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Photo: Prettygate Studios, Colchester

**Lt.-Colonel A. B. M. Kavanagh, M.C., Commanding 1st Battalion**

## NEWS and NOTICES

The 1st Battalion is, after all, to have a foot in the Caribbean as they are to maintain a company group in British Honduras. The remainder of the Battalion will be in Barnard Castle by the time these notes appear and will stay there until permanent barracks are available for them in Catterick.

Major Donald Isles is to command the Company in British Honduras.

After a successful term of command Lt.-Colonel Tony Firth has been succeeded as C.O. by Lt.-Colonel Barry Kavanagh, who is the subject of our frontispiece and of the short "profile" below.

We offer congratulations to Lt.-Colonel Tony Firth on the award of the O.B.E., and to R.S.M. Randall on the award of the M.B.E., both in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours. Lt.-Colonel Firth has been selected for a G.S.O.1 appointment with the British Defence Liaison Staff at Ottawa and is due to go to Canada in October.

This year sees the 50th anniversary of the formation of our Regimental Old Comrades' Association in 1912. It is hoped that, to mark this jubilee, there will be an especially large attendance at the annual

reunion dinner in Halifax on September 22, details of which are given on page 123.

No accommodation is now available in Wellesley Barracks but RHQ will do their best to find anyone coming from far off a bed with a local Old Comrade. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer should notify RHQ as soon as possible.

The organisers of the London and Home Counties reunion dinner of the OCA again ran a raffle in aid of THE IRON DUKE and produced £6. 8s. 6d. for our funds. We are spending most of this generous contribution on the page of pictures of the dinner which appears on page 124.

The Regimental team this year reached the semi-final of the Army Golf Cup. An account of the matches is on page 109. Major Derek Roberts is to be congratulated on winning a tankard as runner-up for the individual 36 hole handicap medal.

Congratulations to Pte. F. Brook, 1st Battalion, who won the Young Soldiers Cup (Rifle Brigade Cup) in the Army Rifle Championships at Bisley. Also to W.O.II G. H. Machen who was second in the Queen Mary's Prize (Old Solders) in the T.A. Championships.

*(News and Notes are continued on next page)*

### Lt.-COLONEL A. B. M. KAVANAGH, M.C.

Lt.-Colonel Barry Kavanagh joined the Regiment at Bordon in the summer of 1939 from Sandhurst, thus following in the footsteps of his father Major H. R. Kavanagh, M.B.E., who served for many years with both Battalions. Barry was an all-round games player, notably having boxed heavyweight for the R.M.C.

On the day war was declared he was to be found in the Clyde, with a broom and a bucket of grey paint, in company with several subalterns of the "Dukes" and other regiments, camouflaging the old *Britannic* before sailing to India as part of the first convoy of the war.

He duly arrived in Delhi, where he spent 18 months in the twilight of pre-war India soldiering. He did his long P.T. course at Kasauli, his Y.O.'s course at Poona, and managed to put in enough time around the swimming pool at the Imperial Delhi Gymkhana Club to meet, and defeat, Sheilagh Hogge. They were married at Mickleham, Dorking, on October 21, 1941, on his arrival back in England, and now have one son Richard who gained a mathematical exhibition to Wellington.

He joined the 2/6th "Dukes" in Norfolk where he became Adjutant; on conversion of the 2/6th to armour in 1942 he was made a squadron commander. He returned to his old love, the infantry,

in 1943 and later landed on the Normandy beaches commanding "D" Company 7th D.W.R. He fought his way right through N.W. Europe under the command of the late Major-General Felix Wilsey, who later repeatedly recalled that Barry was the inspiring leader of a wonderful rifle company of young soldiers who would do anything for him. He won an immediate award of the Military Cross at Rosendaal and ended the war as 2IC (later, for a short period as C.O.) of the 7th Battalion at Buren in Westphalia. From here he went to the School of Infantry, B.A.O.R., as Chief Instructor.

Rejoining the 1st Battalion, he sailed for Korea in command of "C" Company and was awarded a bar to his M.C. for his leadership of that company throughout the fighting, but particularly during the Hook Battle when his company was on the "Sausage" feature, flanking the "Hook" itself.

He rejoined the Battalion in Ireland where he ran the training company and will be remembered for his extensive adventure training organization.

After a brief period as Second-in-Command at Warley and Colchester, he went as 2IC to the 3rd Battalion of the Queen's Own Nigerian Regiment and soon found himself commanding this battalion in Nigeria and the Congo. We are just beginning to tap this new era of battle stories!

### THE REGIMENTAL SWEEPSTAKE OR OUR FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION

Our Regimental charitable funds are well endowed, thanks to the generosity of all friends of The Regiment in the past. We are now, as are all fixed-income groups, beginning to feel the pinch of inflation. Our income has remained fixed for the last 10 years. The calls on our funds remain constant. But each £1 is now worth 5s. less than it was 10 years ago.

The Colonel of The Regiment has decided that in order to combat this inflation a Regimental Sweepstake will be run on the St. Leger this year. Tickets will be 1s. each in books of 10.

#### Prizes

First.. ..	£
Second .. ..	100
Third .. ..	50
Fourth .. ..	25
Any runner.. ..	10
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To make a go of this at least 1,000 books must be sold. Regimental Headquarters will send out the books together with details of the draw and the method of sale and return of the books. The distribution will be on as wide a basis as possible. All members of The Regiment, serving and ex-serving are asked to give the scheme their fullest support. Anyone who is prepared to sell tickets should notify R.H.Q. as soon as possible.

Miss Patricia Ozanne had a serious motor accident in March. She was bringing home a domestic fire extinguisher which toppled off the seat of her car and landed on its operating nozzle, blinding her with foam and causing her to run into a telegraph pole. Miss Ozanne's main injury was a complex fracture of the thigh. She is recovering but is still in hospital at the time of writing.

Miss Ozanne says that she undoubtedly owes her life to the fact that she was wearing a safety belt at the time of the accident.

We understand that Major Graham Tedd is returning from Singapore shortly to be Second-in-Command of the 1st Battalion.

#### Change of Address

The address of the secretary of the 6th Battalion OCA is now: Captain H. J. Lawson, 4 Mill Bridge, Skipton, Yorkshire. Telephone: Skipton 2406.

Among those who attended the dinner of the London Branch of the Regimental Association this year was Captain T. C. Dalton, M.B.E. Many readers will remember Tom Dalton in the 2nd Battalion before the war. In 1940, by which time he was R.Q.M.S., he was one of the only five men in the battalion who had served continuously

with it since it embarked for its foreign tour in November 1922.

In 1941 he was commissioned into the Special List of Quartermasters, Indian Army. He finally left India in 1947 and has since been serving as a clerical officer in the Ministry of Defence, being now in the Joint Planning Section. He was appointed M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List this year.

Captain Dalton regained contact with the Regimental Association through meeting in London "Tiny" Smith, another stalwart of the 2nd Battalion H.Q., who was also at the dinner (see page 124).

Brigadier Burnett writes that he has found another old "Duke" in his village of Burley in Hampshire. This is Mr. W. E. Fairbrass who joined the 2nd Battalion at Lichfield in 1908 and in the following year, at Tidworth, became batman to the newly-joined "Boffin" Henniker.

In 1910 Fairbrass was drafted to the 1st Battalion in India and served with them at Ambala, Delhi, Lahore, Sialkote, Rawalpindi and Peshawar. In 1915 he was sent with a contingent of the Regiment to Mesopotamia and was attached to the Northumberland Fusiliers, taking part in the relief of Kut. He was discharged as a corporal in 1920.

Brigadier Burnett writes that Mr. Fairbrass is much liked and respected in Burley and is a fine figure of an old man with a mop of white hair. He lives in a very nice cottage with his wife and on his parlour walls are many photographs of the Regiment. There must be other old comrades who will remember him.

Thanks to the generosity of Major L. Kershaw the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion is now the possessor of a very pleasant little oil painting of an officer of the 76th Regiment.

The sitter is one Ensign George Winterton Hopkins. This officer, who was gazetted to the 76th from the R.M.C. Sandhurst on October 20, 1837, was painted early in 1838 by F. P. Stephanoff (1788-1860) and then proceeded to the West Indies to join his regiment. By the end of March of that year he was dead of yellow fever. His elder brother—the Adjutant of the 76th—died in the same year of the same disease.

#### Brigade Cap Badge, Officers' Pattern

We have been asked to publicise the following order from H.Q. Yorkshire Brigade:

The new pattern officers' cap badge will be taken into use wef. July 1, 1962, by all officers and warrant-officers class I of units of the Brigade, and by all regular officers of the Brigade at staff or E.R.E.

The badge will be worn in all types of military head-dress except the beret.

Badges will be obtained from Messrs. Herbert Johnson, 38 New Bond Street, W.1, at 29s. each (27s. plus 2s. purchase tax—recently increased). After the initial issue the price of the badge is likely to increase to 31s. 5d.

## THE BRIGADE COLONEL

### COLONEL G. S. POWELL, M.C.

The new Brigade Colonel was born in Scarborough. He was commissioned into the 5th Battalion The Green Howards in 1936. In July 1939 he received a regular commission and was posted to the 2nd Battalion in India, serving with them and at the Tactical School, Poona.

In January 1942 he was posted to the Parachute Regiment with which he remained until the end of the war. He served at Arnhem where he gained the Military Cross. In 1945 he went to The Staff College from where in June 1946 he became Brigade Major of 49 Infantry Brigade in Java, moving on to Malaya as G.S.O.2 two years later.

In 1959 he was posted to 1st Battalion The East Yorkshire Regiment in Austria, becoming Adjutant after six months. A tour in the United States as a student at the Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth was followed by a tour as D.A.Q.M.G. at the War Office. In 1953 he went to the Joint Services Staff College. On leaving there he went to the 2nd Battalion The Green Howards in Suez and Cyprus. In November 1955 he returned to the War Office as G.S.O.1 in M.T. 10 receiving the brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel. From there he received command of 7th K.A.R. in Kenya, later redesignated 11th K.A.R. In July 1959 he was promoted Colonel and became Colonel G.S. at the War Office M.T.4 where he remained until appointed Brigade Colonel in April this year.

Colonel Powell is married and has two children, a boy and a girl. Colonel and Mrs. Powell's varied interests include mountaineering, sailing, pictures, polo and hunting.



Portrait by Hay Wrightson, 100 George St., W.1

## REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Recruiting figures for the first quarter of 1962 were:

	Recruits*	Boys	Total	
P.W.O. . .	31 <sup>34</sup>	9 <sup>10</sup>	40	44
G.H. . .	64 <sup>51</sup>	11 <sup>6</sup>	75	57
D.W.R. . .	34 <sup>33</sup>	13 <sup>8</sup>	47	42
Y. & L. . .	42 <sup>23</sup>	13 <sup>10</sup>	55	33

\*Includes boys coming on to man's service.

The long period between the departure of Captain Pell and arrival of Captain Lupton has probably had something to do with this unsatisfactory achievement.

The main event of the quarter was the annual St. George's day parade and service. We started the weekend with a cocktail party in the Officers' Mess during which the Colonel presented Donald and Grace Stewart with a silver candelabrum. The

event provided an element of light comedy when the Mess Steward (kindly loaned with his staff by the Brigade Depot) who is somewhat hard of hearing and had missed what was going on, rushed up to Lt.-Colonel Skelsey in considerable agitation saying he'd seen a lady clasping a bit of silver and it looked as if she intended to go away with it.

The parade and service were held on Sunday, 29th. The West Riding Battalion as usual provided their band and a contingent from "A" Company. The band caused a slight anxiety but arrived, if not quite on time, still not too late to get moving again and arrive at the Parish Church before the service was due to begin.

After the service the Old Comrades who had been on parade—plus quite a number who hadn't been on parade—were entertained in the Prescott Street Drill Hall.

Pte. Fay of Captain Lupton's recruiting staff is a wood carver and is now bringing the old Depot name boards up to date. The boards show the succession of Colonels of the Regiment and Commanding Officers of the 33rd from 1702. Adjutants and R.S.M.s of the 33rd were added from 1811. Commanding Officers and Adjutants of the 76th are shown from 1787. Depot C.O.s are shown, from 1873, and Depot R.S.M.s. In order to forestall the historian who might inform us that the Depot was formed in 1881 and could not have a C.O. before this date the two names shown before 1881 are of the first C.O. of the Halifax Brigade Depot and the last before the Cardwell system linked the 33rd and 76th and a Regular D.W.R. Depot was established.

The boards were the property of the old Depot Sergeants' Mess and were started in 1914 by Lt.-Colonel Thorold and added to subsequently. Photographs in I.D. No. 3 of 1926 show them as they originally were in the old Sergeants' Mess. The boards were moved to the billiard room above the N.A.A.F.I. as they were too big for the new Sergeants' Mess, built in 1939. On the closure of the Depot they were moved to the R.H.Q. Officers' Mess and in due course will be erected in the new R.H.Q. buildings.

Mr. Pickles, the manager of the Queen's Road

branch of Lloyds Bank, recently looked in to say farewell and to introduce his successor, Mr. Hawkyard. Over the years we have had so much help from the managers of our local branch that we are sorry to see them depart when posted elsewhere.

In April the Regimental Secretary presented a rose bowl to the Halifax Club, on behalf of the Regiment, in memory of Rupert Carey. The bowl, most appropriately, is to be the challenge trophy for snooker foursomes—the game Rupert most enjoyed in that club where both he and other members of the Regiment who have served in Halifax have many friends and have enjoyed much hospitality. The Club have since had a special shelf made in the billiard room, where the bowl is now on display.

Finally we would like to record that we have just resolved the problem of what to do about Lt.-Colonel Barry Kavanagh getting two wedding presents and Major Bob Burton none. Colonel Barry was so delighted at getting an extra cigarette box that he was reluctant to part with it and finally decided to buy it rather than allow us to have it back and send it to its rightful owner. The money has enabled us to make good the omission in the case of Major Bob which is of old standing—some 21 years in fact.

## The Yorkshire Brigade Depot

Colonel Powell succeeded Colonel Nixon as Brigade Colonel on April 19, 1962. We welcome the former and wish him and Mrs. Powell a happy and successful reign at Strensall. Colonel Nixon has completed an intensive tycoon's course in The City and is now qualified for the highest posts in Commerce, Industry, Politics or The Arts. He is still considering many handsome offers of employment—while fishing. We wish him success in both; the Brigade as a whole and Strensall in particular owe him and Mrs. Nixon a great deal for their enthusiasm, generosity, and sense of humour, during a critical period in the history of our regiments.

There is little to record of general interest—the rebuilding continues; the daffodils and narcissi have come and gone; we have been visited by the Secretary of State and the Inspector of P.T. and the weather has been quite atrocious.

In April the 33rd flew into Yorkshire on Exercise "Strong Arm." A slight delay in the arrival of their rations did not damp their ardour and they fought their way to Strensall, brushing aside Captain Pell and his saboteurs. The writer, returning late from a dinner party, can bear witness to the vigilance and keenness of their ambushes and patrols. We were as tightly cordoned as the Kasbah in Algiers.

Pass-out parades have been held as follows:

March 8—Paardeterg Platoon (Sgt. Sweeting, P.W.O.); Best Recruit, Pte. Agar (Green Howards).

April 3—Corunna Platoon (Sgt. Turner, P.W.O.);

Best Recruit, Pte. Blood (D.W.R.), of Skipton.

April 12—Dunkirk Platoon (Sgt. Gray, D.W.R.);

Best Recruit, Pte. Nicholson (Green Howards).

May 10—Anzio Platoon (Sgts. Williamson and Humphries); Best Recruit, Pte. Boask (Green Howards).

Shooting has been somewhat restricted as the ranges are being rebuilt—a long job. Platoons have gone to Warcop and Sturdy House (near Catterick) for platoon training.

We held a C.C.F. leadership week run by Captain Callaghan, Y. & L., and a team drawn from the four regular battalions and the Depot.

Ampleforth C.C.F. had a "Field Day." They praised particularly the food in the cookhouse!

A party from the Regiment went over to Halifax for the St. George's Day Service. We did not celebrate St. George's Day here this year as it occurred during the Easter Holiday.

The Juniors' Wing has now built up to about 120 boys. In addition to the band and the drums a rifle platoon is being formed. We got 4th place (out of 22) in the Army Junior Cross-Country at Aldershot, 2nd in the York Youth Basketball League and 4th in the York Youth Soccer League. The Fusilier and Green Jacket Boys have paid us visits and been beaten at each game played. During the winter we enjoyed first aid, art, woodwork and photography. We have now turned our attention to archery, softball, athletics, cricket and swimming.



The War Minister, Mr. John Profumo, talks to Lt.-Col. Le Messurier and R.S.M. Mottram, (P.W.O.)

Gardening and tennis are also very popular. We have also had two boating expeditions on the river with assault boats. Many boys went on camping expeditions during the Easter holiday. Places visited included Skye, Inverness and Eire. Thirty boys took part in The Lyke Wake Walk to Robin Hood's Bay on May 4/5, 1962.

A Parents' Day on April 6 was attended by 98 parents who had lunch and watched parties on the 25 yards range and confidence area.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

On April 5 we dined-out Colonel Nixon and dined-in Colonel Powell. Other guests were Majors Eggleton and Walker from Northern Command, Captain Gwinnutt from York Area and Mr. Peter Walton.

On May 2 we held a luncheon party for recruiting officers from the whole of the Brigade recruiting area and on Saturday, May 5, The Executive Council of The Green Howards Association held an annual general meeting and luncheon in the Mess.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

We had a very enjoyable St. George's Day Dinner at which we had as our guests the Commanding Officer and the Quartermaster. One or two members were just starting to enjoy themselves when down came the shutters. The "Dukes" were in full cry in our scarlet mess dress.

We were glad to see a lot of our friends from Colchester when the Battalion was up here on Exercise "Strong Arm." R.S.M. Randall kept popping into the Training Company Office and, of course, he cast a keen eye over all the "Dukes" to see if any of them play soccer? We have said farewell to "Topper" Brown; as expected Sgt. Pratt did not arrive, in his place we welcome Sgt. Stewart. He was immediately given Somme Platoon and they are now getting the full "Dukes" treatment. They are still in their first week of training, but by the time these notes are published we are expecting to see a very highly trained squad.

We have also said "cheerio" to Sgt. Roebuck. He did not stay with us very long, and in his place we welcome Sgt. Ingham ("Peanut"). He is going to the Boys' Wing, so it won't be long now before we have a lot of little guardsmen marching around.

C.S.M. Ray Batty is now hobbling around with a walking stick; he is suffering with cartilage trouble caused in the officers v. sergeants hockey match. We won't bother to record the score as we lost count of the goals scored by the officers.

We were pleased to see R.S.M. "Tich" Frier up here one weekend. It was good to see him so fit again after his recent illness. We also had a visit from Sid Code; he brought along some rule books and badges, so we hope to find some more members for our O.C.A.



## LES VOLTIGEURS DE QUEBEC

Our allied regiment of the Canadian Militia, Les Voltigeurs de Québec, celebrates this year the centenary of its formation.

The oldest French-speaking regiment in Canada, Les Voltigeurs has roots which go back 40 years earlier than its formation in 1862. In 1812 the threat of an American invasion caused the formation of four battalions of Canadian volunteers. Charles de Salaberry was entrusted with the task of forming one as a corps d'élites from among his French compatriots; he chose his men from among the rangers and partisans of the border country and succeeded so well that in 48 hours his battalion was complete.

This force was named Voltigeurs Canadiens. The title dates back to 1804 when Napoleon I introduced *voltigeurs* into the French Army as a corps d'élites for good soldiers who were not tall enough for the companies of carabiniers and grenadiers. The *voltigeurs* fought normally as skirmishers and at times were required to accompany cavalry. For these occasions they had to learn to vault up to ride pillion behind the cavalymen—hence the name *voltigeurs* or vaulters.

In 1812, at Chateauguay, de Salaberry's *voltigeurs*, numbering 562 men, repulsed a force of 7,000 Americans under General Hampton and saved Canada from the risk of invasion.

When peace was restored in Canada in 1815, the British garrison became responsible for the defence of the country. Later, as the British garrison was gradually recalled to England, companies of Canadian volunteers were again formed. The first company to be incorporated in "Les Voltigeurs de Québec" was formed in June 1856. By 1862 there were four companies and on March 7, 1862, these were organised as a unit under the title of 9th Battalion Volunteer Militia Rifles or Voltigeurs de Québec.

The first C.O. was another Charles de Salaberry, son of the hero of Chateauguay. He gave to the regiment his family's motto: "Force à Superbe, Mercy à Foible"—"Force for the arrogant, mercy for the weak." It derives from the action of an ancestor in the battle of Coutras en Gironde in France in 1587.

Though formed as a French-speaking unit Les Voltigeurs at first included two Scottish companies. In 1867 these were transferred to the 8th Militia Battalion, now the Royal Rifles of Canada. But, meanwhile, in 1865, they provided the successor to de Salaberry as C.O. in the person of Lt.-Colonel D. C. Thompson. Since then Les Voltigeurs have had only one other English-speaking C.O., Lt.-Colonel J. M. Corbett, E.D., 1950-54.

### Active Service

Probably no unit of the Canadian Militia has been called to active service more often than Les Voltigeurs—both at home in Canada and overseas.

At home, three years after the unit was formed, a company was mobilised and despatched to the American frontier during the period of strained

relations between Britain and America resulting from the "Trent episode."

The whole regiment was mobilised during both the Fenian invasions, in 1866 and 1870, and again in 1885, at the time of the North-West Rebellion when it was despatched to the seat of the trouble. The Canadian Pacific Railway was not yet completed and the 1,674-mile journey from Quebec to Winnipeg entailed marches through melting snow with bivouacs on the bare ground. The Regiment was in action throughout the campaign and won great renown for its discipline and good conduct.

Abroad, a contingent of the Regiment was sent to Sandwich and Windsor in 1864 and members of the unit formed part of the Canadian contingent in the Nile Expedition in 1884 and in the South African War of 1899-1902.

At the outbreak of the first World War in 1914 the Regiment mobilised within 48 hours—rivalling the record of de Salaberry in 1812. It was not sent overseas as a unit but more than 500 of its officers and men served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Europe, winning many awards for bravery: 175 officers and men of the Regiment were killed on active service.

After the Armistice, the 9th Militia Battalion was, in 1920, given the official title of "Les Voltigeurs de Québec" by which it had been generally known for 50 years.

At the start of the 1939-45 War detachments of Les Voltigeurs were mobilised in the Internal Security Force. In 1941 the Regiment was activated and became the 24th Reconnaissance Regiment. It proceeded overseas to England in July 1943 but, although it was reported on as the most-efficient and best-trained Canadian regiment to reach England, it was not called into action as a unit but was dispersed as reinforcements to other French Canadian units, serving with them in Sicily and N.W. Europe: 58 members of the Regiment were killed in action and 168 wounded.

A second, reserve, battalion of the Regiment remained in Quebec and it was this battalion which became the cadre for reforming the Regiment after the war. In 1946 the Regiment was reorganised as a motorised infantry regiment in the 20th Armoured Brigade of the Reserve Army.

### Uniform and Badge

The Regiment was originally formed as a rifle regiment and still wears the green rifle uniform with black accoutrements and silver badges and buttons. The regimental badge is the cross of St. Louis—not the Maltese cross—surmounted by the Imperial Crown to denote its allegiance to the British Throne. Between the arms of the cross are four fleurs-de-lis, signifying the French Canadian origin of the unit. In the centre of the cross the numeral 9, for 9th Militia Regiment, has been replaced by the arms of Charles de Salaberry, encircled by the title of the Regiment "Voltigeurs de Québec." Below is the Regiment's motto:

"Force à Superbe, Mercy à Foible."

## 1st BATTALION

It is with mixed feelings that we can now look back on three years with the Strategic Reserve—mixed mainly because we are now non-operational and so we shall, theoretically, no longer be required to move quickly and at short notice to some foreign part. We had become used to wintering in Kenya and we shall miss our many friends there. Without a doubt life in the Strategic Reserve has been fun, and our two “emergency” moves have played a great part in maintaining the spirit and morale of the Battalion.

Now we move to Northern Command, staging at Barnard Castle before finally going to roost in Catterick. But—and this is simply splendid—we do have a Company Group in British Honduras, albeit on an unaccompanied tour of nine months. “B” Company Group, commanded by Major Isles, some 176 all ranks strong, moves off by air on July 30 and will be replaced in April 1963. By that time we must have recruited at least another company’s worth of regulars and this of course is the challenge to be met in Northern Command. We need recruits—and we need a lot of them.

We have carried out many exercises since our last notes. Exercise “Strong Arm” took the Battalion by air up to Strensall via Dishforth, mainly as a test of our air move techniques, but also with the aim of showing the flag in our native county. Exercise “Last Roundup” was one which

finally got the whole Battalion on to Stanford P.T.A. and is fully described elsewhere. Exercise “East Wind 2” saw “B” and “C” Companies out as enemy to 19 Brigade when they practised their B.A.O.R. role; no bad training this acting as enemy, and we had some tremendous battles—both set-piece and unscripted! Moreover, helicopters were in abundant supply and they certainly make for more leisurely soldiering.

The Administrative Inspection—subject of much editorial grumbling in our last issue—went terribly well although the Brigade Major’s assertion that left-handed shots need left-handed respirators still needs to be properly confirmed.

On March 28 we were honoured by having the C.I.G.S.—General Hull—sit down to lunch with us after he had watched “B” Company and other units of the Brigade. (We wonder when a C.I.G.S. last lunched with the Battalion? We were present at the Depot, then 33 P.T.C., in 1947 when Lord Montgomery lunched there, but none here can remember a C.I.G.S. with the Battalion.)

We lost the Rugger Cup again—a great blow this—but prospects are good and we shall win it next year. The Cup would have made a fitting farewell present for Colonel Tony as he did so much to help the XV. Now he goes to Canada and Colonel Barry Kavanagh takes over. We wish them both the very best of luck.

## OFFICERS’ MESS

Perhaps the best way to start these notes is to welcome the new arrivals. Heading the list must come Major (Q.M.) Jack Hobbs from our old friends the Glosters. He has very nobly taken over from Ben Dawson whom we dined out one memorable evening recently and who has left us after 28 years with the Regiment; however, he has promised to visit us once we are settled in the north. Andrew Nickell and Lesley Evans have joined us from Mons; the former is with “C” Company and the latter is bound for British Honduras.

General Sir Richard Hull, the C.I.G.S., lunched with us on March 28, and we had a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment when he came down to run a recruiting conference; we also saw Colonel Bertie Beuttler, John Davis and Ginger Wellesley at the same time. Colonel Powell, our new Brigade Colonel, stayed with us for a couple of days towards the end of May and we hope we shall see a lot of him in the future. Dennis Simonds also paid a call but, unfortunately, owing to exercises a lot of us missed him.

We are all most grateful to Colonel Hugh Le Messurier for presenting a most splendid fly-rod to the Mess as his parting gift. A lot of us are going to

have a great deal of sport with it—always providing, of course, that the fish cooperate.

The high spot of the last few months was undoubtedly the annual Silver Putter contest which produced a most enjoyable and entertaining day out by the sea at Frinton. Charles Bunbury won the putter, much to the reported chagrin of father who for years has striven to do just that. Andrew Nickell, another first-attempt winner, won the Mugs’ Driver, narrowly beating the Colonel and Donald Isles into second place. John Milligan laid on the day, forgetting nothing and even giving us a very much to the point lecture on golfing etiquette. One very welcome visitor at this meeting was General Willy Ozanne who most kindly made the presentations afterwards. *En passant* his name appears on the putter three times.

It was a day full of incident. Chuck set fire to his car, Tony Burnett lost an undisclosed number of balls, Bill Blakey got a crow at the second, and—the gaffe of the day—Robin Newell asked General Willy if he was interested in golf!

We said farewell to many Colchester friends at a party on May 25, which was preceded by Beating Retreat. It was a cold evening though mercifully the

rain held off. The Band and Drums performed with their customary verve and polish, and we soon warmed up after the parade to a greater or lesser degree. We were particularly pleased to see again Brigadier D. W. Jackson, our late Brigade Commander, who with all of our other friends presented every outward sign of having enjoyed the evening.

Ending on a rather less cheerful note, we dined-out Colonel Tony Firth, due soon to leave these shores for Canada. To him and his family go our very best wishes. His tour of command has been anything but easy, but his tact and unfailing (well almost!) sense of humour have never failed to ease the tensions and annoyances which have often beset us. Most have benefited from his willingness to interest himself in our individual problems and have gained, as a result of a sympathetic hearing, his advice and help. He now hands over to Colonel Barry who, we know, will steer us carefully through the difficult days that lie ahead.

#### A New Painting of the Investiture

General Ozanne has recently presented to the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion a large new oil painting of the investiture on board the Royal Yacht *Britania* in 1954.

This is an outstanding improvement on the first painting and the officers are all extremely grateful for this handsome and valuable addition to the all-too-small collection of paintings in the possession of the Mess. The great pains to which General Ozanne went in order to get the detail correct are much appreciated. The artist is Mr. Neil Foster.

#### REGULAR OFFICERS' PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

There is in the 1st Battalion Officers' Mess a large photograph album designed to contain the

photographs of all regular officers of this Regiment.

The photographs of the following are missing:

A. Allsop.  
G. R. Bellamy, L. B. B. Beuttler, K. W. Brown, J. E. V. Butterfield.  
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K. Gregory.  
D. M. Harris, C. I. E. Haslock, R. Huffam.  
R. H. Ince.  
N. Jackson, R. L. J. Jones.  
T. H. A. Kilner.  
G. Laing, J. H. S. Lane, R. W. W. de L. Lane, A. H. P. Laurence, H. S. Le Messurier.  
C. J. MacLaren, J. F. Maffet, C. R. Mason, H. G. P. Miles, P. A. Mitchell.  
J. N. H. Naughton, R. W. Nicholson.  
C. W. B. Orr.  
A. Parr.  
J. M. Reddington, F. W. Reynolds, J. T. Rivett-Carnac.  
A. C. S. Savory, R. Scott-Evans, D. N. Simonds, W. Skelsey, A. P. R. Smith, R. G. Southerst, M. G. L. M. Stacpoole, R. L. Stevens, H. C. M. Stone, D. I. Strangeways, J. L. Streatfield, W. H. Summers.  
C. L. Troop.  
G. F. Upjohn.  
W. A. Waller, A. H. G. Wathen, F. H. V. Wellesley, G. C. H. Wortham.

Would officers concerned please send to the Commanding Officer 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a photo as follows:

- (a) Post card size, roughly—short edge being the base.
- (b) Informal photo preferred, e.g. with dog and stick.

Photographs of the following deceased officers are not in the book:

W. E. Brenchley, W. F. Brown, R. R. H. Gerrard, J. Harrison, B. W. Reynolds, H. P. Skinner, R. E. M. Thackeray.

Would anyone who can produce a suitable photograph of any of these officers please send it to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.

## W.O. and SERGEANTS' MESS

Since the last notes were written the Mess has celebrated Paardeberg Day, attended the Corporals' Club St. George's Ball and held a Regimental Dinner Night.

The Paardeberg Ball, held on March 2, was a great success in spite of our having to restrict the numbers attending in view of the limited accommodation available in the J.R.C. We were very pleased to welcome the "Dukes" In-Pensioners from Chelsea Hospital.

The Corporals' Ball will obviously be covered in their Mess Notes but mention must be made of the "Twist" demonstration by various members. This was a very enjoyable evening, very well organised by C.S.M. France.

On Thursday, May 10, we were extremely pleased to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment accompanied by the Commanding Officer at a Regimental Dinner night. General Exham, in an impromptu after-dinner speech, remarked that this may well have been the first time that a Colonel of the Regiment had been entertained to dinner by the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess.

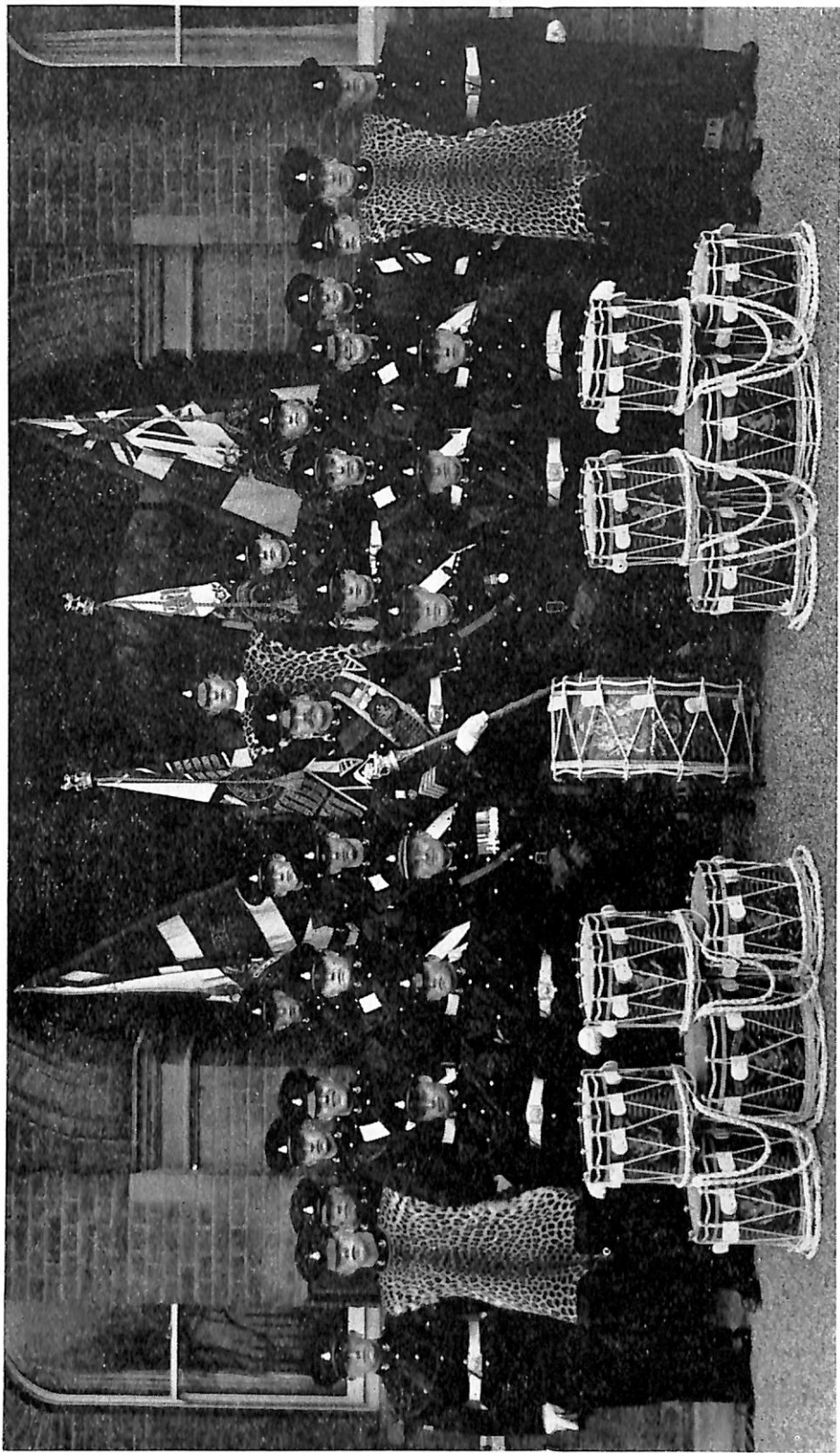
The dinner was attended by some 60 members and their wives and was the final official function at which R.S.M. Randall presided. General Exham summed up the feelings of the Regiment admirably when he said what a great loss the R.S.M. would be to the Regiment. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing him and Mrs. Randall all the good luck and fortune for the future years and of saying that we do hope they will visit the "Dukes" whenever possible.

In the "claims" department this month we have Sgt. "Nobby" Crawshaw with 17 years' unbroken service with the 1st Battalion.

Sgt. Innes arrived from Kenya but expects to be straight off to Aden again.

The Bandmaster holds the record for the shortest frock coat in the Army.

If plans are not upset this is the final comment from East Anglia, which is a pity, as most people have had a jolly good time in Colchester. We should be installed in Barnard Castle before the first fall of snow, which we understand can start as early as September.



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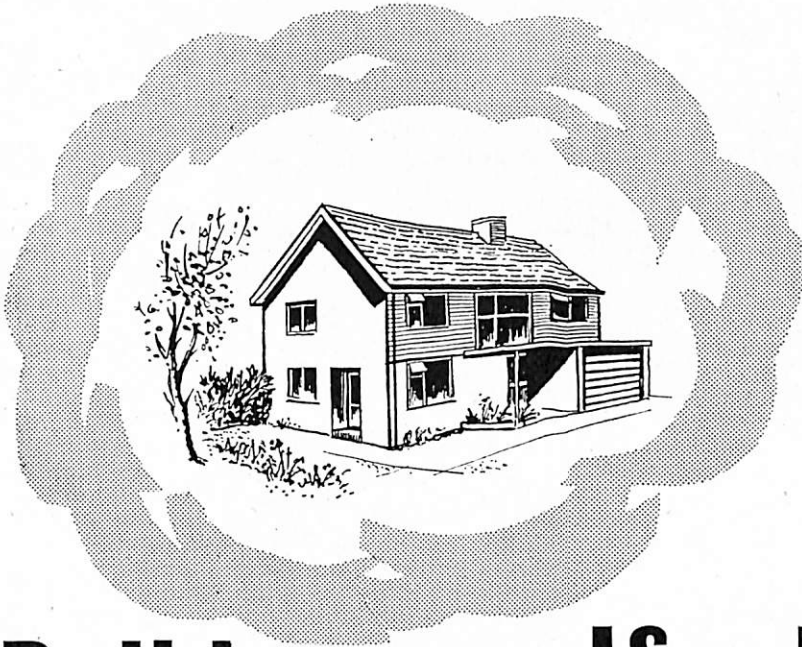
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CENTRE ROW

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## **Sergeant Jack Dodds**

This year, at the age of 51 and after 26 years' service, "Pop" Dodds, one of the most likeable and respected characters in the Battalion, will be leaving the Army and the Regiment which he has served so faithfully and well. "Pop" enlisted in the "Dukes" at the age of 19 in February, 1931, and transferred to the reserve in 1938 at the end of his seven-year period of service, during which he had served with the 1st Battalion at Aldershot, Malta and Bordon.

Along with other reservists "Pop" was recalled at the outbreak of war. He rejoined the 1st Battalion and served with it in France and Belgium, returning to England via the never-to-be-forgotten route of the Dyle-Dunkirk. By 1943 Dodds was a Sergeant with the 1st Battalion in North Africa and he soldiered on with the 1st Battalion until October 1945, all through Pantellaria, Italy, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, and the Lebanon. He was released from the Army in 1946 with the rank of Acting Company Sergeant-Major.

After four years in civilian life he re-enlisted in the Regiment in 1950 and he has since served without a break in the Battalion Pioneers. He was promoted Pioneer Corporal in May 1951 and Pioneer Sergeant in September 1957. It was about this time that he first exercised his right to grow a beard. This period of service has taken him to Germany, Korea, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Ireland and twice to Kenya. Perhaps his greatest service to the Battalion was in Korea when, as Pioneer Corporal, he was responsible for the preparation for burial of the bodies of our fallen. He discharged this responsibility in a most exemplary manner which earned for him the gratitude of all ranks.

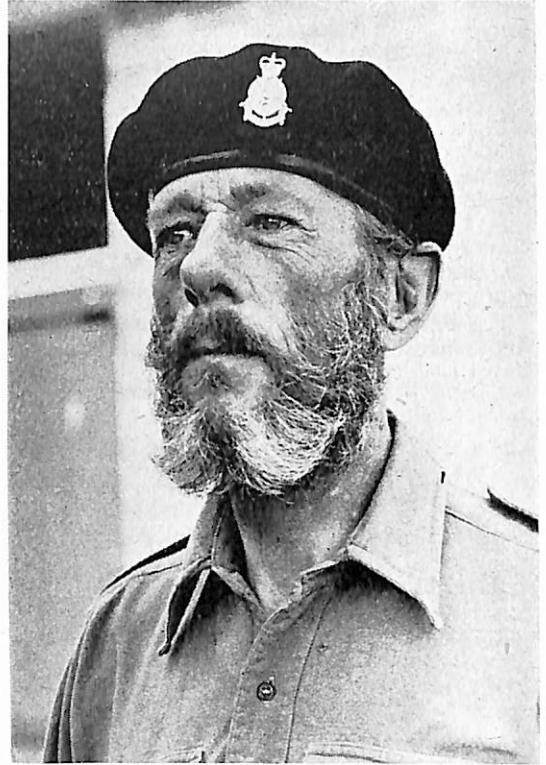


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Twenty-six years is a long time and "Pop" has well earned his retirement. We shall miss him and on behalf of all members of the Regiment we wish him and Mrs. Dodds the very best of luck for the future.

## **CORPORALS' MESS**

The only thing that has happened in the Corporals' Mess since our last notes is the St. George's Day Ball. After a lot of thinking it was decided to have it on May 4, which was a Friday. This caused quite a few long faces among mess members who wanted to go home for the weekend.

When all the preparations had been made and all the invitations sent out the night of the ball came. It was to be held in the dining hall, much to our dismay—or so we thought—but after a great deal of work had been carried out by C.S.M. France, his committee and mess members of "C" Company, this was turned into a splendid dance hall.

Our own regimental dance band, which consists of mainly N.C.O.s, was not on the stage. They had decided that it was about time they enjoyed themselves for a change. In their place was the dance band of the 1st Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment. This was indeed a wonderful band. Their selection of dances was good and included quite a few modern dances, including the Twist.

Not only those doing the Twist enjoyed themselves; those who were watching had a very good laugh too.

The buffet was declared open at 2230 hrs. What a surprise there was in store for us! The buffet was really marvellous. Thanks to Q.S.M.I. Benson and his cooks, who really must have worked very hard to put on such a good meal.

The dancing, drinking and merriment carried on until 0100 hrs., which was the advertised time for us to pack up. However, to everyone's delight, the announcement came over that the dance had been extended until 0200 hrs. This hour passed all too quickly for us, and all wished that it could have lasted longer.

One of our guests was Cpl. Jackson, now in civvy street, and by the looks of him he was certainly enjoying himself. Cpl. Goble is welcomed back into the Mess but, while we welcome him, we must also say cheerio and the best of luck to Cpl. (Georgie) Buglass and Cpl. (Jock) Barnett who have both been posted.

## SHOOTING

Since the last notes were written we have had an influx of results from postal competitions, and also fired in three rifle meetings. In order to get things in the right perspective it is necessary to refer back to the 19 Brigade Rifle Meeting last year, when our team scores were entered for the Army Rifle Association non-central matches.

This was our first venture into this competition, which includes units at home and abroad. The closing date was February 28. In the Queen Victoria (Unit Championship) we came 4th in all and 2nd to the K.R.R.C. in the "At Home" section. The officers' team of Captain Cowell, Lt. Pugh, Major Robertson and Major Wood won the King George Cup. "A" Company won the "At Home" section of the Company and Squadron Shield and were 2nd overall, with "B" Company 6th. Out of 69 entries in the Hopton Cup (Platoon Match) 3 Platoon, "A" Company, were 10th and in the 1st Army Cup (S.M.G.) "B" Company were 14th out of 82 entrants.

Since January all companies have been firing in the 19 Brigade .22 Postal Competition which, because of the number of entries, had to be run in three leagues. The three league winners were: League 1, "A" Company; League 2, "D" Company; League 3, "H.Q." Company. It had been decided that the overall winner should be the team with the highest average; this was "A" Company under Major Sam Robertson, who managed to fire off most of his cards before he left for Huddersfield.

Credit should be given to the "H.Q." Company Team who, although they came 5th overall, were the only team to win every match.

The East Anglian District Rifle Meeting took place much earlier this year and, because of the shortage of ranges, very little practice could be had by company teams. All competitions were based on A.R.A. matches and, except for the S.M.G. team, were confined to companies or minor units.

We were the only unit to enter from the brigade, competing against the M.C.T.C., 3rd East Anglian Regiment and the E.A. Brigade Depot. The main opposition came from our old "friends" at the M.C.T.C. who, repeating last year's form, won the individual championship. They also won the company team match. The best we could do was 3rd place; this was achieved by "A" Company. This spurred us on and we went on to win the Small Arms Championship Cup and the S.M.G. Team match, were 1st and 3rd in the Young Soldiers Team match and 1st in the L.M.G. Team match. The individual successes were led by C/Sgt. Fenn who deservedly won a silver cigarette box as champion S.M.G. shot.

In the Individual Rifle Competition Major Wood was 1st officer, Cpl. Gott 1st corporal and Pte. Holmes and Pte. Brook were 1st and 2nd young soldiers.

### 19 Infantry Brigade Skill at Arms Meeting, March 29/30, 1962

We conclude these notes with the results of the 19 Infantry Brigade Skill at Arms Competition where for the third year running we were champion unit. This was quite an achievement for, this year, every unit in the Brigade entered a team. Perhaps this is the reason why we only won 38 of the 42 trophies compared with 41 out of 43 last year. Most credit should go to Pte. Brook as Champion Shot, Best Corporal/Private and best Young Soldier, also to 1 Platoon, "A" Company, commanded by Mr. Bunbury, who won the March and Shoot Competition against stiff opposition from other units of the Brigade.

It should be noted that, of the 10 platoon teams we entered, eight were in the first 10; in the company event the five we entered took the first five positions.

Results were:

#### Match I Individual

Champion Shot ..	Pte. Brook	"A" Company
Best Officer ..	Major Wood	"A" Company
Best W.O./Sgt. ..	Sgt. Holliday	"A" Company
Rank and File/ Young Soldier..	Pte. Brook	"A" Company

#### Match II S.M.G.

Winning Team:	Major Wood	"A" Company
	C.Q.M.S. Fenn	"B" Company
	Cpl. Gott	"B" Company
	Cpl. Clarke	"B" Company

#### Individual

Best Officer ..	Major Wood	"A" Company
Best Corporal ..	Cpl. Hall	"A" Company
Best Young Soldier	Pte. Horton	"A" Company

#### Match III Pistol

1st ..	Major Wood
2nd ..	S/Sgt. Blackshaw

#### Match IV Platoon Match

1st Platoon	Admin. Platoon, "H.Q." Company: S/Sgt. Blackshaw, Pte. Skinner, Pte. Rawson, Pte. Halliday, Pte. Hayes, L/Cpl. Delaney
2nd Platoon	8 Platoon, "B" Company
3rd Platoon	2 Platoon, "A" Company
4th Platoon	1 Platoon, "A" Company

#### Match V Company Teams

1st ..	"A" Company
2nd ..	"B" Company
3rd ..	"H.Q." Company
4th ..	"C" Company
5th ..	"A" Company, 2nd Team

#### Match VI Falling Plates

"A" Company knocked out in Semi-Final

#### Match VII Night Firing Rifle

Runners-up, 1 D.W.R.

#### Match VIII Night Firing S.M.G.

Winners, 1 D.W.R.

#### Match IX March and Shoot

Winners, 1 Platoon, "A" Company, 1 D.W.R.





**Battalion Rifle Meeting, May 15/16, 1962**

Each company has now a nucleus of trained shots around whom good teams have been built; this year's meeting was very close and keen. The standard throughout was higher than in past years. We were very pleased to see General Ozanne and Colonel Dalrymple. The General kindly presented the prizes and gave a most interesting address. Our two visitors had a private falling plate match which was won by General Ozanne.

**RESULTS***Individual*

- 1 (Champion Shot, winner of the Cox Medal and Champion Officer), Major Wood
  - 2 (Champion Young Soldier and winner of the Ozanne Medal), Pte. Brook, "A" Company
  - 3 (Champion Soldier), L/Cpl. Cliffe, "B" Company
  - 4 (Champion W.O./Sergeant), C/Sgt. Fenn, "B" Company
- Champion Junior N.C.O., Cpl. Gott, "B" Company
- Tyro Officer, 2 Lt. Bailey, "H.Q." Company
- Champion L.M.G. Pair, Pte. Griffiths and Pte. Ormerod, "B" Company

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- Champion Company .. "A" Company
- Company Team Match "A" Company
- Platoon Team Match .. 1, 8 Pl., "B" Company  
2, 1 Pl., "A" Company  
3, 11 Pl., "C" Company
- Company S.M.G. Team  
Match .. .. "A" Company
- Falling Plate .. .. "A" Company "A" Team
- Officers v. Sergeants .. Sergeants

*1st Battalion Company Notes are on p 127*

**BATTALION RIFLE MEETING**

General Ozanne presenting the Inter-Company Shield to C.S.M. Webb 'A' Company

## EXERCISE "LAST ROUNDUP"

Ever since the Battalion arrived in East Anglia efforts have been made to get the whole battalion, for three weeks, on to that great battle area which since 1939 has extended over 20,000 acres of what was once Lord Walsingham's famous shooting estate at Stanford, a few miles north of Thetford.

This was never achieved, mainly because it is quite clear that the training areas of England are for the TA and Cadets, but also because, as events turned out, the men of the 33rd became more familiar in the last two years with the game trials of Archer's Post, the Ingong Hills, the hill called Lion Hill, and the strange country around Ndol Dol.

This year things looked promising. We were allotted the battle area for two whole weeks in April. However, this was "fools' gold." To begin with, Eastern Command ordered all camps to be closed over our period so that they could be got ready for the TA. We could still go, but we would have to bivouac. The period was in any case bisected by what is called "Easter break." In the preceding three days we were allotted a large Hastings "lift" so we decided to use this as a preliminary "fly in" and, because we were flying, we cancelled half the training areas. Then the RAF switched our Hastings allotment to a period two whole weeks earlier, so the exercise stretched and broke in two.

We could not get the training areas reallocated, so

we were now down to one week immediately following Easter—and you know the state of mind and body of soldiers on Easter Tuesday! About this stage in the planning the helicopters began to dominate the scene. We had been told we would have helicopters but not that we should have six of them! These, we were ordered, would be used non-stop or the RAF would get the impression that they were being wasted. Two machines we managed to sub-allot to our friends in 2nd Regiment R.A.

As Friday of our one week was company field firing and half Thursday would have to be used for rehearsal, our tactical training period dwindled to 36 hours from p.m. Tuesday to a.m. Thursday and this period was used to get the whole battalion out in the field. We called this Exercise "Last Round Up."

They fought a rather strange battle because we wanted to use the helicopters to keep moving troops about but the few remaining wireless sets could not reach more than two or three miles. Difficult limitations to match up.

The Second-in-Command was removed by the War Office on the first day which reduced the "umpires and directors" to one.

However great fun was had by all. Bob Huffam, with David Pugh and the men of "A" Company, made a splendid enemy for "B" and "C" Companies. We have learned a great deal of useful "know how" about helicopters. These new "Gnome" whirlwinds are piloted by some very high-grade RAF pilots who handle the "Choppers" like landrovers.

The company field firing on the last day was probably the best value of all and this was well laid on by Major Blakey, Captain Newton and C.S.M. Pennington.

It was so unusual to have the Battalion in Stanford that a certain driver took the rations to Stamford, some three counties away.

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## RUGBY IN THE REGIMENT

By Sgt. Parker

Four finals: once winners, once a narrow defeat by the Royal Signals, thrice runners-up—that's the formidable record of The Duke's 1st XV during the past five seasons. As one who has witnessed every match, I feel that others not so fortunate may wish to know of the highlights during this period.

It was in Ireland that this great era of The Duke's rugby began under the leadership of Major Shuttleworth and it was he who set the pattern of the present style of play. With Major Shuttleworth well supported by his old international partner, Major Hardy, and a fine set of utility forwards The Duke's were in most cases able to dominate the game. In the backs were Saville and Haywood. Who will ever forget Ray Haywood's two fine tries at Oswestry? Or was his Dungannon try even better?

Ireland also saw the arrival of Derek Davies whose name will long be remembered in Ulster rugby. Shortly after his arrival we were further strengthened by those two great players Scroby and Field, who were both to give loyal service to the team before their return to civilian life. Perhaps it was in Ireland that the Dukes gave their finest performance by defeating Ulster 19-5 at Ravenhill. It was after this match that Major Shuttleworth "hung up his boots," a most fitting occasion to end such a fine and distinguished career.

The leadership was then taken over by Captain Gilbert-Smith who had, on paper, the strongest team the regiment has known. The scrum-half position was filled by 2 Lt. Davies and the team was further strengthened by Keegan, Renilson and Curry. We still had the services of that outstanding left wing pair Field and Davies, who were largely responsible for most of the points scored. Under Captain Gilbert-Smith the regiment reached the final on two occasions but were "somehow" beaten, after reaching both finals without having had a point scored against them. I feel sure that all "Dukes" will agree that the greatest achievement throughout this period was the rise of Captain Campbell-Lamerton from the semi-obscurity of the Dukes 2nd XV to international honours.

Two trips to Kenya meant some fast open rugby and a proud unbeaten record. Which other XV, I wonder, has ever provided 13 players for a Combined Services XV? It was here that we saw both Keegan and Renilson at their best, two names that for a long time will be remembered whenever the subject is Duke's Rugby.

Since the retirement of Majors Shuttleworth and Hardy from the game we had been comparatively weak at half-back so far as a pair was concerned although we have had the services of fine individuals. This season the team, skippered by Captain Dasent, have once again had a good pair behind the scrum in 2 Lts. Reid and Newall. Not so strong on paper, and with a very limited reserve

strength, this XV deserves all credit for upholding the high standard of Dukes rugby. Surely their day of glory was their 22-0 defeat of the K.O.S.B.?

What then has been the outstanding spectacle of these past five years? Majors Shuttleworth and Hardy at half-back? Renilson's bursts down the middle? Lt. Marsay's solo try at Chatham? Curry's debut to Army Rugby in Berlin? Lt. Reid at fly-half? Captain Campbell-Lamerton's power in the pack? Captain Gilbert-Smith's anticipation? Derek Davies' mid-air hop? Or what? My choice would be Norman Field forcing his way through the opposing defence before going over. Some names have not been mentioned, for to do so would require more printing space than could be allowed. It would however be only right to mention this year's front row of Major Isles, Pte. Baxter and Lt. Mundell, the best front row we have had. None of them spectacular players but, as the experts say, rugby matches are won "up front."

In conclusion I would like to say that no touch judge could have witnessed more open rugby than I have during the past five seasons, and here's hoping that for a long time to come The Duke's XV will continue to be known for playing the open game.

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Owing to lack of space in our last notes we were unable to describe a very pleasant game we had against The Duke of York's Royal Military School. Brigadier George Laing very kindly asked us down to play the school as part of our preparation for the Army Cup matches; the match also enabled us to benefit from his criticism of our play. The weather was dreadful but it was a most enjoyable game in which the much lighter boys showed up extremely well.

Having thus met the boys we were most pleased to be invited by Brigadier Laing to enter a team in the School's seven-a-side competition held on April 1, 1962. The opposition consisted of a mixture of local service sides, school teams and local clubs. We started against the Royal Sussex and finished—after four matches—by beating Dover R.F.C. by 25 points to 3 in the final. The plot—we believe—was for the School team to meet the "Dukes" in the final, but the School's very promising side was unlucky not to make it. The following played for the Battalion: Captain Dasent, Lt. R. Campbell-Lamerton, 2 Lts. Reid, Pettigrew and Newell, L/Cpl. Croft and Pte. Baxter.

We are now looking forward to next year's "Sevens" at the School and also to our fixture with their full XV; indeed we hope that this fixture will now become a permanent one.

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## THE ARMY GOLF MEETING, 1962

70, 68, 50, 48, 44

The Army Golf Meeting was held this year at the beginning of May at Sandwich. The Individual Championship, with its associated competitions, consisted of one round over Royal St. George's and one over Prince's. The Inter-Regimental was played on the former. This competition is now divided initially into two halves: Infantry and Cavalry compete for the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl and the remainder for the Ordnance Cup; the winners of these two contests play for the Cup proper, which is the golfing equivalent of the Army Rugger Cup. The competition throughout consists of level match play by teams of five, each of whom plays through to the 18th, the total up or down deciding the outcome. As the rules stand, at least two of the five must be still serving, but the dearth of golfers amongst serving officers and the difficulty of raising regimental teams in these days of one regular battalion—which is probably abroad—may lead to the abolition of this rule—provided that further re-organisation of the infantry does not obliterate all the old Regimental names, thus making a nonsense of all inter-regimental competitions.

It had been hoped that we would have six players available from whom to select our team of five: Generals W. M. Ozanne and E. S. Beard, Colonels L. B. B. Beuttler and P. G. L. Cousens and Majors C. F. Grieve and D. C. Roberts. Beuttler, however, had the misfortune to break a bone in his wrist whilst, reputedly, trying out some exotic new grip. And so we were five. For reasons of space I shall refer to the team hereafter by their initials.

The order of play presented a nice problem but previous play had shown that D.C.R., runner-up for the 36 holes' handicap prize, was the form horse, and he was therefore made No 1. C.F.G. automatically came in as No. 2. W.M.O. and E.S.B., both protesting that if they played at all they could only play as No. 5, were placed No. 4 and No. 3 respectively, with P.G.L.C.—very appropriately both in view of his golf and of his present appointment in the blunt end of B.A.O.R.—bringing up the rear.

The first round saw us drawn against our old friends and enemies, the Rifle Brigade—a good golfing regiment at full strength. Gloom descended and was not dissipated by the bland assertion of their team captain, Brigadier Adrian Gore, that they only had a weak team out. Gore, playing beautifully on his home course, took four holes off D.C.R. but C.F.G. replied by taking eight off his man; E.S.B. took two off his; W.M.O. took one off Gore Minor and P.G.L.C., aware that victory had already been gained, lurched his ball into the 18th hole from 4 ft. to scramble an unmerited half.

The afternoon found us with our tails up against the Black Watch and we all of us won our matches. This brought us into the semi-final and it is worth noting that the other three teams in this were all

“new,” i.e., amalgamated regiments—the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), Queen's Own Buffs (Buffs and Q.O. Royal West Kents) and our own adversaries the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Lincolns and Northhamptons) who were last year's winners of the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl.

D.C.R., always a superb match player, beat a scratch man by a hole to give us a good start and C.F.G. was most unlucky to lose by the same margin; E.S.B.'s opponent, however, produced an unbeatable string of figures out in the country, and in difficult conditions of wind and rain, to win by eight holes. W.M.O. took a hole off his opponent to win all three of his matches—a wonderful achievement. P.G.L.C., all square at the turn, also ran into some very-good-quality golf on the way home and finished four down. And that, sadly, was that. We were just not quite good enough.

To complete the story, our conquerors were themselves defeated by the Queen's Own Buffs in an intensely exciting struggle which went to the 19th, i.e. all five matches had to play the extra hole. The Buffs—all credit to them for a wonderful effort—went down by the very narrow margin of five holes to the Gunners in the final of the Cup itself.

Those figures at the start of this account? The ages of the five members of the team, and they give an average age of 56. It is both disappointing and sad that there should apparently be an almost complete absence of golfers of any ability, i.e. handicap of single figures or thereabouts, amongst the younger generation in the Regiment, and by this is meant, as will be seen, anyone below the age of 44 . . .

Too busy, I shall be told, no time for golf in the Modern Army. Or there will be defensive mutterings about the Staff College (Ugh!), Wife and Family (Bah!), Expense (20 “Players” please, waiter), and so on. One word suffices for these and other excuses. There is a challenge here which deserves to be met.

We have been lucky to have had two superb combinations in recent times. That of W.M.O. and E.S.B., a pair *sui generis*; they were C.O.s of the 1st Battalion in succession in other days; now E.S.B. has again taken over from W.M.O., this time as President of the Army Golfing Society. We salute them affectionately and also with respect and admiration for yet another unique achievement.

The second combination is that of C.F.G. and D.C.R., of whom it is enough to say that no matter what the opposition's reputation, one expects both to win and entirely discounts the possibility of both losing. They should be good for many years to come; so, too, should L.B.B.B., provided he can be enticed away from his castle in Spain.

Who, however, will fail to recoil with horror from the prospect of P.G.L.C. in the 1980s, juddering his blasphemous and ever more uncertain way around the course, to miss perhaps—perhaps? ha!

—on that last 18th the ultimate, vital, yard putt which would have made All The Difference? Something must be done whilst there is still time, for the sake of P.G.L.C. if not of the Regiment. Prestwick next year, the chance of the odd round at Troon and Turnberry and with, on a good day, that breath-takingly lovely view across the Firth of Clyde to Arran and Ailsa Craig . . . the mouth waters. What a lot so many people miss in this life without ever knowing what they are missing. And at what other game would any of us have a chance to represent our Regiment at the age of 70—let alone win all our matches.

Lastly, a word of most sincere thanks from the tiddlers (44-50 age bracket) to Brigadier and Mrs. George Laing for their splendid hospitality at The Duke of York's School. It is always pleasant to see round pegs in round holes and if anyone wishes to see a really well-fitting piston—the word is appropriate, though dynamo might be even better—in its own made-to-measure housing, a visit to the Duke of York's School is all that is required. The welcome is guaranteed and to those who may only know of the School by reputation, a visit can be most warmly recommended.

P.G.L.C.

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### INFANTRY

D.W.R.

#### REGULAR ARMY

The following Officer Cadets from The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2nd Lt., 22nd Dec. 1961: Peter Alistair Pettigrew; Charles Napier St. Pierre Bunbury; Hugh de Crespigny Cartwright.

Maj. H. S. Le Messurier to be Lt.-Col., 7th Feb. 1962.

Lt. Charles Wayne Ivey from Short Serv. Commn. to be 2nd Lt., 2nd Feb. 1962, with seniority 26th Oct. 1957. To be Lt., 2nd Feb. 1962, with seniority 22nd June 1959.

Capt. D. H. Wood to be Maj., 4th Dec. 1961, and with precedence in the Army next below E. Bell, R.E.M.E.

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Capt. (Q.M.) B. Dawson relinquishes his commn. on completion of service, 30th Apr. 1962.

2nd Lt. M. C. McCallum to be Lt., 17th May 1962.

#### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

*Class III*

The following relinquish their commns., 1st July 1959: Lt. P. O. Pickett, granted the hon. rank of Lt.; Capt. E. Davies, retaining the rank of Capt.; Capt. (Hon. Maj.) W. D. Breare, re-

taining the hon. rank of Maj.; Capt. C. S. Pankhurst, granted the hon. rank of Capt.; Capt. F. Walton, M.C., granted the hon. rank of Capt.

The following from A.E. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List to be Lt.: Lt. W. M. Plewman, 20th Mar. 1962; Lt. E. M. E. Garner, 4th Apr. 1962; Lt. B. C. T. Faithfull, 1st May 1962.

The following from T.A. Nat. Serv. List to be Lt., 20th Mar. 1962: Lt. P. J. Connolly; Lt. P. M. Howlett.

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Lt. R. C. Everard from Active List to be Lt., 16th May 1962.

#### ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

2nd Lt. J. D. Walker to be Lt., 8th Apr. 1962.

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The following 2nd Lts. to be Lt.: A. C. Jones, 15th Apr. 1962; J. M. Macaskill, 7th May 1962.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lt. and Paymr. A. E. Dye from R.A.P.C. to be Lt., 1st Mar. 1962, with seniority 21st Mar. 1957.

Capt. (Actg. Maj.) B. Farrow, T.D., to be Maj., 25th May 1962, with seniority 1st June 1957.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon Capt. (Hon. Maj.) J. W. Pyrah (now T.A.R.O.).

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) G. M. Holroyde, having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 19th May 1962, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) D. Mellin resigns his commn., 23rd May, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

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Lt. D. C. Roberts (Maj., Res. of Offrs., D.W.R.) resigns his commn., 1st Mar. 1962.

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# THE WEST RIDING BATTALION T.A.

## SUB-EDITORIAL

As was pointed out in the April sub-editorial, the West Riding Battalion is now over a year old. It is indeed beginning to look more and more like an infantry battalion instead of the series of cadres which it became on the cessation of National Service.

Two things may be mentioned which underline this. The first is to hear O.R.Q.M.S. Wood saying to someone who has knocked, rather rashly, on the Orderly Room door: "That's nothing to do with us—go and see them in your company office." The second is the undoubted air of activity and the number of soldiers to be seen at evening muster parades. The latter would indeed gladden the eyes of anybody who served during the "lean years."

The cause of all this is the success of the recruiting campaign held in the first fortnight of March. For some reason many "gimmicks" which had been tried in the past without much success, this time paid a glorious dividend.

Company activities are fully covered, one hopes, in the company notes. One might perhaps mention the cocktail party held at Skipton when it was very pleasant to meet several pre-war and war-time members of the 6th D.W.R.

The Sergeants' Mess Ball was thoroughly enjoyable and made many officers present ask themselves some very penetrating questions about the amount of money it takes to "lay on" the Officers' Ball.

We welcome amongst us as adjutant, Captain Bob Huffam, his presence being a bonus awarded to us for passing the 400 mark in volunteers. The presence of three regular officers at Battalion H.Q. may or may not make life easier for the T.A. officer!

When these notes are published R.S.M. Nichols will have replaced R.S.M. Robins. R.S.M. Robins has made a real impact on the Battalion and it is a pity he will not be with us to see all his good work come to fruition. R.S.M. Nichols is no stranger to some of us as he was P.S.I. to "C" Company 7th D.W.R. and was responsible for officers' drill parades held in preparation for the presentation of new Colours—memories of 0700 hrs. at Wathgill!

Finally, the writer has a note in his diary: "Sam returns." This refers to the return from a course of Sam Robertson. When he gets back he will receive a large bundle of files from myself and Bob Huffam.

And then we all go to camp . . .

## OFFICERS' MESS

This last quarter has been one of the less hectic periods of the Mess. There seems to be little time for social activities in the Mess due to various company social events and a heavy training commitment demanding so much of an officer's time.

It was the end of March before we held our first function in the form of a Saturday evening party. This turned out to be a pleasant evening with plenty of Sgt. Hannan's excellent fare and the mess staff keeping glasses filled at a steady pace!

Audit day in the middle of April enabled sufficient officers to foregather for a luncheon to be laid on. These are not elaborate affairs but a reason for making full use of the mess service and facilities.

The mess meeting held on April 19, was not exceptionally well attended. A comprehensive report was given by Major Heaton, the P.M.C., and all relevant accounts were presented and duly scrutinised. Much time and argument were given to the subject of the Officers' Annual Ball but Colonel Gadd felt that a larger representation of officers, as will be available at Annual Camp, could deal better with the problem.

This was the last mess meeting to be presided over by Major Heaton before handing his duties over to Major Moncrieff, and an expression of thanks for past services was given by the Commanding Officer.

Our main function of the period was a dinner

held in the Mess on April 28. This was attended as guests by Major-General K. G. Exham, Colonel Powell (Yorkshire Brigade Colonel), Colonel Holden (Chairman West Riding T.A.F.A.), Colonel Robinson (Deputy Brigade Commander designate), Lt.-Colonel Hugh Le Messurier, Lt.-Colonel Walter Skelsey and Major John Davis. The dinner was also the occasion of saying "welcome" to Major Sam Robertson (on "loan" for the evening from Warminster) and "farewell" to Captain Mike Campbell-Lamerton. Also dined-in was Lt. Stephen Kaye, our new R.A.P.C. officer. He was wished the usual happiness for his service with the T.A. (and given a load of accounts to be going on with!). The Commanding Officer presented an inscribed tankard to Mike after dinner. Colonel Bentley, the Hon. Colonel of the Battalion, also presented a tankard to the Mess but as it was put into immediate use no official ceremony was performed!

All concerned agreed that it was a wonderful evening and many old acquaintances and friendships were renewed. It was nice to see so many from the Regiment.

On May 25 we dined out Stanley Heaton, late P.M.C. West Riding Battalion, late 21C 5/7th Battalion. We were all very sorry to see the end of Stanley's service and this sadness tinged the other-

wise most enjoyable evening. Our guests were Majors Whitehead and Ellam of the 7th Battalion, Major Jimmy Young of the 7th and 5/7th Battalions and Major John Bearder of the 5th Battalion.

Stanley served in the Surreys during the war, being wounded in the fighting on Monte Casino. After convalescence he joined Press Relations. Joining the 7th Battalion after the war he became mortar officer and subsequently commanded "B" Company. He became training officer of the 5/7th

Battalion after our first amalgamation and Second-in-Command to Colonel Raymond Gadd. His final year's service saw him as P.M.C. to the West Riding Battalion which gave him the opportunity to put in a lot of his thorough and hard work on drawing up schedules of mess silver and property for the new Battalion.

We all wish him the best of happiness in his retirement and hope to see both him and Marjory on many occasions.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

Social events have been our main attractions over the last few months; the chief one was the Sergeants' Mess Ball held in April at St. Paul's Street Drill Hall. This was a great success, thanks to the splendid effort of R.S.M. Robins, C.S.M. Laherty, Sgt. Pilkington and our P.S.I.s. The main dance of the evening was the Twist. Everybody was "doing the twist."

It was very nice to see at the ball our new Honorary Colonel and his wife, Colonel and Mrs. N. T. Bentley, and Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Gadd.

R.S.M. Robins is away on a course in preparation for his return to the 1st Battalion. The Battalion,

however, is in the capable hands of Sgt. "Bob" Chilvers who is doing a great job of work. Sgt. Chilvers will shortly be returning to the 1st Battalion (with tears in his eyes! because we all know how much he liked the easy-going life of a P.S.I. in the T.A.). We would all like to wish Bob all the very best when he does return to the 1st Battalion and thank him for all the hard work he has put in while he has been with us.

Congratulations to Sgt. Taylor and to W.O.2 Hannan on their well-deserved promotion. We welcome Sgt. Taylor into the Mess; of W.O.2 Hannan we know of old.

## COMPANY NOTES

### "H.Q." COMPANY

The highlight of company training during the past months was, without doubt, the recruiting fortnight from March 3-17.

The drill hall was open four nights each week, and everyone worked very hard showing the various displays to our visitors. Sgt. Hannan and his cooks ran a well-patronised hot-dog and coffee stall. The fortnight finished with two performances of a miniature tattoo on Saturday and Sunday March 17/18. In this we were joined by "B" Company, and the Huddersfield detachment of 146 Infantry Workshops R.E.M.E., and Yorkshire District Provost Company.

A lot of hard work was put into the tattoo by everyone. "B" Company carried out a vigorous platoon attack and Sgt. Binns who acted as enemy greatly enjoyed himself throwing thunderflashes around the square.

The M.T. platoon under Sgt. Ewart worked particularly hard. A squad of the platoon gave a polished display of drill, to the amazement of C.S.M. Fitton. Immediately after, four members of the drill squad had to rush off to compete in the vehicle wheel changing competition against the R.E.M.E. and Provost; we won on the Saturday but must try and forget the disasters which overtook us on Sunday.

We also had our M.M.G. demonstration by Sgt. Kenny and his machine-gunners. The tattoo

finished with an excellent "potted" beating of retreat by the Band and Drums.

Everyone was pleased with the fortnight and we recruited 20 men for "H.Q." Company.

Summer training is now continuing apace. The most difficult task is trying to muster "H.Q." Company into one place to do our range classification.

Preparations are also well in hand for camp. C.S.M. Fitton is particularly keen; he has already done a course at Millom and is just waiting to get his hands on us.

### "B" COMPANY

As a result of the concentrated recruiting effort made in March, the Company strength was increased by 12 with others still in the "pipeline."

In April, the company spent a wonderful weekend near Settle, on operation "Cave Man." They enjoyed what is obviously going to be the only day of summer that is likely to be enjoyed this year. All ranks returned with sunburnt arms, and eyes heavy from lack of sleep. Was it a sheep or a section commander that we heard being ill in the dead of night whilst waiting for a night patrol to come back to base?

The company now has four officer cadets, namely O/Cdts. D. Kenyon, Angus Shaw, David Cole and Charles Davidson. It is quite obvious that the future of the W.R. Battalion is in good hands, as



these potential officers train with "Shiney B" with great enthusiasm.

On May 24, Major B. Farrow held an officers' dinner night at the George Hotel, Cleckheaton, to say farewell to Sgt. R. Chilvers (P.S.I.) and to Lt. D. Sugden who leaves the company to become Battalion Signals officer on June 1. An excellent dinner was enjoyed with C.S.M. Laherty acting as P.M.C. Officers' Mess silver was on the table, and the meal was eaten by candlelight, accompanied by a small band. After dinner things got under way; the landlord, waiters and bandsmen were pressed into a "boat race"—and guess who won the officers v. sergeants round?

The very successful evening ended rather late with the company officers and sergeants leaving the hotel to the strains of "The Dukes are coming up the hill."

On May 27/28 a platoon defended Deer Hill and the Huddersfield Town Beauty Queen of 1962 from marauding forces from Mossley in operation "Bodsworth Field." The weather was bitterly cold but the scheme was very lively and realistic and enjoyed by everyone, except perhaps by the two soldiers who were "snatched" from their bivouacs at 3 o'clock in the morning.

### "C" COMPANY

During the pre-camp period, the Company is a hive of activity—every form of exercise, scheme, training device and skill is used, brushed up, worked on—or made viable.

We have been up and down nearly every peak in the Dales on Exercises "Weary Willie," "Cave-man," "Saboteurs Round Up" and "Rat Race."

Initiative; arduous activity; first aid; civil defence; shooting (we must not forget—see "Sam!"); compass and map reading—beer and then more training (and more beer!).

During all this time our strength has trebled from the original ex-382 and old "Dukes" and new "Dukes" have become re-born in the Craven and Airedale County. We have the heaviest company ever seen in the "Dukes" (Mike? Who's he?)—so in any tug-o'-war contests send for "Charlie."

### "D" COMPANY

The Company has worked steadily through the quarter and finished on high note with an exercise in initiative and endurance which caused us to use all our knowledge of infiltration and evasion tactics. Our reward being the "Fair Yorkshire Rose."



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Invading Troops (D Coy) in action during operation "Bodsworth Field"



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**The Yorkshire Rose being carried off in triumph by the invading troops (D Coy).  
The Yorkshire Rose is "Miss Huddersfield Town," Miss Inge Chapman**

While most people were asleep on the night of May 26, the Company was preparing to wrest the Yorkshire Rose from "B" Company entrenched at Deer Hill.

The background of the manoeuvre was that some time ago "D" Company had deserted from the battalion and established themselves in Mossley. The officer in command, Major C. Barnes, had laid claim to the rest of the W. Riding Battalion area, but his efforts to persuade loyal members of the battalion to join the "Mossley Rangers" met with no success as all ranks had declared that they would remain loyal so long as the beloved Yorkshire Rose, the mysterious symbol of the battalion, remained with them.

In an attempt to wrest the Yorkshire Rose from the battalion, Major Barnes and his men set out from Mossley on Saturday afternoon to launch a three-pronged attack on Skipton, Halifax and Deer Hill. The job of these units was to locate and capture the Yorkshire Rose.

Throughout the night the loyal troops, led by Major B. Farrow, who had learned of the operation through interrogating a captured deserter, patrolled the Yorkshire-Lancashire frontier to prevent any infiltration.

The exercise reached a thrilling climax on Sunday morning when it was learned that the

invading troops had been spotted advancing on Deer Hill. Early morning mist had hampered the operation for the loyal troops but, although they got a soaking during the night, their spirits were not dampened.

Despite their fighting spirit, and the encouragement derived from their love and admiration for the Yorkshire Rose, the loyal troops suffered a heavy defeat and the victorious rebels took over Deer Hill.

The story had a delightful ending, for the rebels shouted with joy when they finally saw the Yorkshire Rose, who turned out to be "Miss Huddersfield Town," Miss Inge Chapman, 31 Field Road, Fieldhouse, Holmfirth.

A unanimous decision from the well-camouflaged deserters was that it was all very worth while, especially considering the prize that was gained; and from one of the loyal troops: "Well, it was only an exercise!"

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## BURMA, EIGHTEEN YEARS ON

By Lord Savile

There was no mistaking it . . . the familiar jungle-covered hills, some precipitous, of over 1,000 ft. were sloping almost perpendicular down to the beach on the sea-shore about 20 miles to the east. I was now about 16,000 ft. above, a passenger on one of the new India Focke Friendship aircraft, eating a packed lunch of hot chicken and vegetables with my fingers as no utensils are served on Indian Flights. I was on the first stage of a return to Burma and flying over the Bay of Bengal from Calcutta to Rangoon. We were now over Oyster Island, whose lighthouse I had last seen from Donbaik 19 years ago, and those jungle-clad slopes 20 miles to the east were none other than the Mayu Range of Northern Arakan.

Before long we landed at Mingaladon Airport, Rangoon, a fine airport built by the British after the War and just before handing over to an Independent Burma. Rangoon was very hot and sticky. A large section of the city had been rebuilt and all the bombing and war damage had been made good. The water was, however, dreadfully polluted and the bathwater varied in colour from dark orange to jet black.

I paid a visit to the famous Shwedagon Pagoda at 8 o'clock on a Sunday morning while they were still swilling down so that one could walk a long way without one's bare feet being blistered by the mid-day sun. The Burmese have kept up this famous national shrine quite beautifully and it looks as golden as ever and is painted regularly.

Readers of THE IRON DUKE who knew Rangoon before the War will be sorry to learn that horse racing has just been abolished by the new Government—I suppose Ne Win's new military dictatorship is opposed to any form of gambling. The coup d'état took place only a few days after I had returned to India. The chief recreation for the

British diplomatic and commercial set is sailing at the Rangoon Sailing Club on the Inya Lake.

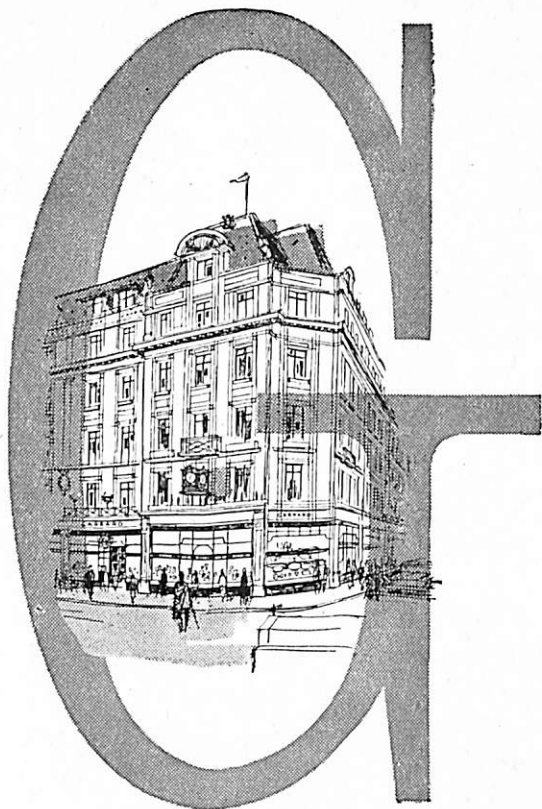
The object of this return to Burma was to make a pilgrimage to the battlefields of Northern Arakan where I had fought in the 1943 and 1944 Campaigns with the 1st Lincolns in General Sir Philip Christison's 15 Corps. This expedition was described in an article published in the *Yorkshire Post* on March 27. Before proceeding to Akyab, however, I made the most sacred pilgrimage of all which was to the British-Indian Imperial War Cemetery at Taukkyan, 20 miles out of Rangoon on the Prome Road.

This Commonwealth Cemetery was dedicated by Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing about four years ago. Like other war cemeteries I have visited in Europe, the place was wonderfully cared for and tended and there is an abundance of bougainvillea, frangipani, and other sweet-smelling flowers and shrubs. The big difference from other theatres of war is that Taukkyan contains just over 6,000 graves with a Roll of Honour on the colonnades of over 27,000 names. In any other theatre of war it would surely be the other way round. Old 2nd Battalion readers will be glad that I found the grave of Colonel Basil Owen whose body, incidentally, was one of the last to be found. I also saw the graves of other "Dukes" officers and other ranks as well as the grave of Charles Hoey, my Company Commander in the Lincolns, who won a posthumous Victoria Cross on February 16, 1944, at Point 315 near the Ngagedauk Pass. There were a lot of Lincoln's graves and it was a deeply moving experience walking around Taukkyan.

I flew to Akyab in a Burmese Dakota and I was allowed into the cockpit whenever I liked. I took advantage of the Captain's kind offer when we were over Ramree Island. It was quite easy to identify



British Imperial War Cemetery, Taukkyan. Lord Savile also sent us a photo of Lt.-Col. Owen's grave, but unfortunately it would not reproduce satisfactorily.



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the mangrove swamps and the harbour at Kyawkpu which 15 Corps captured in January 1945 but which I had never seen before.

As recorded in the *Yorkshire Post* it was most exciting to be in Akyab from the south when it is remembered that all our efforts to get there from the north had dismally failed in those two campaigns.

Old 9th Battalion (146 R.A.C.) readers will be disappointed I was not allowed to visit the Japanese stronghold at Donbaik north of Foul Point. Various conflicting reasons were put forward, both by the Burma Army and the Burma Navy, ranging from a sea landing being impossible, due to too much surf in February, to insurrection trouble by rice smugglers at the southern end of the Mayu Peninsula. Frankly I did not believe either reason

but there it was. So Donbaik remained unconquered to the end either by Lord Wavell in 1943 or by myself in 1962! But the information gathered from the villagers of Aungdaing, at the north-west corner of Akyab overlooking Foul Point, is that the troop of Valentine Tanks are still there lying derelict by the Chaung and that, year by year, various spare parts are carted away by the local population (who have now returned) as souvenirs.

Upon leaving Burma for Chittagong in Eastern Pakistan I prevailed upon the pilot to fly the Dakota over and just east of Donbaik but it was not possible, even so, to see very much.

In any case what a dreadful country to want to see again!

## THE OFFICERS' REGIMENTAL DINNER CLUB

The 60th annual dinner was held at The Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, June 1. The Colonel of the Regiment took the chair. As guests we welcomed His Grace The Duke of Wellington, K.G., The Right Honourable The Earl of Scarborough, K.G., and Colonel C. Nixon, C.B.E., late Colonel of the Yorkshire Brigade.

Although some dozen officers who had intended to come were prevented by duty or illness the number present was again a record and, in addition to the guests, 86 officers, one more than last year, sat down to dinner. At the end of dinner a number of telegrams and messages of goodwill from members unable to be present were read out.

In the speech of the evening the Colonel of the Regiment welcomed our guests. He said that His Grace The Duke of Wellington and Lord Scarborough between them represented the two aspects of our Regimental tradition of which we were most proud: our connection with the Great Duke and our roots in the West Riding. To Colonel Nixon we owed a great debt for the help he had given to the Regiment throughout his time as Brigade Colonel.

The Colonel congratulated General Sir Robert Bray on his K.C.B., the first in the Regiment since General Sir Herbert Belfield, and Brigadier Upjohn on his appointment to be G.O.C. Catterick Area—in which the 1st Battalion would soon be serving.

He particularly welcomed the four war-time company commanders of the 1st Battalion who were present: Majors Faulks, Hindley, Huskisson and Sills (Major Randall was unable to attend). They had been with the 1st Battalion throughout the period when our North African and Italian battle honours were won.

He referred to the change of command of the 1st Battalion, thanking and congratulating Lt. Colonel Tony Firth for his successful leadership during a difficult period and welcoming Lt. Colonel Barry Kavanagh. He noted that both were sons of former officers of the Regiment. The West Riding Battalion, too, was to have a change of command shortly and General Exham also thanked Lt. Colonel Gadd and welcomed his successor, Major Moncrieff.

General Exham then reviewed the events of the past year in the Regiment. Most of what he said is reported elsewhere.

Finally he thanked the hon. secretary of the dinner club for the excellent arrangements he had again made for us and said that anyone inclined to grudge the 10s. levy should note that at the very first dinner of the club in 1891 there was also a levy of 10s. which meant considerably more than now.

On show at the dinner was the silver salver which being presented by the Regiment to *Les Voltigeurs de Québec* to mark their centenary.

### GUESTS:

The Duke of Wellington, K.G.  
The Earl of Scarborough, K.G.  
Colonel C. Nixon, C.B.E.

### OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT WHO WERE PRESENT:

Colonel of The Regiment, Major-General K. G. Exham.  
General Sir Philip Christison, BT.  
Lt.-General Sir Robert Bray.  
Major-Generals R. K. Exham, Ozanne.  
Brigadiers Bunbury, Fraser, Laing, Miles, Orr, Rogers, Webb-Carter, Upjohn.  
Colonels Armitage, Bishop, Cumberlege, Harvey, Hinchcliffe, Turner, Wathen.  
Lt.-Colonels Boutflower, Dalrymple, Firth, Kavanagh, Le Messurier, Peake, Price, Sayers, Skelsey, Stewart, Whittaker.  
Majors Jones-Stamp, Brown, Burton, Butterfield, Cartwright, Davis, Faulks, Grieve, Hall, Hardy, Harms, Hindley, Hoppe, Huskisson, Isles, Kavanagh, Lane, Lepper, Maclaren, Milligan, Moncrieff, Robertson, Savory, Scott, Shuttlesworth, Sills, Streatfeild, Wood.  
Captains Berry, Bolton, Cumberlege, Huxtable, Greenway, Laurence, J. A. d'E. Miller, C. D. Miller, Newton.  
Lts. Andrews, Arnold, Barkshire, Bray, Bunbury, Cartwright, Campbell-Lamerton, Charlesworth, Cumberlege, Ivey, Mesquita, Mundell, Pugh, Pettigrew, Reddington, Reid, Shenton, Summers.

The Ladies Tea was held the same afternoon, also at The Hyde Park Hotel.

### PRESENT:

The Colonel of The Regiment and Mrs. K. G. Exham.  
The Deputy Colonel and Mrs. Webb-Carter.  
Colonel and Mrs. Armitage, Captain Bolton, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Boutflower, Lt.-General Sir Robert and Lady Bray, Major and Mrs. Burton and Miss Burton, Mrs. Cameron, Major and Mrs. Cartwright, Major and Mrs. Davis, Lt.-Colonel Firth, Major and Mrs. Hoppe, Major and Mrs. Huxtable, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Kavanagh, Mrs. Kirkland, Lady Landon, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Le Messurier, Major Maclaren, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Peake, Major-General Ozanne, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Sayers, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Scott, Lt.-Colonel Skelsey, Colonel Turner, Colonel Wathen.

## CORRESPONDENCE

April 30, 1962.

DEAR SIR,

I would be so glad if you would let me say, through the pages of *THE IRON DUKE*, how proud I was on Saturday to receive from the Colonel's hands the beautiful silver candelabrum which the Regiment has given me, and how very highly I value the honour which this wonderful gesture implies.

I am deeply grateful to my brother-officers, and to the Regiment, not only for this most generous gift now, but for the friendliness and kindness, far beyond my deserving, by which my share of the Regimental team-work has always been made so pleasant and easy.

I shall be constantly reminded of the personal happiness I enjoyed during my 12 short years at Halifax; but I shall remember, too, how much I needed and depended upon the tolerance, guidance and assistance of everyone in the Regiment, which have been my constant encouragement and support.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DONALD STEWART.

3 Heath Avenue,  
Halifax.

### The Army Benevolent Fund

April 11, 1962.

*From the Colonel of the Regiment*

DEAR EDITOR,

Below is a message to the *Soldier* magazine from the President of the Army Benevolent Fund which I commend to the notice of all members, past and present.

Since its inception in 1947 the Army Benevolent Fund has made most generous grants to our Regimental Association which have helped greatly in our charitable work among ex-soldiers of the Regiment and their dependants.

We are now urgently examining the best ways in which we can help by increasing the support we ourselves give to our Regimental Association. The schemes we are looking into include a review of current R.A. and O.C.A. subscriptions and an annual Regimental sweepstake. The 1st Battalion are also planning fund-raising activities in Colchester and I hope that the West Riding Battalion will also help in this good work.

More details of these plans and activities will be notified in *THE IRON DUKE* from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

K. G. EXHAM.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is our Regimental heritage and esprit de corps which inspires the tradition of care and help for those who have served, and for their dependants. It is for this purpose that all corps and regiments have their benevolent or aid funds.

The Army Benevolent Fund plays a key role in

this work in the Army. It gives financial support to your Corps or Regiment and to the national organisations such as S.S.A.F.A., Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, Officers' Association, British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, and many other societies and schools which serve the Army's need. Since the last War it has distributed over £4,500,000.

The A.B.F. is organising a permanent drive, in the Army and throughout the country, to raise more money year by year to help further the work.

There are two ways in which you can help. The first and direct way is to support your own Corps or Regimental Benevolent Fund. The second and more indirect method is to co-operate in the activities organised by your Garrison, Brigade, District, Division or Command, and designed to raise money for the General Fund of the Army Benevolent Fund. A strong, vigorous General Fund is to the benefit of all.

I am grateful to the Editor of *Soldier* for this opportunity of telling you something about the A.B.F., whose existence has not, until quite recently, been generally known in the Army and whose work is of such importance to us all, past and present members of Her Majesty's Army.

Inquire about it and tell others about it.

(Signed)

GENERAL SIR JAMES STEELE, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.,  
M.C., LL.D., *President, Army Benevolent Fund.*

April 9, 1962.

DEAR SIR,

It may be that others besides myself are ignorant of the fact contained in this cutting which I read last night in the Magazine of the London City Mission.

I had never thought of the Duke of Wellington as in some way a relation of Charles and John Wesley. Anyway I send you this cutting in case you would care to use it.

Yours faithfully,

B. GODFREY BUXTON,

*Captain.*

(6th Bn., 1914-19)

Woodend,  
Crawley Ridge,  
Camberley, Surrey.

[While still a schoolboy Charles Wesley had to meet a great challenge to his faith. A wealthy relative, a Mr. Garrett Wesley, who owned considerable estates in Ireland, wished to adopt Charles. "Here" says his biographer, "was a golden opportunity to the well-born, but very poor Westminster scholar to fill a role for which his school training had been definitely directed. He could now become a gentleman. . . . But Charles Wesley had not read the story of Moses in vain. He declined the offer." The same authority concludes: "To pursue the result for a moment. Garrett Wesley adopted another relative, Richard Colley, who took his benefactor's name and succeeded to his estates while Charles Wesley was still at Oxford. In process of time, Colley was raised to the peerage as Baron Mornington. His

son became Earl of Mornington. The earl's eldest son was the Marquis Wellesley, the conqueror of India, and this third son, the Duke of Wellington, the victor of Waterloo. Charles Wesley, on the other hand, became the poet of the Evangelical Revival, with a sway in the religious world still greater than that of his illustrious relatives in the political. What an issue to hang on a schoolboy's choice!"]

May 16, 1962.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to the notes on rugger in the April issue of THE IRON DUKE I am sure that most serving members of The Duke's will be interested in the following.

Ex-Pte. Renilson, who played so well with both the Regimental and Army teams whilst serving, is now a tower of strength in the Halifax Rugby League side.

At a function held on Thursday, May 3, 1962, he was presented with the "Player of the Season Trophy" awarded to him by the Halifax Junior Rugby League Supporters Club. He was close to winning the Senior Club's trophy as well.

Considering that he played here for only half the season this was a great achievement. He is certainly an asset to our team and a favourite with all.

Finally I should like to say that we hope to see him at our O.C.A. meetings in the future.

I am, Sir,

Yours,  
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Charlie Renilson (right) being presented with the Junior Supporters' Club trophy.  
With him are (left to right) I. Walker (Secretary) and B. Wade (President) of the club.

## Obituary

We deeply regret to record the following deaths:

### Lt.-Colonel C. R. G. Acworth

Lt.-Colonel C. R. Greville Acworth, late D.W.R., died in hospital on April 30, aged 54 years.

Greville was the son of the late Colonel L. R. Acworth, C.B.E., who joined the 1st Battalion in 1892 and served with it during the South African War; he later transferred to the Army Ordnance Department. Greville was intended to follow his father into the Regiment but after a serious ear injury sustained while playing rugby at Sandhurst he resigned on medical advice and went out to Southern Rhodesia where he served for several years in the British South Africa Police. A period as Elephant Control Officer for the Portuguese Government was followed by ranch management. This he gave up on the outbreak of war in 1939 to return to the U.K. and join the Regiment.

From the 1st Battalion he passed, via the Junior Staff School at Oxford and P.S.C., to be Staff Captain in the Faroe Islands (and one of the very few "Dukes" to have taken part in a whale hunt!) returning late in 1942 to go to the War Office where as G.S.O.2 and then S.O.1 he remained until the summer of '44 took him to Normandy. A temporary attachment to the U.S. 9th Army early in '45 was succeeded by Mil. Gov. postings leading to his being Kreis Kommandant of Kempen/Krefeld district and then K.R.O. Essen. From the steel city he went to Bad Salzuflen as A.A. & Q.M.G. Allied Liaison Branch, remaining there till the end of 1950.

Two years of civilian life, in which he found a commercial atmosphere very uncongenial, ended with his rejoining the Regiment in December 1952 and going to G.H.Q., F.A.R.E.L.F. From Singapore he went on to Belgium (for whose people and countryside he had a particular liking) at H.Q., Advance Base. When his service ended at the close of '58 he entered the Home Office, Immigration Branch, by competitive examination, and was posted to the Port of London.

He thoroughly enjoyed his work here, among the ships of every maritime country, and the occasional duty visits it entailed to Holland, France and Belgium, and it was here he worked until his last illness.

He leaves a widow and an adopted son. During the war both Greville and Mrs. Acworth contributed some excellent articles to THE IRON DUKE, including an account of the above-mentioned whale hunt; Mrs. Acworth's illustrations, in particular, were considerably above our normal standard.

We hear from Mrs. Acworth that her husband has left a legacy of £50 to the Regimental Association.

### Lt.-Colonel H. G. Brownlow

Lt.-Colonel H. G. Brownlow died suddenly at his home at Alderton, Suffolk, in September 1961.

Guy Brownlow came to the 5th Battalion in December 1936 as their first and only Sapper adjutant at the time when the unit was being converted. He took on the thankless task of converting some very reluctant infantry into R.E. Searchlights.

He was well chosen for his task and slowly plodded on, working almost 16 hours a day and seven days a week, so that, by the time the Munich Crisis arrived, he had succeeded in turning the Battalion into a comparatively efficient unit for those days. He never lost his temper, he was always ready to help, and he knew his job.

He left us shortly after war was declared and went to France and at the end of the War he was at 21 A.G. H.Q. at Herford. After the War he did a tour of duty as D.C.R.E. in the Middle East and retired from the Army in 1952.

He then took up bird watching and spent nearly all his time pursuing this hobby and was presented with the R.S.P.B. Silver Medal for his work on Havergate Island Sanctuary after the East Coast floods. He was a frequent attendee at the dinners of the 5th Battalion Dinner Club and in 1960 proposed the Toast of "Our Guests." We have lost an old friend who was very fond of the 43rd S/L Battalion R.E. (later R.A.), who was always very welcome among us.

### In-Pensioner F. Bridge

As reported briefly in our last issue, Fred Bridge, ex-"Duke" and In-Pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, died on February 25, aged 70 years.

Fred, as everybody at Chelsea from the Governor downwards knew him, died on his way to post a £2 postal order to the Sheffield Gale Damage Fund. When his kit was checked it was found that he had left himself with 1s. 6d. in cash.

*C/Sgt. Fred Stephenson, writing to the O.C.A. General Secretary, says:*

"Shortly after I was admitted to the Royal Hospital I met up with Fred for the first time. He told me then that he served with the 6th Battalion in France in the 1914-18 war; he was later transferred to the Tank Corps shortly after its foundation. Ever since we first met I always found him to be a very decent and straightforward individual; if at any time he found himself with a few pounds he would send the money along to some charitable organisation and leave himself almost without. He was fond of a game of snooker or billiards and, owing to his speaking with a broad and pronounced Lancashire accent, some of his remarks were very



amusing, particularly to most of the South Countrymen who didn't always understand him. Whenever Fred went along on our various outings he soon became very popular with the people we met. There was never an In-Pensioner here who was more appreciative of his treatment at the Royal Hospital than Fred Bridge and it was a great shock to all of us when we heard the news."

Major R. Wood, late Q.M. 6th Battalion D.W.R., also new Fred Bridge extremely well and his summing up of Fred's character and personality is exactly in line with Mr. Stephenson's and the General Secretary who also had the privilege of knowing Fred endorses all that has been said of him. He was a rough diamond but one of the best and the world is all the poorer for the passing of In-Pensioner Fred Bridge, late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and The Royal Tank Regiment.

#### Mr. J. A. Caldicutt

From Captain Tom Dalton (see page 94) we learn of the death on October 3, 1961, of Mr. J. A. Caldicutt who was Bandmaster of the 2nd Battalion in India from March 1934 until he was commissioned into the Special List of Quartermasters, Indian Army.

Mr. Caldicutt was a great sportsman and represented the Battalion at soccer and hockey. He was very popular in the Battalion and his old friends will be sad to hear of his death from cancer at a comparatively early age.

#### Mr. E. Jackman, B.E.M.

*Brigadier Webb-Carter has sent the following personal tribute.*

On April 4 last there died at Halifax, of a painful disease bravely borne, a man who to me typified all that was best of an almost extinct type—the old Regular soldier. His name was Mr. E. Jackman, better known to the 1st Battalion during the 2nd World War as Cpl. Jackman.

Jackman joined the Regiment on July 7, 1921, exactly a week before I was gazetted, and we joined the 1st Battalion at Tidworth at about the same time. We served together, off and on, with the two regular battalions between the wars, in Ireland, Gibraltar, Turkey, Gosport, India and Malta. When I rejoined the 1st Battalion as Second-in-Command in early 1943, just prior to our embarkation for North Africa, I found Jackman there employed in the Quartermaster's department.

After the Bou Aoukaz battle, where my batman was wounded, I asked Jackman to "take me on!" He said he would give it a try and we were together for the rest of the war. We disembarked from the same landing craft at Pantellaria and at Anzio and together went through the horrors of that latter operation. Perhaps the citation which gained him his award of the B.E.M. sums up his achievements far more accurately than most of such documents:

#### 4604524 PTE. E. JACKMAN

*Pte. Jackman is the oldest soldier of this Battalion. Enlisting on July 7, 1921, he has served continuously ever since. He is the possessor of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Pte. Jackman for the last 10 years has been employed in positions of trust and has shown himself to be an exceedingly loyal and devoted member of the Regiment. His influence, which is considerable, has always been exerted for the good of the Regiment and I feel most strongly that this excellent type of old Regular soldier should receive recognition for his long years of service.*

When I left the Battalion in September 1944 to train and launch into battle an Italian Division, Jackman, loyal as ever, came with me. He was, as well he might be, an object of wonder and admiration to our new allies. When the war ended he was one of the first to be released and to me left without him it seemed that it would have been almost worth while to have averted peace.

To his devoted widow and his three daughters we offer our sympathy and the knowledge that Jackman's fine qualities were and are fully appreciated by all his friends of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment he served so well.

B.W.W-C.

#### Mr. H. A. Mathews, D.C.M.

A notable regimental personality of the pre-1939 era died in April in the person of ex-R.S.M. Harry Mathews, D.C.M.

Mathews joined the Regiment in 1904 and served with it in India for 12 years, being well known as a boxer. He was on duty at the Delhi Durbar and gained the Durbar (1911) medal.

In 1916 he was transferred to The Royal Warwickshire Regiment as a sergeant and served in Mesopotamia, where he won his D.C.M., and at Baku, Tiflis and other places in the Caspian Sea area.

He was transferred back to the "Dukes" in 1919 as C.S.M. and returned to U.K. in the same year. After service with the T.A. at Milnsbridge, and with the 1st Battalion after its return to Gosport, he was promoted R.S.M. and posted to the Depot where he served until his retirement on September 2, 1930.

*Of this period Mr. Code writes:*

"Harry was a great character. He had a fearsome exterior and the loudest voice of any R.S.M. I've ever known. One could hear him half way down Gibbet Street when he came out of the Orderly Room at the Depot and shouted for 'Markers.' He was extremely fair and just but had no time for slackers. His tall smart figure boded ill for anybody found lurking round corners on the scrounge when he did his morning round of the barracks. All and sundry were known as 'Boy' whatever service a chap had in. 'Come here, Boy,' he'd shout when he considered that a soldier crossing the square was not swinging his arms correctly. His bleak eye and withering tongue would strike terror into the hearts of recruits on first acquaintance. But all who

knew him well agreed he was a first-rate soldier."

On leaving the Regiment in 1930 Mathews joined the War Department Constabulary at Woolwich, serving right through the second world war, and retired with the rank of Inspector in 1946.

On retirement from the W.D.C. he worked at the Royal Dockyard, Woolwich, as a clerical officer till his final retirement from Government service (54 years in all) in 1958.

In 1961 he was taken very ill but recovered fully, after 10 weeks in hospital, and returned to his home at Plumstead in South-East London. In April 1962 he was again taken ill and admitted to the War Memorial Hospital at Woolwich where, after three days, despite excellent and devoted care, he died on April 13, at the age of 76.

Harry Mathews married on his return to U.K. in 1919 and he leaves a widow and three sons, all living in S.E. London.

*Mr. Code concludes:* " ' Harry Boy ' was a Life Member of the O.C.A. and always attended the London Dinners. We shall miss him a lot as he represented to us near ' old 'uns ' the last of the old W.O.s we knew and respected so much."

#### Mr. A. Overton

Mr. Arthur (Jerry) Overton died at his home, 13 Burnley Road, King Cross, Halifax, aged 77 years, on May 11, after a long and painful illness.

No. 7721 Pte. A. Overton enlisted on February 15, 1903, and served in India with the 1st Battalion until relegated to the Reserve in April 1907. Mobilised on August 5, 1914, he served with the 2nd Battalion in France and Belgium, later being transferred to a Garrison Battalion of S. Staffs in which he again served in India. After the war he was re-transferred to the "Dukes" and did a tour of duty at the Depot, being finally discharged in August 1921.

After leaving the service Jerry worked for the Corporation Highways Department for many years but hearing of a vacancy at the Depot in 1937 for a General Duty Orderly he applied for and obtained the job but had to give it up in 1940 owing to ill-health.

Jerry was well known to most Halifax ex-"Dukes," "slinging the bat" in low army Hindustani whenever he met one. A familiar figure in the King Cross area, he will be much missed by both service and civilian friends. He leaves a widow.

#### Captain E. A. Routledge

Captain Routledge, who died in Southend General Hospital on March 23, aged 58, was originally a member of the Artists Rifles (T.A.). At the beginning of the war he served with the Rifle Brigade. Commissioned into The "Dukes" in October 1939 he saw service in France with the 2/6th Battalion and was badly wounded. Later he transferred to the 9th Battalion and became adjutant in August 1940.

His wound forced him to leave the infantry and

he was attached to the C.M.P. and was promoted staff major, becoming A.P.M. Gibraltar 1944-45.

On his return to civilian life he resumed his occupation as a senior official at Barclays Bank, Lombard Street, but had to retire prematurely owing to his war disability. He was ill at home for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Challis E. Routledge, of The Cottage, Undercliff Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

#### Mr. E. Sutcliffe

Mr. Ernest Sutcliffe died at his home, 14 Rye Lane, Halifax, on March 17, 1962, after a long illness.

Mr. Sutcliffe joined the 3rd Battalion in February 1919 and served with that Battalion at South Shields, Crosby, and Pembroke Dock. On the arrival of the 2nd Battalion at Pembroke he transferred to it and served in Sheffield, Ireland and Egypt, coming home for discharge in 1926.

He worked for many years with the Halifax Corporation Electricity Department and when this undertaking became the Yorkshire Electricity Board he stayed on with them until his illness eight months ago.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. Regimental representatives at the funeral were Mr. S. E. Code, Mr. Ben Taylor, Mr. T. Naylor and Mr. G. W. Annesley.

#### Captain F. H. Threappleton

Captain Fredrick Hobson Threappleton died at his home in Huddersfield on May 8, 1962, aged 80.

Captain Threappleton was commissioned in 1915 and joined the 5th Battalion serving with it and the 2/4th Battalion in France. He was later appointed O.C. 186 Trench Mortar Battery, 62 Division, serving in that capacity until demobilisation in 1919. During his service he was awarded the Croix de Guerre.

He was a director at John Edward Crowther Ltd., Marsden, until his retirement in 1959. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

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# THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

## JUBILEE YEAR OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

*A meeting of Past and Present Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Regiment was held at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo Road, London, on October 4, 1912, to consider the formation of an Old Comrades' Association in the Regiment.*

*The following were present:—*

*Lt.-General H. E. Belfield, C.B., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment.*

*Colonel C. Conor, late Commanding 1st Battalion.*

*Colonel S. Trench, late Commanding 2nd Battalion.*

*Lt.-Colonel F. A. Hayden, D.S.O., late Commanding 2nd Battalion.*

*Lt.-Colonel J. A. C. Gibbs, Commanding 2nd Battalion.*

*Major K. A. Macleod, Commanding Depot.*

*Captain E. M. Liddell, 1st Battalion.*

*Sgt.-Major H. Dyson, Depot; C/Sgt. D. Looney, Depot; C/Sgt. C. Shepherd, 2nd Battalion*

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**OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.** *It was proposed by Colonel Conor, and seconded by Colonel Trench, that an Old Comrades' Association be formed in the Regiment. Carried Unanimously.*

Thus, 50 years ago, was born the O.C.A. Of those present at the meeting on this important date in our Regimental story Captain E. M. Liddell, now Lt.-Colonel E. M. Liddell, O.B.E. (Rtd.), who lives at Huddersfield, is the only one who is still with us and we hope he will be able to attend the Reunion this year when we celebrate our Jubilee as a corporate body.

So, although we do not proclaim our fifty years of Old Comradeship with the blowing of rams' horn trumpets to draw the attention of all and sundry to this important Regimental event, we are, nevertheless, anxious that all Old Comrades will make a special note of the date and place of the Reunion Dinner this year which is: **Saturday, September 22, in the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax, at 7.30 p.m.** Tickets are 10s. each and obtainable from the General Secretary, O.C.A., at R.H.Q., Wellesley Barracks, Halifax, or from any of our Branch Secretaries.

One of the most important of our association's objects is the fostering of *esprit de corps* and the bringing together of past and present members of the Regiment once a year. We effect this by running a dinner to which we hope all those eligible will turn up.

To mark the jubilee we ask Old Comrades to make a supreme effort this year to bring along with them to the reunion another ex-member of the Regiment who has not so far attended our annual gathering. He will be welcome. If you can bring along a younger "Old Comrade" so much

the better; we can always rely on some 300 sitting down to the dinner and another 200-odd coming in afterwards; these are old and valued supporters of the O.C.A. and the Regiment, turning up year after year; but we are most anxious to see younger chaps there too so if you know of any of the more recently discharged "Dukes" do try and bring them along too.

**Don't Forget The Dinner Date—September 22, 1962.**

## LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH Annual Dinner

The London and Home Counties Branch of the Regimental Association held their annual reunion dinner at the Chevrons Club, London, on May 12. The presiding officer was the Colonel of the Regiment and the chairman was Mr. R. Temple.

It was one of the best attended dinners held. In addition to the Colonel of the Regiment we had present the Deputy Colonel; according to the Secretary this was the first time that the London Branch had had the honour of having the two together at the Branch dinner—not to mention two Major-Generals, Ozanne and R. K. Exham. Remarkable, too, was the attendance of both the present C.O. and R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion,

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Lt.-Colonel Firth and R.S.M. Randall, and the C.O. and R.S.M. designate, Lt.-Colonel Kavanagh and R.S.M. Robins.

The Halifax and Huddersfield Branches also supported us with a strong contingent.

Prior to the dinner, as the lounge bar gradually filled up, the hum of conversation got louder and louder, as old friends met again, possibly after a lapse of a year or two. When all had been persuaded to move from the bar to the dining-room grace was said by the Branch's President, Colonel Armitage.

At the end of dinner, the toast to H.M. The Queen was proposed by the Chairman. Then Major "Jock" Huffam, v.c., was called on to propose the toast to the Regiment. This he did in a short speech, the theme of which was what a jolly good Regiment The Duke's are. General Exham then read out the following message from The Private Secretary to H.M. The Queen. "*The Queen sincerely thanks the members of London and Home Counties Branch, Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association, assembled at their annual reunion dinner this evening for their kind message of loyal greetings which Her Majesty very greatly appreciates.*"

General Exham then spoke. After giving news of the Regiment he stressed its needs for funds to help deserving ex-members or their dependants who had fallen on hard times and, even though living in a Welfare State, still needed a little extra help.

Specimens of the Regimental Christmas card for 1962 were passed round by Brigadier Webb Carter who stated that they will be obtainable at 1s. each from R.H.Q. Halifax. All those who saw the card agreed that it was jolly good.

Secretary Ben Hearsom was then called upon for his report; and he commenced by thanking everyone for turning up in such good numbers to make the dinner a success. He mentioned the loss of three old comrades: Harry Matthews, D.C.M., Arthur Henn and Chelsea Pensioner Fred Bridges, and the fact that several members had been kept away by sickness or disability. Among these were Lt.-Colonel Cox, Major Lennon, Major Pat Downey, Major Bruce Lowe, Messrs. Woods and

Alf Harrison. He also made the point that, much as he liked to see the old familiar faces, it would be very encouraging to see some young fresh faces; there seemed a danger that area recruiting would result in fewer Southerners joining Yorkshire regiments and thus there would be fewer potential members of the London and Home Counties branch of the Association.

During the evening a raffle was held in aid of funds for THE IRON DUKE. After expenses had been met the sum of £6. 8s. 6d. was forwarded to THE IRON DUKE's Business Manager (prizes were won by Mrs. Drewitt and Mr. Temple).

The evening concluded with a spirited rendering by most of the people left of "The Dukes are going up the Hill," and it is hoped that everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Among those present were Major-Generals K. G. Exham, R. K. Exham, Ozanne, Brigadiers Webb-Carter, Fraser, Colonels Armitage, Turner, Lt.-Colonels Dalrymple, Firth, Kavanagh, Skelsey, Majors Huffam, Scott, Captains Bolton, Smith, Dalton, Lyons, R.S.M.s Randall, Robins, C.S.M.s Webb, Kirk, C/Sgts. Sullivan, Dickie, Brayshaw, Chelsea Pensioner Stephenson, Messrs. Temple, Hearsom,\* Code,\* Ambler, Hartwell, Coppack,\* Benson, Guy, Morley and two friends, Robins, Dearnley,\* Shoesmith, Crouch, Webster,\* Church,\* Richardson, Ancill,\* Sykes, Hammond, Myatt,\* Cherry,\* Boon,\* Wadd,\* Stringer,\* McMahon,\* Yaxley,\* Jagger,\* Reed, Carter,\* Kennedy,\* Pells,\* Lambert,\* Samples,\* Kenny, Salville, Burton, Haldanby,\* Jackson, M. A. Boon, Rowlands, Shaw, Drewitt,\* Stukely, McGawan, Gregsby, Garrod. Apologies for non-attendance and best wishes letters were received from Brigadiers Grimby, Orr, Colonel Harvey, Lt.-Colonels Ince, Bill Woods, Pat Woods, Cox, Majors Randall, Lennon, Lowe, Downey, Sills, Captain Barber, Messrs. Woods, Harrison, Fending and J. Downey.

\*Accompanied by their wives

## BRADFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The election of the Branch Committee for the ensuing year was held in March and resulted in a 50 per cent. turn-over of members. Whilst regretting the loss of the several members replaced, and thanking them for their services during the past year of varied activity, we welcome the variation of outlook and new ideas already evident at committee meetings. The most surprised person at the elections was Bill Foster who, having completed a year of yeoman service as a committee member, was hoping to stand down and take things easy for a while but, instead, found himself "rewarded" with the increased responsibility of Chairman of the committee. (Sorry Bill, but there's no rest for the wicked!)

Recently there were indications that we were in danger of becoming too heavily committed to social engagements and it became necessary to reduce our away from home activities in order that the normal life of the branch be maintained. We did, however, enjoy an evening in March with the Sergeants of "A" Company (T.A.) in their Mess at the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax; and another in April at the same venue, as guests of the Halifax Branch. During the latter event our hosts held their Easter draw and kindly selected our Mrs. Wardle to draw the winning tickets—naturally, the first prize came to Bradford!

The Halifax Branch returned our visit by attending our Derby Sweepstake draw on May 20, and we are pleased to record their success in holding several tickets for which the names of horses were drawn.

## AT THE LONDON CLUB DINNER

(See opposite page)

Top left: The Colonel of the Regiment with Mr. Benson.

Top right: The Secretary, Mr. Ben Hearsom, argues the toss with General R. K. Exham. Lt.-Colonel Kavanagh, C.O. 1st Battalion, is neutral.

Centre left: Major Davis, R.H.Q., with In-Pensioner F. Stevenson and Mr. Robins, R.S.M. designate of the 1st Battalion.

Centre right: General R. K. Exham has a more serious discussion with Mr. "Tiny" Smith.

Bottom left: The Secretary greets Brigadier Fraser. In the background can be seen such distinguished characters as your editor (back view), Captain R. H. D. Bolton and General Ozanne.

Bottom right: No names no pack drill—but Mr. R. H. Temple, the Chairman, is on the left.

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St. George's Day Parade, held at Halifax on April 29, was attended by more of our members than last year and it is felt this augurs well for the future, as (with a hastily interpolated "No offence meant") we are largely composed of members who spent most of their Service dodging parades.

We are glad to record, and to welcome, new members: Mr. James Walker, a 1st World War "Duke," and Mr. Eric Sprint, who served with the 2/6th Battalion during the last war—we hope they will find us congenial company.

Finally, our best wishes for a full recovery are extended to "Smudger" Smith who appears to be steadily regaining his health after illness.

### HALIFAX BRANCH

The past three months has seen the branch in a frenzy of social activity. On March 24 a party of 16 members paid a visit to the South Elmsall Branch, where Fred Morley and his branch members gave us a "royal" welcome, and a most entertaining and pleasant evening was the result. Thanks a lot, Fred.

On April 17, 24 members were invited to a Sergeants' Mess ball at St. Paul's Drill Hall, Huddersfield. This turned out to be a magnificent affair, quite up to the standard of pre-war balls, and the buffet arrangements were terrific; in fact one of our members (no name mentioned, but he has been known to answer to "Sax") tried might and main to borrow a *pugaree* and *dhoti*, to enable him to get a further supply of the excellent curry and rice.

The highlight of the season, in so far as our branch was concerned, came on Easter Saturday, April 21, when about 200 members of the various Yorkshire branches foregathered in the Drill Hall at Prescott Street (kindly loaned for the occasion by Major Haws) for a social evening and to witness the Easter draw. This turned out to be quite an evening, with more concentrated "Beer Swilling" than the writer has seen in years; it was wonderful to see the beautiful rhythm of "elbow lifting" as pint after pint disappeared down thirsty throats. The catering on this occasion was in the capable hands of "Sid" Reynolds and his wife who, with some valiant assistance from our ladies section, laid out a buffet that was a sight for sore eyes; if the speed at which the food vanished was any criterion it tasted just as good as it looked. Thank you, good folks. Towards the end of the evening our chairman-cum-compère was inundated with requests from embryo "Sinatras" to give them a chance to win undying fame with their prowess at the "mike." All in all, it was, as I said earlier, quite an evening.

About 38 members of the branch left by coach on Friday evening, May 11, for our annual pilgrimage to London to see how the poor live and to partake of refreshment, both liquid and solid, with Ben Hearsom and his "layabouts." We had first-class accommodation at the Victory Ex-Service Club and everyone voted the trip a success. On the Sunday morning we paid a visit to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to see our In-Pensioners and to have a conducted tour around the hospital buildings. Our guide was a most wonderful old boy

(In-Pensioner Smith) who kept the party in roars of laughter with his humorous patter. In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of everyone making the trip to our coach driver (Jack Watts) and to all members of the London and Home Counties Branch for being such excellent hosts.

Colonel N. T. Bentley, T.D., has kindly consented to be the Honorary President of our Branch; we all take this opportunity of extending to him and to Mrs. Bentley a most hearty welcome to our fold.

## Ist Battalion Company Notes

### "H.Q." COMPANY

O.C. . . . .	..	Major W. Blakey
2IC/P.R.I. . . . .	..	Captain S. A. Berry
C.S.M. . . . .	..	W.O.2 E. P. Pennington
C.Q.M.S. . . . .	..	C/Sgt. C. Sullivan
M.T.O. . . . .	..	Major (Q.M.) E. J. Hobbs, M.B.E.
R.S.O. . . . .	..	Lt. M. R. N. Bray
R.I.O. . . . .	..	Lt. W. R. Mundell
Bandmaster . . . . .	..	W.O.1 B. Bowyer
Drum-Major . . . . .	..	S/Sgt. J. A. Welsh

From the notes which follow, it will be seen that there have been changes. Company H.Q. itself has had quite an upheaval. Major Blakey commands instead of Captain Newton ("B" Company and British Honduras bound), C.S.M. Pennington replaces C.S.M. Todd, who is headed Singapore way, and we have a new C.Q.M.S. in C/Sgt. Sullivan whom many will remember as a stalwart of the M.M.G. platoon some years back. One gets the feeling that everyone is a "new boy" except for Sgt. Dodds, and he could never be that.

Though our feet appear to touch but infrequently, we nevertheless manage to cope, and inexplicably enjoy ourselves into the bargain.

As has always been the case, the company has given a good account of itself competitively, narrowly losing the Brigade minor units basketball championship to "C" Company, The Royal Fusiliers by 37—33. Within the battalion we were tops at hockey and we won our division in the Brigade small-bore competition. Most satisfying, considering the time available for training and the difficulty always experienced in extracting "key men" from their masters.

### M.T. PLATOON

Though exercises have come fast and furious and many thousands of miles run, accidents luckily have been few and far between.

We have had a lot of changes and unfortunately can expect more. Captain Dawson left us for civilian life; his dulcet tones are sadly missed around the M.T. yard. We naturally wish him well in his new life. Leaving us shortly is one who must have a special mention: Sgt. Almond, our R.E.M.E. Sergeant, goes to civilian life after 11 years with the battalion. Very much a "Duke," he will be sorely missed both as a comrade and as a



Photo: Oscar Way

**Pte. L. G. Shaw, who came top of the Signal Cadre, receiving the prize of an engraved beer tankard from the C.O.**

personal friend to many of us. He has been with us so long and in so many different stations that it is difficult to envisage the battalion without him. To him and his family go our very best wishes and we hope that he will return to see us whenever the opportunity presents itself.

New arrivals—Mr. Huffman almost made it back into the fold, but not quite. Our congratulations to him and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

We warmly welcome our new M.T.O., Major E. J. Hobbs, M.B.E., who has come to us from the Gloucestershire Regiment. We hope his stay with us is a pleasant one. Already he has made a name for himself, in an occupation in which there has never been a paucity of experts in the M.T., namely tea drinking.

The R.E.M.E. Section flourishes, due mainly to the sudden increase in the time made available to them to participate in the sporting activity of their choice!

For the moment, our biggest problem—how do we move 64 vehicles to Barnard Castle with only 22 drivers?

### SIGNAL PLATOON

By the time that these notes appear we will have said good-bye to nearly all our National Servicemen. No-one would deny their worth. They have been excellent signallers and good company. We wish them all good luck and hope to meet them again.

However, we look forward to the future and although our numbers are small we have good material and it should be possible to achieve a more advanced state of training, particularly amongst our junior N.C.O.s.

Our first all-regular cadre was run, with only one failure, at the beginning of the year; as a result L/Cpl. Shaw won the Commanding Officer's prize (an engraved beer mug) and together with L/Cpl. Pickles his promotion. Others recently promoted

are Preston and Fern to Lance-Corporal and L/Cpl. Johnson to Corporal. Sgt. Battye has just returned from Hythe with a "B" Grading, good going for one new to signalling, and has taken over from Sgt. Hudson whose long tour with the Signal Platoon has ended. Marriages—Cpl. Turner, Ptes. Orrell and Thornton, and births L/Cpl. Fern; congratulations all round.

Next we train a team for British Honduras and look forward to signalling in Yorkshire if we are not lucky enough to be nominated for the Caribbean.

### THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION

A new section some few months ago, we were rapidly plunged into what could be termed an operational training phase on Salisbury Plain one bleak March morning. We provided backing for the Commanding Officer and his staff who were acting as co-ordinators on a Southern Command Exercise. "A most efficacious section" said the Brigade Major moving on. Hurriedly we checked and, rather pleased, agreed with him, though somehow we never appeared to produce the desired effect for the I.O! Now, quite a few exercises after, we feel even more like what the man said.

The composition of our all-regular section is Cpl. Leaf, L/Cpl. Dooley, and Ptes. Gorst and Soper.

We have mastered all sort of arts since we first came together. We have even (and this is terribly important as all old campaigners will agree) mastered the art of operating lamps pressure, "Dukes'" type, dubious safety; on this score alone we feel worthy of our keep.

The only real failure so far—an inability to produce a state of satiety in the I.O. when feeding on compo.

### THE BAND

We welcome to the band Bdsm. Higgins, Crag, Pickles, and Lazaro, and would like to congratulate



Cpls. Cooper and Dobson and their wives on the birth of daughters. Bds. Waddington we wish all the best for his forthcoming wedding.

We have been busy lately in moving around the barracks and are looking forward to moving to "D" Block—the only one we have not yet lived in.

Everyone on a recent exercise noted the excellence of the Transit Camp at Ogbourne which the band staffed so well. (We hope to give Butlins something to think about.) The Commanding Officer congratulated us and we were all delighted—webbed feet and all. Some of us are having our summer leave there.

The band once again proved themselves capable of manual labour, loading a Hastings aircraft in 1 hour and 15 minutes which, we think, was the best time on the scheme. We now have a new signature tune called "Put me on a chain gang," composed by Sgt.-Major Pennington (with all due respects).

**"A" COMPANY**

O.C.	..	..	..	Major D. H. Wood
2IC	..	..	..	Captain C. D. Miller
C.S.M.	..	..	..	C.S.M. R. Webb
C.Q.M.S.	..	..	..	C.Q.M.S. T. T. Dickie
1 Platoon	..	..	..	2 Lt. Bunbury Sgt. Holliday
Assault Pioneers	..	..	..	C.S.M. Bryan Sgt. Foster
Recce Platoon	..	..	..	Lt. Pugh Sgt. A. E. Smith
Training Platoon	..	..	..	2 Lt. Andrews 2 Lt. Nickell Sgt. Delaney Sgt. Morris
Support Platoon	..	..	..	Lt. W. F. Charlesworth
Mortar Section	..	..	..	Sgt. B. E. Smith
Anti-Tank Section	..	..	..	Sgt. R. Kelly

In the Battalion's April notes it was mentioned that "A" Company had been re-formed to include a rifle platoon, assault pioneers, a recce platoon, a training platoon and a support platoon. In a sentence we had become "The Bastard Company" of the Battalion.

"Bastards" we may be, but our shooters swept the board last week at the Battalion Meeting and 1 Platoon, after a sterling performance, especially by Cpls. Brooks and Wren, won the Battalion March and Shoot.

In some form or guise at least one of our platoons has been on all the battalion exercises, which have been much enjoyed. We only wish there were a few more. The Assault Pioneers have disappeared down to Chatham and are enjoying it so much that they don't want to come back—or so it would appear from the Company Office.

The Training Platoon under the stentorian\* eyes of Sgts. Delaney and Morris have gone from strength to strength and are now digging for dear life in Friday Woods before they go to "B" Company and British Honduras. We shall be

sorry to see them go as they have done us proud and have helped us in all the 19 Brigade minor unit competitions. And, if the running of Ptes. Ward and O'Donnell in the Company three miles is anything to go by, we should do well in the world of athletics.

Our one defeat in the Brigade competitions was in the final of the soccer where we lost to a good "XI" from "B" Company, 1 R.F. At one time it looked as if we would be overwhelmed but the Company "XI," galvanised at half-time by Sgt. Foster, whose enthusiastic organising had done so much to get the Company to the final fought back to reduce the lead from 7-1 to 8-4. The team was: Pte. Schofield; Pte. Hartley, Cpl. Reddy; Cpl. Wren, Ptes. Hirst, Croxall; Ptes. Bacon, Alderson, Bonser, Crowther, L/Cpl. Morris.

Our victory in the .22 Competition is reported elsewhere. In the Rugger, armed with the Regiment's reputation and few players, we bluffed our way into the final without playing. But our opponents here, "H.Q." Battery, 2nd Regiment, R.A., refused to be bluffed and we were left with a week to produce a XV with only seven players in the Company. Thanks mainly to keenness on training evenings and the coaching of Pte. Sabine, we produced a "XV" that won 31-8. The team surpassed itself especially Pte. Hirst in his first game ever and our two Fijians Waquabaca and Ponijasi. The "XV" was: Pte. Archer; Ptes. Dunford, Horton, Waquabaca, Bonser; Lt. Pugh, 2 Lt. Bunbury; L/Cpl. Morris, Sgt. Morris, Ptes. Gilmore, Hirst, Cpl. Wren, Pte. Ponijasi, 2 Lt. Nickell, Lt. Charlesworth.

And so to Yorkshire and recruiting; perhaps the C.S.M.'s motto—"If you can't beat them, join them!"—will get us some recruits.

**"B" COMPANY**

O.C.	..	..	..	Major D. E. Isles
2IC	..	..	..	Captain J. M. Newton
C.S.M.	..	..	..	W.O.2 S. Kirk
C.Q.M.S.	..	..	..	C/Sgt. R. Fenn
5 Platoon	..	..	..	Lt. W. R. Mundell Sgt. F. Towey
6 Platoon	..	..	..	2 Lt. C. L. J. Bailey Sgt. E. Brown
7 Platoon	..	..	..	2 Lt. Sgt. W. Morris
Support Platoon	..	..	..	Lt. C. W. Ivey
Anti-Tank	..	..	..	Sgt. C. Curling
Mortar	..	..	..	Sgt. Broomhead
M.M.G.	..	..	..	Sgt. R. Middleton
M.T.	..	..	..	Sgt. J. Waite
Signals	..	..	..	Sgt. B. Cronin

The last quarter has been, certainly for this company, a period of exercises and company training, all of which has been of great assistance in preparing us for our future role in British Honduras.

We are now reinforced up to 176 strong and once again we have the faithful Vickers back in the form of a section of guns in our Support Platoon. We shall also have the .50 Browning in the rifle platoons and all ranks are to be trained in its use both in the ground and A.A. role.

In order to meet our new role we have had to re-

\*Presumably the Sergeants' looks shout volumes.  
—ED.

organise, and, regrettably, have had to break up the old 7 Platoon to bring 5 and 6 Platoons up to full establishment with experienced soldiers: 7 Platoon is therefore new, with most of its members, except for N.C.O.s and Platoon Headquarters, fresh from Continuation Training. However, our next notes will be written from the New World when we have taken over from "Y" Company of the Royal Hampshire Regiment; we move North to Barnard Castle on June 25, spend most of July on leave, and then fly out in two parties on July 30 and August 15.

We have had some splendid exercises, most of them involving a deal of hard work. We still have a lot to learn about most things but we are definitely improving and, according to the Brigadier, our field firing at Stanford was most professional. The C.I.G.S. too has commented on us favourably when we hurtled over the assault course in a more than somewhat rehearsed form of *normal* training. The platoon wireless operators always "get through" somehow, and the runners keep on running, though not always with the correct message. Most of us can shoot, and a great deal of credit must go to C/Sgt. Fenn, both for the admirable classification results and for our coming second in the Battalion Rifle Meeting. It was in this meeting that C/Sgt. Fenn, Cpl. Gott, L/Cpl. Cliffe and Ptes. Griffiths and Ormerod did so well in getting prizes.

Support Platoon—apart from winning the Inter-Platoon Shoot and coming second in the Marching and Shooting Competition—flourishes as a highly philosophical body of men, always somewhat disdainful of the rifle platoons and with, at times, a

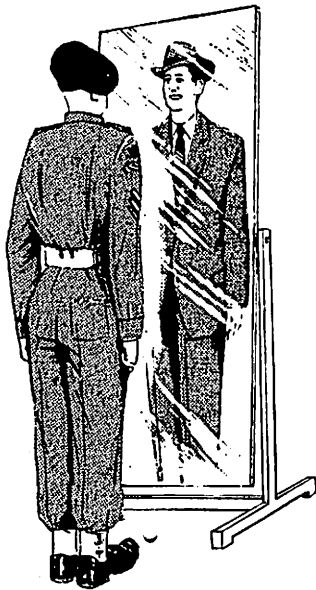
distinct flavour of the old "S" Company. In fact we really must remind them that one O.E.D. definition of "to support" is merely "to assist."

No. 6 Platoon came fourth in the Marching and Shooting, but 5 Platoon came last, despite the fact that they marched two miles further than any other platoon. However, they are to be congratulated for "bashing on" when lesser mortals would have given in, and for getting the second-best shooting score of the competition. Moreover, they marched splendidly in the Brigade Competition a few days later when they came third, beating the teams from 1 R.F., 2nd Regiment R.A. and 1 Q.O.B.

(Promotion in this competitive army is not easy these days; but conversely neither is demotion. Nevertheless, we have one soldier who achieved a formidable double, in that he was promoted one day and came crashing down again the very next. Quite a problem in time and space this.)

After that last aside we must say "welcome" to all the new faces, although the new officers and some of the N.C.O.s did belong to the old Kenya firm, and "good-bye" to those old faithfuls who have to leave us. We shall miss all of them. Promotion congratulations go to Cpls. Merrin, Clarke and Hughes, and L/Cpls. Topliss, Cliffe, Lofthouse, Lodge and Blenkinsop.

Finally, we would like to point out that, over the years, the Order of Battle changes considerably from the O.C. to the last rifleman, but C.S.M. Kirk is always there—we would do well to remember that he is in a large measure responsible for the good name of the company.



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*Above Ex. "Last Round up." 6 Platoon, B Company leaving a Whirlwind Helicopter hovering 20 ft. above ground.*

*Left Ex. "Strong Arm." Chalk "Lucky" 13 prepared to load with Bdsm. Lavan waiting to use the chocs.*

*Right Two members of the 'I' Section trying to look intelligent*

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O.C. . . . .	..	Major R. M. Harms, M.C.
Platoon Commanders:		
Support Platoon . . . .	..	Lt. M. W. Summers
9 Platoon . . . . .	..	2 Lt. P. A. Pettigrew
10 Platoon . . . . .	..	2 Lt. D. R. D. Newell
		2 Lt. L. D. P. P. Evans (Supernumerary)
11 Platoon . . . . .	..	2 Lt. R. F. Stevens
C.S.M. . . . .	..	W.O.2 G. Nicholson
C.Q.M.S. . . . .	..	C/Sgt. A. J. Spring
Platoon Sergeants:		
Support Platoon . . . .	..	Sgt. R. Broomhead
9 Platoon . . . . .	..	Sgt. F. Creighton
10 Platoon . . . . .	..	Sgt. N. Wright
11 Platoon . . . . .	..	Sgt. J. Russell

In the stronghold of National Service, life has been busy. For a time we seemed to be achieving little, but in fact the last few months have been hectic. We moved into Meeanee Barracks early in April and though we had to lose our "detachment spirit" we gained a reduction in "chores" and more comfortable accommodation.

In a few months we have moved on foot, in vehicles, and in aircraft. We have practised every phase of war, patrolled, and done refresher training in all platoon weapons and in field craft. We have field-fired all except our anti-tank weapons. Every soldier has learned to read a map and use a compass, and most have learned to operate a wireless set.

This activity has left little time for sport and adventure training, but we have played some football, and our athletes have been training busily. Mr. Summers and Pte. Sherred have played cricket for the Battalion. Mr. Newell has started canoeing expeditions in the evenings. He has planned a canoeing and marching exercise for 10 Platoon during May 21-27.

Our best training exercise was East Wind II in which we lived non-tactically, were fed like fighting cocks by Cpl. Prestedge, and had great fun as enemy to the rest of 19 Brigade. Two company H.Q.s of the Staffords fell to us and, without the reality of artillery fire against us, we won every battle against an enemy frustrated by having no ammunition with which to hit back.

No. 9 and Support Platoons are providing the infantry element for the R.E. annual demonstration at Chatham. They have worked very hard and found plenty to interest them in the new digging and revetting equipment and materials, the engineer plant, and bridging and rafting equipment. They have actually seen and been in a *tracked* A.P.C!

During the C.I.G.S.'s visit 9 Platoon played the part of casualties for a 19 Field Ambulance demonstration. They were said to have been very realistic!

The Company was well represented in the Battalion team in the District Rifle Meeting. Pte. Holmes shot excellently to win the Young Soldiers' Championship. L/Cpl. Hodgson and Ptes. Guy, Howe, Hey, Worth, Ellis and Kemp have also shot very well, and may be selected to go to Bisley with the Battalion team. They will have plenty of friends there for 50 men of the Company will be there during June 4-30 helping to build the camp and run the various rifle meetings.

Mr. Newell spent May at Shorncliffe, running courses for the A.C.F., and returned fit but leg-weary.

There have been several arrivals and departures. Mr. Evans has arrived from Mons Officer Cadet School, and, for the time being is working with Mr. Newell in 10 Platoon. Mr. James Foyah, who comes from Sierra Leone, is with us for two months and is understudying Robin Stevens in 11 Platoon. Sgt. Stewart was posted to the Brigade Depot. We were very sorry to see him go—we can't really do without him. Fortunately Sgt. Russell had just arrived back in the Battalion and was able to take over as 11 Platoon Sergeant. Cpl. Goble who used to be in the Anti-Tank Platoon returned to the Battalion after two years at Bulford with H.Q. 3 Division. He is now to command a section in 11 Platoon.

**SUPPORT TOPICS**

During this last quarter, the Support elements within the battalion have been engaged on numerous exercises from which we have gained a fair amount of value. Most of these exercises have been covered in Company notes, but we feel we should mention the Mortars' little display in "Last Round-up." During this exercise we were nearly tactical, but did put a fair amount of fire down in support of "B" and "C" Companies during their attack.

Our Mortar Officer was extremely worried over the position of one of the targets, as the beaten zone fell across a tarmac road. He was told to "stand easy" by the range staff, as no one had ever hit the road before! Needless to say, we put a beauty smack in the middle of the road. Had we measured it, it is doubtful whether it could have been more central. The Mortar Sections have certainly left their trade mark on Stanford (and Kenya!).

Cpl. Elsworth of "A" Company is now on his Mortar Course at Netheravon, and will, we all know, leave with a good result. Talking of courses results, we must congratulate Cpl. Clarke ("B" Company) on his "B" grading at Netheravon on the other weapon, a fine achievement for a junior N.C.O.; a great deal of credit must also go to Cpl. Hall who trained him.

While the Mortar Sections have been leaving their scars across the length and breadth of the Empire, the Anti-Tank Sections have once more proved the accuracy of their weapon at Lulworth—in front of the Mortar Officer into the bargain. Fortunately he was not present the next day, when we passed on to the movers and our inaccurate zeroing—owing to bad weather and lack of time—showed up at the longer ranges. However, Pte. Turner ("B" Company) was able to make amends for his premature "stand bys" of the previous day with some excellent shooting.

On all "conventional war" type exercises Companies have been taking their Mobats, where if not completely understood by the uninitiated, the detachments have learned many useful lessons, not the least being (after an overturned gun and a ditched vehicle) that towing vehicle routes must be reced, especially at night! Perhaps L/Cpl. Knutt's successor, Pte. Duke, will be able to help in this respect when he appears from a certain Company Stores!

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