living in old huts and tents for so long it comes as a very welcome change to be so well housed. The kitchen has to be seen to be believed and would do any luxury hotel credit. Some of the walls were in need of re-painting and we must thank Sgt. (Pop) Dodds for the hard work he has done to get this job done, not to mention all the others who have given a helping hand. It must be mentioned that Pop has at last decided to take his third stripe and we welcome him and Sgt. Sanderson. Pop being Pioneer Sergeant has conformed with tradition and produced a wonderful beard. (When did we last have a bearded sergeant, you old soldiers?) It is the envy of all members who groan under the razor in the early hours of each day.

Of our newcomers we must welcome Q.M.S.I. Reid, our P.T. buster, who will endeavour to keep us from falling amongst the lame and lazy or raise us from that class whichever may apply. Our "Schoolie" is Sgt. Harrison, who will take on the never-ending task of trying to educate us. "He'll learn!" We welcome him and also Sgt. Wilkinson back from the Depot. Glad to see B.M. (Jerry) Martin and all his band again and congratulate Sgts. Crawshaw and Bell on their elevation to the Mess. Young sergeants in a very young band, but we wish you well. We regret the departure of Sgts. Wild and Wood, who are now doing a tour of duty with the 5/7th Battalion, where we are sure they will do well.

We share the barracks with R.E.M.E. and a Company of R.M.P. and soon after our arrival we were invited to a social evening by each of the Messes, where we had a very good evening and we look forward to returning the compliment in the near future.

So with a weary hand the writer of these notes will depart to play his part in cheering on the regimental rugby team and wish all our readers the Irish equivalent of *adieu*, whatever it may be.

CORPORALS' MESS

Since the last Corporals' Mess notes were written, with much sweat (for it was hot in Cyprus) and gnashing of teeth, a good deal of water has flowed under the bridge, various wild and woolly rumours have sorted themselves out and, once again, we find ourselves back in U.K. First of all to a, some say, well-earned spell of leave and then, once again, across the sea, this time to Ireland.

Before we left, however, there was plenty of work to be done, not the least of which was the laying on of a farewell party. This was voted a great success by those who could remember anything about it afterwards, and the buffet was something that had to be seen to be believed. The Brigadier, who came early and stayed late, was heard to remark

during his visit to Wellesley Camp a few days afterwards that he had never been to such a fine Corporals' Mess "do" for years. And so, on September 3 we left Cyprus and after a, for some delightful and for others rather bilious, cruise we, once more, set foot in England. A rather cold and wet England, it must be admitted, but no one on board the *Dilwara* at that moment would have exchanged it for all the sun of the Middle East.

At the time of writing, great works are being wrought in our new Mess building—men are to be seen amid clouds of dust, brandishing sweeping brushes and all manner of ironmongery while others dash frantically backwards and forwards wearing worried frowns and denims spattered with paint. In a word, the Corporals' Mess is being redecorated, and in due course will no doubt become a haven of rest to the harried and, every corporal will tell you, most hard-worked men in the Battalion. In the meantime we share a rather noisy room with the privates. It has been suggested by certain members of the Mess that a juke box might enhance the amenities of the Corporals' Room—at which others present cringe behind cups of coffee and preserve an indignant silence.

We say goodbye, with regret, to those who left us recently for the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" in the wide world and we greet new members, notably those of the Band who have joined us once more after their tour of "active service" in Halifax and we hope that their stay, if not long, at least will be pleasant. At present they seem rather lost in their new surroundings as there are no No. 35 buses passing the barracks! One of the Bandsmen was heard asking if K.D. was issued in Northern Ireland (no comment). Cpl. Kelly, of the Q.M.'s Department, also looks rather lost without his old friend, Cpl. ("Nobby") Knoble, who has left us to join the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers in B.A.O.R. Fare thee well, "Nobby," we hope to see you again some time.

We offer our warmest greetings to our new Commanding Officer, whom we have not yet had a chance to meet in our club. And, finally, to all our members and friends we wish a very happy and prosperous New Year.

"A" COMPANY

The wheel has taken a complete turn since these notes were last written. We have left Cyprus, enjoyed a pleasant cruise home and then a long spell of leave. Now we have come out to Northern Ireland where we are fairly well settled in.

Almost everybody expressed joy at the thought of returning to England, but I am sure that as we finally set sail on the evening of September 2 many took their last look at Cyprus and decided that it was not such a bad place after all. Certainly since our arrival in the Emerald Isle we have all longed for those hot, dry days of the past summer.

We have more than changed stations. We have had to say farewell to Captain Shuttleworth who led the Company so ably during the latter half of the Cyprus tour. He has gone to command "C" Company, to direct the training of N.C.O.s and soldiers newly arrived from the Depot. In his place

we welcome Major A. D. Firth, M.B.E., M.C., who has just rejoined the Battalion. As 2IC we welcome Lt. D. S. Gilbert-Smith, M.C.

To add even further to the credit side, we welcome 2 Lt. Stevens from Sandhurst and 2 Lt. Addison from the Depot and hope they enjoy life with the Battalion. More recently 2 Lt. Sharpe has gone to Brigade to liaise, while 2 Lt. Shenton has followed Captain Shuttleworth to "C" Company to help with continuation training. Sgt. Carman has come from "D" Company and is commanding No. 2 Platoon.

We were fortunate to move into completely modernised accommodation. The Company's barrack blocks are extremely well appointed and have quickly been further decorated with "bits" and "pieces" from magazines and periodicals! In off-duty hours the foundations are tested with the "rocking" of the latest Presley or Haley hits. Should anyone wish to seek entertainment outside the barracks, which is in itself well equipped with a Naafi and Sandes Home, Belfast is only a few miles distant and is a popular centre. Perhaps the abnormal proportion of sexes (some rate it as high as six females to one male) has something to do with this popularity. At least the "Dukes" have been welcomed with open arms, and now that first reports on our arrival are filtering back from the civilian population, it would appear that we have made a good first impression. Let us hope that the whole of our tour here proves to be as pleasant and as successful as the first month.

We must also add that the C.Q.M.S. is happy now that he is among people who can understand what he is saying. Who knows that with practice even "A" Company will be able to translate his broad Irish brogue.

We must congratulate the following on their recent promotion:

To Corporal: L. Cpls. Wardle and Boardman.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander:

Major A. D. Firth, M.B.E., M.C.

2IC: Lt. D. S. Gilbert-Smith, M.C.

C.S.M.: C.S.M. R. S. Batty

C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. T. T. Dickie

No. 1 Platoon

Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. Addison

Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Creighton

No. 2 Platoon

Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. Shenton

Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Carman

No. 3 Platoon

Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. Stevens

Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Simpson

"B" COMPANY

"B" and "S" Companies arrived in Northern Ireland on October 12 and we were lucky in moving into barrack blocks that had been modernised. Whilst "S" Company went to Londonderry we remained here and took over the guards, escorts and duties until, like Mafeking, we were relieved on the 22nd. We were lucky in arriving fairly strong, but still the calls for employments have

been a constant drain. Nevertheless we have had one period of training and have been going ahead with the building up of our football and basket-ball teams.

There seem to be great opportunities for sport here if it can be fitted in and we look forward to keen competition on various fields.

We welcome 2 Lts. Plewman and Faithfull into the Company and also Sgts. Costello and McKenzie, M.M. We hope they will enjoy their time with us. Before long we shall be saying goodbye to Cpl. Collins, who has done so much for the Company. Our football team will miss him particularly. Others who will have gone before these notes are printed include L/Cpl. Fisher and Ptes. Stark and Fish. We wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations to L/Cpls. Ledgard, Austin and Reid on their promotion and L/Cpls. Mooney and O'Brien on becoming proud fathers recently.

Warning Footnote

C.S.M. Robins is to be seen driving a green Morris Minor. Motorists and pedestrians please take this as the only notification.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander: Major H. S. Le Messurier

2IC: Captain P. B. L. Hoppe

C.S.M.: C.S.M. W. Robins

C.Q.M.S.: C.Q.M.S. A. Arundel

Sergeant: Sgt. McKenzie, M.M.

No. 4 Platoon

Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. W. Plewman

Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Pratt

No. 5 Platoon

Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. J. Greenway

Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Pounder

No. 6 Platoon

Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. B. Faithfull

Platoon Sergeants: Sgts. Smith and Costello

"D" COMPANY

As will be remembered, our last notes left off as we were preparing to leave Cyprus. On the day of leaving Wellesley Camp all the Company tents were struck by eight o'clock in the morning, and the place was bare of any living quarters. The Company left in the afternoon and proceeded in transport to Waynes Keep Transit Camp where we stayed for five days. The 2IC suddenly found himself with the unenviable job of Baggage Officer and therefore absented himself from the Company for almost three weeks.

We duly left Cyprus on September 3 and had a very pleasant cruise through the Mediterranean and arrived in England on Friday, the 13th, at midnight.

Everyone in the Company had four weeks' leave before making their way "across the sea to Ireland." For those people whose Army service was to end shortly, they had the honour to form part of the escort to the Colours on the laying-up of the old Colours on October 8 at Halifax.

Here in Northern Ireland the Company has settled down quickly to the Irish way of life and the feeling is "it's alright." There is, however

one drawback and that is that it rains too much.

We work on the basis of two weeks' guards, two weeks' fatigues and two weeks' training. We have done both guards and fatigues and we are at the moment training under the heavy hand and watchful eye of our Company Commander.

Facilities and living conditions in Palace Barracks are very good. The barrack rooms that we are in at the moment are due for repairs and redecoration in the near future. There is an excellent Naafi, two cinemas, playing fields galore and plenty of open spaces for training.

The Company Quiet Room was opened by Captain Robertson with due ceremony. It has been tastefully decorated by Cpl. Matthews in three different colours chosen by the Company Commander. Various people have remarked on the choice and that we will need dark glasses when we go in. A TV set has been installed and is giving everyone excellent viewing. I only hope nobody gives the excuse on muster parade that they could not do something because they were watching TV.

The .22 shooting team got off to a good start in their first match. They should greatly improve with some more practice and we shall soon be seeing some really competitive results.

We have lost Major Brown, Mr. Naylor, Cpls. Tennent, Clarkson, Gallagher and Ptes. Robinson, Duck and Sutcliffe, to mention only a few. To all those who were in "D" Company we wish good luck for the future. We have also lost Mr. Huffam as Assistant M.T.O.; he will nearly always be found underneath some vehicle.

We would like to welcome Captain Robertson as our temporary Company Commander who has already got a grip on us, and to Mr. Duckney, newly arrived from Eaton Hall.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander: Capt W. F. C. Robertson
 2IC: Lt. R. J. M. Birch
 C.S.M.: W.O.2 W. Burke
 C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. P. Pennington
No. 10 Platoon
 Platoon Commander
 Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Chilvers
No. 11 Platoon
 Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. Duckney
 Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Wilkinson
No. 12 Platoon
 Platoon Commander
 Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. Morris

"H.Q." COMPANY

We received a reminder a few days ago to write our IRON DUKE notes now, in peace and quiet. Is this possible in "H.Q." Company Office—we wonder. With our strength once again reaching a fantastic total we seem to be continually at war with the heads of departments and sections whose cry still seems to be: "We want more men."

Having safely moved into a grand barracks, the C.Q.M.S. thought it would be a good idea to keep the Company together. And so, after many arguments with the Q.M., he acquired a fourth

barrack block, which seemed ideal. But the Orderly Sergeant is still wondering where are the other 100 men who do not sleep in the H.Q. barrack blocks.

We welcome the Band again in our midst, with many old and familiar faces amongst them.

Our efforts in the sporting world are confined to soccer at the moment. After several trials a Company team was chosen, which has since played two matches, losing to "B" Company and beating "A" Company. We have high hopes of thrashing every Company team in the Battalion.

Our departures and arrivals since the last notes are far too numerous to list individually, but we especially remember the efforts of Cpl. Edbury, R.A.P.C., and L/Cpl. Eddershaw and Pte. Smith, A.C.C., who have all left for Civvy Street.

Major Harris has left us for the rigours of the Training Office and in his chair, as Company Commander, we welcome Major Simonds. We hope his stay will be a long and happy one.

ORDER OF BATTLE

Company Commander: Major D. N. Simonds
 2 I.C.: Capt. R. Scott-Evans, M.C.

C.S.M.: C.S.M. P. Sheehan

C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. S. H. Kirk

Company Clerks:

Cpl. E. M. Cox and Pte. "Scouse" Richardson
 Company Storemen:

L/Cpl. D. Queenan and L/Cpl. E. Dunne

Company Orderly Sergeant: Cpl. A. Longfellow

Company Runner: Pte. R. Parkinson

M.T. PLATOON

Since the last M.T. notes appeared, much has happened. They ended by saying that we were coming home by L.S.T. and bringing all our Land Rovers and 1-ton trucks with us. They also said something about the remainder of the drivers not on the L.S.T. coming home on the *Fowey*. The final fairy tale was that the L.S.T. was due in Belfast on September 28—with ghoulis shrieks, thunder and lightning, and the rattling of big-ends, the whole fiendish plot can now be revealed.

The Battalion left Waynes Keep transit camp on September 2. The by now very-punch-drunk M.T. left on October 3 on a different L.S.T., with no Land Rovers, no trailers, and not very much faith in anyone any longer.

The L.S.T. was delayed, then it was decided to send it to Aden. A relief would start out from Aden and reached Cyprus on September 28. "they" said; in the meantime, as we had nothing to do, we might as well hand in our Land Rovers, our motor-cycles, our trailers, in fact, really but for the fact that our trucks were full of stores, we could hand in the lot. "They" said that to us, whilst we sat and twiddled our thumbs, waiting for a boat that "they" had sent somewhere else.

However, finally, they let us go, on the L.S.T. *Empire Fulmar*. The ship had spent nine months in the Persian Gulf and it was a bit barnacled. The engines did 14 knots, but the boat never managed more than nine. It was an excellent, though long, voyage home. The food was first-class and the

ship's company did everything in their power to make the trip a happy one. There was much co-operation between the "Dukes" and the Merchant Navy; we painted a bit of the ship for them and they charged all our batteries. The sea was extremely calm, apart from two days of "uppy-downy." We landed at Malta, where we renewed our friendship for four hours with Messrs. Symonds, Farsons and Cisks little brown bottles, though, unfortunately, we did not stop at Gib.

Finally, just seven weeks after the Battalion left Cyprus, we sailed into Belfast Lough. Next day, after shooting one or two (successful) lines of smooth patter at H.M. Customs, the trucks were unloaded and we had our first look at Holywood Barracks.

In the meantime the advance party, and by now nearly all the rest of the M.T., have been taking over trucks into our new abode, which is a distinct improvement on Cyprus. We have an M.T. shed and tech. stores that stay put when the wind blows, water out of real taps, and final bliss, a machine with a real chain to pull!

In its usual mysterious way the M.T. has started collecting cars, some old, some new, and one brand-new Standard Eight with, so its owner assures us, a "golden engine!" Shades of Lady Docker.

And now it is nearly Christmas, never a dull moment!

REGIMENTAL BAND

Once again we have been on the move. This time to rejoin the Battalion "abroad" in Ireland.

We had a warm welcome on arrival, and all people listened in wonder and awe as we recounted our tales of rigour and hardship we suffered at the Regimental Depot.

We would like to express our appreciation to all members of the Depot for making our stay there a very pleasant one.

Gradually we are getting our things sorted out and hope shortly to be entering into all fields of activity. We played at our first officers' guest night and were greatly appreciated.

We welcome back to the fold two ex-members of the Band, namely Bds. Jones and Cooper, who should prove a great asset to us. So far we have yet to see Jones, who has been taken for rugby training.

We said farewell to Bds. Gill, Cherry, McClarnon, and Flaherty, who left us for a one-year course at the Royal Military School of Music, and look forward to great things on their return.

Finally, we hope to see Bandmaster Martin and Band-Sergeant Thomas looking and smelling free of paint.

To all ex-members of the Band we send our best wishes and remind them that they can still put their signature on the dotted line.

RUGBY

This is a particularly difficult time to write these notes as we wait for the quarter-finals in the U.K. section of the Army Cup. To be hopeful would invite disaster, whilst pessimism would be treason. Suffice it to say that with a normal share of fortune we have a fighting chance.

Whilst in Cyprus we heard that a game had been arranged against Halifax as an extra attraction to the "laying-up" of the Colours ceremony. The fight for fitness began at sea on the *Dilwara* with early-morning sessions of P.T. for those concerned. This strenuous exercise was of no value whatsoever, and the full attendance at every period is certainly attributable to the fact that no one wanted to be the first to drop out.

After a period of leave the team assembled at the Depot four days before the game. Training was hard, but we were unfortunate to lose the services of Captains Shuttleworth and Dasent. Captain Dasent badly injured his knee whilst playing for Halifax, and Captain Shuttleworth became an influenza victim on the day before the game. These changes disorganised the back division, but in spite of this the Halifax XV was held to nine points. Our forwards, led by Major Isles (on business from Germany!), played magnificently in the second half with only seven men. After Captain Hardy had been injured, they completely dominated the game and at the final whistle were still on top.

On completion of unit leave the team assembled at Holywood, and within a week were playing in the second round of the Army Cup.

We had received a bye in the first round and had been drawn against the Royal Warwicks at Ballykinla. The opposition was very poor and we had little difficulty in winning by 35 pts. to 6.

Rugby, of course, has a top-priority rating and serious training began. In between the Army Cup rounds we have played in the Ulster Junior Cup and against various civilian sides.

In the Ulster Cup we are through to the third round with fairly comfortable wins against Omagh A.C.C. and Ballymena. The friendly fixtures have been of varied quality. We have lost one game of second grade standard against the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but take comfort from the knowledge that there is a return fixture and we then hope to field a full XV. The first game against a senior XV gave us a 12-6 win, and this was most satisfying in the manner of its accomplishment. For the first time the pack played really well, and they have since continued to improve.

The second round of the Army Cup took us to Oswestry to play against 17th Training Regiment, R.A. The score was 17-0 in our favour, and this result was very pleasing for they had a very good side. Forward and back our XV played well, and what was really important in this type of competition, with the correct mixture of skill and cup-tie spirit. It is amusing to recall that the skipper of the opposition considered that our high complement of officers (1) was to their advantage. "They will be soft and crack," were the words used. Captain Hoppe, our pack leader, has been chuckling about this ever since!

A large contingent travelled from the Depot to Oswestry and the team was much encouraged and supported. They were a great help and much appreciated.

Round 3 was played at our barracks against 38th Training Regiment, R.A.

The Battalion was on parade, both sides were introduced to the G.O.C., General Kimmins, and

the Band and Drums added colour to the occasion. The XV had been strengthened by Colonel Dalrymple's "recruit" from Blackheath—a South African second row forward, Pte. Arnold.

It was quickly obvious that the opposition relied entirely upon their backs, and the lack of variety in their attack allowed our forwards to drive through and dominated their half-backs. Important features of the play were the hooking of Captain Cowell, the line-out work of Lt. Birch and Pte. Arnold, the long morale-destroying kicks of Captain Hardy, and the way in which Lt. Gilbert-Smith and 2 Lt. Addison obliterated the opposing half-backs.

The result was 15—0. This was not entirely satisfactory because of the number of missed opportunities, and we approach the quarter-finals knowing that we can do much better.

Before the next round we lost Cpl. Lawton, who leaves the Army on release. Whilst he has been a difficult person to fit into a three-quarter line, he has often been a match-winner. He has scored a large number of tries and kicked many fine goals.

FAREWELL DINNER

On Friday, October 4, the officers gave a farewell dinner to General Sir Philip Christison in the Depot gymnasium, when 44 officers attended, Asian flu and unexpected calls of duty having prevented from being present several of those who had accepted the invitation. The tables had been arranged in one long line and were splendidly set with the silver from both regular Battalions. The only light was from the candles and the gleam of the silver reflected in the dark polished wood formed a glittering oasis in the complete surrounding darkness. It was a very beautiful sight, not easily to be forgotten. The food and wine were worthy of Lucullus, the waiting was worthy of the food and wine and the band was there to add the final touch. The amount of work, organisation and imagination required to produce such a banquet must not be underestimated.

After the Queen's health had been drunk, Major-General K. G. Exham proposed the health of the Colonel of the Regiment. He spoke of the difficulties that had faced General Christison during the last ten years and of the great work he had done in overcoming them. Under him the reputation of the Regiment had never been higher, his advice and experience had been put at the service of every commanding officer and the speaker himself, as his designated successor, had benefited greatly from his help and advice.

General Christison, in replying, said that it had been a great source of pride to him to have served as Colonel for 10 years and the present dinner was a splendid note on which to go out. It was normally the fate of Colonels to fade away quietly and unobtrusively. The duties of a Regimental Colonel were to see that traditions were observed, to exercise a general control, to foster the supply of young officers and to give any help he could to the senior officers. It was never easy for anyone to be brought into a new regiment, but he had been

The following represented the Regiment in the third round of the Army Cup: 2 Lt. Greenway, Captain Dasent, L/Cpl. Saville, Cpl. Lawton, Pte. Haywood, Captain Hardy, Captain Shuttleworth (captain), Lt. Gilbert-Smith, 2 Lt. Shenton, 2 Lt. Addison, Lt. Birch, Pte. Arnold, Captain Hoppe, Captain Cowell, Pte. Flynn.

RESULTS

Army Cup: (1) 2nd round *v.* 1st Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Ballykinlar, won 35—6; (2) 3rd round *v.* 17th Training Regiment R.A. at Oswestry, won 17—0; (3) 4th round *v.* 38th Training Regiment R.A. at Holywood, won 15—0.

Ulster Junior Cup: (1) 1st round *v.* Omagh Accounts, won 17—0; (2) 2nd round *v.* Ballymena, won 8—3.

Friendly Games: (1) *v.* Halifax, lost 0—9; (2) *v.* Royal Ulster Constabulary, lost 6—12; (3) *v.* Civil Service, won 12—6; (4) *v.* Kings Scholars, won 16—5.

brought into a very good one and he had shown his opinion by putting his son into it. He wanted to express his thanks to the Regimental Colonel and the other officers who had given him so much assistance and especially the Depot Commander, who had helped to make this occasion such a great success. He wished the 1st Battalion success in the Army Rugby Cup and all its other activities. We were shortly to become one of the Yorkshire Brigade. He had no doubt that it would be the best Brigade in the Army and the Duke of Wellington's the best battalion in the Yorkshire Brigade. Finally, he wished the best of luck to his successor, Kenneth Exham, in whose nomination there had been complete unanimity.

The following officers had notified their intention of being present:

Major-Generals: R. N. H. C. Bray, K. G. Exham, R. K. Exham, W. M. Ozanne.

Brigadiers: F. H. Fraser, H. G. P. Miles, B. W. Webb-Carter.

Colonels: C. R. T. Cumberlege, G. B. Howcroft.
Lt.-Colonels: M. N. Cox, J. Davidson, P. P. Moran, O. Price, D. J. Stewart.

Majors: K. W. Brown, J. E. V. Butterfield, J. H. Davis, E. J. P. Emmett, J. P. Huffam, R. H. Ince, D. E. Isles, N. Jackson, A. B. M. Kavanagh, H. S. LeMessurier, J. S. Milligan, R. W. Nicholson, D. C. Roberts, R. A. Scott, J. L. Streatfield, R. E. Sugden, G. C. Tedd.

Captains: R. H. D. Bolton, J. D. P. Cowell, E. J. H. Dasent, E. M. P. Hardy, R. M. Harms, P. B. L. Hope, R. Scott-Evans, D. W. Shuttleworth.

Lieutenants: S. A. Berry, R. J. M. Birch, J. R. P. Cumberlege, D. E. Gilbert-Smith, C. R. Huxtable, P. A. Mitchell, J. E. Pell.

2nd Lieutenants: J. B. K. Greenwood, R. Huffam, C. W. Ivey, R. L. Stevens.

Guest: General Sir A. F. P. Christison, Bt.

Obituary

We deeply regret to announce the following deaths :

EX-COLOUR SERGEANT TOM KENNY ✓

At his home on August 27, Ex-Colour Sergeant Tom Kenny. Tom Kenny joined the 2nd Battalion in Tidworth in 1908; in November of the same year he was posted to 1st Battalion in India and served with them until 1919 when he joined the staff at the Depot as an instructor. For many years he had been "mine host" at the Hare and Hounds Hotel, Idle, Bradford, and was a very well-known personality in that district.

EX-C.S.M. W. E. SEATON ✓

On August 28 at his home at Mereside, Blackpool, ex-C.S.M. W. E. Seaton. Bill had suffered from chest trouble for many years, but he always remained his old cheerful self. Full of banter and exuberance, he could always be relied upon to "make the party" at reunions, etc. He will be sadly missed by his many friends. Enlisting at Halifax in June 1922 he served with the 1st Battalion until 1943 when he was invalided home and finally discharged in 1944. The last few years he had been employed as a school caretaker.

LT.-COLONEL E. M. HUNTRISS, M.C. ✓

Lt.-Colonel E. M. Huntriss, M.C., died in August. He served with and towards the end commanded the 9th Battalion in the 1914-18 War. At one time he was Master of the Ryburn Foot Harriers.

MR. LEONARD COX

On August 28, after a long illness, Mr. Leonard Cox. Joining the Regiment in January 1926, Mr. Cox served in both 1st and 2nd Battalions. He will be remembered as a useful scrum-half in the Regimental team in Singapore and India days. He took up employment with the Post Office on leaving the service, but was recalled on the outbreak of war in 1939. After demobilisation he returned to the Post Office until forced to retire with ill health about three years ago.

MAJOR P. BLAKE

Wednesday, November 27, suddenly, Major P. Blake, R.E.M.E. Major Blake enlisted in 1930 and served in the 1st Battalion with the signal section until 1940 when he was commissioned and became signal officer. In 1941 he transferred to the Recce Regiment and served with that unit until rejoining the Regiment after hostilities. In 1949 Major Blake transferred to R.E.M.E. and took over adjutant to No. 1 Workshops, Northern Command, at Catterick. He was aged 46 years.

Major Blake was one of the two W.O.'s Class III who were notified of their commissions while the 1st Battalion were in the outpost position north of the Maginot Line in 1939.

CPL. JOHN BOND

On October 4, in New Zealand. We hope to include an obituary in the next issue.

LAYING-UP OF THE 1st BATTALION COLOURS

October 5, 1957

These Colours were presented by General Sir Herbert E. Belfield, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., the Colonel of the Regiment, at Gosport on July 30, 1925. They replaced the stand presented in 1879 before the amalgamation, and the Regimental Colour still carried the number, thus being the last remaining link with the 33rd Foot. It was sad to see them go, but they had become too frail, in spite of much careful repair, to be serviceable, or indeed to bear the new battle honours. Their predecessors were the last to be carried in action—in the Crimea and Abyssinia—and hang to-day in Halifax Parish Church.

After being inspected by the Colonel of the Regiment in Wellesley Barracks, the Colour Party and Escort, headed by the band, marched to the Parish Church, being joined on their way by a

detachment of the Old Comrades' Association. At the church gates the Colour Party left the escort and moved to the West door to the slow march "Auld Lang Syne." Meanwhile the congregation, which filled the great church, took their seats and the Mayor of Halifax was escorted to his place. Then the West doors were thrown open and the Colour Party came up the Nave while the Regimental Slow March was played. At the steps of the Altar Lt.-Colonel P. P. de la H. Moran received the Colours and handed them to the Archdeacon, who then laid them on the Altar. The service followed, conducted by the Archdeacon, assisted by the Rev. H. Thompson, officiating chaplain to the 1st Battalion. So ended a beautiful and memorable ceremony, which has left a lasting impression on those privileged to be present.

Sermon preached by the Venerable E. Treacy, M.B.E., Archdeacon of Halifax, on the occasion of the Laying-up of the Colours in the Parish Church on 5th October, 1957.

(The Editor has received many requests that this sermon should be published in THE IRON DUKE and we are most grateful to the Archdeacon for supplying us with the manuscript and permitting us to print it.)

I would just like to say how great an honour we of this church count it that you of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment should entrust us with the safe-keeping of your Colours.

They have been offered and received with the dignity and ceremonial that such a solemn occasion in the Battalion's history demands.

We shall always value and treasure these Colours—the more so when this town ceases to possess within its boundaries the H.Q. of the Regiment.

It would be impossible to measure the effect in terms of civic pride that the link between Halifax and The Duke of Wellington's Regiment has meant to the people of this town.

The history of the Regiment and the history of the town have been inseparably related; and, in no small measure, the glory of the Regiment has brought glory to Halifax.

By conferring the Freedom of the Borough upon the Regiment in 1945, the people of Halifax sought to show something of their pride in the Regiment which, since 1881, had made its home in the town. When this link is broken, as seems inevitable under the recent scheme for the reorganisation of the Armed Forces, Halifax will lose something of itself—there will scarcely be a citizen who will not feel a deep sense of loss, and not a little indignation.

In such circumstances these emblems and symbols of the Regiment's history which have their home in this church, will become all the more precious to us. They will speak to Halifax of good men and true who have, since the Regiment was founded in 1702, served the simple but profound ideals of patriotism and who with quiet, brave endurance have withstood the enemies of Britain.

An ancient church is always an epitome of a nation's history; here in this church we shall have much to remind us of a great important chapter in our history—history made in such places as Spain and Germany; America and France; in the heat of India and the mists of the Netherlands; at Waterloo and in the Crimea; and Abyssinia and South Africa; in Flanders and North Africa; in Italy and Normandy; in Korea and Cyprus. History made by men who gave their lives in making it. I hope that the young people of Halifax will come to this church and, seeing the Colours of the Regiment hanging in your chapel, will be reminded of the price paid for the heritage they possess.

If we are moving into an era when wars are no more, it will do us all good to look on these sacred symbols of the Regiment, and remember the times when men's bodies were torn by shells, disintegrated by mines, roasted by flame, tortured by the elements, poisoned by gas, and when women were widowed and children made orphans—that Britain might remain free from tyranny and that the conqueror's foot should never be placed upon our shores.

In these days when cynicism and disillusionment have destroyed the mystique of so many of our traditions, when an inadequate education has en-

couraged people to scoff at things they do not understand, when the irresponsible exercise of the critical faculty leaves nothing—not even our Queen—sacred, when it is thought to be a sign of decadence to honour the military virtues, when solemn ceremonial is despised by those whose minds are so empty that they cannot recognise the deep spiritual truths of which the ceremonial is the expression.

In such days as these it is of vital importance that we should make it abundantly clear that there remain those who think that tradition and symbolism matter—that they are worth spending time on and doing really well—because, if they vanish from the life of Britain we shall degenerate into a nation of "Smart Ales" and "Lucky Jims"—with no sense of the past, and precious little interest in the future—and not much to offer the present.

We have today received two wooden sticks to which are attached some material carrying certain colours and insignia. They are 32 years old and I suppose worth a few pounds.

Is that *all* they are? You and I know the answer to that one.

These Colours are not to be analysed in terms of dyes and materials—they are not to be priced in £ s. d.—they are right outside all such measurement.

For they are symbolic—for those who belong to the 1st Battalion, those Colours stand for things almost too deep for expression.

The Queen's Colour is the symbol of our love for our country and our loyalty to Her Majesty—and only those who have served away from Britain can properly understand what that means.

The Regimental Colour is the symbol of sacrifice and courage; it speaks to us of men we have known as friends and whose remains rest in a foreign field; it speaks to us of the close comradeship of danger and adversity; it speaks to us of defeat turned into victory; it speaks to us of the dark night of fear turned into the hope of the morning; it speaks to us more intimately and deeply than any spoken words.

Yes, indeed, it is a symbol, and as such, beyond analysis.

On that very altar on which those Colours now rest, there will rest tomorrow morning a piece of bread and a cup of wine—value, I suppose, a few coppers. But for those who believe in the promise of Jesus to meet His friends in the Holy Communion, those simple things become the symbols of His Body and Blood.

As such, infinitely precious and utterly necessary—for no man can evaluate the things of God.

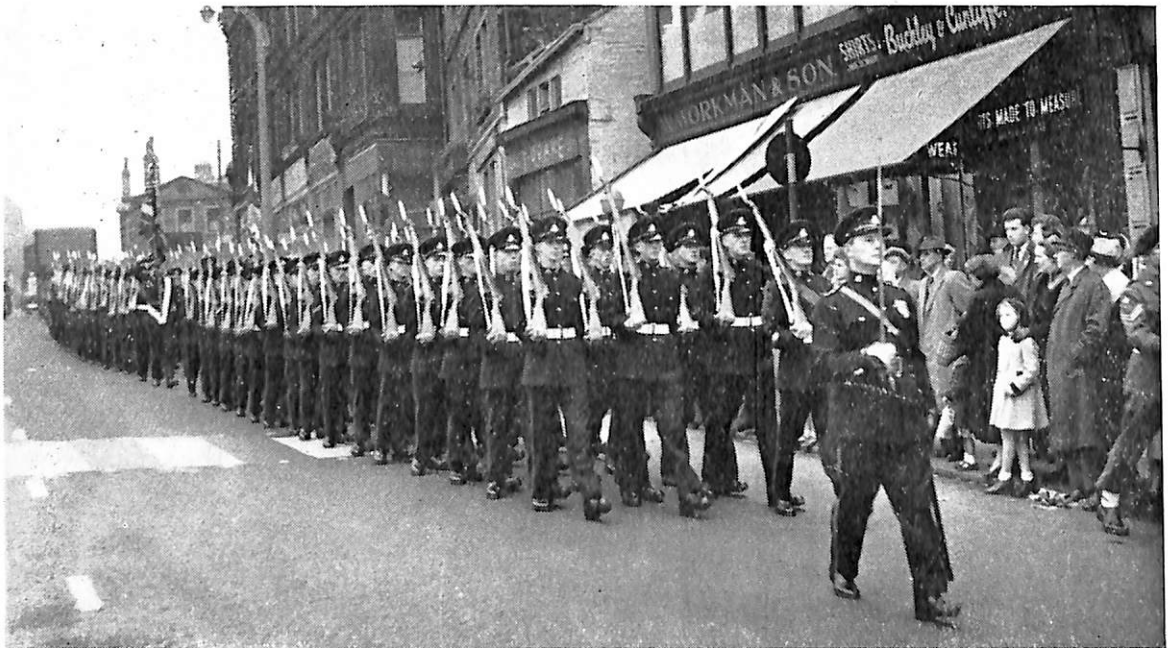
In such a way are lifted up the ordinary things. Be it a Colour or a cup of wine—to those who have the power to see beyond the things of this world, they become the sacraments of sacrifice and the link between the seen and the unseen.

Laying-up of the 1st Battalion Colours

Saturday 5th October, 1957



THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT INSPECTS THE ESCORT TO THE COLOURS

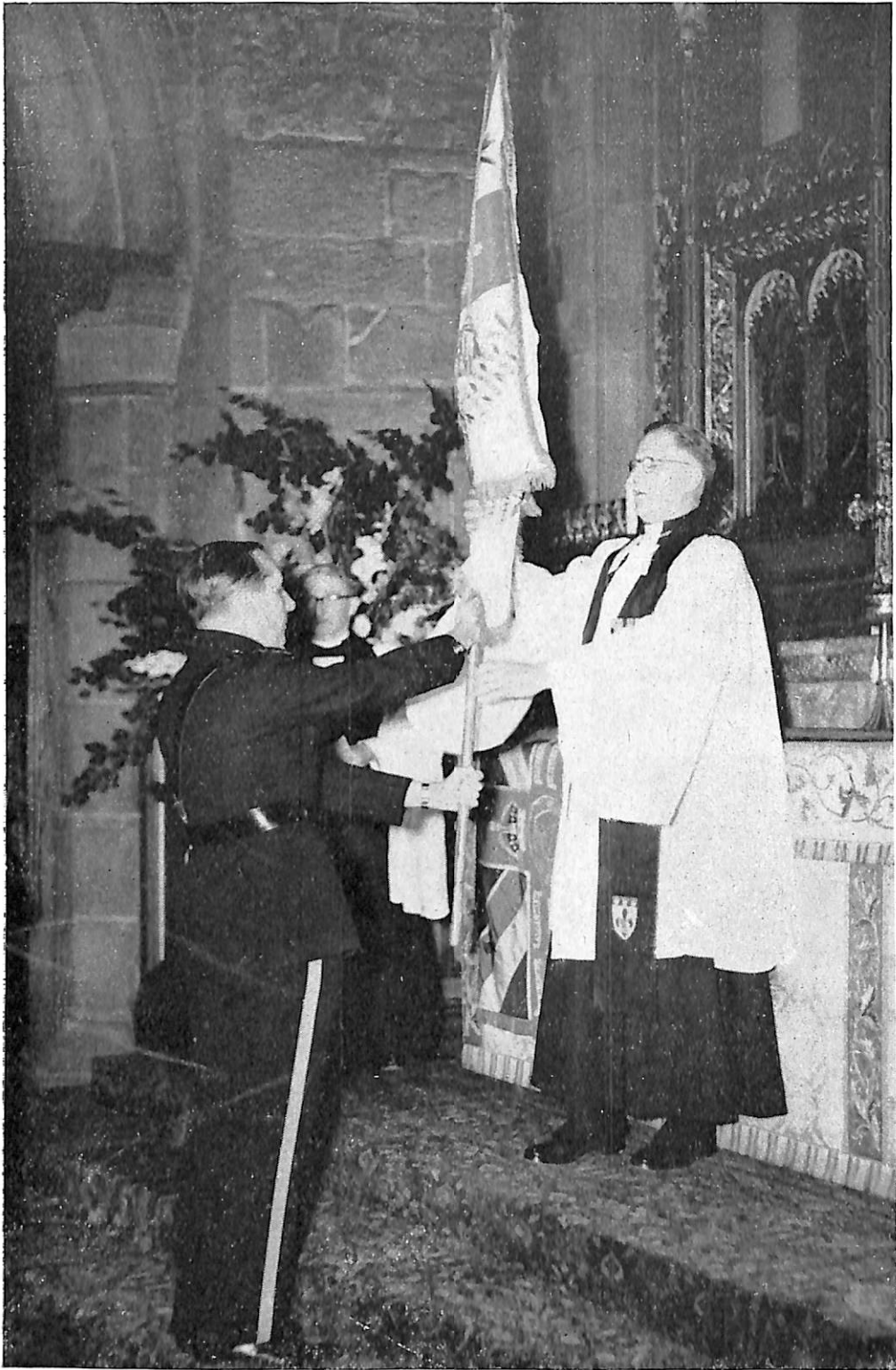


ON THE WAY TO THE PARISH CHURCH



THE COLOUR PARTY

Lt. J. R. P. Cumberlege (Queen's Colour), Lt. R. J. M. Birch (Regimental Colour), C.S.M. W. Norman,
C.S.M. F. Nichols, C.S.M. R. Williams



Lt.-Colonel P. P. de la H. Moran handing over the Regimental Colour to the Archdeacon of Halifax



The Colonel of the Regiment with the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax



The detachment of the Old Comrades' Association

LOOKING BACK

When the Dukes Trooped the Colours in Dublin Castle

By LT. COLONEL SIR ROBERT HENNIKER, BART., M.C.

(From the "Halifax Courier and Guardian" of September 14, 1957. Reprinted by kind permission of the Editor)

The return from Cyprus of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and the installation of their Colours in the Parish Church of Halifax in early October, seems to the writer to provide an excuse for a reminiscence of some 43 years ago.

Before the 1914-18 war broke out, it was the duty of the Battalion of the 13th (Dublin) Brigade, who had been longest in the station, to Troop the Colour in Dublin Castle on each successive St. Patrick's Day—March 17.

The ceremony took place in the presence of the Viceroy and was a considerable social occasion. In 1914, this duty devolved on the 2nd Battalion of the Dukes who enjoyed the privilege of having two complete sets of Colours, the ordinary ones, such as will be placed in the Parish Church, and a set of honorary ones awarded by the East India Company for special service in India under Lord Lake. These are now carried by the old 1st Battalion.

As Lord Aberdeen was Viceroy, he was entitled to have both King's Colours trooped and only the 2nd Dukes could have done so.

The actual ceremony took place on a rather windy day, which caused the ensign carrying the Honorary Colour no little concern, for these colours are about three times the area of an ordinary colour, and correspondingly taller.

The ensign, in this case, was Lt. (now Major retired) R. O' D. Carey, who is well known locally, and, for all his six feet two inches in height, he was nearly blown away! The other ensign, Lt. L. E. Russell, was killed at Mons.

The Drum-major leading the combined band and drums was named Metcalfe. Specially selected from the Royal Sussex Regiment as a corporal, he had been

transferred to the Dukes to fill the vacancy of drum-major. His prowess in the manipulation of the drum-major's staff was astonishing—almost acrobatic.

Early in the 1914 campaign he was promoted to C.S.M. and proved himself to be completely impervious to fear of danger. He was killed as an unauthorised spectator following in the wake of a trench raid by the Dukes at Arras in 1918—R.S.M. Metcalfe, D.C.M., and two bars.

Contrary to the opinion of many, ceremonial drill demands the utmost concentration and brain work of every individual, if it is to be successful. It is not a matter of constant, dreary grinding on parade.

In this case the Battalion "played up" splendidly! It was at a Rugby football match at Lansdown Road, Dublin, that afternoon, that a voice said to me, "Congratulations." On looking round I found the then adjutant of the Royal Irish Constabulary, Phoenix Park. On asking, "Why?" he said: "I have seen every Trooping in Dublin Castle since the Guards were here, and your regiment put up the best show since they went."

A cinematograph film was taken of the ceremony—the first to be taken in the castle—and our men were able to see themselves in retrospect.

The improvement of the bearing of all men in the Battalion was remarkable, and the writer has no doubt whatsoever that this was borne out by their splendid record at Mons, Ypres, 1914, and Hill 60, 1915.

Apart from the fact that it was, in all probability, the first time that two King's Colours were trooped in Dublin Castle, it was almost equally certain that it was the last occasion of a Trooping of the Colour by the British Army in that historic setting.

REGIMENTAL H.Q. and DEPOT

SUB-EDITORIAL

The past three months have produced many changes and we seem to have spent an unusual amount of time on greetings and farewells. We are very sorry to have said good-bye to General Sir Philip Christison who has relinquished his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment, and sincerely hope we shall see him from time to time. His help and guidance over the last ten years have been invaluable. We should like to extend a warm welcome to General K. G. Exham who succeeds him, and wish him every success. As he will be abroad, we shall look forward to frequent visits from his deputy, Brigadier Webb-Carter.

The great pleasure we all felt in welcoming so many officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men to the ceremony of laying-up the Colours, and the Old Comrades Reunion in October

was all the warmer when offset by the fear that it may be the last occasion on which the Depot in its present form will be host to such a large number of Dukes.

A large gap has been left in our ranks by the departure of many officers and men who have gone to join the 1st Battalion. They contributed greatly to Depot successes in the sporting world during their stay with us throughout the summer, and also gave valuable assistance to the permanent staff. We shall miss them and wish them good luck in their new rôles.

An unwelcome quiet has descended on the barracks with the departure of the Band to its rightful home with the 1st Battalion. We have so enjoyed having them with us and would like to express our gratitude for the excellent concerts they have given us. Passing-out parades and dances

have been greatly enhanced by their playing and we are very sorry to see them go.

Our time in these barracks may well be longer than was at first supposed, so, as the wheels must be kept turning in spite of the element of change and uncertainty in the air, we are now busy preparing for our annual administrative inspection and planning for larger intakes in the coming year.

OFFICERS' MESS

The occasion of the laying-up of the Old Colours of the 1st Battalion, combined with a farewell dinner for General Sir Philip Christison, who relinquished the Colonelcy of the Regiment in November, will long be remembered by all those at Wellesley Barracks. It gave us an opportunity, which unfortunately will probably be our last, to open wide our doors to a very large gathering of officers, past and present. It would almost require a Regimental List to name all those who were present, so it must suffice to say how delighted we were to see so many within these walls and express the hope that everyone was comfortable in spite of the makeshift accommodation.

The week-end began on Thursday, October 3, with an exciting rugby match in which the Dukes put up a very good fight against Halifax Rugby Club. Although they were beaten 9-0, they were quite undaunted by "fifth column" in the form of flu and injuries!

On Friday 43 officers sat down to dinner in the gym, which underwent a transformation for the occasion. General Exham expressed the feelings of us all in an excellent farewell speech to General Sir Philip Christison.

The Colours were laid up in the Parish Church on Saturday and the service was followed by a small drink party in the Mess to which the Mayor and Mayoress were invited.

This memorable week-end closed on a gay note with a cocktail party on Sunday morning, attended by all the officers, their wives and many friends.

Our official guests have been the Area Commander, Brigadier D. J. B. Houchin, and the Mayor of Halifax, Alderman E. C. Bower, J.P., both of whom we entertained to luncheon, after which they took the salute at the two passing-out parades in September and November. We were also pleased to have a short visit from Brigadier Bunbury, who was home on leave from Cyprus.

Many familiar faces have passed in and out of the Iron Gates recently: John Streatfeild has left to attend a course at Huntingdon, 2 Lts. Addison, Stevens, Plewman, Faithfull and Duckney have all gone to join the 1st Battalion. Tony Skinner stayed with us in transit, *en route* for Kenya and 3rd K.A.R., and Tony Mesquita prior to release. Roger Southerst also paid us a flying visit, somewhat marred, we feel, by the indisposition of his car!

We now turn our thoughts towards Christmas, and hope we shall not be snowed-up completely.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes, the O.C.A. dinner, the laying-up of the 1st Battalion Old Colours and the

Regimental gatherings have been completed. We were honoured to be the hosts and to welcome many old friends during the period.

A lot of ribaldry was exchanged between our Mess members and the contingent from the 1st Battalion, which consisted of R.S.M. Randall, C.S.M.s Norman, Burke, Nichols, Sgts. Fenn and Simpson. The particular topic of conversation, which caused most comments, was who should really be on the Colours' Escort. The parade was a great success, so this point was soon resolved.

Worthy of mention, during R.S.M. Randall's short sojourn with us, was the fact that he actually had money (real money) and not the invisible postal orders, but towards the end a whisper of their being in existence was heard.

On Friday, October 4, General Sir Philip Christison, BT., G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., and Major-General Exham, C.B., D.S.O., visited the Mess. This is the last time that the former will visit us as Colonel of the Regiment, but we sincerely hope that he will always drop in and see us when in the Halifax area. We wish General Exham every success in his new appointment and look forward to his visits. Major E. E. J. P. Emmett, M.C., Major R. H. Ince, and Major G. C. Tedd also popped in to say "Hello" and we can assure them of a most cordial welcome whenever they are in the area. On Saturday, October 5, the O.C.A. dinner and social was held and enjoyed by all. Stories were told, "tin hats were out," and the glorious past re-lived. Among notable ex-members were R.S.M.s Jackson, Pearce, England, Boon, and C.S.M.s Jackie Howe, not forgetting W.O.2 Garry Hall. I am instructed to mention that "Ginger" won the cup for the biggest tie.

Brigadier F. R. St. P. Bunbury, D.S.O., also paid us a flying visit, and we were very pleased to see him. Our only wish is that he could visit us more often.

On Friday, November 8, we entertained the officers to a games and social evening. It was a great success, the officers beating us at the post by winning the "boat race."

We have said farewell to Bandmaster Martin, C/Sgt. Waite, Sgts. Perrin, Morris, Thomas, Bell and Crawshaw, who have all gone to join the 1st Battalion. Sgt. Barratt of the Education Corps has departed for Civvy Street. We wish them all the best of luck in their new sphere of life.

Congratulations and welcome to Sgts. Wakefield and Fee on their promotion; we also welcome S/Sgt. Mason, our new "schoolie," into the fold. We hope their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Finally, we wish all members of the Regiment good luck, wherever you may be, and invite you to visit us whenever you are in Halifax.

FOOTNOTE: NOW FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION!

CORPORALS' MESS

Since our last notes, members of the Mess have been very busy owing to the O.C.A. dinner and the laying-up of the Old Colours of the 1st Battalion. We all had a very good time, and it was a pleasure

to meet the "Old Dukes" as well as a few of our old members.

The Sergeants' Mess threw out a challenge for a game of football, and even if the referee was not quite neutral, we still thrashed them 7—2.

Christmas is drawing near, and many weird and wonderful ideas are flying about on how to have a real good party, and from some of the ideas it promises to be the party of the century. We are sorry to lose a few of our members to the 1st Battalion; they will be missed, and we wish them every success.

We wish to congratulate Cpls. Peckover and Connolly on their promotion; also L/Cpl. Robson, who very recently took the plunge and got himself married—we wish them both every happiness.

Cpl. Chivers arrived from the Battalion to take over duties from Cpl. Bland, who decided that Army life was getting a bit too hectic for him, and left us for Civvy Street. "Old Aggie" will certainly be missed in the Mess and we wish him every success in his new life.

We wish to congratulate Cpls. Wakefield and Fee on their promotion, and hope they will be as happy in the Sergeants' Mess as they were with us.

In our next notes we hope to be able to relate our activities over the Christmas period, and close by wishing all past and present members a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

TRAINING COMPANY

The size of the Company continues to increase, although in the last two months the 1st Battalion has been supplied with over 110 men. The National Service intake has increased to 50 at a time and will be further increased to 80 in January and March next year.

Two passing-out parades have been held since our last notes. At the first, which was held in September, the inspecting officer was the Area Commander, Brigadier D. J. B. Houchin, D.S.O., M.C., when men of the 46th Intake passed out. At the second parade, held on November 6, the Mayor of Halifax, Alderman E. O. Bower, J.P., inspected the parade and took the salute. The names of prize winners on these two occasions are given below. It is with regret that we record that on the latter parade the Regimental Band played us past for the last time before they joined the Battalion in Ireland; we now realise how fortunate we were to have had their help for the past year.

During the quarter under review many changes have taken place amongst our instructors. We bid farewell to Cpls. Hellewell and Hattersley and to L/Cpl. Graham who have returned to civilian life, where we wish them success. Cpls. Barker, Pearse and Broomhead have gone to the 1st Battalion and in their places we welcome and congratulate on their promotion Cpls. Connolly, Peckover and Hall. We also welcome the following, who have recently successfully completed N.C.O.s' cadres at York: L/Cpls. Lane, Cox, Cairns, Kitching, Illingworth, Robson, McDermott and Desmond. We extend a welcome also to Sgt. Houghton from the 1st Battalion and to Sgt. Wakefield from York; the latter we congratulate on his recent promotion.

We are delighted to have under training Pte. Edward Brown, the son of ex-C.S.M. F. G. "Topper" Brown and brother of the late Cpl. P. Brown.

Mr. Addison has left us for the Battalion where he becomes, amongst other things, a prominent figure in the rugby XV. In his place we are glad to receive Mr. Seager on a semi-permanent basis.

Finally, a word of congratulation to Pte. Cunnington on reaching Eaton Hall O.C.S. and to Ptes. Raimes and Fawcett on passing W.O.S.B.

As these notes are being written preparations are in hand for the annual administration inspection and Christmas; unfortunately in that order.

PASSING-OUT RESULTS

46th Intake:

Winning Platoon: Waterloo Platoon (Sgt. Sullivan).
 Best Recruits; Pte. Culloden (Waterloo Platoon); Pte. Greenwood (Dettingen Platoon).
 Best Rifle Shot: Pte. Atkinson (Waterloo Platoon); Pte. Stephens (Dettingen Platoon).
 Best L.M.G. Shot: Pte. Carter (Waterloo Platoon); Pte. Fletcher (Dettingen Platoon).
 Best Combined Shot of Intake: Pte. Carter (Waterloo Platoon).

47th Intake:

Winning Platoon: Sgt. Houghton (Corunna Platoon).
 Best Recruits: Pte. Taylor (Corunna Platoon); Pte. Raimes (Delhi Platoon).
 Best Rifle Shot: Pte. Brown (Corunna Platoon); Pte. Dixon (Delhi Platoon).
 Best L.M.G. Shot: Pte. Simons (Corunna Platoon); Pte. Sanderson (Delhi Platoon).
 Best Combined Shot of Intake: Pte. Fawcett (Corunna Platoon).

SPORT

CRICKET

When the last notes were written the cricket season had not quite finished; however, it can now be recorded that to complete a successful season the XI won the Area knock-out competition.

RUGGER

This season the Depot has been able to play more matches than last year as a result of having more rugby players both in the permanent staff and amongst the larger recruit intakes.

The first match was played on September 11, versus Heath Old Boys, whom we defeated by 16 points to 8 points. The next match on September 18 was against Heath Grammar School, which provided an excellent game but which we lost by 6 points to 5.

Next the XV entered for the Northern Command Minor Units Championship, and to date two matches have been played and won; the first against the R.P.O., Halifax, and the second against the Depot, K.O.Y.L.I.

Captain Dasent, but for an unfortunate leg injury, had a good chance of playing for Yorkshire, as well as regularly for Halifax R.U.F.C.; however,

he has now recovered and has been selected to play for an Army XV versus Aldershot Services on December 4, so we wish him luck this time.

SOCCER

Since the soccer season commenced we have had a few friendly games with outside units, namely the R.A.P.C., Ovenden, and the Y. & L. Depot, Pontefract; unfortunately we lost both games.

We entered for the Minor Unit knock-out competition, in which we were drawn against our old friends the Pay Corps, Ovenden. Again we lost, but the stalwart display of Cpl. Breaks and L/Cpls. Hill and Brown saved us from a much heavier defeat.

Certain clubs have been amongst our challengers, and in these, at any rate, we lost only one game. The stars of the Depot sides were Cpl. Breaks, L/Cpl. Brown, Pte. Howden (672) and Mallinson, not forgetting Pte. Ralph, one of the recruits in the Senior Intake.

MUSEUM NOTES

The Museum Committee are most grateful for the following recent gifts:

From Mrs. Mary L. Weston, 202 Margate Court, Kapteign Street, Hill Brew, Johannesburg. An antique silver gilt cup, bearing an inscription dated 1802, which was presented to her ancestor Thomas Priestley, Esq., by the inhabitants of Halifax in 1802 in appreciation of his services as Major of the Halifax Volunteers, and which was bequeathed to her as the daughter of the late Lt.-Colonel E. J. K. Priestley, Royal Artillery (Volunteer).

From Major Sholto W. Douglas, C.B.E., D.S.O., late R.A., The Royal Hotel, North Berwick: The Abyssinian Medal awarded to his father, then Lt. George Malcolm Douglas, 33rd Regiment of Foot, and also his father's Statement of Service (W.O. Form 380), 1859-1874.

From Miss P. Beaumont, 6 Thornhill Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield: A Service dress jacket, Mess jacket, blue patrol jacket, and scarlet full-dress tunic, which belonged to her father, the late Major G. Beaumont.

The following have been purchased: The Waterloo Medals belonging to Ensign William Bain (severely wounded at Waterloo), Sgt.-Major James Colbeck Both of the 33rd Regiment of Foot.

Personalia

BIRTHS

BROWN.—On November 10, at Princess Royal Maternity Home, Huddersfield, to Brenda (née Wilson), wife of Major K. W. Brown, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a daughter.

GORDON.—On November 17, 1957, at the Maternity Hospital, Birmingham, to Patricia (née Trench), wife of Lt.-Colonel W. D. Gordon, R.A.O.C., a son.

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ENGAGEMENT

MR. M. G. COX AND MISS M. P. GERAGHTY

The engagement is announced between Gordon Cox, F.R.C.S., only son of Lt.-Colonel M. N. Cox, M.C., and Mrs. Cox, of Teesta, Camberley, Surrey, and Patsy, eldest daughter of the late Captain J. O. Geraghty, and Mrs. Venus, of 68, Goldstone Crescent, Hove, Sussex.

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Our readers will be very sorry to hear that Lt.-Colonel M. V. Le P. Trench has been admitted to Aberystwyth Hospital for an eye operation. May he have a speedy and complete recovery.

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Lt.-Colonel H. Harvey, M.C., has been appointed County Commandant of the Somersetshire Army Cadet Force after having managed to pass a Young Officers' Refresher Course at Hythe.

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Regimental Headquarters have received a complete set of Mess kit from Lt.-Colonel W. H. Hodgson, O.B.E., for the use of young officers joining the Regiment and we are very grateful for his gift.

We congratulate Colonel G. Laing, C.B.E., on his promotion to temporary Brigadier.

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We also congratulate Brigadier G. F. Upjohn, O.B.E., on his promotion to substantive Colonel.

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Major C. J. MacLaren writes to say that he is now living at "Dunavon," Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, and is working with Messrs. W. J. Paul & Co., Stockbrokers, 134 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Correspondence

From Brigadier J. R. S. P. Bunbury, D.S.O.

Dear Editor,

I hesitate to blow my own trumpet, but I believe it would be of interest to many old Dukes to hear that I managed to win my own brigade rifle championship last September. I find I can still see the target, but I'm no longer as sprightly in the fire and movement practices as I used to be!

Before leaving Cyprus, Sgt. Bailes, of the 1st Battalion, very kindly helped with the coaching of my Brigade Headquarters team for the District Meeting. He will be interested to learn that we swept the board in the Minor Units Championship.

The Dukes are badly missed out here. I can endorse all the nice things that have been said of them. Incidentally, talking of shooting, several people, including the Field Marshal, still talk about the Sennelager triumphs of our Young Soldiers' team in 1952. Sgt. Bailes, who won the Rhine Army Rifle Championship, is the only member of that team still serving.

Yours sincerely,

Cyprus.

F. R. S. P. BUNBURY.

5/7th BATTALION, T.A.

SUB-EDITORIAL

In our last notes the amalgamation of the 5th and 7th Battalions was reported, and all that remained to be done was for the amalgamation to receive the official blessing of the Regiment and the town of Huddersfield in which have always resided the Headquarters of the 5th and 7th Battalions.

To this end an amalgamation ceremony, combined with the annual prize-giving, was held in St. Paul's Street Drill Hall on the evening of October 19, 1957. That this event was a great success was evident from the support given that night by ex-members of both Battalions. It is impossible to enumerate here the long list of ex-members who turned out that night. Be it sufficient to say that some 200 were entertained to supper in the Officers' Mess and some 500 in the Sergeants' and Other Ranks' Mess.

The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Colonel J. Davidson, opened the proceedings by welcoming the gathered assembly and went on to say that tonight's ceremony meant so much more than an annual prize-giving and was designed for evermore to seal the joining together of two great and famous Battalions. After welcoming Alderman "Bennie" Gray, Deputy Mayor of Huddersfield and representing the town, the Commanding Officer went on to say that the advent of National Service had destroyed something of voluntary effort throughout the country. That was true in the Territorial Army, as in all other voluntary services. He appealed for recruits, saying that if each ex-member of either Battalion there that night sponsored the entry of one young man the Battalion would become the finest T.A. Battalion in the country.

The Commanding Officer then went on to welcome General Sir Philip and Lady Christison on what was General Christison's final appearance as Colonel of the Regiment and added: "The name of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment stands as high today as it ever has done throughout its long history—in no small part due to his untiring efforts on behalf of the Regiment."

General Sir Philip Christison presented the prizes, and in his address told the officers and men of the Battalion that the future of the 5/7th was in their hands. Speaking of the serious blow suffered by the Regular Regiment in the loss of the cap badge, he reminded the gathering that there was to be no change in the dress and insignia of the 5/7th Battalion. This put a great responsibility on to the 5/7th Battalion in that, in the future, they alone would be entitled to wear the "Dukes" cap badge, and he urged them to make a special effort to do their duty to the Regiment and keep its traditions alive for ever.

In speaking of voluntary service, General Christison spoke of many young people who asked themselves, "What can I get out of this," and not "What can I put into it." He was sure, however, that in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Huddersfield particularly there were enough young men

with the right spirit who were going to carry on the great tradition of the two Battalions.

Alderman Bennie Gray spoke on behalf of the town of Huddersfield and welcomed the headquarters of the new Battalion to Huddersfield. He spoke of the Regiment's right to march through the town with bayonets fixed and Colours flying by virtue of "The Freedom of Huddersfield," and said how delighted he was that this "right" was to be exercised on the following day when the old 5th Battalion Colours were to be laid up.

Alderman Bennie Gray then went on to say that he considered this a great occasion in Huddersfield, and he wished to commemorate it by presenting to the Battalion three medals from his collection. These were:

The Abyssinian Medal and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal won by Sgt. A. Puplett of 33rd Regiment (D.W.R.), the South Africa Medal won by Pte. E. Edwards, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Colonel Howcroft spoke as Honorary Colonel of 5/7th Battalion and, on behalf of 7th Battalion, welcomed the amalgamation. He stressed that in the course of the next two or three years, 500 young men, of whom more than half ought to come out of Huddersfield, were required to uphold the traditions inherited from the past and now in the hands of the 5/7th Battalion. Colonel Howcroft went to propose a vote of thanks to General Sir Philip Christison and Alderman Bennie Gray. Of General Christison, he said that it was a great honour to the Battalion that what was his last ceremony as Colonel of the Regiment should be with the Battalion.

Colonel John Sugden, a former Commanding Officer of the 5th Dukes, spoke on behalf of the 5th Battalion and also welcomed the amalgamation and the Headquarters to their historic seat in St. Paul's Street Drill Hall, winding up the proceedings by seconding the vote of thanks to General Christison and Alderman Bennie Gray.

List of Prize-Winners: Dean Cup (Master-at-Arms), R.Q.M.S. G. H. Machen; Mellor Challenge Shield (best Company Rifle team), Support Company; Ripon Cup (best Company L.M.G. team), Support Company; Officers' Cup, Capt. H. M. Crowther; Ladies of the District Cup, C.S.M. J. Fitton; Lockwood Cup, Cpl. D. Carey; Braithwaite Cup, L/Cpl. E. Williamson; Blackburn Cup, Pte. E. J. Cox; Chamber of Trades Challenge Cup (best Company Rifle and L.M.G.), Support Company; Mrs. Alfred Sukes Cup (best Company miniature range), "H.Q." Company; Bentley Shaw Challenge Cup (falling plate), Support Company; Ladies of Golcar Cup, R.Q.M.S. G. H. Machen; Coronation Cup (best recruiting Company), "B" Company; Norton Prize (best all-round man below Sergeant), Cpl. D. Carey; Pearson Fund (presented by John Pearson, formerly of Milnsbridge, now of Canada, to encourage shooting in the Battalion); R.Q.M.S. Machen (rifle), C.S.M. Fitton (L.M.G.),

Sgt. S. H. Lynes (Sten), Cadet C.S.M. G. Atkinson (best Cadet), Sgt. F. Pratt (best P.S.I.); Territorial Army Machine Gun Cup: D.W.R. team of Sgt. G. Kenny, Cpl. J. Taylor, Cpl. D. Carey, L/Cpl. T. Wilson, L.Cpl. B. Field, Pte. S. Mitchell; Turn-Out Prize (smartest man below rank of

Corporal on parade during the evening), Pte. D. Hirst.

Other presentations made by General Christison was the Territorial Decoration to Major J. C. Moncrieff, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to R.S.M. J. J. Frier.

Laying-up of 5th Battalion Colours

Carried through two World Wars and bearing the battle honours of even earlier campaigns, the Colours of the 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment were laid up in the safe keeping of Huddersfield Parish Church on Sunday, October 20, 1957.

With an escort from the 5/7th Battalion of the Regiment, with whom marched a large contingent of the Old Comrades' Association of the 5th Battalion, the Colours were brought from St. Paul's Street Drill Hall and paraded to the Parish Church.

The officer commanding the parade was Major F. R. Gadd, and the Colour party consisted of Captains B. N. Webster and R. A. Hawkins, C.S.M. J. Fitton, and Sgts. A. Pollard and K. Ewart.

The parade formed up in Byram Street on arrival at the church, and it was a poignant moment when the Colours were trooped through the ranks of the Old Comrades' Association to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," played by the Band of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment.

The weather was just about as bad as it could be—rain poured down through the proceedings both before and after the service. Consequently, there were no large crowds to watch the parade to the

church and the march past afterwards.

During the service the Colours were marched up the centre aisle to the chancel steps to the slow march of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and were there received by Lt.-Colonel J. Davidson (Commanding Officer of the 5/7th Battalion), who then handed them to the Rev. H. Tuff (Vicar of Lindley), who was Chaplain to the 5th Battalion.

In his address Mr. Tuff said that many present would recall their service with the 5th "Dukes." They would remember with affection and honour those who gave their lives while serving with the Battalion, and would remember, too, as well as the sad side and the hardship of active service, the many associations formed and the firm friendships made.

"This afternoon is the end of a chapter, but do not let us imagine that it is the end of a story. There is a new battalion—the 5/7th—and it needs from us all the help and support that we can give."

At the saluting base in the Market Place, for the march past after the service, General Sir Philip Christison was accompanied by Major-General R. Younger, Divisional Commander, and Alderman H. A. Bennie Gray, Deputy Mayor of Huddersfield.



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GROUP TAKEN IN THE OFFICERS' MESS, ST. PAUL'S STREET DRILL HALL, HUDDERSFIELD
 Left to right: Lt.-Colonel J. Davidson, The Deputy Mayoress (Mrs. T. Bennett), Colonel J. B. Sugden, Mrs. G. B. Howcroft, Lady Christison, General Sir Philip Christison, Mrs. J. Davidson, The Deputy Mayor of Huddersfield (Alderman H. A. Bennie Gray), Mrs. J. B. Sugden, Lt.-Colonel P. Ward, Colonel G. B. Howcroft



By Courtesy of the Huddersfield Examiner
Queen's Colour, 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (T.A.) now laid up in Huddersfield Parish Church



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Regimental Colour, 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (T.A.), now laid up in Huddersfield Parish Church



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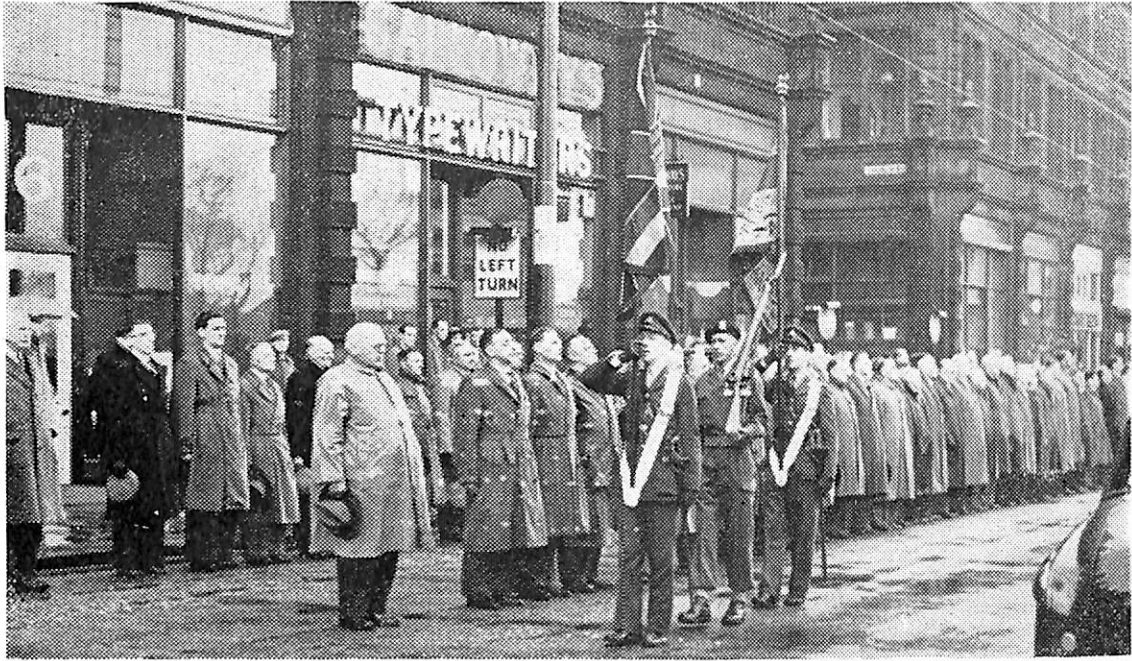
LAYING-UP OF COLOURS

March Past. Parade Commander: Major F. R. Gadd. Saluting Base (left to right): Alderman H. A. Bennie Gray, General Sir Philip Christison, Colonel W. A. Hinchcliffe, Lt.-Colonel J. Davidson, Major-General R. Younger (G.O.C. 49 Infantry Division)



By Courtesy of the Huddersfield Examiner

Old Comrades 5th Dukes pass saluting base, Commanded by Lt.-Colonel D. H. Hirst at their Head



By Courtesy of the Huddersfield Examiner

Colours of 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment being trooped through ranks of Old Comrades before entry into Church

REUNION, 1957

Now let your bells peal out across the shires,
Wave flags, roast oxen, light your festive fires
On every hill, beat drums, sing, dance, clap, cheer.
For why? The Dukes are home from Nicosia!

The Cyprus cuties sure are mighty sick,
They think it was a mean and dirty trick
To send the Dukes away across the sea,
But old man Grivas says he don't agree.

While Colonel Pip remarks to Colonel Bob
"Fancy their asking me to do your job."
And Colonel Bob replies to Colonel Pip
"Now then, young Moran Minor, less o' your lip."

In Northern Ireland everyone is gay
Except some members of the I.R.A.,
Who fail to see that this is an occasion
Warranting such excessive jubilation.

In Halifax to-day the streets are filled
With cheerful "Dukes" of every size and build,
The tall, the short, the squat, the debonair,
Some fair to look on, and some not so fair.

From Leeds they've come, from Lordly Laisterdyke,
Brighouse and Bradford, Hull and Heckmondwyke,
And lesser towns that lie beyond the Pale
London and Glasgow, Birmingham and Sale.

Friendships re-knit, old memories recalled,
While youth stands by respectfully enthralled,
Battles of yesterday and long ago,
Mons and Dunkirk and Ypres and Anzio.

Many with famous names are here, renowned
Giants of the track, the ring, the football ground,
And one whom years and absence cannot alter
We greet, an exile home again from Malta.

And in the ante-room none can recall
No, not the oldest member of them all,
Seeing so many generals, stout and slender,
Perched like distinguished sparrows on the fender.

All are assembled here to say good-bye
To him beneath whose wise paternal eye,
His genial guidance and his kindly sway
The Dukes have gone rejoicing on their way.

Now in his place they welcome General Kenneth
To what in Ducal eyes must be the zenith
Of soldierly ambition. May his reign
Be long, illustrious, splendid and serene. O.P.

The momentous events in Halifax and Huddersfield have taken up so much space, that two articles which we hoped to print in this number have had to be deferred to the next, namely, Thain's description of the march of the 33rd through Northern France after Waterloo, and J. W. Hayes' article on Lord Charles Hay.

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

HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1957, AT REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, HALIFAX, YORKS.

Present: General Sir A. F. P. Christison, BT. (Chairman), Major-Generals K. G. Exham, W. M. Ozanne and R. N. H. C. Bray, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Colonels C. R. T. Cumberlege and M. N. Cox, Lt.-Colonels J. Davidson, O. Price, J. H. Dalrymple and P. P. de la H. Moran and Major D. C. Roberts; 40 other members were also present.

Apologies for their absence were received from Major-General R. K. Exham, Colonel C. W. G. Ince, Major J. E. Driver, Brigadier F. H. Fraser and Captain D. Looney.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting having been published in the Regimental magazine and the members present concurring, they were taken as read and passed as a true record.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary presented his annual report on the working and activities of the Association during the year 1956-57, full details of which will be found

elsewhere in this issue of THE IRON DUKE. The meeting were informed that 172 applications for assistance from our funds had been dealt with and that financial assistance had been granted to 40 cases from the Old Comrades' Association and 80 from the Regimental Association. This was an increase in cases assisted, compared with 84 the previous year.

ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts of the Associations were made available for perusal by the members present. The Secretary explained that income had totalled £2,226 and expenditure came to £2,177. The O.C.A. had an excess of income over expenditure of £49, but the Regimental Association Fund had spent more than it received by £258. This was in some measure due to the fact that no grant had been received last year from the Army Benevolent Fund. However, an application for a grant from the A.B.F. had been submitted and was being considered for the current year. General Christison read out the auditors' report and then asked for



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any comments from those present; as none were forthcoming he asked for a proposer and seconder that the report and accounts now presented be approved. Major T. V. Laverack proposed and Major F. Allop seconded the motion, which was *passed unanimously*.

NEW BRIGADE BADGE AND REGIMENTAL EMBELLISHMENTS

Referring to the possibility that the cap badge of the new Yorkshire Brigade, which will include The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, would be a white rose, General Christison said the "Dukes" would nevertheless retain their badge on some part of the uniform.

The Secretary of State had made it quite clear that there was no going back on the idea that there should be one badge for the whole Brigade. That was the new unit and as such it had to be accepted loyally by the Army that as a symbol of that unity all in the Brigade would wear a common cap badge. Next month (November) Colonels of Regiments were meeting to discuss what the badge would be. Chief proposal at the moment for the Yorkshire Brigade was some form of the white Yorkshire rose which was worn by the old 49th Division in the 1914-18 war, either simply or with a scroll with "Yorkshire" or "Yorkshire Brigade."

General Christison added that he had made a personal visit to the War Office and demanded that the "Dukes" should retain on some part of their uniform their regimental crest, and he was happy to say that had been conceded.

At this point General Christison said the meeting was open to discussion on the badge question generally.

Referring to the suggested white rose, Colonel Cumberlege asked if any alternative badge had been put forward. General Ozanne associated himself with this question and asked whether it might not be possible for each Battalion in the Brigade to retain its own cap badge superimposed on the white rose. General Christison said no alternative badge had been considered. To General Ozanne's proposal, he said any badge envisaged would have to be a common one to all Battalions.

The discussion now turned to our own embellishments. After various views had been expressed by members present General Christison asked for views on the "Duke's" cap badge as a collar badge and the regimental buttons, with elephants, remaining in their present form. This met with a large measure of support. Mr. Kenny suggested a collar badge on the lines of the combined badge worn by members of the O.C.A. as a coat lapel badge; this proposal also received much support. Finally, General Christison put the following proposals to the meeting:

1. "That, basically, D.W.R. cap badge should appear on the collar."—*Passed unanimously*.

2. "That the "Dukes'" cap badge with or without scroll should be worn."—*Fourteen voted for this proposal*.

3. "That the collar badge should consist of a combined crest of the 1st and 2nd Battalions."—*Twenty-one voted in favour and was the decisive vote*.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. T. McMahon rose to propose a vote of thanks to General Christison for all he had done for the Regiment and the Regimental Association whilst he had been the Colonel of the Regiment. General Christison, replying, said that his tour of duty had been a very great pleasure, for the greatest honour which a soldier could receive was to become Colonel of his Regiment. Mr. McMahon's proposal and the Colonel of the Regiment's reply both received great acclamation.

VISIT TO 1ST BATTALION

Mr. Temple, London Branch Chairman, proposed that at a convenient time and subject to the Commanding Officer's approval, Old Comrades should visit the 1st Battalion in their new station at Belfast. Colonel Moran said he would be delighted to entertain members of the Old Comrades Association in Ireland and was sure they would find their stay most enjoyable. The Colonel of the Regiment thought the idea of a visit an excellent one and congratulated Mr. Temple on bringing the proposal forward. Mr. Smith seconded and the motion was *carried unanimously*. The General Secretary was left to make the arrangements at a convenient time.

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

Saturday, October 5

The Colonel of the Regiment presided over the Reunion Dinner at which some 200 members attended. Supporting him at the head table were Major-General K. G. Exham (Colonel of the Regiment designate), Major-General W. M. Ozanne, Major-General R. N. H. C. Bray, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Colonel C. R. T. Cumberlege (Vice-President, Regimental Association), Colonel W. A. Hinchcliffe, Lt.-Colonels M. N. Cox, O. Price, J. Davidson and P. P. de la H. Moran (commanding 1st Battalion) and Major D. C. Roberts (commanding Regimental Depot).

The function, as usual, took place in the Depot dining room which had been tastefully decorated so as to present a colourful and cheery scene. The two sets of Colours of the 2nd Battalion provided a splendid background to what turned out to be one of the happiest annual gatherings we have had.

The toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by Major W. L. James, county staff officer of the East Lancs Cadet Forces. Major James said that the chief topic of the reunion was the effect of the reorganisation on the regiment and he thought the short answer to that was the Queen having approved the changes the Regiment would loyally support them. If the Regular Battalion had to share any part of its loyalty with the Yorkshire Brigade he was sure it would do so wholeheartedly.

Replying to the toast, General Christison said that this was the tenth occasion he had presided at a reunion dinner, but he did not think he had ever seen so many officers present to support the Old Comrades and he thought that was a very good thing. The parade that morning for the laying-up

of the Colours must have given heart to the older hands. That such a good show should be put up at short notice, partly by recruits and partly by men who were passing out of the Army, showed that nothing was wrong with either end of the Regiment. He referred to the rôle as infantry soldiers of the 5th and 7th Battalions now together as the 5/7th Battalion in the Territorial Army. That was particularly significant in this time when great changes were taking place in the armed forces owing to the enormous expansion in the employment of the science of atomic weapons.

Changing times and circumstances had made it clear that in reorganising the army it was possible to do one of three things: to establish a Corps of Infantry, an idea which had been discarded; to disband a number of regiments, but it was felt that the country would not stand for the disbanding of famous regiments. The other alternative was in the British tradition of compromise with the establishment of the brigade system. It was the system which had worked well in the Highland Brigade and there was no reason why it should not work well in the Yorkshire Brigade. What might put people against it was the losing of the cap badge; but they had to have a common badge; they would however find ways and means of keeping the "Dukes" insignia, as worn today "on other parts of the anatomy." We shall, I know, make the Yorkshire Brigade the best brigade in the army and the "Dukes" will obviously be the best in the Brigade. He felt that to be ending his tour of duty at the time of that day's parade in the company of old comrades was far better than merely, like an old soldier, to have faded away. Major-General Exham, who succeeds General Christison next month as Colonel of the Regiment, thanked the General for all he had done for the Regiment in the past 10 years. He had been a great "Duke" and had delighted and honoured the Regiment and Old Comrades. His association with the Regiment was a close one, for his son, a Regular officer of the Regiment, had been killed in action with the 2nd Battalion in the last war.

At the conclusion of the dinner General Christison was accorded a tremendously warm ovation from those present. He had been a very popular "managing director" with all sections of the Regiment.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1957

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting my usual report on the previous year's working of the Association up to close of business June 30, 1957.

CASE WORK

During the year under review the Case Committee dealt with 172 applications for assistance. One hundred and twenty were granted financial assistance and of those turned down many had been assisted by us in the past and many by other organisations and bodies such as the British Legion, S.S.A.F.A. and the Forces' Help Society. Details of cases assisted from the funds of the Association are as follows:

O.C.A. Fund

	£	s.	d.
40 cases assisted on which we disbursed	237	0	4
10 Pensions Grants paid quarterly ..	252	10	0
Grant to IRON DUKE Magazine ..	20	0	0
(Average £6 a case)			
Total ..	509	10	4

Regimental Association Fund

	£	s.	d.
80 cases assisted on which we disbursed	416	16	10
Institutions supported by us ..	66	15	0
(Average £5 a case)			
	£483	11	10

McGuire Bate Trust

	£	s.	d.
7 cases assisted on which we disbursed	198	10	2
Institutions supported by this Fund ..	25	10	0
	£224	0	2

Mitchell Trust Fund

There were no applications for help from this Fund.

There has been an increase this year in the amounts paid out on direct benevolence from the two Charitable Funds compared with last year which were:

O.C.A.: 26 cases and £145 15s. 5d. disbursed.
Regimental Association: 58 cases and £340 5s. 2d. disbursed.

Which, as will be seen, represents an increase in payments of O.C.A. £92 0s. 4d. and in the case of the Regimental Association £76 11s. 8d. This is accounted for by the larger number of people helped in 1956-57. (120 against 84 the previous year.)

When I give my short explanation of the accounts it will be noticed that the Regimental Association Fund was over-spent this year by £258 11s. 8d. (Last year income exceeded expenditure by £43.) This year's excess of expenditure is accounted for by £100 transferred to the General Account for administration expenses; increase in the amount paid out on grants to individuals and the fact that we did not receive any reimbursement grant from the Army Benevolent Fund this year to offset the extra expenditure. Application has now been made to the A.B.F. for a grant and we are informed it is being considered.

PENSIONS

The Finance Committee have allocated a pensions grant of £6 10s. 0d. for one year to Mrs. Gilbard, widow of the late C/Sgt. E. E. Gilbard, a one-time Drum-Major of the 1st Battalion. As members will know these pensions are reviewed annually and if applicants' circumstances still warrant it the pensions are authorised for a further period of one year.

INSTITUTIONS

Grants totalling £92 5s. 0d. have been allocated to the various charitable organisations we continue to support. Of this amount £66 15s. 0d. came from

the Regimental Association Fund, as mentioned earlier in this report, and £25 10s. 0d. from the McGuire Bate Trust. For the information of all concerned, I propose to publish a full list of all institutions, etc., we help with grants in the Regimental Magazine shortly.

ACCOUNTS

Our audited accounts have been scrutinised by your Finance Committee at their last meeting who found them properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association. I herewith offer a short explanation of the state of the Funds to the nearest pound as at close of business on June 30.

Income from All Sources

Old Comrades Association Fund	£	609
Regimental Association Fund	875	
General Fund Account	377	
Mitchell Trust Fund	72	
The McGuire Bate Fund (Officers)	293	
Total	2,226	

Expenditure

Old Comrades Association Fund	559
Regimental Association Fund	1,133
General Account Fund	211
Mitchell Trust Fund.. ..	Nil
McGuire Bate Fund (Officers)	274
Total	2,177

State of Accounts

Old Comrades Association Fund (excess of Income over Expenditure for year)	49	9	10
Regimental Association Fund (Excess of Expenditure over Income for year)	258	11	8
General Account Fund (Excess of Income over Expenditure)	165	18	11
Mitchell Trust Fund (Excess of Income over Expenditure for year)	72	8	1
McGuire Bate Fund (Excess of Income over Expenditure for year)	19	14	10

INVESTMENTS

At the last meeting of the Regimental Association Trustees it was decided to encash £1,000 Defence Bonds belonging to the Major McGuire Bate

Bequest, and £1,000 3½% bonds Conversion Issue and £1,000 Defence 3½% bonds 2nd Conversion Issue belonging to the Regimental Association Fund for investment in higher interest-bearing stocks to be selected when the proceeds of encashment are received.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association has increased considerably this year due to the efforts of R.S.M. Randall, 1st Battalion, and R.S.M. Jobling, Regimental Depot. Subscriptions from 1st Battalion totalled £81 3s. 0d. and the Depot £25 8s. 6d. We hope when the 1st Battalion is settled in their new station to go ahead with our target of achieving a 100% membership.

BRANCHES

All branches appear to be running quite well, although new members are still needed badly. We intend, in this current year, to give more publicity, through the Regimental Journal and local newspapers of the location of the branches. Also, when possible addresses of serving personnel will be given to branch secretaries in order to make contact with a man long before he is discharged. From the social angle more inter-branch meetings and functions are to be arranged. I hope to be able to have a meeting with branch secretaries in the very near future, when any ideas connected with improvement of branch activities can be put forward.

CONCLUSION

I cannot end this report without offering, on behalf of my Committee, our grateful thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen of S.S.A.F.A., F.H.S. and other kindred bodies, who have, mostly in an honorary capacity, given their time so freely in the investigation of cases of distress, etc., and for almonising on our behalf. Thanks are also due to our hon. solicitor, Major Driver, and to our auditors Messrs. Whitham, Smith, Mitchell & Co., for all the help and advice given to us in the field of legal and finance matters.

My personal thanks to all branch secretaries for their loyal support and for their honorary work in connection with the running of their respective branches.

6th BATTALION O.C.A.

The Annual General Meeting of the 6th Battalion O.C.A. was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Saturday, October 5, 1957. The report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1957, were read and approved. The following officers were re-elected.

President: Colonel F. Longden Smith, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P.

Chairman: Major H. Dixon, O.B.E., J.P.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. W. H. Minnikin.

Hon Secretary and Treasurer: Captain H. J. Lawson.

The meeting was followed by the Annual Reunion Dinner, at which Colonel F. Longden Smith pre-

sided. The attendance, 80 in all, was much lower than last year, due partly to influenza, and partly to the Regimental Association and the 49th Divisional dinners falling on the same night.

Major A. V. Fawell, R.A., officer commanding "R" Battery (6th D.W.R.), 382 Medium Regiment, R.A., was the chief guest.

Colonel Smith gave the Loyal Toast. Captain D. F. Peacock proposed the "Old Comrades Association," to which Major Dixon responded.

For information, the Annual General Meeting and Dinner of this Association are always held on the first Saturday in October.

10th Battalion

"We have fought in war, and I do not think there are any better messengers of peace than those who have seen war." This opinion was expressed by Colonel Sir William Fenton, of Cleckheaton, formerly of the 4th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, when proposing the toast of "The 10th (Service) Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment O.C.A.," at the 18th Annual Reunion of that organisation at the Market Tavern Hotel, Bradford, on Saturday, November 9, 1957. He was the Association's principal guest—others including Major D. C. Roberts (Commanding the Depot) and Mr. Sidney E. Code (Secretary of the Regimental Association, Halifax). Lt. M. A. S. Wood (Chairman of the O.C.A.) presided, and there were more than 70 officers and men of the Battalion present who fought in the First World War in France, Belgium and Italy. They came from Yorkshire, Lancashire, London, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex, and included, for the first time, Captain the Rev. H. W. Todd (Sussex)—a former Padre of the Battalion—and Lt. H. L. Waite (Middlesex).

Sir William said we hardly knew where we were to-day, and he did not think any man could foresee what would happen should there be another war. He was, however, sure that all those present, and all other ex-servicemen, would be the men who would do their uttermost to prevent an outbreak of hostilities.

After remarking that from the Battalion's history he had formed the opinion that no unit had a more distinguished record in the Great War than the 10th Battalion, Sir William said there were many unpleasant things in war, but there were many good things as well, amongst them good friendship and trust. As an employer he had tried very hard to develop good industrial relations, but he did not think they were ever as good as the relations fostered in a unit of the Army. Officers and men fought for a common objective and were bound to trust one another or they would not get anywhere. For that reason such organisations as the 10th Battalion O.C.A. were formed and officers and men came from all over the country; everyone anxious to meet their old comrades and to ensure the retention of the association they formed so many years ago.

The Chairman briefly replied. Other toasts were "The Queen" and "To Absent Comrades."

Before the Reunion, a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph in Victoria by the Chairman, and at the annual meeting Lt. Wood was re-elected to his position, and Mr. Walter Barker, Mr. D. R. Auty and Mr. G. R. Goodchild were respectively re-appointed Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Auditor and Hon. Secretary.

Visitors from the south who stayed in Bradford overnight took part in the Armistice Parade and

Service at the Cenotaph in Victoria Square on Sunday, November 10.

Sir William Fenton was due to leave the country for a business trip to America on November 10, but he sustained a broken arm in an accident before his time for leaving and was a patient in the Duke of York Home, Bradford, for some time.

A suggestion has been made that members of the O.C.A. might appreciate the date of their reunion being changed from the end of October or the beginning of November to early in June—say, a date near June 7 (the anniversary of the opening of the Battle of Messines—in which the Battalion took part—in 1917)—and the idea will be discussed by the Committee.

A memorial is to be provided by the Churchwardens of Otley Parish Church, Yorkshire, to the former Archdeacon of Craven and Vicar of Otley (the late Ven. T. J. Williams), who was a 10th Battalion Padre during part of the First World War. The O.C.A. hope to be allowed to contribute to the memorial fund.

As usual, a badge-cross was laid on behalf of the O.C.A. in the Regimental plot at the Westminster Garden of Remembrance at Armistice-tide.

OBITUARY

One of the best-known N.C.O.s of the 10th (Service) Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment—Sgt. Jack Cranston, of Newcastle upon Tyne—died on October 28. Unfortunately, his death was not known in time for him to be remembered by his former comrades when they met for their 18th annual reunion in Bradford on November 9. Sgt. Cranston joined the Battalion soon after war was declared in 1914, and was with them at Frensham, Folkestone and other places during their early training in England. When the unit went to France in 1915 he was in Battalion Orderly Room and took charge when Sgt. David Hinchcliffe, of Huddersfield, was appointed R.Q.M.S. on the Somme in 1916. Later Sgt. Cranston took over for the Battalion at the Base and retained that position until the end of the war. He was on the staff of a large engineering concern in Middlesbrough until he retired in the spring of 1956. For many years he lived in Redcar, but latterly moved to Newcastle upon Tyne with Mrs. Cranston to be near their two daughters and their grandchildren. Members of the 10th Battalion Orderly Room Staff who have died now include, besides Sgt. Cranston, Cpl. Frank Christelow (Bradford), later commissioned in the R.F.C., Cpl. Harold Bray (Bradford) and L/Cpl. Bill Beeby (Bradford). If R.Q.M.S. Hinchcliffe is still living—and nothing has been heard of him for many years—he and Sgt. G. R. Goodchild (Bradford), and Hon. Sec. of the Battalion O.C.A., are the only surviving members of the unit's Orderly Room Staff.

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