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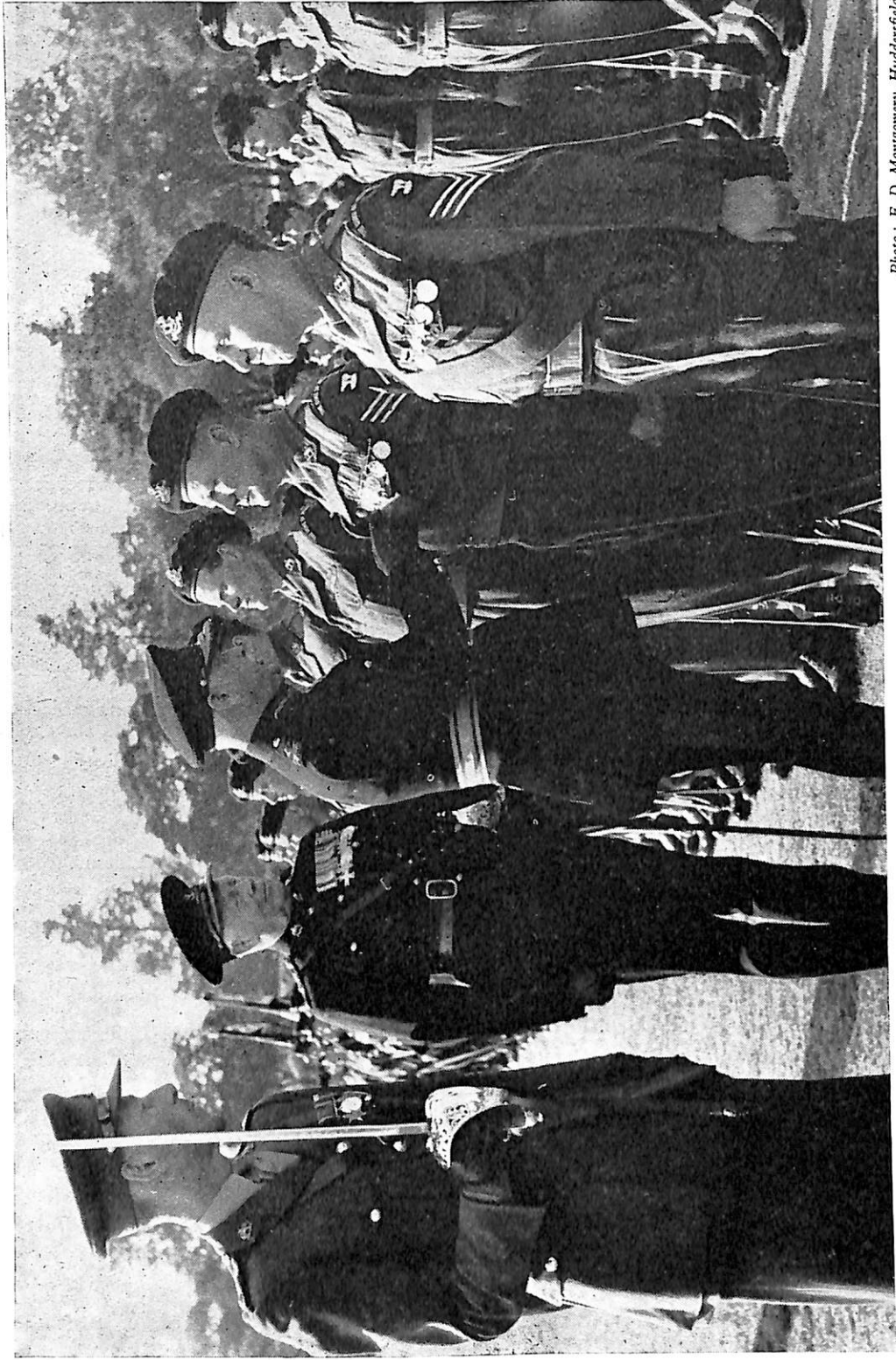
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5/7th BATTALION'S CENTENARY PARADE



The Colonel of the Regiment, accompanied by the Honorary Colonel and the C.O. of the Battalion, talks to Sgt. W. H. Bacon on whose right is Cpl. D. Milnes and left (nearest camera) Sgt. G. Kenny

Photo: E. D. Montgomery, Huddersfield

## Editorial

We said this would have to be a thin number. In fact it is again a lavishly illustrated 40 pages. This has been made possible by a generous contribution from the 5/7th Battalion to provide for an adequate record of their centenary celebrations. The account of this important event in the Regiment's history begins on page 119.

It has been a hard job to squeeze the number into even 40 pages. We have, regretfully, had to hold over the next instalment of Pte. Sunley's diary. We have also had to prune some unit notes more drastically than we would have wished. We apologise to whom it may concern but can, at least, plead that nothing has been cut as ruthlessly as this editorial.

We realise that our request in the July number for personal stories of the Hitler war could hardly yet have been met. We were, anyway, prepared to start the series ourselves. But if we don't get some response in time for the next issue the series will come to an abrupt end.

A location list of officers is issued with this number as a loose-leaf insert. We think this may be more convenient for those who use it for reference but ask for your comments on the innovation.

### STOP PRESS

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34 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.—0.

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## Regimental News

The 1st Battalion was due to leave Ireland on October 14 and, by the time this issue appears, should be already established in Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.

As can be seen from their notes the Battalion continued to the last to exploit the possibilities of Northern Ireland to the full. One hopes—no, one feels sure—that the thousands of spectators enjoyed Army Day at Ballykinlar as much as "S" Company evidently did.

The Battalion's Outward Bound school and club have, for a reason which is not explained in their notes, been renamed Adventure Training. Another interesting development is the handicrafts exhibition which is reported on page 115.

The 1st Battalion's monthly news letters for the Yorkshire press, which were mentioned in our last issue, feature one activity which receives only very scant reference in the Battalion's notes but seems worthy of report. Among the attractions at Army Day at Ballykinlar was a demonstration by the Battalion's war dogs. Pte. D. Lea demonstrated verbal control with his dog, Velox; Pte. M. Hill showed the public how a new handler is introduced to his dog and then trained; Pte. D. Burrow used his dog, Goliath, to demonstrate how a guard dog will attack and bring down a running man.

As the result of their successful demonstration on this occasion the Dog Handlers Team, the three men named above and Cpl. R. Spearman, were asked to perform at Newcastle, Co. Down, on August 19. Once again the demonstration proved very popular.

Starting next year, the Regiment intends to hold an annual O.C.A. church parade in Halifax on the first Sunday after St. George's Day.

As has been explained the training of our recruits has, since the closure of Wellesley Barracks as a depot, been carried on at the depot of the Prince of Wales's at Beverley. During September it was found necessary to divert an overflow of national service recruits for the Regiment to the depot of the Green Howards at Richmond. It has now been decided to transfer our recruit training forthwith to the as yet incomplete Brigade Depot at Strensall. We start there on November 5, 1959.

On September 30, as a fitting climax to their sporting record in Northern Ireland, the 1st Battalion rugby team beat an Ulster XV. We have made room for a brief report of this on page 134, where will also be found the dates of fixtures arranged for the Battalion with leading clubs in the London area.

# 1st BATTALION

## SUB-EDITORIAL

The medical pundits say that a change is "good for you." If this be true, then this sub-editorial should be "good" also—but for whom is a matter of conjecture. For the very new sub-editor it is a matter of some concern. The correct course is apparent—to be brief, to be factual, to be mildly witty. The pitfalls are even more apparent!

The month of May passed in a frenzy of activity rising to a climax with the Trooping on June 5. The belated July issue contained a report of the parade, and we will say no more—except to pay tribute to Majors Simonds and Kavanagh and their staffs for all the administrative, social and "behind the scenes" work for which they were responsible.

The four major events after this were Bisley, Athletics, Army Day, and Annual Camp and Classification. Bisley came and went—and although we did well in coming 4th in the unit championships, we believe we could have done better. S/Sgt. Kingdon and Pte. Tatchell are to be congratulated on becoming S.M.G. Army Champion and Young Soldier Champion respectively.

The decision to give priority to athletic training during the Spring and Summer months caused some heart-burning amongst company commanders and the cricket officer—both training and cricket were bound to suffer. Nevertheless, the decision was justified; the athletic team is to be congratulated on winning the Brigade, N.I.D. and Western Command championships, and on competing in the Army Championships at Aldershot—the first time we have done so. A special mention must be made of Lt. John Greenway, who led the team, ran for the Army, and, at Woodford Green, captained an Army side against Woodford Green A.C. and Belgrave Harriers.

The Army Day Exhibition was held at Ballykinlar on July 24 and 25. This was the out of doors, practical counterpart of the exhibition held at Belfast last October. Our part was to show to the public the more interesting side of a soldier's life—the support weapons, war dog handling, adventure training activities, and so on. "S" Company was responsible, and everything that happened is covered in their notes. There is no doubt that the success of the exhibition was due in no small measure to Major J.E.V.B. and his company (and reading the company and platoon notes we can see why!)

The Battalion has just returned from a fortnight's training camp at Magilligan. Here, "A" Company provided the enemy for a 4-day exercise, "Red Onion," by the Welsh Guards, who were flown in to Ballykelly Airfield to rescue some scientists held captive by local terrorists. The scientists were represented by a very large red onion.

Most of the Battalion have now fired the new 1958 classification courses with rifle and L.M.G.

The new British S.L. rifle was issued half-way through the summer, and consequently, some companies have classified with the new weapon, others with the old No. 4. "S" Company has rather stolen our sub-editorial thunder and their notes contain a good summary of our immediate reactions to the new course. It is a more realistic battle course—using figure targets throughout—and it does appear easier as the two rifle companies who completed classification before camp returned no one below 1st class shot. It is also interesting when the two company commanders concerned, OsC "S" and "D" Company, both obtain a double marksman grading, neither of them being in the first flush of youth or a regular range man. Nevertheless, though it may be an easy course when conditions are good, we feel that with even an average cross-wind, or drizzle, results would be very different.

And here we must stop. Many things come to mind which could be talked about—the welcome visit by the cadets of Eshton Hall School and 5/7th Cadet Battalion D.W.R.; the marriages of two confirmed bachelors in the sergeants' mess, R.Q.M.S. Robins and C/Sgt. Dickie; Captain Hoppe's Horatio-like stand and torrid invective above the Welsh Guards' trenches on "Red Onion"; the Band touring Yorkshire; the Band and Drums at Halifax and Spensborough; the Handicrafts Exhibition (a new venture); Major Kavanagh's first outing in a Dragon—and the winning of the County Championship by Yorkshire. (The frenzy of Messrs. Burnett and Kilner was matched only by the enthusiasm of a Scottish Instructor Lt.-Commander, R.N., at H.M.S. *Sea Eagle*, Londonderry, where your Sub-Editor, sporting a Yorkshire C.C. tie, was cornered and "invited" to pay for "drinks all round"!)

And a fitting note to end on. Our thoughts now turn to packing and painting, boxes and banding, married quarters and moving, of Essex—and a farewell to Ulster. Our next sub-editorial will show how this was done.

## OFFICERS' MESS

Our second summer in Northern Ireland has closely resembled the first. Hollywood has been but a nominal home, while officers have been absent on duty at Derry, Ballykinlar or Magilligan or, of course, even on leave in England. Those remaining in mess have occasionally dined with only five at the table.

All this started on June 6. The previous day was the Trooping, already reported on in the delayed July issue. Suffice it to say that the mess was happy to entertain many guests, both civil and military, to drinks after the parade, and the V.I.P.s and dignitaries to lunch.

Since that busy time we have relaxed to enjoy

H.E. The Governor of Northern Ireland, Lord Wakehurst, K.C.M.G., with the Officers of the 1st Battalion  
 Taken on the occasion of the Trooping of the Colour, June 5, 1959

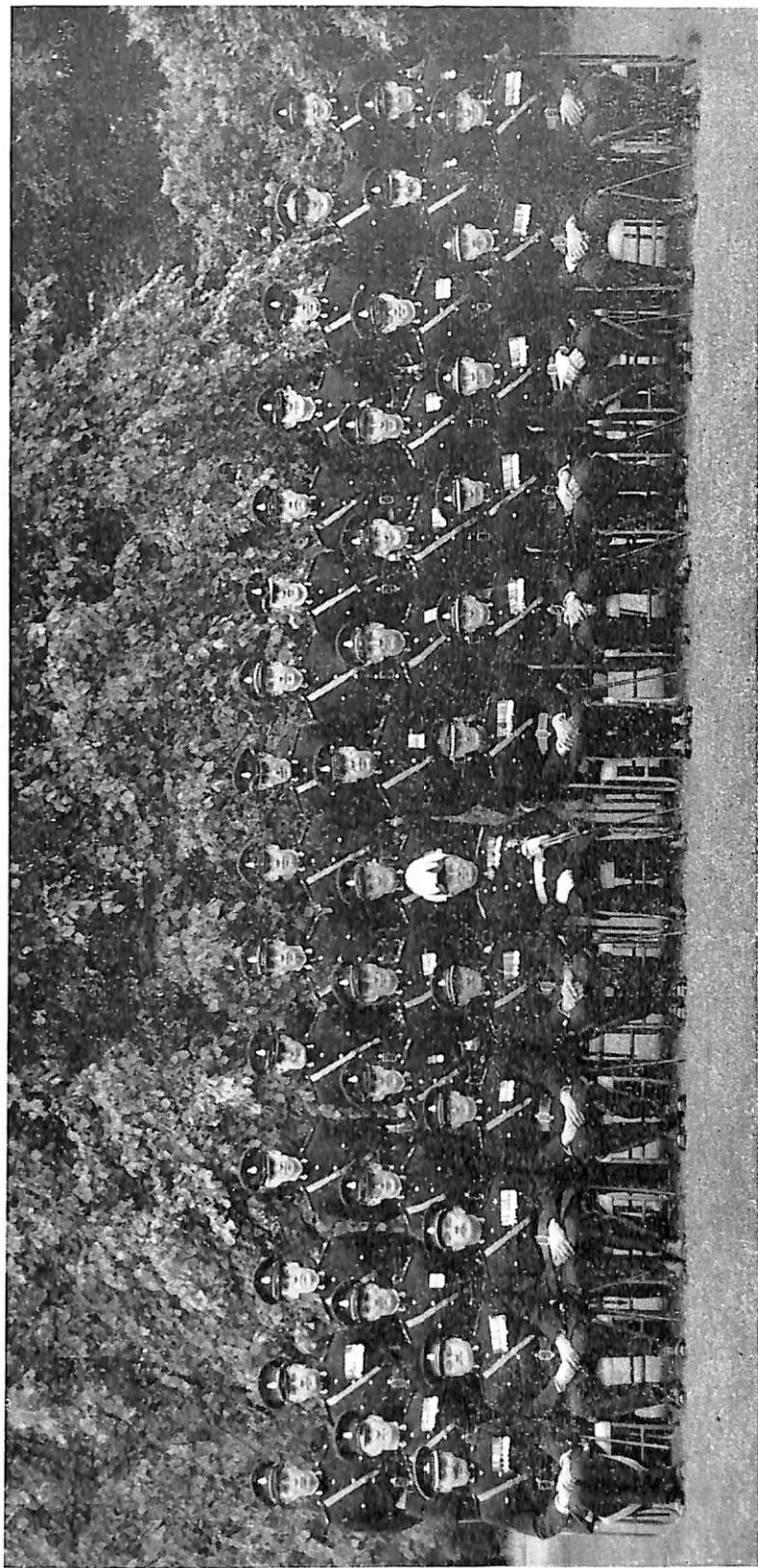


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the best summer Northern Ireland has had for many a year. Balls various (golf, tennis and cricket) have been belted and abused around the Ulster countryside, whilst officers of a more nautical mind have drifted around Belfast Lough. It is our sad boast that not once did the mess Dragon complete a full regatta course. The more energetic have run, jumped or thrown on the athletic field, and here we must congratulate those of our ranks who performed so nobly for our regiment. Special honour must be given to John Greenway on captaining an Army team, Michael Campbell-Lamerton on representing Ulster, and Michael Ralph for hop, skipping and jumping out of sight.

The heat of the summer had catalytic effect upon the chemical maturity of several of the Mess. As prophesied, the example set by Charles Huxtable has aroused others to noble deeds. First, Bob Huffam and Peter Hoppe popped the question. Rumour has it that Bob wanted a permanent spanner-passer, while Peter heard that Brentwood is the centre of a tomato-growing district. (*What this has got to do with it I can't imagine!—Sub-Editor.*) Simon Arnold has also taken the plunge. Others, too, have blossomed forth under the mid-summer sun, and the Mess Secretary has often wondered whether he should charge John Greenway and Michael Bray with living-out rates of mess subscriptions. Their batmen have certainly had an easy time, not having to make their beds so often.

We have acquired five new subalterns; Dick Mundell and Martin Summers from Sandhurst; John Golding, Michael Crook and Robin Everard from Mons. Gerald Fawcett has just left us and we are extremely sorry to lose him as he has been of sterling worth.

It is with great regret that we record the accidental death of Michael Tree. He is sorely missed, and we can only commiserate with his family on their loss.

At the moment we are at Magilligan, at Battalion Camp. By the time these notes are published we will have left Ulster, many of us with great regret. We have been very happy here, and have made many friends. We only hope we will leave a good and lasting impression upon the Irish.

#### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

We welcome to the Mess S/Sgt. Hathaway, R.A.P.C., Sgt. McGill, A.C.C., Sgts. Gaye and Collman.

We have said good-bye to Sgts. Morris, Fee., C/Sgt. Waite and C.S.M. Erswell; Jack Waite has gone on an E.R.E. posting to Nottingham and Syd Erswell is now in the process of re-organising the 5/7th Battalion at Huddersfield. When he arrived there he was promptly told he was on a week-end exercise. He assures us by letter that—"that sort of thing won't happen again, the T.A. will have to do their training in the normal week-day working hours."

The "I hate married families" club has taken a severe beating lately, with R.Q.M.S. Robins, C/Sgt. Dickie and Sgt. Wolfendon, R.A.E.C., taking the plunge into wedded bliss. While we congratulate them most heartily, sympathy must be extended to C/Sgt. Nicholson who now carries the "I hate"

campaign practically on his own. The only answer, Nick, is to abdicate and get married yourself.

It is good to see Geff France back in our midst again. We said a very quick hello and good-bye to C.S.M. "Knobby" Clarke posted back to us from T.A.; he had just about got his kit unpacked when he was posted again to the R.A.E.C. Depot. Since his departure Bill Costello has had no competition in the singing field.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Pennington, C/Sgt. France, S/Sgt. Brayshaw, C/Sgt. Todd and W.O.2 McGuigan, A.C.C., on their promotion.

Due to Battalion camp and various companies being on detachment, organised social events in the mess have been severely cut. We did manage one good evening with the British Legion. On Saturdays and Sundays the mess is still very well attended. The main reason for this, we think, is to hear the golden voice of the Yorkshire Nightingale, alias Bill (velvet tonsils) Costello. His fame has spread far and wide.

Our cricket team gave the Corporals a sound thrashing after waiting a considerable time for L/Cpl. Russell to go on leave. Sgt. Jennians was masterful on and off the field as usual.

Since the introduction of the rule that the battalion orderly sergeant carries a pistol the mess resembles a Wells Fargo office. "Bobo" has now changed his name to Jim Hardy.

"Support" Company sergeants on detachment at Ballykinlar for the Army Day display had the good fortune to be stationed a few yards away from a W.R.A.C. T.A. battalion. Many friendly (platonic) relations were established between the messes, which resulted in C.S.M. Sheehan paying numerous visits to the Post Office with his Post Office savings book. Let's hope his wife hasn't checked his book recently. The night before the W.R.A.C. battalion left, "Support" Company sergeants held a farewell social which was attended by most of the W.R.A.C. sergeants and officers. Sgts. Battye and Curling (on their best behaviour) successfully entertained the W.R.A.C. subalterns; Derick Battye is now wondering if it is now too late to apply for a commission. The culmination of a grand evening came with a rendering of "The Dukes are coming up the Hill" by R.S.M. Schofield of the W.R.A.C.

*Mess Gossip.* After losing Bob Scott we thought we were sunk for information and war stories, but we have been very lucky in getting a successor in "Taffy" (The System) Hathaway.

The S.I.B. have still been unable to solve the mystery of the Phantom Custard Thrower. You always were lucky, Bob.

An excellent photograph of "Rubber Mouth" Mountcastle has been circulated recently. It resembles Popeye, which is a great improvement on his previous photograph.

#### CORPORALS' MESS

First of all we wish a speedy recovery and good health to Cpls. Pinder and Mallen, and hope to have them back in the mess very soon.

We are writing these notes from Magilligan Camp, as the Battalion is here on two weeks' training. Mess members are by no means living the life they do at Palace Barracks. The bright lights

are at least 28 miles away, yet we know there are still the odd one or two who find strength to walk back to camp.

Most members were quite pleased when they heard that Beth and Mary were running the canteen, but it turned out to be Cpl. (Beth) Holt, and L/Cpl. (Mary) Davies. Although we must agree they are doing a fine job.

To members who have left or are about to leave for the hard life of civvy street, we wish all the best in the future.

All members give their heartiest congratulations to Cpls. Gay and Collman on their well deserved promotion to Sergeant.

Now that the cricket season is almost at an end, L/Cpl. Russell and his merry followers can be seen walking around with their noses to the ground, although they put on some great performances while representing the Battalion and the Corporals' Mess.

We are looking forward to our next station which we believe to be Brentwood in Essex. After drinking "porter" at Lynches it will be a great change to drink the local wines of the South of England. "Where's that?"

Whilst we remember we offer our heartiest congratulations to the R.Q.M.S. on taking the big plunge into the life of marriage.

We finish our small notes by wishing a happy time to all corporals who are serving the "Dukes" wherever they may be.

#### ATHLETICS, 1959

The first weeks of the 1959 season were reported in the July number. Lt. Greenway was in charge of athletics with 2 Lt. Ralph to offer valuable advice, as was often required.

The inter-company meeting discovered no newcomers to reinforce last year's team with the exception of Pte. Lindsay, who represented "A" Company, and Pte. Strangeways of "S" Company who ran third in two events but who had to let the demands of the M.M.G. Cup take precedence over his athletics. He would have been a great asset to the team.

Then began the serious business of training the team. And, after a week or two of the usual clashes between C.S.M.s and the O.I.C. athletics, a body of variously dressed men could be seen moving towards the field every afternoon at 2.45 p.m. (Training always began prompt at 2.30!)

The first two matches, against Campbell College and Stranmillis Training College were also briefly reported in the last number. We beat Campbell College, but not before the boys had shocked us by winning the 100 yds., 880 yds. and 1 mile. Stranmillis arrived over an hour late and brought only six competitors. Nevertheless they were able to beat us by two points and gave us some valuable match practice. Their six included S. McKinney who won the discus, hammer, long jump and high jump and who, later in the year, took 3rd place in the Decathlon Championships at Aldershot.

A week later the Battalion held an excellent meeting against Queen's University "A" Team. The 4 x 110 yds. was a very good race with the

"Dukes" coming 2nd, even with a time of 45.1 secs.

Then the team had a rush of competitions. On June 8 we won the Brigade inter-unit trophy for the second year. Although we won very comfortably it was disappointing to see the way results of field events were well below the standards achieved in practice. This was to be a feature of every match. On June 10 we all ran as individuals in the N.I.D. competition and left the field with a large selection of tankards and medals. Lt. Greenway was awarded the trophy as Champion Athlete of the Year by virtue of having won the 440 yds., 220 yds., and taken 3rd place in the long jump; but Lindsay did extremely well to win the 3 miles and 1 mile in fine style, while 2 Lt. Ralph won the high jump, and hop, step and jump. At this meeting also 2 Lt. Arnold produced his best javelin throw of 154 ft. On June 13 many of the team represented N.I.D. in the Inter-Services Meeting and took away a trophy or two. Lindsay again ran very well in his events, breaking the N.I.D. record in the 3 miles with a time of 15 min. 37 sec.

The great trek to Oswestry took place on June 15, a comparatively simple journey but turned into a major operation by six or seven subalterns who persisted in getting lost and left behind at every opportunity. Having lost the Western Command Meeting last year by 10 points, to 17th Training Regiment, R.A., this time we reversed the result and won the meeting by 9½ points. The highlights were, firstly, a very good 3 mile race between Lindsay and a gunner from 17th Training Regiment, with Lindsay eventually taking 2nd place; secondly, L/Cpl. Davis's first leg of the 220 yds. relay, which he must have covered in 23 sec. or less, gaining a full eight yards on his rivals; but it ended in a poor handover and the loss of a place. Finally Captain Dasent's pole vaulting must be mentioned; accompanied by strains of "My Fair Lady" from the band, which was situated practically on his run up, he vaulted very well to lose by three inches to a gunner from 38th Training Regiment, R.A., who subsequently represented the Army in this event.

After another week or so of training in Holywood the same team, with Cpl. Hall added as a high jumper, and minus Sgt. Simpson unfortunately snatched into hospital, competed in the finals at Aldershot on a very hot Thursday, July 9. The competition here was of a very much higher standard than any so far encountered and the team only achieved 5th place, winning only the long jump and 440 yds. relay events. The high lights of this meeting were: Cpl. Dowdall's personal best height in the pole vault; another fast leg by Davis, this time in the 100 yds.; the excellent combined jumping of Ralph and Marsay in the long jump; and the 440 yds. where the result was in doubt right up to the final straight when Greenway was able to burst in front to win our only track event.

Taken overall the season was very successful and we have been assured by those who should know that this was the first time that a "Duke's" team has ever reached the Army Finals.

Lindsay ran well throughout the season and

improved with almost every appearance; Davis ran very well in the relays although he never did as well when running as an individual; the three-milers, Sgt. Simpson, L/Cpls. Firth and Robson and Ptes. Porter and Bridden, ran many miles with great courage although they never attained the limelight. Lt. Campbell-Lamerton improved in both his events, particularly in the shot, and by the end of the season was achieving 42 ft. regularly and sometimes more. Perhaps the most improved runner of all was Lt. Greenway who reduced his 440 time by about 3 sec. on last year.

Several of the team made extra-regimental appearances. 2 Lt. Ralph jumped for England in March and broke the English native record, and subsequently competed for Yorkshire, Combined Services and the Army. Lt. Greenway was an Army reserve for the Inter-Services Meeting, having come 3rd at the Army Individual Championships, and later captained an Army side against Woodford Green A.C. and Belgrave Harriers. Lt. Campbell-Lamerton took 3rd place in the shot at the All-Ireland Championships, and 4th place in the discus. The same three officers competed at Dublin on Saturday, August 15; 2 Lt. Ralph, competing as an individual, cleared 51 ft. 4 in. in the triple jump—a full 2 ft. further than the current English native record and a magnificent performance. Lts. Campbell-Lamerton and Greenway represented Ulster against Eire; the former was placed 2nd in the discus and 3rd in the shot, and the latter was 4th in the 440 yds.

The following represented the Battalion at various times during the season; although many of them have not received a personal "write-up," without their efforts the team would never have been so successful.

100 yds.	L/Cpl. Davis, Pte. Price, 2 Lt. Marsay, 2 Lt. Ralph, Lt. Greenway.
220 yds.	2 Lt. Marsay, 2 Lt. Ralph, Lt. Greenway, L/Cpl. Davis, Pte. Price, Captain Dasent.
440 yds.	Captain Dasent, Lt. Greenway, 2 Lt. Marsay, 2 Lt. Ralph, L/Cpl. Wood Cpl. Devanney.
880 yds.	Pte. Lindsay, L/Cpl. Scholefield, L/Cpl. Wood, Pte. Bulmer, 2 Lt. Golding, 2 Lt. Mundell.
1 mile	Pte. Lindsay, 2 Lt. Golding, L/Cpl. Robson, L/Cpl. Scholefield, Pte. Firth.
3 mile	Pte. Lindsay, Sgt. Simpson, L/Cpl. Firth, L/Cpl. Robson, Ptes. Porter and Bridden.
High jump	2 Lt. Cumberlege, 2 Lt. Ralph, Cpl. Reddy, Cpl. Hall.
Long jump	2 Lt. Ralph, 2 Lt. Marsay, Lt. Greenway.
Pole vault	Captain Dasent, Cpl. Dowdall, Pte. Berry.
Discus	Lt. Campbell-Lamerton, Cpl. Whitehouse, 2 Lt. Chambers.
Shot	Lt. Campbell-Lamerton, Cpl. Whitehouse, Cpl. Clarke.
Javelin	2 Lt. Arnold, Cpl. Lee.
Hammer	Cpl. Dowdall, 2 Lt. Mundell, Captain Hoppe, Cpl. Gay.

120 yds. Lt. J. Cumberlege, 2 Lt. C. Cumberhurdles lege, Captain Miller, 2 Lt. Summers.

THE SEASON'S BEST PERFORMANCES IN COMPETITIONS  
100 yds.—L/Cpl. Davis, 10.1 secs., at Hollywood, v. Queen's University.

220 yds.—Lt. Greenway, 23.0 secs., at Hollywood, v. Campbell College.

440 yds.—Lt. Greenway, 51.2 secs., at Aldershot, Army Individual Championships.

880 yds.—Pte. Lindsay, 2 min. 9.8 secs., at Hollywood, v. Campbell College.

1 mile.—Pte. Lindsay, 4 min. 49.1 secs., at Hollywood, v. Queen's University.

3 miles.—Pte. Lindsay, 15 min. 37 secs., at Lisburn, v. R.A.F. and R.N.

Shot.—Lt. Campbell-Lamerton 43 ft. 6½ in., at Dublin, v. Eire.

Discus.—Lt. Campbell-Lamerton, 124 ft., at Dublin, v. Eire.

Javelin.—2 Lt. Arnold, 154 ft., at Lisburn, N.I.D. Individual Championships.

Long jump.—2 Lt. Ralph, 22 ft. 7 in., at Ballymena, Invitation Meeting.

High jump.—2 Lt. Cumberlege, 5 ft. 5 in., at Oswestry, Western Command Championships.

Pole vault.—Captain Dasent, 11 ft. 6 in., at Aldershot, Army Finals.

Hammer.—Cpl. Dowdall, 119 ft. 11 in., at Lisburn, N.I.D. Championships.

Hop, step and jump.—2 Lt. Ralph, 51 ft. 4 in., at Dublin, v. Eire (by invitation).

### SHOOTING

Our shooting activities in Northern Ireland in the earlier part of the year have been covered in the July issue. The end of the N.I.D. Rifle Meeting in May saw us poised and ready for further training for Bisley. These notes, therefore, will be confined to our efforts at Bisley.

In order to cut down running costs, the A.R.A. this year reduced the number of competitors allowed from each unit to ten. So, on June 21, six old guard and four tyros settled in Bisley camp.

The competition this year started with the S.M.G. Unfortunately, our results as a team were poor and we dropped to 10th place. This was made up by two individual successes. Pte. Tatchell just scraped into the final, but then, with steady and consistent shooting, reached 12th place and became the S.M.G. Champion Young Soldier. A brilliant performance.

S/Sgt. Kingdon at the beginning of the final was in 13th place, 10 points behind the leader. We all assumed that, while it was impossible for him to win, he would pull up a few places. In the final of the S.M.G. the three practices are fired through twice. After the first shoot the excitement mounted as the scores were placed on the board: "Tiffy" had had a brilliant shoot and was only five points behind the leader. At the start of the last shoot our binoculars were trained on the targets, and our mathematical expert, Sgt. Fenn, proceeded to work out permutations. We decided, as a result of our guesswork, and long before the scores came through, that "Tiffy" would be the winner. And indeed he was. A brilliant second shoot had won him the

S.M.G. Championship for 1959 by just 1 point. So for the second year in succession the Victory Cup stays with the Battalion.

After such an exhilarating start with the S.M.G. we hoped to do equally well with the rifle and bren. The results show that we were not fated to succeed this year. On the Thursday we started the Roupell, the first of the rifle competitions, and in this the young soldiers showed us all how to shoot. Tatchell was 4th, Braithwaite 42nd, and Cust 46th. The following Monday and Tuesday we fired the Henry Whitehead, and our results were a little better.

Class "A": C.S.M. Norman 15th, Captain Cowell 43rd.

Class "B": Pte. Lodge 27th, Pte. Tatchell, 41st. The end of stage 1 found us with six of our eight riflemen through to the 2nd stage. The two unlucky ones, Braithwaite and Lodge, failed by only two points.

On the Wednesday morning our two bren pairs fired the Worcester and Lindley. Captain Robertson and Sgt. Fenn were 9th in Class "A," and L/Cpl. Braithwaite and Pte. Cust were 22nd in Class "B."

The Roberts was fired on the Thursday, as Stage 2 of the rifle. "Tiffy," for the third year, had bad luck and failed to get through to the Army 100. C.S.M. Norman was 9th, and Captain Wood 51st. In the afternoon the Britannia Rifle Team Match was fired. We kept well up to our average in this and came 4th.

At this stage, with only one match to fire, we were lying 2nd in the K.R.R.C. Cup, closely followed by the K.R.R.C. and Guards Training Battalion.

In the past the Small Arms Cup has been our downfall and this year was no exception. On the Friday morning we did not shoot well and could only get 15th place in the Small Arms Cup. This enabled the K.R.R.C. and R.B. to move up into 2nd and 3rd places respectively. We were 4th, holding the Guards Training Battalion by only 2 points.

The Army 100 Cup was fired on the Saturday morning. The position of our five at the beginning and end were as follows:

<i>Before Army 100 Cup</i>		<i>Army Championship Final Positions</i>	
C.S.M. Norman	17th	C.S.M. Norman	19th
Captain Wood	55th	Captain Wood	48th
Captain Cowell	62nd	Captain Cowell	62nd
Captain Robertson	96th	Captain Robertson	65th
Pte. Tatchell	97th	Pte. Tatchell	97th

Captain Robertson had by far the best shoot. He finished with a possible 50 out of 50 on the snap practice. Tatchell was 3rd in the Young Soldiers' Class.

We had two welcome visitors, Seymour and ex-armourer Captain Stephens, both now retired. They had come along to give us their support and we were very pleased to see them once again. To those old "Dukes" who have shot with us in the past; if you are in the area at the end of next June (and we are not overseas) do come and see us.

The following table gives our placings for every year that we have competed in the unit champion-



The 1st Battalion Shooting Team at Bisley, 1959

Back row: Sgt. Fenn, the C.O., Captain Robertson, L/Cpl. Braithwaite, C.S.M. Norman. Centre row: Capt. Wood, S/Sgt. Kingdon Ptes. Lodge, Tatchell and Cust (with Knut). In front: Capt. Cowell

ship—the K.R.R.C. Cup—since we first entered in 1951.

Year	Position
1951	3rd
1952	2nd
1953	In Korea
1954—From Gibraltar	Six individuals only
1955—From Gibraltar	7th
1956	3rd
1957—From Cyprus	Eight individuals only
1958	9th
1959	4th

### CRICKET

The season has ended with the battalion being defeated by K.R.R.C. in the final of the N.I.D. knock-out cup. This closed what can best be described as a patchy season, in which some good performances were mingled with some inferior stuff.

The captain's year can best be described as "spotty," a childish complaint laying him low during June. This added to the problem of getting eleven names to play, when at least six "regulars" had to go away for athletics. In fact some good few gallons of oil were burned (not at midnight either) to ensure that we did not cancel matches for want of players.

We defeated Waringfield Military Hospital in round 1 of the cup by 73 runs. This was due to an excellent innings of 76 not out by C.S.M. Batty, and 7 wickets for 29 by 2 Lt. Summers. In this game the fielding was better than usual.

The second game was against our Brigade H.Q. who were shot out for 32. This score was insufficient, and we won by 9 wickets. Cpl. Gee, who was playing for the losers, was unfortunate not to have another wicket, as the batting was not too certain.

And so to the final, which was played on a neutral ground at Comber. Our cricket was just not good enough, and the 60th won deservedly. Scores were 100 for 6 against 104 for 2. The side could not score quickly enough for a 30-over innings, and the bowling was not as penetrative as usual.

There should be good hopes for next year, but one or two enthusiasts will be missing. Good support was given by L/Cpls. Russell and Read, Ptes. Baxter, Dixon, Longley, Haigh, Greaves, all of whom attended nets regularly, and by Sgt. Walkden (R.A.E.C.) who kept wicket, and was unlucky enough to gather three "O"s.

Of the other members of the team, Major Kilner arrived in time for several games, and captained the side. Captain Shuttleworth played after recovery from basketball injuries, and Lts. Shenton and Greenway, 2 Lts. Cumberlege, Summers and Ralph all played their part. We have already mentioned C.S.M. Batty, who nearly always managed to give us a sound start, and Sgt. Pratt was available occasionally. Sgt. Jennians was a keen and willing umpire, and the scoring was done (when he was spared by "H.Q." Company office) by Cpl. Robinson. For the captain, the season was a disappointment, and a dire warning to all to get your infantile ailments finished with before you leave school.

### SAILING

With unique local weather conditions and many fine sunny evenings sailing has been even more enjoyable this year.

Two international Dragon class yachts are being sailed: *Carrannia*, kindly lent by Colonel B. D. Cotton, and *Jabberwock*, recently purchased by the A.S.A. with money generously provided by the Nuffield Trust. Both Dragons have poor sails, but racing results have been better than last year; at least we are rarely actually last!

Thanks to the energy and persuasiveness of Lt. Bray many more other ranks have been sailing, including L/Cpls. Watts, Doige and Schofield, Ptes. Noble, Feather, Toolin, Ackroyd, Davis, Burges, Wright, Dodson, Gully, Appleyard, Tennant and Lawrence.

All these lent a hand with the "fitting out," which could otherwise never have been achieved on time. The chief "fitter-outer," Pte. Cutler, was assisted by Ptes. Oates, Bunn, Grannon and Nash.

In spite of the absence on I.S. duty in Derry of Lt. Shenton, both Dragons were sailed round to Donaghadee for the regatta. Captain Huxtable sailed *Jabberwock*, and Major Firth, *Carrannia*. In the race *Carrannia* was 3rd. The weather was appalling, and the sail back from Donaghadee was accomplished with six rolls in the mains and big seas breaking all over the Dragons. The passage took the best part of six damp, cold hours, and Messrs. Firth, Hoppe, Huxtable and Bray were glad to get back to the Cultra anchorage and hot whiskies in the R.N.I.Y.C. bar.

After preliminary instruction on a warm Sunday in a light breeze, Messrs. Firth and Huxtable took Major Kavanagh out for a race on one of the roughest evenings in Belfast Lough for years. He was well and truly "blooded." We broke a shroud and had to retire. Then, in the midst of a tremendous squall, a thrashing jib sheet dashed the Adjutant's spectacles off his face into Belfast Lough. Another epic night!!

The G.O.C., Lt.-General Sir Douglas Packard, has been racing regularly in the Army Dragon, and we have all had the pleasure of crewing for him from time to time. Lt. Shenton, that fabulous spinnaker hand, has had to curb his normally mutinous attitude towards the Skipper when sailing with the General—at least he did on all but one occasion!! (*We are sadly reminded that, many years ago, Captain Douglas Packard as he then was, already a skilled yachtsman, kindly crewed for the Editor, then, as indeed now, a novice, in a 12-ft. dinghy, and was decanted into Malta harbour for his pains.*—Ed.)

Cpl. Watts has been sailing the Catamaran fairly regularly with Doige and Davis but, by and large, the boats, other than Dragons, are not used as much as they could be.

The Regiment sent two teams to compete in the Army Sailing Association Annual Regatta at Sea-view, Isle of Wight, on June 11-12:

"A" Team	"B" Team
Major Firth	Lt. Bray
L/Cpl. Watts, "C" Coy.	Pte. Feather, "H.Q." Coy.
Pte. Toolin, "A" Coy.	Pte. Doige, "H.Q." Coy.
"A" Team came 6th in the Inter-Group Chal-	

allenge Cup. Lt. Bray came 4th in the Officers' Race, and Pte. Toolin came 6th in the O.R.s' Race. Once again it was a very well organised and enjoyable two days, though the wind was too light.

### ADVENTURE TRAINING SCHOOL AND CLUB

With much regret we had to close the Adventure Training School at Larne; this had to be, owing to our commitment for Army Day in Northern Ireland, and many other factors.

Thanks to David Gilbert-Smith and Edward Duckney (nobly supported by Cpls. Mitchell, Robinson, Henry, Wren and Johnson, Ptes. Vickers, Poole and Gravenor) the courses run at the camp were a great success and very much enjoyed by all students.

Apart from a slight incident in Belfast Lough when two canoes overturned and all occupants were rescued by the Navy there were no notable happenings. This incident was widely reported in the National Press, and we extend our great thanks for the tremendous help from the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, H.M. Coastguards, The Lifeboat Services and Gentlemen of the Press.

The amount of work put in by David Gilbert-Smith in particular and by Edward Duckney and the camp staff was prodigious—as a result we had many visits by distinguished visitors including our Brigadier and the Brigadier Colonel.

We were delighted to have a visit by the *Belfast Telegraph* who gave us excellent coverage in the press as well as photographs. Also, the *Soldier Magazine* spent two days with us at the camp and at the club. The result will be splendid coverage in the October issue of the *Soldier Magazine*; we are very grateful to Peter Wood and Peter O'Brien for the tremendous trouble they took on our behalf.

There is no doubt that the training at the camp has been of great value to the men of the Battalion in developing initiative, endurance and leadership.

On the other side of adventure training has been the club in Palace Barracks. Here, there has been great activity, in particular in the making of double and single canoes (mostly with money given by the excellent Nuffield Trust), a 14-ft. dinghy and numerous articles in relation to the handicrafts exhibition (which is reported more fully below).

Many entries were made by L/Cpl. Watts (our expert carpenter), Cpl. Smith of the Band (model-making expert), Lt. Huffam (expert at many things), 2 Lt. Chambers (our club secretary and custodian). Pretty well all our entries won a prize of some sort—a very fine effort.

Edward Duckney (with Cpls. Wren, Smith, Spruce, L/Cpl. Watts, Pte. Vickers and Bds. Hawkins) ran the Adventure Training stand at the Army Day at Ballykinlar. Newly made double and single canoes (made by L/Col. Watts), mountaineering kit, lent by Captain Mills, R.A.S.C., and worn by "Sherpa" Vickers, photographs taken and lent by *Soldier Magazine*, and models made by Cpl. Smith (Band) and Bds. Hawkins—all went to making our stand on acknowledged success. A small edition of the Confidence Training course was erected in the soft sand of Ballykinlar; this lasted until the final day when an enthusiastic

visitor broke it. The tremendous work put in by all the team under Edward Duckney's thorough and enthusiastic direction was greatly appreciated by hundreds of interested spectators.

We shall continue our efforts in England, and David Gilbert-Smith has already covered most rivers in a personal reconnaissance.

Finally a word on David Gilbert-Smith: under a fair and grey-hair-producing control by O.C.'s "C" Company (Major Kavanagh) he has, by his enthusiasm and example, made a tremendous success of the camp and club—a success that has had recognition by most of the National Press. Well done, David.

### HANDICRAFTS

The idea of creative recreation appears to have become a regular feature in the lives of many in the Battalion. The products of the long winter evenings were brought out with justifiable pride when the Battalion Handicrafts Exhibition was staged on Thursday, July 16, 1959, at Hollywood.

Grouped in five classes, some sixty items were judged by an experienced local judge, who had a considerable difficulty in some classes where competition was especially keen.

Finally, he awarded the prizes as follows:

*Model Making*: 1st, Bds. Hawkins; 2nd, Cpl. T. B. Smith.

*Woodwork*: 1st, Pte. A. Garvey; 2nd, Lt. R. Huffam.

*Painting and Drawing*: 1st, Mrs. A. D. Firth; 2nd, L/Cpl. J. Selby.

*Photography*: 1st, Major J. H. N. Porter, R.A.E.C.; 2nd, L/Cpl. A. Watts.

*Knitting, Embroidery, etc.*: 1st, Cpl. R. W. Stanworth; 2nd, Miss C. Kenchington.

Two weeks later, the N.I.D. Exhibition was held at Palace Barracks and, on their home ground, the "Duke's" entries put up a creditable performance against all the regular and T.A. units in the Province. Competing against the G.O.C., Lt.-General Sir Douglas Packard himself, and some two hundred other entries, the Battalion figured well in the prize list, gaining two "firsts," one "second," three "thirds" and five out of the twenty certificates of merit.

The details are as follows:

*First Prizes*: Pte. A. Garvey (woodwork), L/Cpl. A. Watts (wood carving).

*Second Prize*: Mrs. A. D. Firth (pencil drawing and water colour).

*Third Prizes*: Bds. Hawkins (working models), Lt. R. Huffam (woodwork), L/Cpl. J. Selby (drawing and water colour).

*Certificates of Merit*: 2 Lt. G. N. Fawcett (sculpture and woodcarving), Lt. R. Huffam (woodwork), Cpl. T. B. Smith (working models), Cpl. R. W. Stanworth (embroidery), Pte. T. Taylor (woodwork).

This domination of the exhibition by the "Duke's" can be taken as a testimonial to the influence which the Adventure Training Club has had on the Battalion since it started just over a year ago; it is hoped that this will continue as a feature of Battalion life for years to come.

(1st Battalion Notes are continued on page 134)



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## REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

The Regimental Headquarters and Depot disbanded on August 6 and was replaced next day by the Regimental Headquarters. The establishment of the new Regimental Headquarters is as follows:

R.O.2	..	Major J. H. Davis
R.O.3	..	Lt.-Colonel D. J. Stewart
Clerical Officer	..	Mr. T. McMahon
Typist	..	Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E.
Storeman	..	Mr. R. A. Prince
Cleaner (part time)		Mr. F. A. O'Kelly, M.M.

*It will be a great comfort and satisfaction to all "Dukes" to recognise these familiar names, albeit in strange disguise, and to know that stalwarts who have given so many years of faithful service to the Regiment are continuing to look after our interests.—EDITOR.*

The new set-up must be seen against the general background of the re-organisation of the Yorkshire Brigade Group of infantry battalions and the method of recruiting. The intention is to centralise recruit training at the Yorkshire Brigade Depot and to disband by degrees the regimental depots. The first two to be disbanded were those of the Duke's and York and Lancaster Regiment.

After the training and holding aspects were removed from the Regimental H.Q. and Depot there still remained a number of regimental tasks which have to be done but not necessarily by a military establishment. This was the reason for forming the Regimental H.Q. on a retired officer and civilian basis.

Among the tasks that fall to Regimental H.Q. are the following—to quote from our brief:

Secretariat to the Colonel of the Regiment.  
Handling the Regimental Funds as directed by the Trustees.  
Secretariat to (a) Regimental Council.  
(b) Regimental Association/  
O.C.A.

Care of Regimental property as directed by the Trustees.

Regimental History and Records.

Liaison with the county, especially civic authorities.

Liaison with T.A. and Cadets.

Agency of the Regiment for recruiting.

The latter is obviously one of our most important tasks. Liaison with the county is an attractively nebulous phrase giving plenty of scope in interpretation: attendance at the International Horse Show at Harewood House springs to mind as a pleasing example of how to interpret this particular task.

One of our teething troubles was to counteract the deep-rooted impression in the Regimental area, and in Halifax in particular, that the "Dukes" were severing their connection with the West Riding and deserting Halifax entirely. Largely instrumental in creating this impression were the farewell parade and cocktail party at the Depot in June and Dick Ince's round of farewells.

A letter written by the Colonel of the Regiment to the Yorkshire press did much good towards



Photo: Hugh Greaves, Halifax

The Regimental Headquarters, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax 1959



putting the Regimental H.Q. back in the public eye. O.C. Regimental H.Q. is now following up with a series of calls.

District and Command H.Q., on the other hand, never lost contact and the flow of advice, orders and instructions continued whether affecting us or not. Only recently we got fifteen copies of amendment No. 19 to "S.D. in the Field," one copy of which only was accidentally left behind when the Depot element moved.

Regimental H.Q. is at present sited on the top floor of the officers' mess building. Approval to use this building is still provisional; final approval will depend on whether any other unit is put into Wellesley Barracks.

Meanwhile the ground floor of the mess remains

unchanged—in fact so unchanged that, if a visitor went into the ante-room and pressed the bell, there would still be exactly the delay that one has grown accustomed to over the last ten years while old Jock O'Kelly disentangles himself from the daily paper in the bar and appears around the corner of the door.

Now to answer your question as to what will happen to the rest of the Barracks. We don't know yet. There is a disquietening possibility that it may be required for some unspecified minor unit and that we may yet find ourselves displaced. If no unit is found to occupy the barracks the unwanted part will be sold, leaving us in occupation of the mess block and the strip of land including the tennis court up to Highroadwell Road.

## Notice the English

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Has anyone noticed that those little plates in Continental trains, which used to warn the travelling Englishman not to lean out of the window, are becoming rarer and rarer? I have. The Frenchman is warned. "Ne pas se pencher en dehors" is always there. The German is warned. The suitably staccato imperative "Nicht hinauslehnen" is always there. So too is the Italian. As a small boy this version used to mystify me, for it seemed then always to read "E pericoloso sportjersey." Now that I am older I do of course read it more correctly, but even now it seldom fails to conjure up a picture of Marilyn Monroe or the unpronounceable Lollobri . . . however it is you spell her.

All these nationalities are warned, but to find a carriage where the English version, "Do not lean out of the window," appears, is becoming increasingly rare. I find this distressing. Can it be that the Continent no longer cares about the safety of travelling Englishmen?

The pity of it is that this tendency to omit instructions in English is robbing foreign travel of a great deal of its former charm. Gone are the days when one was delighted to obey the sensible little notice in Swiss funiculars which said "Do not spit about." Gone, too, are the days when Englishmen travelling in certain Swiss railways were begged "Please do not jump up and down when the train is in motion." This was a classic notice which never failed to conjure up fascinating mental pictures of rows and rows of frustrated travellers from these isles waiting, oh so patiently waiting, in their seats, for that longed-for moment of the next halt when they would be at liberty to relieve their feelings by leaping all over the carriage.

All however is not lost. New forms of transport, complicated for all travellers, demand new notices in all languages—and in many of these cases the English have not been ignored. The ski-lift, with its various forms of hook, is an example of this, and in many parts of Switzerland where these conveyances are in operation there are large notices that give instructions to uninformed travellers.

"Please do not let fall the porters," for example, is an excellent piece of advice—one which British Railways could adopt with advantage. Once up at the top of any ski-lift the important thing is, of course, not to be carried round the drum and dragged all the way down the hill again. In order to avoid this there are many forms of instruction concerning disembarkation. At one French-speaking resort, "Lachez l'archer ici" is translated as "Let the bojo here"; but perhaps the most satisfying notice occurs at another, smaller Centre where a large board at the top of the ski-lift just says "Let off your seat."

Such notices are to be encouraged. I like for instance to find, as I found in one small hotel bedroom, a sizeable printed card pinned to the wall telling me "In case of wind, close the stores." At another little hotel in the Obertoggenburg—it was called Pension Friedegg—there was a tremendously severe notice in every room which said in German:

"Man bittet wegen frostgefahrd Keine Fenster zu öffnen. Das Lüften wird von Zimmer-Mädchen besorgt."

This was fortunately translated for the uneducated, and, in smaller print, the English version said, "Against frost open NO windows. For an airing, send for the chambermaid."

These little notices, as I have said, should be encouraged, and I am sure that the Hon. Ed. will be grateful for any fresh examples that members may come across in their winter travels.

Come to think of it, there may be an explanation for the recent rarity of the "Do not lean out of the window" notice. Many more English of all types now travel abroad both in winter and in summer, and it must, in all fairness, be admitted that not all take with them the manners they generally use at home. Perhaps the authorities abroad are busy preparing a new notice encouraging the English to lean way out of every train window and defy all hazards. It would not come as a surprise. People do, after all, still notice the English.

James Riddell.

## 5/7th BATTALION, T.A.

### THE BATTALION'S CENTENARY

This year the Battalion celebrates the centenary of its foundation. It was just a hundred years ago that, under threat of invasion from France, the Volunteer movement was formed to swell our home defence forces. In Huddersfield, the Huddersfield Rifle Corps was formed and Henry Frederick Beaumont of Whitely Hall was elected its first captain. This Rifle Corps eventually, after many changes of title, splits and amalgamations, became in 1957 the present 5/7th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.



**H. F.  
BEAUMONT**

**The first  
Commander  
of the  
Huddersfield  
Volunteers**

### H. F. BEAUMONT, ESQ., J.P.

Mr. Henry F. Beaumont was described in the grandiloquent phraseology of our Victorian ancestors as a "gentleman of substance and position in Yorkshire, the County of broad acres."

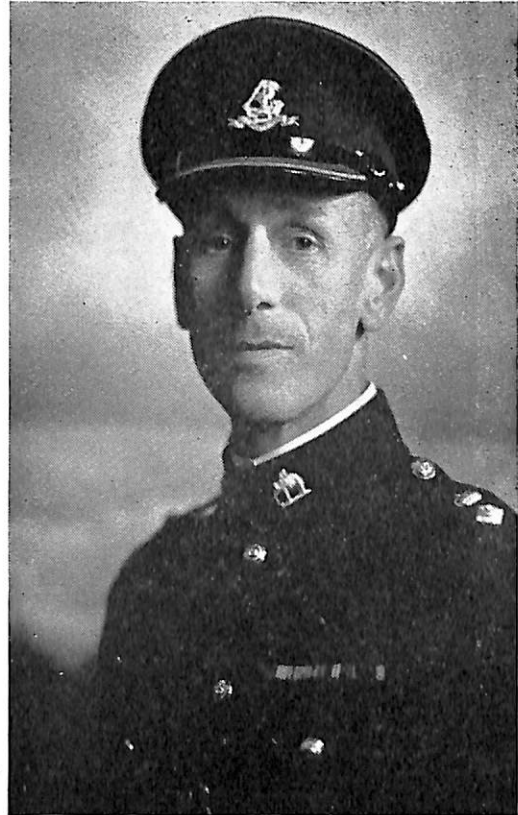
Born in 1833, H. F. Beaumont was educated at Eton and Trinity College. He was a man of means and considerable influence, was widely travelled, and became a Member of Parliament, a Justice of the Peace, and a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire. He was made the second Freeman of Huddersfield in 1894. He died on October 6, 1913.

When the volunteer movement began in 1859, Beaumont, a young man of 26, was at the beginning of his long and inspiring career of public service. He joined with enthusiasm and was "elected" Captain of the first company to be raised in Huddersfield. In March 1860 he became Commandant of the 10th West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers

which in July that year became the 6th W.R. Rifle Volunteers.

In May 1868 Colonel Beaumont was made Honorary Colonel of the Volunteers, by that time known as the Huddersfield Rifles (2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment), and there is a subsequent report of his presence at a prize distribution in 1895. In polished and well chosen phrases he congratulated the Battalion on its year's work (the Battalion was at that time 905 strong!) and apologised for the fact that, owing to an accident, he did not appear in uniform. The nature of this accident was not revealed but it is interesting to learn that there were occasions when he did appear in uniform, for diligent searches of the files and archives of various institutions in Huddersfield have failed to produce a single photograph of the first commander of the Huddersfield Volunteers in uniform.

Colonel Beaumont's interest in the Battalion lasted until his death and he continued to provide annually the Beaumont gold medal for shooting which he first gave in the early days of his connection with the Volunteer movement.



*Portrait: Walter Davey, Harrogate.*

**Lt.-Col. F. R. Gadd, E.R.D., commanding 5/7th  
Battalion, 1959,**

## THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The celebrations held, during June, in connection with the centenary were co-ordinated by a committee under the chairmanship of the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion. Sub-committees were formed to run the various events which are described below.

### COCKTAIL PARTY

The first event (this account of which is taken from Leaflet No. 67 of the 5th Battalion Officers' Dinner Club—Ed.) was a cocktail party at the Drill Hall at which the members of the Dinner Club (non-serving) entertained the serving officers of the Battalion and some 40 "hosts" entertained 15 guests. We think we can safely say it was a success. It began at 6.30 p.m. and was still "on" at 10.30 p.m., and we understand that it continued elsewhere till 1.30 a.m. (We are pleased to say that the rumour that the "Flower Pot" is having to be re-decorated is entirely without foundation.) The party enabled the serving officers to get to know the members of the Dinner Club, and from what we hear the Dinner Club is not quite such a "frozen lot of old so and so's" as the younger end had imagined. Colonel G. B. Howcroft, the Honorary Colonel, was present, and it gave us all the opportunity of congratulating him on his C.B.E. awarded in the Birthday Honours.

### THE CENTENARY BALL

The Centenary ball, given by the officers of the Battalion was arranged by a sub-committee headed by Major John Bearder. About two hundred and fifty guests attended, including the Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs. Exham, our Divisional Commander Major-General R. E. Goodwin, Brigadier and Mrs. R. Gwyn, Colonel and Mrs. G. B. Howcroft, Colonel K. Sykes, Colonel G. P. Norton, Colonel T. E. Price, Lt.-Colonel P. P. de la H. Moran and the commanding officers and their wives of the other two battalions in the Brigade—Lt.-Colonel J. N. H. Nicholson (Hallams) and Lt.-Colonel M. P. Robinson (K.O.Y.L.I.). Music was provided by the dance band section of the band of the 1st Battalion.

The ball started with champagne cocktails served as the guests arrived and were received by the C.O. and Mrs. Gadd. During the interval a West Indian calypso band was brought on as an innovation. This was a tremendous success, adding a most exotic and unusual touch to the proceedings. Another very popular item was the buffet which was running until the end of the ball: its tables could indeed have been said to have been "groaning" under the weight of the regal fare. Dancing continued until 2 a.m.



Photo: E. D. Montgomery, Huddersfield.

### THE CENTENARY BALL—JUNE 19, 1959

Left to right: Maj.-Gen. R. E. Goodwin, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Mrs. F. R. Gadd, Brigadier R. A. Gwyn, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. F. R. Gadd, E.R.D., Mrs. R. A. Gwyn, Mrs. G. B. Howcroft, Lt.-Col. P. P. de la H. Moran, Col. G. B. Howcroft, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P.

### THE BEATING OF RETREAT

On Saturday June 20 the combined bands and drums of the 1st and 5/7th Battalions of the Regiment beat retreat in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield. This was a public spectacle arranged for the people of Huddersfield in recognition of the hundred years of association between them and the Regiment. In order to mark the occasion the Colours of the 5/7th Battalion were paraded, escorted by two guards of 40 men each. Also on parade was a very large contingent of Old Comrades from many different battalions of the Regiment and a detachment from the 5/7th Battalion D.W.R. Cadet Company.

The Salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, assisted by the Mayor of Huddersfield, Alderman J. Louis Brook, and the Honorary Colonel of the 5/7th Battalion, Colonel G. B. Howcroft.

The parade was the culmination of a period of intense effort by all ranks of the unit, under the guidance of a committee headed by Major Moncrieff. Many of the men on parade were recruits and it required great efforts on the part of the R.S.M. and the P.S.I.s to get them up to the standard of drill required for such a parade. That they did reach that standard is a fine testimony to their keenness and application. The training and combining of the bands and drums of the two battalions, however, was the vital factor. Only three joint rehearsals could be held and the stick-lifting, mace signals and retreat drills of the two bands and drums were completely different. However, thanks to the efforts of Drum Major Noon and the two Bandmasters, Bowyer (1st) and Roberts (5/7th), this very difficult feat was eventually accomplished.

The parade marched on at 1800 hrs. It was a perfect summer evening and the crowds in the park were as big as any ever seen there. When the Colonel of the Regiment arrived the general salute was given; then he, assisted by the C.O., the Mayor and the Honorary Colonel, inspected the parade. During the course of the inspection General Exham talked with many men who had served under him during the war. After the inspection the bands and drums beat retreat and on completion of this, the parade marched past. Then followed the exercising of our Regimental privilege of marching through the streets of Huddersfield with bayonets fixed, Colours flying and bands playing. The following took part in the parade: O.C.—Lt.-Colonel F. R. Gadd, E.R.D., 2IC—Major H. S. Heaton, Adjutant—Captain J. N. H. Naughton.

No. 1 Guard Comd.: Major C. Barnes, T.D.  
No. 2 Guard Comd.: Major B. N. Webster, T.D.

Colour Party: Queen's Colour—Lt. A. E. Carter.  
Regimental Colour—Lt. E. T. Mather. Escorts:  
C.S.M. R. W. Wood, Sgt. D. Booth, Sgt. K. Ewart.

### REGIMENTAL RALLY—JUNE 20, 1959

It was decided to mark the centenary by a "Rally" for all Old Comrades of the Regiment. It was organised by a committee, under Major Young, assisted by various Old Comrades Associations. Invitations were sent out to all known Old Comrades and there was a gratifying response—over 600 attended.



*Photo: E. D. Montgomery*

### The Mayor of Huddersfield with the Honorary Colonel and Lt. Greenway (Acting A.D.C.)

The "Rally," which took place immediately after the Beating of Retreat in Greenhead Park, took the form of a reunion in St. Paul's Street Drill Hall. Supper and free drinks were provided and the bands of the 1st Battalion and our own 5/7th Battalion played light music. The evening ended at 2100 hrs. and, judging by the reluctance of the Old Comrades to depart, everyone enjoyed themselves.

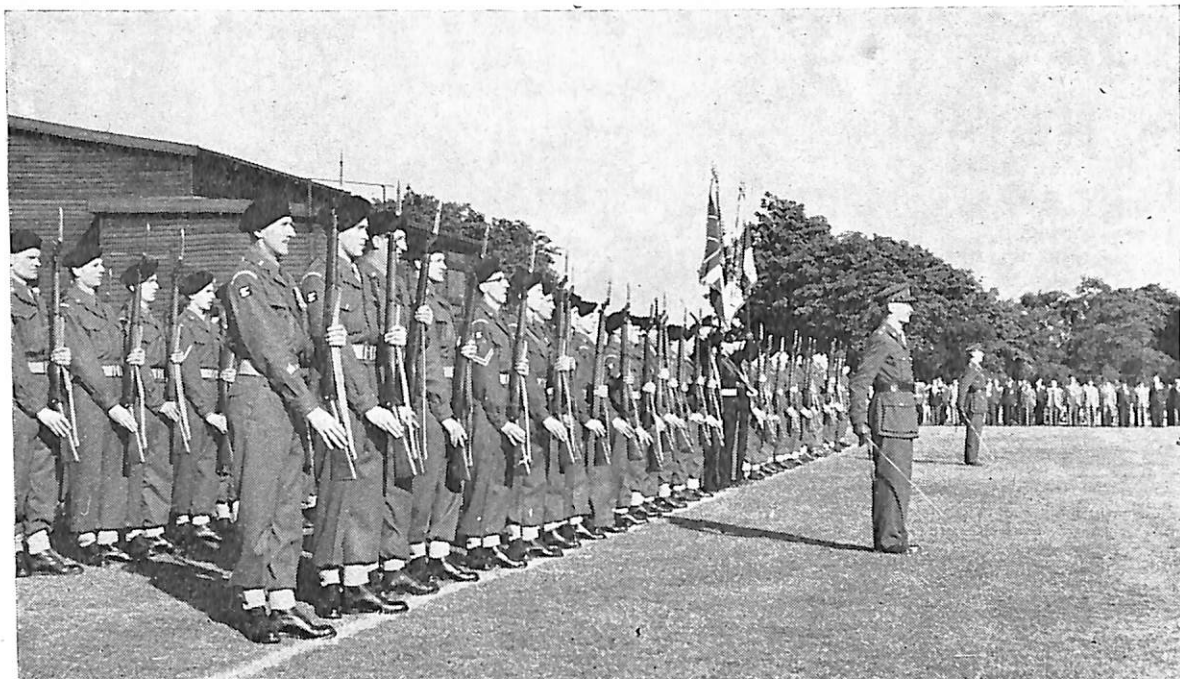
### THE CORPORATION DINNER

On Wednesday, July 1, the Mayor, Alderman J. Louis Brook, and Corporation of Huddersfield invited 170 all ranks of the unit to a dinner at the Town Hall. This was intended as a gesture of the Town's appreciation of its link with the Battalion and the esteem in which the unit is held in Huddersfield. The officers were entertained to cocktails in the Mayor's Parlour before dinner.

During the dinner, which was attended by a large part of the Corporation and many former C.O.s of the Battalion, the Commanding Officer presented the Mayor with the Northend-Nichols Cup as a mark of our regard for the town. This presentation was particularly appropriate as this cup had originally been presented by the people of Huddersfield to Major Northend-Nichols in 1802. Eight years previously Major Northend-Nichols and Sir George Armitage, who also received a cup, had raised the Huddersfield Corps of Fusilier Volunteers. In 1926 Major Nichols' cup was found in a Brighton silversmith's and was acquired by Colonel Wilson, who presented it to his fellow officers in the 5th Battalion to mark his 21 years' service.

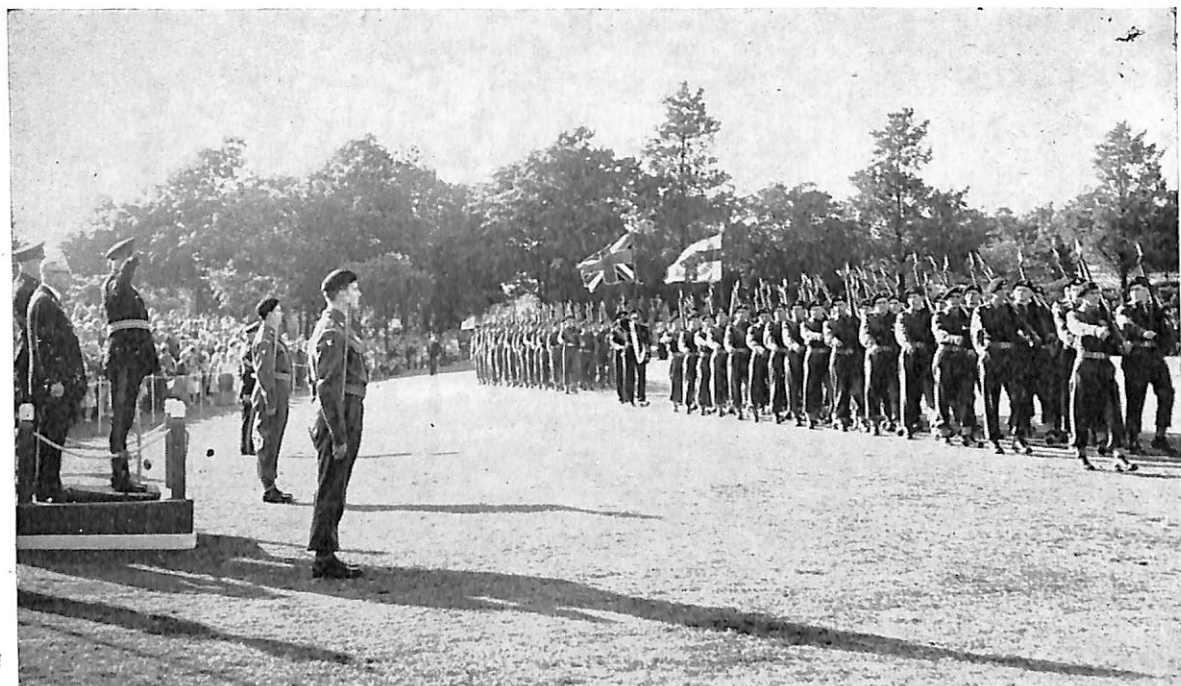
The Battalion band played incidental music during dinner.

## The 5/7th Battalion's Centenary Parade



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**The General Salute. The Old Comrades of the Regiment can be seen in the right background.**

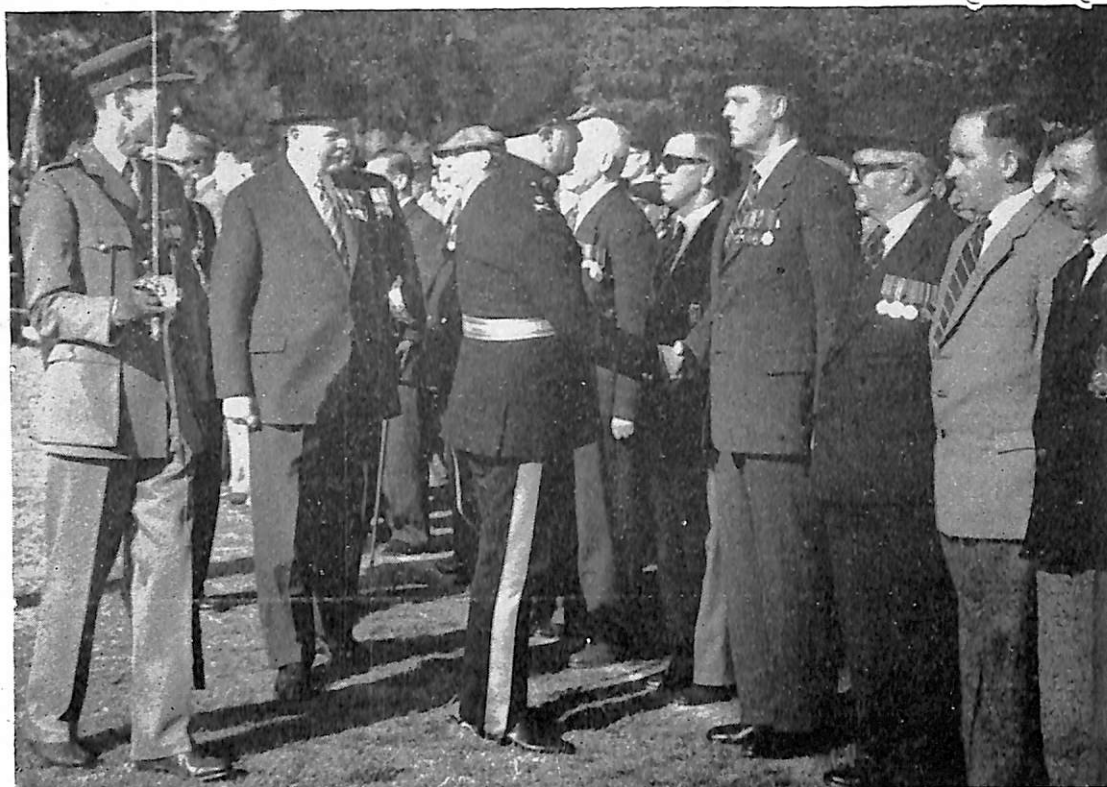


*Photo: "Huddersfield Examiner."*

**The Colonel of the Regiment taking the salute.**

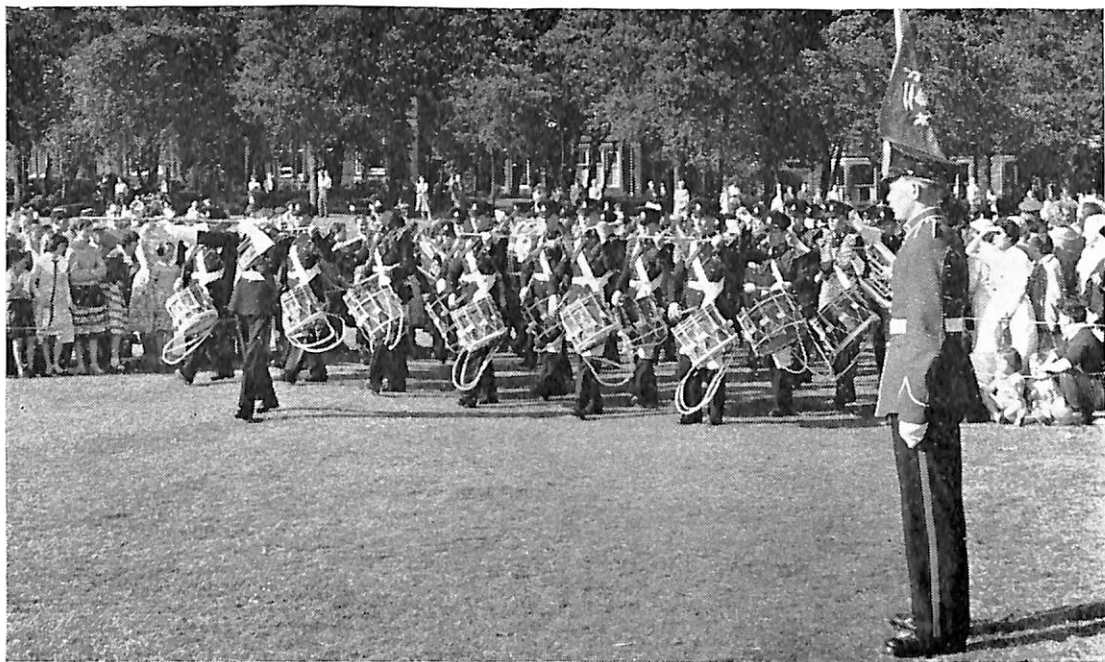
**Also on the saluting base are the Mayor of Huddersfield, Alderman J. L. Brook, and the Honorary Colonel of the 5/7th Battalion, Col. G. B. Howcroft, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P.**

**Greenhead Park, Huddersfield, June 20, 1959**



**The Colonel of the Regiment shaking hands with Col. C. S. Moxon, D.S.O., of the Huddersfield Branch  
5 D.W.R. O.C.A.**

**Also in the picture are Lt.-Col. Gadd, E.R.D., the Mayor of Huddersfield (behind Lt.-Col. Gadd)  
and Col. D. H. Hirst, M.B.E., T.D., 5 D.W.R. O.C.A.**



**Drum-Major Noon leads the combined Bands and Drums of 1st and 5/7th Battalions of the Regiment  
on to the parade.**

## REGIMENTAL DANCE

The final event of the Centenary celebrations was, appropriately, the Regimental Dance held on Saturday, June 27. This was a culminating reward for the efforts put into a month of activity by all ranks.

Held in St. Paul's Street Drill Hall, there was an attendance of approximately 600 and, to the music of the dance band of the 1st Battalion, a thoroughly enjoyable evening resulted.

Shortly after the start of the dancing a break was made to enable the Honorary Colonel to present prizes to the winners of the various classes for the Battalion shooting competitions for 1958. This proved a pleasant interlude and enabled both the Commanding Officer and Colonel Howcroft to express their thanks for all the hard work put in by all ranks during the celebration period, and to stress once again the growth of the volunteer movement.

As the majority of the decorations used for the officers' ball had been left in place, the normal workman-like bareness of the drill hall was transformed into an aspect appropriate to the occasion.

This was undoubtedly an extremely successful function which will have to be repeated, given any reasonable excuse in the future.

## PRIZE LIST

1. *The Dean Cup* (Master-at-Arms). Awarded to the soldier with the highest combined score on rifle and L.M.G. Winner: Major H. S. Heaton.

2. *The Officers' Cup*. Awarded to the officer

with the highest combined score in the rifle and L.M.G. Winner: Major H. S. Heaton.

3. *Ladies of the District Cup*. Awarded to the warrant officer or sergeant with the highest combined score in rifle and L.M.G. (Cash Prize £1.) Winner: R.Q.M.S. G. H. Machen.

4. *The Lockwood Cup*. Awarded to the corporal with the highest combined score in rifle and L.M.G. (Cash Prize £1.) Winner: Cpl. J. Taylor.

5. *The Braithwaite Cup*. Awarded to the private soldier with the highest combined score in rifle and L.M.G. (Cash Prize £1.) Winner: Pte. P. King.

6. *The Blackburn Cup*. Awarded to the best recruit on the combined score in rifle and L.M.G. (Cash Prize £1.) Winner: Pte. C. R. Dyson.

7. *The Norton Prize*. Cash prize (£2 10s. 0d.) presented annually by Colonel G. P. Norton, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., J.P., for the best all-round man below the rank of sergeant. Winner, Cpl. E. Williamson.

8. *The Pearson Fund*. Cash prizes (£2 each) presented by John Pearson, Esq., born at Milnsbridge and now living in Victoria, B.C., Canada, to encourage shooting in the Battalion. Winner: Rifle—Major H. S. Heaton. L.M.G.—Major H. S. Heaton. Best P.S.I. (combined rifle and L.M.G.): Winner: R.S.M. J. J. Frier.

9. *Turn-out Prize*: Awarded to the smartest man below the rank of corporal on parade tonight. (Value £1.) Winner: Pte. B. Gill.

10. *Recruiting Tankard*. Awarded to the soldier introducing the most recruits. Winner: Cpl. E. Williamson.

11. *Territorial Decoration*. The award of the T.D.: Major C. Barnes, Major B. N. Webster.

## Battalion Notes


## SUB-EDITORIAL

August has arrived at last and the unit has subsided with a loud sigh into a state of near repose. The last three months have been amongst the busiest in the peace-time history of the volunteer movement, but the vast efforts expended by all ranks have certainly not been in vain. The centenary celebrations were a great success and the annual camp has generally been voted one of the best in living memory. Both are dealt with in greater detail elsewhere.

Over the last three months we have received several visits from the Colonel of the Regiment whom we were very pleased to be able to entertain both during the centenary celebrations and at camp.


The recruiting drive has continued unabated and our attested strength is now (end July) 229 all ranks with over twenty more men on strength but awaiting completion of documentation. This represents an increase of 42 all ranks since March 31 and, as a result, we were able to go to camp with sufficient men to run a proper two-company battalion organisation for the first time since the N.S. men left us.

We welcome to the unit Lt. R. J. G. Sharp who has come to us from the 1st Battalion as a national service volunteer. We hope that other N.S. subalterns at present serving with the 1st Battalion will



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We congratulate Sgt. Roberts on his well deserved promotion to Bandmaster. The success of our celebrations were in no small measure due to his efforts. We also offer the sincere congratulations of all ranks to our Honorary Colonel on his award of the C.B.E.

In the realm of sport we are getting ourselves organised for the winter season. We have entered football teams into the Huddersfield league and the Mossley league and appointed Lt. Sharp officer i/c football with L/Cpl. Balmforth as his match secretary. Lt. Mather is our new basketball officer and is entering a team into a local league. We are also hoping to field a really strong team in the Divisional cross-country championships, for which training will begin shortly. Cpl. Williamson is to be congratulated upon winning the right to ride as an "individual" in the Command motorcycle trial on September 6. In closing we say goodbye to P.S.I. C.S.M. Clark and "thank you" for two years of cheerful and loyal service. C.S.M. Clark leaves many friends behind him and we all wish him the best of luck in his next appointment at the R.A.E.C. Depot at Beaconsfield.

#### ANNUAL CAMP, 1959

Annual Camp this year was held at Plasterdown Camp, Tavistock, in Devon. The camp, on the moor near Tavistock and only 15 miles from Plymouth, was entirely hatted and ideally situated. It had all the makings of the best camp for years. And so it turned out to be. The weather was glorious and that, combined with the fact that our strength was sufficient to allow us to operate a proper company organisation, made this a most satisfactory camp from every point of view.

The unit was organised into Battalion H.Q., "H.Q." Company, "Sp" Platoon, "A" and "B" Companies. "A" Company, under Major Barnes, was the trained-men's company, and "B" Company under Major Webster, was the recruit company. This arrangement worked well and also enabled us to work a daily roster of duty platoons to do fatigues; the great advantage of this was that platoons were not constantly being skimmed for fatigue men at all hours of the day—the whole platoon either did fatigues or trained. Also, owing to our increased manpower, all officers and N.C.O.s this year had a responsible post to fill and the Unit was much happier and more efficient in consequence.

The training was kept down to platoon and section level, but on both the Unit exercises company attacks were made. The first exercise was a two-sided defence exercise run by Major Moncrieff to practise the drills for the occupation of a defensive position and the digging of specimen nuclear pits, including a company command post. During the night, patrols went out from both sides and many clashes took place. One "snatch" patrol managed in the dark to snatch one umpire, the C.O. and its own commander, as well as the prisoners required. The exercise finished with a successful dawn attack by "A" Company.

The second exercise was, basically, a battalion night attack. Although this sounds pretty am-

bitious it was, in fact, most carefully laid on and the enemy were given a bountiful supply of 2-in. mortar illuminating bombs so that the attack never lost direction and was successfully pressed home in spite of hot opposition and a thunderous D.F. barrage arranged by Major Woodhouse.

Other training events which deserve mention are the field firing exercises carried out—without casualties—by "A" Company, the Brigade M.M.G. and mortar shoot, in which an M.M.G. section under Sgt. Kenny and a mortar section under Sgt. Prince took part, and the skilled driving competition. This latter was a Brigade affair and our team, Cpl. Williamson (captain), Cpl. Benson and Pte. G. Hale, won it.

The other notable Brigade event was the Beating of Retreat in Tavistock by the combined bands and drums of the Brigade. This was a very brave affair. The bands and drums were led by our Drum Major Noon, and trained by the R.M.O. of the K.O.Y.L.I. There were over a hundred men on parade and afterwards they were congratulated by Brigadier Comings on a very fine performance. This was really part of their training for the display by the combined bands and drums of 49 Division which is to take place at Nottingham in September.

V.I.P. visits were numerous this year and everyone felt that to be able to meet and talk to general officers, from the G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command downward, during the period of camp was a great help and encouragement to all ranks.

The following promotions were made at camp: To Colour-Sergeant, Sgt. Dawson; to Sergeant, Cpl. Pilkington, Pte. Adams; to Corporal, Pte. Benson, L/Cpl. Noon, L/Cpl. Webster; to Lance-Corporal, Ptes. Howard, Akers, Hollas, Winteringham.

A word of thanks must also be voiced to Major Siddall and the Padre for the tremendous effort they made to ensure that the welfare and recreation of the camp went well.

Perhaps the best note on which to end this account is to say that, when the C.O. inspected the Unit on the middle Saturday and spoke personally to every man, not one complaint was made to him.

#### OFFICERS' MESS—ANNUAL CAMP

From the outset it was obvious that we were to have the most comfortable officers' quarters for many long years—actual hot water which remained hot whatever the hour, day or night—individual rooms—no need to bivouac any junior officers—a pleasant situation and easy access to the South Coast resorts. Add to these factors excellent weather for all except three of the fourteen days and success was a foregone conclusion.

We were fortunate, too, in that at any period throughout camp, we had with us all but four of our T.A. officers, and all were with us not "for four minutes" only.

The numbers in mess were increased by the inclusion of the officers of 49 Div. Pro. Coy. R.M.P., who proved pleasant and enjoyable companions. At no time during our stay was there any dissension or clash of personalities.

As usual, messing was of a reasonably high stan-





*Photo: Tom Bromley, Tavistock.*

**The combined Bands, Bugles and Drums of 146 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) beating Retreat on the square at Tavistock, Drum Major Noon leading, Friday, July 24, 1959.**

dard due to the efforts of a combined cook staff of "Dukes" and R.M.P.s under the supervision of Mr. Taylor (our civilian mess sergeant and former T.A. mess sergeant) with the overall guidance of Captain Crowther, whose choice and variation of menus has always claimed our admiration.

The bar was well managed by Mr. Ashton from our civilian orderly room staff and he seemed to be indefatigable. One fly in the ointment was the P.M.C.'s unfortunate choice of port. For the first dinner night the sand(?) blended with the port by the bottlers didn't go down well, and for the next dinner night the toasted flavour of Harvey's Directors' Bin was the cause of much discussion. (If any readers have a liking for this port would they raise their right hand and prove to other members of this mess that it has its adherents somewhere!)

Actually—reverting to the first dinner night—the President appeared to be so anti-port that he called for the toast before the glasses had been charged! There's always a first time for everything.

Our first Friday guest night was the usual success. The coincidence of a guest having the same name and rank as one of our own officers caused the biggest heart attack of all camp for the P.M.C. when he saw one body too many for seats available! However, quick reaction of the chairless "Duke" averted an apparent catastrophe—what is a toast without port compared to a bottom without a seat? The party in the ante-room afterwards was one of the most hectic for many years. (We still haven't heard if our M.O., Captain Roberts, managed to drive all the way home the following day with a dislocated shoulder).

Unfortunately General Exham could not attend, but he did spend the week-end with us. Night

manoeuvres were the order when the General and Lt. George Naylor went fishing until the early hours—final score: George, 3—General Kenneth, 0; but, apparently, the result didn't matter as the perfect night made the sport so enjoyable.

As we were so far from home very few guests travelled down to Devon for our Middle Sunday cocktail party. We were very pleased to see Mrs. Young, Mrs. Haws and Mrs. Crowther (all complete with children) arrive from the coast for it. Mrs. Webster was one stalwart who travelled down especially for the week-end—but who were the cads who filled the bedroom of Major Brian Webster and his wife with confetti? And who then had to spend most of the night trying to pick up every single piece before the room was cleared next morning?

Two special stalwarts who also came down for the week-end were Colonel and Mrs. G. B. Howcroft. The Honorary Colonel arrived in time for the Guest Night and all were pleased to see him there. Both the Colonel and Mrs. Howcroft attended the Sunday cocktail party—both, too, looking extremely well.

One function which will take some living down was the holding of a picnic lunch "in the field" but still within 200 yards of the mess!

As the weather was so delightful the Divisional Commander, General Goodwin, expressed a wish to have lunch with some of the officers on the training area; unfortunately this particular part of the training area was "just over the fence." It was a scorching success—even the butter melted before the eyes. It is not yet known who was responsible for padlocking Major Jimmy Young's bike and so spoiling his departure after an exceptionally smart salute for the General. It is known, however, who

hauled the bike up to the rafters in the ante-room but no one feels like spoiling the joke.

Of course, the K.O.Y.L.I. and the Hallams held their guest nights to which certain officers were invited, and excellent parties they proved to be—which is one advantage of a Brigade Camp.

One unexpected visit was that of Brigadier George Laing from H.Q. South-Western District. As so few of us had met him previously it was a pleasure to do so and to come to know yet another famous sporting personality of the Regiment. Although his visit was brief and mainly confined to lunch it was none the less welcome.

The last day of camp is usually the saddest. One has made another home again for a fortnight and is, by and large, loath to leave it. An awful lot of work and organisation takes place to make a mess a success for camp; things are running smoothly when—hey presto!—the young officers are tearing away at full speed and the older ones taking a more leisurely departure. And so, once again, it's a case of—"that's camp—that was."

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

There have been two highlights since we last went to press: the Centenary of the Battalion and the Annual Camp. The Centenary celebrations have been described already in these notes. Sergeants' mess members played their full part in them and the various events provided opportunities for many reunions between present and past members.

Shortly after the Centenary celebrations came annual camp at Plasterdown Camp. A combination

of excellent weather, good accommodation and well cooked and served food made this year's camp one of the best for some years.

We shared our mess with the members of the 49th Div. Pro. Coy. and it did not take us long to find out that policemen are human, very human. In fact the two units got along together extremely well.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the Commanding Officer and officers of the Battalion to drinks in the sergeants' mess and an extremely good time was had by all. Once again the officers, particularly the Adjutant, Captain Naughton, did their utmost to take away from Sgt. Booth his "Bottle Placing" title, but without success.

We were, in turn, the guests of the Commanding Officer and officers at their mess. Copious amounts of beer were drunk but we managed to get away in time to return to our own mess to enjoy a magnificent dinner, the success of which was due to the culinary skill of Sgt. Hannan and the organisation of C/Sgt. Stringer, Sgt. Booth and Sgt. Pollard—not forgetting the hard work of the other ranks of the mess staff.

On the middle Sunday a sergeants' mess bus trip was laid on and off we went for the day to Dartmouth and Plymouth. Although the weather was at first extremely wet the sun eventually broke through and a fine time was had by all.

Finally we offer congratulations and a welcome into the mess to Sgts. Pilkington and Adams on their promotion, and congratulations to C/Sgt. Dawson on his promotion to that rank.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

### HOW I STARTED IT ALL

On the night of August 31, 1939, I was night duty officer in the M.I. Directorate of the War Office.

I had done this duty several times before and thought I had it taped. There was really nothing to it once one had got over one's initial alarm about the despatch boxes which, produced with ceremony by a messenger, disgorged—when one had managed to locate the right key—copies of all Foreign Office telegrams. Once one had realised that it was only "for information" that one learnt that H.M. Ambassador in Pnom Pnom had been told by the Latvian Ambassador at dinner that Hitler intended to invade France that night one could relax and enjoy it, and Pnom Pnom was nearly always countered by some equally distinguished source who had learnt on the best authority that Hitler would be dead by Tuesday.

But, this evening, I sensed as soon as I took over that the atmosphere was different. For one thing, the telephone was ringing determinedly; this had never happened before. I would have lifted the receiver less light-heartedly if I had realised that it was not going to stop ringing for the next five hours.

The main trouble was that the National Press

had announced that morning that, in view of the danger of war, the Censorship was open to recruitment.

I don't know how many recruits enrolled during the day but, about 8 p.m., a great many decided that censorship was just the job and, having mislaid their paper, rang up M.I. to find out how to join.

This was the first indication of what was to become very clear in later weeks, namely that the Great British Public regarded M.I. as an enquiry bureau.

Apart from the young ladies—all ladies are young on the telephone—who thought they might like to be censors, there were relations who wished to be assured that censorship was a suitable occupation for darling Fanny—"Of course one knows that everyone must do their bit but one would like to feel that she was working with the right sort of people, and then one understands that some people are so very—well modern—in what they write in letters these days."

Having brought a paper to, as I thought, while away my hours of duty, I was able to instruct the young ladies and was becoming adept at reassuring their relatives when a new trend appeared, which I came to call the drunk dug-outs.

The D.D.O.s had converged on London to offer their services in the emergency. After a day spent in interviews—one feared, in most cases, unprofitable interviews—they had gone to dine in restaurants where many of them had found something very displeasing. The two main causes of discontent were: “Young officers—obviously not regulars—behavin’ in a shockin’ manner” and “Very nasty type, obviously not British, and talkin’ in a most suspicious manner with another wop”—or the waiter, or what have you.

It was comparatively easy to persuade the first lot that what they wanted was the Provost Marshal, but less easy to convince the second that I had nothing to do with counter-espionage—particularly as it should be admitted at this stage that I wasn’t myself very clear why not, being not really an intelligence officer but only “attached.”

It must have been nearly midnight when the first unusual call came. A bluff voice said: “This is the Chief Constable of Hampshire. One of my coast-guards has just found a plank on which is burnt: ‘Am prisoner on *Europa*. Agent XYZ123.’ Probably a hoax but pass it on, there’s a good chap. Good night.”

“Oi,” I said, but he had rung off. Oh, well, I thought, it’s just a Pnom Pnom. But then I thought perhaps it wasn’t; the spectacular dash to her home port of the German liner *Europa* was headline news and, improbable as it seemed that an imprisoned British agent could have launched this message or that it would have been washed up in Hampshire, I wasn’t confident that it was impossible. And

I couldn’t pretend that it had been passed to me “for information only.” So I ought to pass it on. But who on earth to? Was it intelligence or counter-intelligence? And, in either case, whose pigeon was it? I hadn’t the least idea and was much too much in awe of my G.2 to ring him up at that time of night.

I had more or less decided that it would have to be a Pnom Pnom when I remembered the green telephone which adorned our office in addition to the normal black one.

The only explanation I had been given about the green telephone was that if I was alone in the office when it rang I should say “Attached officer speaking.” When I did the green telephone said it would ring back later.

So the green telephone and I weren’t really on speaking terms, but it was the only hope. In some trepidation I lifted its hand-set and, when a non-committal voice answered, repeated the Chief Constable’s message, adding: “I don’t suppose there’s anything in it, but the old boy seemed a bit fussed” May he forgive me! “Thank you,” said the non-committal voice, “Good night.” And I have never been any the wiser as to whether there was a beautiful British spy—I feel sure XYZ123 was beautiful—imprisoned in the *Europa* or, if there was, whether the green telephone minded.

Some time well after midnight the young ladies and their aunts decided that the censorship could wait until to-morrow. Then, gradually, the drunk dug-outs left the night clubs and, eventually, I decided that I could retire to the camp bed which was installed in the office.

I seemed only to have been asleep for minutes, but it must have been longer, when the telephone started again. “M.I. Duty Officer. Instructions as to how to join the Censorship can be . . .” But then it appeared that, although I had answered the telephone, it was still ringing. Fuddled with sleep, I couldn’t, for some seconds, work that one out. Then I realised that what was ringing was the green telephone.

When I answered, the non-committal voice had become curt. “The Germans are invading Poland. Pass it on to your bosses.” Dazed as I was, I remembered my training. “Can I have the authority for that, please?” I asked. “Don’t be a bloody young fool,” said the curt voice. “We’ve got a chap sitting on the side of the road, watching them go by. Pass it on.”

So I passed it on—to my G.2, G.1, D.D.M.I., and D.M.I. And there I was baulked, because the D.M.I. said: “Ring up the Secretary of State, will you? Oh, no, perhaps I’d better do that myself.”

So then I had nothing to do for some time as the young ladies and drunk dug-outs had not yet woken up, and my masters were later than usual in arriving at the office because the one constant reaction to my telephoning had been: “Damn, I suppose that means I shall have to come to the office in uniform.”

And, as I sat waiting for them, I realised that, when I got off duty, I too would have to start looking for my belt and brasso.

R.G.T.

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## NOTES FROM BEVERLEY

On June 17, Inkerman Platoon, strengthened by eight training N.C.O.s, went by coach to Halifax to take part in the Freedom of Spenborough Parade. Five days later they passed off the square, with Blenheim, Lucknow, and Corunna Platoons, when we were very fortunate to have the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion. Brigadier G. H. Cree, C.B.E., D.S.O., the Deputy Colonel of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, took the salute. Inkerman Platoon won the inter-platoon competition under the guiding eye of Sgt. Delaney.

June 24 was also Imphal Day, a Regimental anniversary of the Prince of Wales's Own, and the Depot held an "at home" to which parents of those passing out were invited. Also invited were retired officers of the "Dukes," and P.W.O. living in Yorkshire. The main attractions were a display by police dogs of the Hull City Police, a display by a helicopter from the R.A.F. station at Leconfield, and a weapons display. In the evening the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion beat the Retreat.

On July 24 Keren and Anzio Platoons held their passing-out parade, and the Mayor of Beverley, Councillor Medley, took the salute. Keren was the winning platoon.

On September 10 Mons, Somme, Marne, and Arras Platoons had their passing-out parade, and

the salute was taken by the Deputy Mayor of Hull, Alderman Science. The prize-winners on this parade were as follows:

Winning Platoon ..	.. Mons (Sgt. Delaney)
Best Recruit: Mons ..	.. Pte. Steel
Marne ..	.. Pte. Cameron
Somme ..	.. Pte. Teet
Arras ..	.. Pte. Round
Best L.M.G. and Combined	
Shot .. ..	.. Pte. Cartwright
Best Rifle Shot .. ..	.. Pte. Round

On the sporting side of our Depot activities, the Depot 1st XI cricket team had a very successful season. All fixtures were played and only once did rain send us into the pavilion. The results are as follows: Played 21; won 17; lost 4.

We were winners of the Hull Mid-Week Cricket League and runners-up in the Hull Mid-Week Cricket League's Knock-out Competition. Our success was largely due to finding some very useful cricketers from the "Dukes" national service recruits.

Finally we must say that we have persuaded the Depot to mark out a rigger pitch and, every evening as these notes are being written, one can see twenty or so players being chased round the field by 2 Lt. Charlesworth.



Photo: T. Hollingsworth, Beverley.

### 1st XI CRICKET, DEPOT P.W.O./D.W.R., 1959

Standing (left to right): L/Cpl. Hirst, Cpl. Hartley,\* Pte. Beaumont,\* Pte. Rhodes,\* Pte. Hinchliffe,\* Pte. Evans, Pte. Bickerdike,\*  
Sitting: Pte. Sweeting,\* Capt. Manger, Lt. Cumberlege,\* Pte. Cowgill, Pte. Brown.\*

\* Denotes D.W.R.

## Obituary

### Mr. A. R. Humphrey

Mr. Humphrey, late 2nd Battalion, died suddenly on holiday at Clacton, August 2, aged 64 years. He was normally resident at 1 Cecil House, Venn Street, S.W.4.

Mr. A. R. Humphrey joined the Band of the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth in 1909 at the age of 14 years. He served at Mons as a stretcher bearer and had the distinction of being one of the first "Dukes" to go into action, being sent out by Captain Denman Jubb with a party to collect wounded of the West Kents. He was himself wounded shortly afterwards.

Later he transferred to the RASC and when he retired had served 27 years. He took up employment with the Post Office and, as a supplementary reservist, was called up in 1939 with the RASC. The whole of his 2nd war service was in the Middle East. He finally retired with the rank of S/Sergeant Major. Mr. Humphrey was a brother-in-law of the late Captain "Bluey" Moore.

### Bandmaster Harry Langtry

Major R. Wood informs us that Mr. Langtry died on July 5 last at his home: "Rorua," Arapapla Road, Levin, New Zealand. He is survived by his wife.

Mr. Langtry came to the 1st Battalion in 1912 and left in 1919. After leaving the service he was with various bands in the U.K. When he went to New Zealand he became Bandmaster of the New Zealand Air Force Band and served throughout the last war. He was 82½ years of age when he died.

Mr. Langtry was very proud of his band and a keen sportsman, popular in the Regiment and generally regarded as a fine fellow indeed.

### Captain and Q.M. Dan Looney, M.B.E.

Captain Dan Looney, M.B.E., died suddenly at his home, Flat 4, Bromstone House, Bromstone Road, Broadstairs, Kent, on Saturday, September 12, aged 82 years.

Details of his early service are lacking but Mr. Bill Simmonds, a contemporary, thinks he joined, as a boy in the band, in 1892. After service at the Depot, Captain Looney joined the 1st Battalion in Malta in 1897 and served almost continuously with the 1st Battalion for the whole of his soldiering. He served in South Africa, where he was made colour sergeant, and in India where he was commissioned in January 1915. He became Q.M. of the 1st Battalion in 1918 and remained with them until retiring in September 1927.

Captain Looney was the last survivor of those present at the meeting held at the Union Jack Club, London, on October 4, 1912, to consider the formation of an Old Comrades' Association in the

Regiment. He attended as the Depot Colour Sergeant, along with C/Sgt. C. Shepherd who represented the 2nd Battalion.

Captain Looney had purchased his O.C.A. dinner ticket for this year's annual dinner and had written the Secretary saying how much he looked forward to attending once again.

### Captain and Q.M. Charles Shepherd, M.B.E., D.C.M.

Captain Shepherd died on July 29 at the Military Hospital, Chester, aged 80 years. He enlisted into the Regiment at the turn of the century and retired in July 1928.

Captain Shepherd went to France with the 2nd Battalion in 1914 as R.S.M. Commissioned as Lieutenant and Q.M. in July 1917, he continued to serve with the 2nd Battalion throughout the war and during subsequent years until he left the Battalion in Singapore in 1927 on posting to the Depot as Q.M.

As R.S.M. Captain Shepherd won the D.C.M. in July 1916 and the Medaille Militaire in October of the same year. In 1919 he was awarded the M.B.E.

On leaving the service Captain Shepherd took up employment with a well-known firm of biscuit manufacturers in Carlisle and remained with them for over 20 years. On retirement from this employment he became welfare officer at Chester Military Hospital, a position he held until very recently. Until his death he resided at "Rosverne," 130 Liverpool Road, Chester. A quartermaster of the old school he was a most meticulous man in pursuance of his duties and was respected by all.

### 4683623 Cpl. Fred Newton, late 2nd Battalion

Mr. Newton died on August 11 at his home, 41 Rhodes Street, Castleford, Yorks. He was aged 55 years and is survived by his widow and his son David aged six years.

Born at Normanton, Yorkshire, in 1904, Newton enlisted in May 1922. Whilst a recruit he was appointed lance-corporal but got fed up with this after nine months and asked to revert. This set a pattern and explains why he ended his service no higher than a corporal.

After recruit training he joined the 1st Battalion at Gibraltar in January 1923 and the following October was drafted to the 2nd Battalion at Ismailia. While there, he went with No. 1 Company to Palestine for seven months, serving at Jerusalem and Surafend. He remained with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt, Singapore and India for very nearly 20 years without once taking home leave or even, at any rate up to 1936, local leave in a hill station.

In 1942 he was seconded to the Indian Army. After the war he served on in B.A.O.R. until 1947 when he was discharged on pension.

*Major James, late 2nd Battalion, writes:* Fred Newton was perhaps the most highly esteemed and best known soldier in the 2nd Battalion between the two wars. When I left the battalion in 1939 he had served overseas continuously for seventeen years, and those who knew him were not surprised

that he had never taken a home posting or even the customary leave each seven years. The Battalion was his whole life and he gave everything he had to it. He was an excellent shot, a qualified signaller and machine-gunner; in fact a really first-class soldier.

His prowess as an athlete was no less than his skill-at-arms. He played, and played extremely well, for the Battalion at hockey, soccer and rugby, and represented his company in most things at one time or another. The quantity of cups and trophies which he accumulated was an embarrassment each time he packed his kit on change of station. He would partially solve the problem by giving them as souvenirs to his comrades who were due home on the next draft. He was kind and considerate to all men: his own comrades and the natives of the countries he served in.

In his younger days he was often in trouble but it was always the result of some harmless and amusing escapade. On one occasion, when he felt like a little exercise, he rowed off a boat which happened to be the property of H.M. Government; Fred kept going until he beached it in a foreign port. He was duly brought back by the friendly gendarmerie and, when the charge was read, it contained many references to navigation, masters' certificates and three-mile limits, etc. We thought Fred was really for it but our company commander must have enjoyed the joke for he quickly gave Fred seven days C.B. to make an end of the matter.

On another occasion, some years later, I was on the guard-room verandah at Singapore, watching the rickshaws draw up, each depositing a soldier reporting in "sober and properly dressed." One caught my attention quite some way off because the coolie appeared to be wearing ammunition boots. It turned out to be Fred Newton between the shafts while the coolie sat inside. When he had paid him off I asked Fred what he meant by his unseemly conduct and he replied: "Well, the poor devil looked so tired that I gave him a ride."

Yes, Fred was a lovable character and a grand soldier, and we who knew him so well feel a great loss at his passing.



Pte. F. Newton (taken in 1936)

## PERSONALIA

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 19, 1959, at St. Mark's Parish Church, Dundela, Belfast, of Captain Peter Björn Lyall Hoppe, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hoppe of Bedford, to Audrey, daughter of the late Very Rev. R. McTighe, LL.D., Dean of Clogher and Mrs. McTighe, Portadown, Northern Ireland.

Major and Mrs. Huffam have moved from St. Albans to 58 Silverstone Way, Stanmore, Middlesex (Tel.: GRImdsyke 3880). Jock has "gotten himself a very nice job" at 40 Upper Brook Street, W.1. Their daughter Ann, who is in New Zealand, is continuing to love the life out there.

During the summer, Bob Huffam announced his engagement to Miss Nancy Cooke, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooke of Onslow Gardens, Belfast. The wedding is to take place quietly later in the year. Bob, whose birth was announced in THE IRON DUKE No. 34 of June 1936, thus follows hard on the heels of Jeremy Cumberlege as an officer whose life history is to be found in our pages.

The Colonel of the Regiment visited the R.M.A. for the Sovereign's parade and, after lunch, met Mr. J. McKenzie, who is now a batman at the R.M.A. "Mac", as he will be known to all 2nd Battalion men, joined that Battalion in India in 1928. He is proud of the fact that he served continuously with it until 1942. He retired on pension in January 1948. He is fit and looks forward to meeting old friends at the O.C.A. dinner in London.

General Ozanne was elected President of the Army Golf Society in April. It is a three year appointment. In November General Ozanne is going to America with the Seniors Golfing Society to play against American and Canadian teams. In pursuit of this information we spoke to Miss Patricia Ozanne who had, as usual, just got back from a motor rally. This time it was the London Rally which, despite its name, takes place mainly in Wales. "Tish", who was driving, did not do as well as she has done recently, notably in the Tulip Rally in April, as she ran out of brake fluid.

### BRITISH LEGION

From many letters received at British Legion Headquarters, it would appear that their Overseas Wreath Laying and Photographic Service is still not widely known. The service enables relatives of the fallen to obtain photographs of individual headstones, memorials and cemeteries, and to have poppy wreaths placed on graves or at memorials when desired. At present more than 3,000 wreaths are placed, and a similar number of photographs obtained, at the request of relatives each year.

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Cpl. Jack Scroby, who played for the 1st Battalion and the Army at rucker last season but who is primarily a rugby league player, has been transferred for £7,000 from Bradford Northern to Halifax and played for his new team in the first round of the Yorks Rugby League Cup on Saturday, August 29.

Major Graham Tedd has been selected to attend the 1960 course at the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.

### *From the London Gazette*

*Supplements dated August 18 to October 2, 1959*

#### INFANTRY

D.W.R.

#### REGULAR ARMY

Officer Cadet Godfrey Robert Bellamy from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2nd Lt., 25th July 1959.

Major J. B. Fallon having exceeded retiring age is placed on retired pay 26th Aug. 1959 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

#### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Lt. A. B. Skinner from Active List to be Lt., 22nd Sept. 1959, retaining his present seniority.

#### *Class III*

Lt. F. M. Rawson from A.E. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Aug. 1959, retaining his present seniority.

Lt. D. L. Borwell, M.C., from Res. of Offrs., Cl. I, to be Lt., 1st Sept. 1959, retaining his present seniority.

#### ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

#### NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

2nd Lt. J. R. Raimes from Reg. Army, Nat. Serv. List, to be 2nd Lt., 22nd Sept. 1959, with seniority 10th May 1958.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Actg. Maj.) C. Barnes to be Maj., 13th Sept. 1959, with seniority 1st Jan. 1959.

Lt. A. E. Carter to be Capt., 18th July 1959.

Lt. A. E. Hutchinson and Lt. R. C. Curry are granted the acting rank of Capt., 18th July 1959.

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## Correspondence

15 Randolph Crescent,  
Edinburgh 3.

DEAR SIR,

I was prompted by the article on "Copenhagen and Eclipse" in last January's number of THE IRON DUKE to take the enclosed photograph of a painting of 'Copenhagen' belonging to a friend of mine, H. W. W. Fenwick, Esq., A.R.I.B.A. (By whose courtesy the photograph is reproduced.—Ed.) which, if it is suitable for reproduction, may be of interest to your readers.



The picture is approximately 11 by 10 inches and was inherited by my friend whose grandfather, the late Squadron Leader A. W. Comber, was once physician to the third Duke of Wellington.

I believe that the painting at one time hung in Apsley House or Stratfield Saye.

Although recently cleaned, no signature is visible on it and perhaps it is a copy of the one painted and lithographed by James Ward which is mentioned in the "Copenhagen and Eclipse" article.

Yours faithfully,

W. R. C. MILLER.

*We sent the photo to Major Dennis Simonds, the author of the article, who says that it is not the picture he mentioned which was reproduced in the 1958 "October Sales" issue of "The British Racehorse." The photograph was then sent to the Duke of Wellington who replied:*

"It is really impossible to say, with any certainty, whether the photograph represents 'Copenhagen' or not. He was a light chestnut and had a white blaze which extended from his forehead to his nose. So far the picture might be 'Copenhagen.' But the only certain identification is a rather curious

saddle mark, white spots on the part of back covered by the saddle. These of course are covered by the saddle cloth."

*The Duke has no record of the picture among the family possessions and doubts whether, if it was an original painting of "Copenhagen," the third Duke would have given it away. He suggests as a possible alternative that the horse in the picture might well be the charger which was led at the Duke's funeral. It would be very interesting if any reader could identify the picture.*

Palace Barracks,  
Holywood.

MONUMENT TO THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AT  
TRIM, CO. MEATH

DEAR SIR,

The enclosed photograph shows the monument to the Iron Duke at Trim, Co. Meath. The Nationalist slogan is unfortunate but characteristic. Under it, the inscription reads: "This column erected in the year MDCCCXVII in honour of the illustrious Duke of Wellington by the grateful contributions of the County Meath."

Trim is the nearest town of any size to Dangan which was the Wesley home. I use the old spelling deliberately since this was the name taken by the Colleys to inherit Dangan.

No trace of Dangan now remains although the gate lodge was still standing within living memory.

Yours sincerely,

D. W. SIMONDS.



Monument to the Duke of Wellington at  
Trim, Co. Meath.



## 1st Battalion Notes

*Continued from page 115*

1 D.W.R. v. ULSTER

RESULT: 1 D.W.R. 19—ULSTER 5

The Ulster Branch of the Irish R.F.U. most kindly arranged this special fixture as a farewell gesture to the Battalion and, on September 30 at Ravenhill, fielded an experimental side of young top-flight club players.

The Battalion team, in response to the occasion, found its best form. There is no room to record the run of the play or name individuals. At half-time we led by 5—0. In the second half, playing even better we increased the lead to 14—0. With 10 minutes to go Ulster rallied to score, but the ball was then swept straight back to the Ulster line and an "unstoppable" shove by the pack gave our final goal.

The final whistle found both teams still hard at it. It had been delightful rugby to watch and fitting to the occasion.

The Ulster Press, while critical of the team selected for Ulster, were most generous in praise of the Dukes' play, and of the team's record in Ulster. At the farewell supper, when plaques were exchanged, Dudley Higgins said: "The Dukes have been a real jab in the arm to the Ulster game."

The following mid-week fixtures (all on the grounds of the clubs named) have been arranged:

November 4 v. Blackheath  
November 18 v. Richmond  
December 2 v. London Scottish  
December 16 v. Harlequins

### "A" COMPANY

The last three months have provided a trying time for the Company. Rehearsals for the Troop were followed by an over-abundance of guards and duties and, finally, hectic activity at company and battalion camp at Magilligan.

The "Troop" has been fully described elsewhere, and with a shudder a veil shall be drawn over the long period of guards and duties that followed, from early June to late July. From July 19 to August 4 we enjoyed block leave before embarking upon a period of intense breath-taking activity at camp.

For a few days at Magilligan, the Company, with a detachment from "H.Q." Company, classified on the L.M.G. and S.L.R. before beginning its tactical training. The weather was quite splendid, but those who were here last year were still wary.

The weather broke and caught us on a rehearsal scheme for Exercise "Red Onion." We learned much from our discomfiture, but we had an unpleasant few hours. "Red Onion" has been the major event in our calendar. For this operation "A" Company group, with the M.M.G. and Mortar Platoons, acted as enemy to the Welsh Guards who were flown in from England to carry out an airborne mobility trial. The Company has had little tactical training during recent months and hectic

preparations were carried out in the few days we had between classification and the exercise.

The exercise was a huge success and all members of the Company played their part. The director of the operation, Brigadier Pearson of the Para. Bde. Gp., was highly complimentary, and most participants had the personal satisfaction of a successful encounter with our opponents. In spite of difficulties with food, the three high-lights were the excellently concealed defensive area where the "Red Onion" was positioned; the splendid silent night attack on the enemy bridge, and the hard pressing attacks upon the enemy rearguard on Limavady Airfield. There was plenty of fight in the Company to the end of the exercise, and after two and a half days without rest the platoons and sections were still attacking with ever-increasing spirit. One of the senior umpires remarked that, at this period, the section attacks were the best he had seen for a very long time.

It was a great pleasure to participate in this exercise, and we shall all remember with glee the more humorous and thrilling events. None who took part in the attack on the bridge will forget the performance of our 2IC, Captain Hoppe, as he quelled, with passionate words and inner emotion, a Welsh Guards platoon which was firing 2-in. mortar bombs at low angle across the river at our troops. Someone murmured "Take him prisoner," but not a guardsman moved as he invited them to try. We are now preparing for the next battalion scheme and are wondering if the C.O. will allow us to wear a miniature Red Onion at the back of our berets.

In order to bring us up to the required strength we received an excellent draft of twenty from Beverley. They have been distributed among the platoons and are settling down well to "A" Company methods after a very short continuation-training period with 2 Lt. Mundell and Sgts. Simpson and Todd.

We have been delighted to welcome Captain Hoppe, 2 Lts. Mundell and Golding, and Sgt. Gay. Sgt. Todd has been promoted to C/Sergeant, but this is tinged with regret for he leaves us to become C.Q.M.S. of another company. He has been a most loyal and enthusiastic member of "A" Company and we wish him well.

Ptes. Coates, Cooper and Elliott have all been promoted, and a number of others will soon be attending potential N.C.O. courses. Cpls. Armitage and Martin have joined the happy throng of those who worry about "Points" for married quarters, and Cpl. Reddy's wife is to be congratulated upon producing a baby daughter.

During this period a number of our Company have attended the Outward Bound school at Larne, and whilst Cpl. Mitchell has followed this with a mountaineering trip to Wales, Pte. Chamberlain had a taste of drama during a crossing of Belfast Lough, when the only canoe to reach the other side safely was that in which he was sailing.

A number of soldiers have left and, as always, the final hand-shake is a matter of real regret. One to go is 2 Lt. Fawcett who has done so much for the Company.

### "B" COMPANY

At the time of writing the Company is enjoying (perhaps enjoying is not quite the right word) its stay at Magilligan Camp with the remainder of the Battalion. Life in Palace Barracks was a round of guards, duties and fatigues, and the concentrated training we are doing now is taking its toll of the less fit members of the Company.

In the field of sport the Company has had six members in the Battalion athletics team. 2 Lt. Summers (hurdles), 2 Lt. Cumberlege (high jump and hurdles), Cpl. Hall (high jump), Cpl. Wardle, Pte. Green (tug-of-war) and Pte. Porter (three miles). 2 Lt. Summers, Sgt. Pratt, L/Cpl. Read and Pte. Baker have represented the Battalion at cricket. 2 Lt. Summers also played for Holywood.

As a break from life at Holywood a few fortunate members of the Company, mainly from 5 Platoon, moved up to Londonderry on detachment on June 21, staying with the Navy at H.M.S. *Sea Eagle*. Commitments in "Derry" were fairly heavy with I.S. duties, but some very useful training was done. A number of games were played, and although few, we more than held our own against the other services. The athletics team, under the stern eye of Captain Hoppe, won the challenge cup presented to the winners of the Royal Navy, North of Ireland, Athletics Competition.

As usual we have to say good-bye to members of the Company, on return to civilian life or postings elsewhere. Sgts. Brown and Collins have gone to Beverley to train recruits and are apparently doing a very good job. Cpl. Stowell has been posted to Singapore, and Cpls. Wardle and Atkinson to Beverley and Strensall respectively. L/Cpl. Cole, Ptes. Webb, Niman and Holmes have gone to try their hand at civilian life; we all wish them the very best of luck. Although it is sad to say good-bye to such stalwart members of the Company, we have in their stead Sgts. Wilson and Pratt, both of whom are very welcome.

Congratulations to Sgt. Brown and L/Cpl. Read on the birth of their daughters—one each only. Our congratulations also go to Ptes. Brown and Mills on their marriages.

Finally, we are very sorry to have to say good-bye to Captain Hoppe who has been with this company for a long time, first as second-in-command and then as Company Commander. He has now gone to keep "A" Company along the right lines. In his place we welcome as Company Commander Captain D. H. Wood, and Captain J. M. Newton as 2IC.

### "C" COMPANY

Apart from controlling an exuberant Adventure Training School, despatching the Band and Drums to England (both of which are reported elsewhere) and a rapid changing of C.S.M.s, very little has happened to disturb the quiet peace of "C" Company.

We regretfully said farewell to C.S.M. Nichols on his posting to "H.Q." Company—a staunch and loyal member of "C" Company whom we were very sad to lose. We welcomed in rapid succession C.S.M. Sheehan (who promptly went on a Drill

Course, broke his leg playing football in trying to tackle a large guardsman and, on return to the Battalion, went to "S" Company), C.S.M. Clark (who soon left on posting), and finally C.S.M. Norman on temporary loan.

With great regret we said farewell to L/Cpl. Bottomley our Company clerk—a sad loss and we shall miss him a great deal—we welcome Pte. Pickering who is fast learning to type.

Other stalwarts bear mention—L/Cpls. Self and Poole, under the able eye of C.Q.M.S. Costello, successfully control a multitude of stores and demands by the Adventure Training School for more and more stores. L/Cpl. Greenwood quietly and efficiently minds the arms store and helps the Company clerk. Dickinson happily turns his hand to all jobs while continually combing his fair locks. L/Cpl. Watts, Ptes. Galbraith and Vickers are repairing and making canoes in the Adventure Training Club—a job at which they excel.

We have administered and trained two parties of A.C.F. and C.C.F. cadets who seemed to be very pleased with the work of the company staff, with special reference to 2 Lt. Duckney and C.Q.M.S. Costello.

O.C. Company, C.Q.M.S. Costello and Pte. Vickers are now in camp, the latter two running the canteen—the C.Q.M.S. is rapidly going grey haired.

### "D" COMPANY

The Trooping the Colour parade found the Company providing No. 3 Guard. After this we turned our attention to the more warlike pursuits of shooting and tactical training during a fortnight at Magilligan. The weather was kind to us. The first week was spent classifying on the rifle and L.M.G., where the results were good; two double marksmen emerging in the Company Commander and Sgt. Chilvers. The second was devoted to tactics. A feature of the latter was an event in the training programme called "initiative test" which, if nothing else, proved that initiative is a quality that some possess to a lesser degree than others! However, even the least initiated arrived back in time to take block leave which the whole Company enjoyed from July 4 to 19.

After leave more people poured back into the company than we realised were on our books, since, by this time, athletics, shooting and adventure training all finished and several almost forgotten faces reappeared. Tales of hardship in mountain and river, talk of times and distances, and stories of near misses circulated.

This assembly was quickly dispersed, and continues to disperse. Some chiefs and many Indians went to Derry where they were likely to remain until the Battalion leaves Ireland, while the remaining chiefs and very few Indians remained at Palace Barracks.

The contingent at Derry have been rejoicing in the fact that they only have to provide one fatigue man per day, and have been able to do some interesting training. Back at Palace Barracks the company has been occupied in assisting in the

training of two contingents of cadets, one from Eshton Hall School and one from 5/7th Cadet Battalion D.W.R. Here it was proved that action and reaction are equal and opposite; the Energa grenade will travel approximately 75 yds. forwards before hitting the ground, whilst a slightly heavier cadet of 14 or 15 years will travel about 10 yds. backwards before doing the same. We enjoyed their stay and hope it was useful and instructive.

A new feature of company life is the introduction of the new self-loading rifle. At first sight the weapon looked quite unmanageable and complicated; not only was there the problem of how to clean, handle and shoot it, but how on earth to drill with it. Both these problems have been overcome by the issue of two new pamphlets. The recoil of this rifle has caused large numbers of people, well acquainted with the old one, to return from the ranges with large tender bruises below their right eyes. Another good look in one of the aforesaid pamphlets is recommended.

Our departures list regrettably reads rather like a nominal roll of a platoon. We bid farewell to Sgt. Morris who has gone to the Yorkshire Brigade Depot, L/Cpl. Goulding our late clerk, L/Cpl. Newell our man of medicine, and Ptes. Hardisty, Fletcher (00), Kilner, Swithenbank, Richardson, Haines, Johnson, Thorpe and O'Hara, all of whom have gone to seek their fortunes in the world outside.

We welcome at the same time 2 Lt. Everard after a spell at the Depot—he was the last subaltern to serve there—and Pte. Pickles from "H.Q." Company, who, when he has been fixed up with a set of teeth, will unfortunately be leaving the Army.

Our congratulations to C/Sgt. Pennington on his promotion to C.S.M. We shall be sorry to lose him but a company can't have two sergeant-majors!

In the last issue, mention was made of a flock of storks approaching. Some have settled and congratulations go to Sgt. Wilkinson and Sgt. Pratt with a girl each and Cpl. Connor with a boy.

### "S" COMPANY

Early in June, a few days after the successful Trooping of the Colours, we moved to Magilligan for annual classification. Except for the M.M.G. Platoon we returned to Palace Barracks on June 20, purely as a jumping-off place for a fortnight's block leave. In the meantime the M.M.G. Platoon competed in the A.R.A. M.M.G. competition. Then the whole Company concentrated at Ballykinlar for three weeks in July, to prepare and stage the "Duke's" share of Northern Ireland District's two-days' show for the public. The day after we got back to Palace Barracks the Anti-Tank and Mortar Platoons gave a demonstration at Magilligan for some 400 school cadets who were in camp there. There followed a fortnight's breather in Barracks then, once again, "S" Company split up; the Anti-Tank Platoon went to Ballykinlar for Annual B.A.T. firing and the Mortars and Machine Gun's moved to Magilligan to assist "A" Company in Exercise "Red Onion." With the Assault

Pioneers at Ballykinlar providing communications and sentries during B.A.T. firing that brings us up to date.

And now a few comments on our doings. For the first time we fired the new rifle course during classification, though not with the S.L.R. We found the course greatly improved and more realistically related to the type of shooting which could be expected on operations. It seems, however, almost too easy to become a first-class shot, or even a marksman. The L.M.G. standards appear only slightly higher. As proof of these observations everyone obtained a 1st Class or better in both weapons, results which have been borne out by companies firing later. The Company Commander achieved double marksman and, though there are some who will say this was a gratuitous result, the proof has yet to be presented. The real point of mentioning this achievement, however, is the fact it was the first time the officer in question had fired for years and he has never claimed any prowess on the range. It throws some doubt on the religion of pokey drill except for the beginner or known indifferent shot. Our only other double marksman was the Company Clerk, Cpl. Leaf, who has also escaped the range for a considerable period.

The M.M.G. Platoon was most unlucky in the Machine-Gun Cup in which a plate has to be engaged at 600 yds. and knocked down before scoring counts on an adjacent 6-ft. target. So much depends on the observation of strike and it was most unfortunate that the wettest days for weeks past occurred during the four days selected for the competition. That the Platoon should do so very much better in the Machine Gun Fire Control Cup (fired at about twice the range but with observation of strike immaterial) was only just, since weeks of intense effort and preparation had been devoted by all. Unfortunately we cannot expect a high placing in the Machine Gun Corps Cup, a combination of results in both matches, but as reported in the M.M.G. notes we are hoping for a 2nd or better in the more difficult Fire Control Cup.

It appears from the platoon notes that each platoon contributed most to the success of Army Day at Ballykinlar! In fact the whole affair was very much a combined operation with the Assault Pioneers, the Band, 2 Lt. Duckney and his Adventure Training personnel, the dog handlers and others playing an equally important part. The core of the whole show was undoubtedly the "S" Company area where could be seen, ordnance, support weapons, and adventure training stands. We also had our Band, the N.A.A.F.I., A.K.C. showing training films, and a shooting gallery. On the beach we organised a half-hour display, put on twice daily, and including mortars and Vickers firing sand-filled bombs and blank respectively, war dogs, flying by Austers and a helicopter from the Army Air Corps. Thrown in for good measure were bathing, boating and pony rides under our supervision, whilst the W.R.A.C. had a harassing time taking spectators' children off their hands and amusing them on slides and swings and with sand-castle competitions. Nearby, all were encouraged to leap from a parachute trainer.

Thank goodness the weather was fine on both days; otherwise, instead of some fifteen thousand visitors, there could surely not have been more than a handful. We cannot end without mention of a personal letter which was received from the G.O.C. by the Company Commander, full of praise for our share in the success of his conception. This personal gesture was greatly appreciated.

#### M.M.G. PLATOON

It is with deep disappointment that we have to announce the results of our Machine-Gun Cup shoot. This fairly easy competition was fired during a lull between rainstorms and the strike on the butts was impossible to see. As a result our score was lower than ever in practice.

But it is not all bad news for our many followers. Judging by last year's results we are definitely in the running for 1st or 2nd place in the Fire Control Cup. As this match is non-central, the official results are not known until the end of the year. "One at a time is good fishing."

Within a day or two after our second and successful shoot, we held a farewell party for L/Cpls. Culloden, Helliwell, and Pte. Dawson. A "Bar-Be-Que" was organised and, by courtesy of the Irish Farmers Association and "Butcher" Liburd, we had roast mutton on the beach. Several women officer cadets joined the party and a good time was had by all, including the Platoon Commander who led the way in "liaising" with the W.R.A.C. To the "Gold Dust" twins, L/Cpls. Helliwell, Culloden, and to Pte. Dawson we wish the very best in civilian life. We will certainly miss them.

After Magilligan days, the "Merry Men" moved to Ballykinlar to prepare for Army Day. This most exhausting task has been covered by our company notes, so we will say little about it. However, we are sure that, if we do not mention our T.V. stars, Tordoff and Underwood, we will never hear the end of it. Yes, they were on T.V., firing their gun, and completely stole the show. We feel that the success of Army Day was definitely contributed to by the spectacular display put on by us, and when we say that for one demonstration we had over six thousand spectators, our many readers will realise what a show we were! Anti-Tank and Mortar Platoon please note.

(Addendum by Company Commander—Everyone is entitled to his own opinion. A less biased writer would say that the M.M.G. Platoon performed very adequately but that the thousands of spectators were not there just to see the Vickers.)

After "Army Day" we had to say "good-bye" to "Buzz" Liburd, and we feel that the Platoon Commander's last comments to "Buzz": "I wish I had a dozen men like you" is an opinion held by all of us. Good luck, "Buzz"!

#### 3-IN. MORTAR PLATOON

Although we have not had the opportunity to do much mortar work during the Summer we have been fairly busy, which is some compensation.

After Trooping the Colour, classifying on rifle and L.M.G. at Magilligan and a spell of leave, we moved to Ballykinlar for three weeks to take part in the Army Display. To begin with we spent most of our time helping to prepare "S" Company

area but our principal task was to demonstrate a section in action firing sand-filled bombs. This was done on the beach and gave us plenty of scope. We introduced variety by using trolleys, firing without the bipod, firing with secondaries, and producing bangs at the far end. Jenkinson and Price nearly sank an assault boat. Haigh fired without the bipod into the sand hills, scattering civilians in all directions, and causing 15 officers and N.C.O.s of the Army Air Corps to evacuate a helicopter in a hurry. Goddard achieved a rate of 55 bombs a minute with his rapid fire. Bridden and Wilks produced excellent explosions. Finally we allowed members of the public to fire the mortars, and we can claim that the demonstration was a success.

We made good use of our spare time, mainly boating, swimming or fishing. Berry capsized Sgt. Broomhead in a canoe and Wilson produced our largest crab—trodden on while bathing. Mr. Bray "encouraged" some to bathe before breakfast and even got Jackson and Stott out of bed on one occasion. We also had a successful expedition to the Mourne Mountains, gaining much needed exercise and stiff limbs.

Since our return to Palace Barracks Sgt. Battye has come "home" after acting as C/Sergeant for some time, and Sgt. Falkingham has returned from Netheravon with a "B" grading—a commendable achievement.

Finally, we congratulate Bridden on his recent 21st birthday. The occasion was very suitably celebrated.

#### ANTI-TANK PLATOON

The Army Day Exhibition has been one of the great moments of glory in the platoon's history, for, under the driving strength of Sgt. Curling, we were responsible for the major share of the erection of the tents and other structures in 1 D.W.R. area. We suffered a few casualties in the struggle—Jackson (21), for instance, who was squatting down, cutting grass with a sickle, took a huge swipe at a tussock, missed high, and impaled his rear with the point. Pte. Healey (The Mekon) lost his front teeth; he now looks like a small version of Dracula and is re-christened Dreculon. On "the Day" we exhibited a highly polished B.A.T., attended by a bulled-up Cpl. Kelly who answered most of the questions, and a .22 range run by the Platoon Commander and Sgt. Curling and guarded by L/Cpl. Knut (who has now completed his second year in the "Dukes").

It wasn't all work at Ballykinlar. We played several games of cricket, went crabbing on the rocks, dancing(?) in Newcastle and visiting everywhere.

Since Army Day we have given a demonstration at Magilligan to some 400 cadets. We took both guns (for we have been up-gunned 100% since our last notes), and gave a gun-drill display for ten minutes; the climax being the blowing of a gun pit by courtesy of Sgt. Curling and Cfmn. Williams. Cpl. Smith and Cpl. Kelly were the detachment commanders.

Congratulations to Ptes. McDougall and Fill, who have both signed on as regulars in the matrimonial army.

## DUNKIRK

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## "H.Q." COMPANY

Our Company is divided; two-thirds of us are at Magilligan Camp and the remainder are looking after all our interests in Hollywood.

Weapon classification is number one priority whilst we are at camp. We were given the opportunity to classify some of our members with "A," "D" and "S" Companies at their company camps; the remainder will shoot for their pay over the next two weeks. The new self-loading rifle has complicated the issue but, as for all our other activities, we must keep up with the times. Major G. C. Tedd is helping out, he can be seen daily working with a large squad of cooks, sanitary men, batmen and other miscellaneous bodies. (*Shooting on the range, of course!!—Sub-Editor.*) Captain Cowell must have a mention as he seems to be devoting his time to range work and we feel that to record our thanks for the "D" Company team will not be out of place in these notes.

Sport has not been very prominent in our company since our last notes. Our cricket side is not a strong one and, although most men have played games, we have not made any particular mark in any of the recognised summer sports.

It is with regret that we record the death of Captain M. J. Tree; the facts will be reported elsewhere, but to his mother we offer our condolences. He had not been with the Company very long but was an officer who was liked by all.

Departures take a heavy toll. Our strength is still round the 300 mark but it is sad to see so many good men leave the Army. Most of our tradesmen have gone, or are on the verge of going. We were lucky to find their replacements in the last N.S. draft but we are sure the specialists' departments will feel the pinch when N.S. men have gone for good. On a happier note we welcome Major B. M. Kilner. He is kept busy with miscellaneous duties besides his main one of commanding the company and, at this moment, is in Palace Barracks commanding rear details.

## M.T. NOTES

We are in Camp. The weather has been kind, which makes it a pleasant change from Barracks. As far as can be seen everybody is having a good time (but what is meant by a good time we leave the readers to guess). Vehicles leave at frequent intervals for Londonderry on recreational journeys. What the attraction is must be good as M.T. personnel seem to take up most of the seats.

Accidents have not been as frequent this quarter, but we still have the proper "Charlie" who insists that an 8-ft. vehicle will go through a 7 ft. 10 in. gap; but it won't, will it, Banks?

We are reluctant to say good-bye to the older end of the section during the next two months, most of them big-wheel men (3-ton section). Until we can get trained up again we are glad we shall be moving off on a new role where landrovers play the main part. Our next question will be how to fill out F.M.T. 3 when a landrover goes through the fuselage; we shall find out for sure before long.

We wish a success in civilian life to all who left recently and the ones who go shortly, and we

welcome all who have recently joined; may their stay be long.

#### SIGNAL PLATOON

The Platoon has started yet another cadre, but, as this one will be the last before the New Year, we take this opportunity of welcoming the following to the Platoon: Ptes. Smith, Houghton, Middleton, Turner, Livsey, Johnson, Carlton, Rushman, O'Donnel, Dove—the latter having broken his ankle, we wish him a speedy recovery. The cadre will classify in the middle of September.

The Platoon has been earning money for the Radio Ham Club by providing communications for Jack McClelland the Irish long distance swimmer for his attempt at the Irish Channel. Communications were kept all the time, Cpl. Owers and L/Cpl. Seage had their photographs taken looking frightfully rugged, and these were reproduced in the Irish Press and on Television.

The Brigade exercise "Blue Goose" was a signalling success; the Platoon really did well; all the lines worked efficiently under the ever-watchful eyes of Cpl. Senior and Pte. Cairns. The wireless operators excelled themselves; on some occasions they were getting 12 miles on 8-ft. rod aerials. The signal centre worked well although they could have had a few more messages to deal with.

In the games field the Platoon have learnt tennis and squash. In the tennis fraternity there are some good potential players, and on the squash side there are Sgt. Gunn and one or two others who show promise—we hope in our next notes we will have a cartoon of the "Platoon playing tennis!" Cpl. Kelly and L/Cpl. Cronin will be off to Hythe next month and we wish them the best of luck. We also congratulate Cpl. Kelly on his engagement to be married.

We say good-bye to L/Cpl. Doidge, Ptes. Gully, Winstanley, Pratt and Brown who leave us this month and we wish them the best for the future.

#### CORPS OF DRUMS

One of the important events during the last quarter came at the beginning of the period when, on June 5, 1959, the Battalion Trooped the Colour. A great deal of practice and hard work had been put into the preparation for this parade. We hope, and feel, that all the hard work was justified, as comments after the parade were very favourable. We are glad to record that Cpl. Elston still has two hands. (*Sub-Editor's Note.—Cpl. Elston cut his wrists very badly on the bass drum during rehearsals, but gallantly performed on the big day.*)

Directly after the Troop the Band and Drums went to Yorkshire for a tour. We beat Retreat at the Depot for the people of Halifax, and the salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment. The flutes played the march "The Old Transvaal" for the first time and it seemed to be thoroughly appreciated. From the Depot we went to various towns in Yorkshire: Brighouse, Skipton, Bradford and Hebden Bridge among others. And, of course, we were on parade when the Regiment received the Freedom of the Borough of Spenborough.

On arriving back in Ireland, we were soon hard at it again, preparing for band displays at Portrush. We performed there twice, both times at night under floodlights, and before very large crowds—about 14,000 on the second occasion.

During the last quarter we have been very sorry to say good-bye to Dmrs. Howden and Carr, Cpl. Elston who has left the Drums for a Rifle Company, Dmrs. Thompson and Stonehouse.

We congratulate Dmr. Flaherty on his marriage, and the Drum Major on his moustache.

#### REGIMENTAL BAND

We would like to welcome to the Band three newcomers, namely Bds. Almond (who has joined us from the Boys' Training School at Pontefract), Kendrew and McDonald. We extend our congratulations to Bds. Cherry on his recent promotion to L/Corporal.

The Band have now settled down after a strenuous tour of Yorkshire which lasted for five weeks. Our engagements included a visit to Beverley for the first passing-out parade and "open day" for the Duke's contingent at their temporary Depot. Band concerts held at Leeds, Huddersfield, Halifax, and several other smaller towns were a great success. We concluded our visit by a "Beating Retreat." Throughout the West Riding the Press gave us a tremendous reception.

Once again the eyes of the Band light up with anticipation at the prospect of another sojourn with the Royal Navy. H.M.S. *Adamant* has offered a trip to the U.S.A. in October, and we are hoping that the powers that be will sanction this invitation.

We have played at several engagements, notably at Portrush, at the Army Day, and at The Lord Mayor's Show at Belfast and, judging by the flattering remarks, our efforts were appreciated.

To close our notes, we would like to wish Bds. Sutcliffe and Galvin the best of luck in civvy life and to thank them for their contribution to the Band.

#### UNIT PAY OFFICE

The departure of S/Sgt. Roger is the main news. He is going to Devizes to instruct future unit pay clerks. We all wish him the best of good fortune.

S/Sgt. Hathway, from R.P.O. Stockbridge, has arrived as replacement. He will be the first to see our new offices(s) as he is going on the advance party to Brentwood.

Sgt. Kirk has played cricket for "H.Q." Company and the sergeants; L/Cpl. Hey has played lawn tennis for N.I.D., and also attended the trials held at Aldershot. We hope that he will appear at Wimbledon in some future tournament.

Ptes. Large and Watkins replaced Cpls. Medlycott and Lloyd in June. The cycle goes on; every 18 months or so a completely fresh staff assembles. What is going to happen when N.S. ceases is anyone's guess.

An inspection from Command Paymaster, Western Command, was held in August, and the new District Paymaster has also visited. We said good-bye to Lt.-Colonel Chapman in July and were indeed sorry to see him go.

# Regimental Funds

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1959

## D.W.R. REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION—GENERAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Printing, Stationery and Postages .. .. .	57	10 3	Subscriptions .. .. .	100	7 0
Wreaths .. .. .	17	6 0	Interest on Investments (Gross) .. .. .	15	0 0
Travelling Expenses .. .. .	56	4 1	Car Insurance Refund .. .. .	6	8 0
Branch Donations and Expenses .. .. .	13	17 5	Excess of Expenditure over Income .. .. .	112	17 1
Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .	49	6 4			
Re-Union Dinner Excess of Expenditure .. .. .	40	8 0			
	<u>£234</u>	<u>12 1</u>		<u>£234</u>	<u>12 1</u>

## OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION (1ST & 2ND D.W.R.) FUND

			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants to Sundry Individuals .. .. .	225	18 6	Interest from Investments (Gross):		
Pensions .. .. .	249	5 0	2½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	1	5 0
THE IRON DUKE—Subscription .. .. .	20	0 0	3½% War Loan .. .. .	126	9 4
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	118	16 10	3½% Conversion Loan .. .. .	257	13 10
			3% Savings Bonds .. .. .	24	0 0
			4% Consols .. .. .	24	17 0
			3% Defence Bonds .. .. .	9	0 0
			3½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	3	10 0
			4% Funding Stock .. .. .	106	0 0
			5% Defence Bonds .. .. .	11	5 2
			Grant from Regimental Charitable Fund .. .. .	564	0 4
				50	0 0
	<u>£614</u>	<u>0 4</u>		<u>£614</u>	<u>0 4</u>

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants .. .. .	351	7 10	Donations, Subscriptions and Grants:		
Secretary's Honorarium and National Insurance .. .. .	623	7 2	Army Benevolent Fund .. .. .	200	0 0
Cheque Book .. .. .	1	0 0	Transfer from McGuire Bate Fund .. .. .	50	0 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	135	11 2			
			Profit on Sale of Badges and Records .. .. .		18 8
			Interest on Investments:—		
			3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 .. .. .	171	16 0
			3½% Conversion Stock .. .. .	17	10 0
			3% Savings Bonds 1965-75 .. .. .	123	0 0
			3½% Treasury Stock 1977-80 .. .. .	175	0 0
			4% British Transport 1972-77 .. .. .	200	0 0
			4% Defence Bonds .. .. .	40	0 0
			4½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	45	0 0
			6% Nottingham Corp. Redeemable Stock .. .. .	88	1 6
				860	7 6
	<u>£1,111</u>	<u>6 2</u>		<u>£1,111</u>	<u>6 2</u>

## MITCHELL TRUST FUND

			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	78	10 2	Interest on Investments:		
			4½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	45	0 0
			4½% British Electricity .. .. .	33	10 2
				78	10 2
	<u>£78</u>	<u>10 2</u>		<u>£78</u>	<u>10 2</u>

## McGUIRE BATE TRUST FUND

			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants .. .. .	162	10 0	Interest on Investments:		
Transfer to Regimental Association Fund .. .. .	50	0 0	3½% War Stock .. .. .	98	15 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	91	5 0	3½% British Electricity .. .. .	35	0 0
			3½% Treasury Stock .. .. .	35	0 0
			3% Savings Bonds 1965-75 .. .. .	30	0 0
			3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 .. .. .	30	0 0
			3% Metropolitan Water Board .. .. .	30	0 0
			4½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	45	0 0
				303	15 0
	<u>£303</u>	<u>15 0</u>		<u>£303</u>	<u>15 0</u>

BALANCE SHEETS AS AT JUNE 30, 1959

**D.W.R. REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION—GENERAL ACCOUNT**

<i>General Fund</i> as at 30.6.58 .. ..	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income .. ..	733	16	5				<i>Investments at Cost:</i>			
	112	17	1	620	19	4	£500 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 .. ..	503	0	3
				620	19	4	(Market Value 30.6.59, £411)			
				£620	19	4	Cash at Bank .. ..	117	19	1
								£620	19	4

**OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION FUND**

<i>Capital Account</i> as at 30.6.58 .. ..	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Add: Premium on Conversion of Defence Bonds .. ..	11,370	8	10				<i>Investments at Cost:</i>			
	1	0	0	11,371	8	10	£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Loan .. ..	463	10	6
							£3,150 3½% War Stock .. ..	3,117	11	0
<i>Income Account</i> as at 30.6.58 .. ..	2,317	2	10				£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan .. ..	4,107	16	7
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	118	16	10	2,435	19	8	£1,979 0s. 8d. 3½% Conversion Loan .. ..	1,586	0	0
							£2,650 4% Funding Loan .. ..	1,950	1	6
							£621 5s. 4% Consols .. ..	500	0	0
							£300 3% Defence Bonds .. ..	300	0	0
							£100 3½% Defence Bonds .. ..	100	0	0
							£300 3% Savings Bonds 65/75 .. ..	300	0	0
							£500 3% Savings Bonds 60/70 .. ..	469	3	3
							£300 5% Defence Bonds .. ..	300	0	0
							(Market Value 30.6.59, £11,595)			13,194
							Loans .. ..			2
							Cash at Bank .. ..			100
										513
										8
										£13,807
										8
										6

**REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND**

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>Amount of Fund</i> as at June 30, 1958 .. ..	22,851	16	5				<b>ASSETS</b>			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	135	11	2	22,987	7	7	<i>Investments at Cost:</i>			
							£500 3½% Conversion Stock 1961/A .. ..	379	19	9
<i>Mitchell Trust Fund</i> as at June 30, 1958 .. ..	2,035	0	4				£1,000 4% Defence Bonds .. ..	1,000	0	0
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	78	10	2	2,113	10	6	£1,000 4½% Defence Bonds .. ..	1,000	0	0
							£5,726 14s. 4d. 3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 .. ..	5,679	15	3
<i>McGuire Bate Trust Fund</i> as at June 30, 1958 .. ..	8,688	13	5				£4,100 3% Savings Bonds 1965-75 .. ..	4,353	4	11
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	91	5	0	8,779	18	5	£5,000 3½% Treasury Stock 1977-80 .. ..	4,203	1	5
							£5,000 4% Brit. Transport Gtd. Stk. 1972-77 .. ..	4,562	1	0
							£1,500 Nottingham Corp'n 6% Redeem. Stk. 1975-78 .. ..	1,494	18	7
							(Market Value 30.6.59, £19,992)			22,673
							<i>Mitchell Trust Fund:</i>			0
							£1,000 4½% Defence Bonds .. ..	1,000	0	0
							£744 13s. 8d. 4½% Brit. Electricity Gtd. Stk. 1967-69 .. ..	700	0	0
							(Market Value 30.6.59, £1,720)			1,700
							<i>McGuire Bate Trust Fund:</i>			0
							£2,821 12s. 3½% War Stock .. ..	2,560	3	0
							£1,000 3½% Brit. Electricity Stk. 1976-79 .. ..	1,008	8	6
							£1,000 3½% Treasury Stock 1977-80 .. ..	1,017	3	6
							£1,000 3% Savings Bonds 1965-75 .. ..	959	17	9
							£1,000 3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 .. ..	971	9	0
							£1,000 3% Metropolitan Water Board .. ..	877	14	0
							£1,000 4½% Defence Bonds .. ..	1,000	0	0
							£100 Workman Clarke & Co. Ltd. 7% First Mortgage Debenture Stock .. ..	2	0	0
							(Market Value 30.6.59, £6,698)			8,396
							<i>Income Tax Recoverable</i> .. ..			18
							<i>Stock of Badges, etc., at cost</i> .. ..			3
							<i>Cash at Bank:</i>			124
							Mitchell Trust Fund .. ..	413	10	6
							McGuire Bate Trust Fund .. ..	383	2	8
							Regimental Association Fund .. ..	171	19	2
										968
										12
										4
										£33,880
										16
										6

**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
 We have audited the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Associations as above set forth, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet and Accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Associations, and are in accordance with the books and papers produced to us.

**WITHAM, SMITH, MITCHELL & CO.**  
 4 and 6 Harrison Road, Chartered Accountants.  
 Halifax. August 13, 1959.