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# A LETTER FROM THE COLONEL

Our most important item of Regimental news is that the 1st Battalion, under command of Lt.-Colonel Barry Kavanagh, have now moved to their permanent station in Bournon Lines, Catterick. This is the first time for many years that a regular battalion of the Regiment has been stationed in Yorkshire and we mean to take full advantage of this to strengthen our ties within the County and with our Territorial and Cadet units in the West Riding.

Our main task, however, will be an all out recruiting drive to place the Regiment on a sound footing for the future. We have made an encouraging start with a record total of recruits for August and I feel sure we can make a success of this drive which is vital to our survival. I ask all members, both past and present, and friends of the Regiment to do everything they can to help us get recruits. We are all sometimes inclined to fall back on the attitude that "recruiting is the next man's job" and this is fatal to success.

I have had very encouraging reports from the Company under Major Isles on detached duty in British Honduras. They are working and training hard and playing a lot of games. Their conditions, at present, are not very pleasant, but a new camp will shortly be ready for them and they have a platoon at a time training in the pine forest area where it is higher and cooler.

The 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Regimental Old Comrades Association in Halifax were a great success and splendidly supported. Some 323 attended the dinner at Prescott Street Drill Hall and a further 120 came in afterwards. This must surely be an all time record and shows how strong are the ties that bind us all together in the Regiment. We are now making plans for the further expansion of the Association and particu-

larly its charitable and fund raising activities.

To take advantage of the recent Trustees Act, and with the approval of the United Services Trustee, the Trustees of the Regimental Association have reviewed the Association's investment policy. As a result we have carried out an extensive programme of reinvestment to provide both for increased income and the prospect of capital appreciation. In this important task the Trustees have received most valuable guidance from Major John Driver, our Honorary Solicitor, and Major Coop, our Honorary Broker. On June 30, 1962, the book value of our various charitable funds stood at £37,358-0-0. This is a substantial sum but the cost of helping those in need continues to rise and we need to increase our income by all means open to us.

Readers will, I know, be delighted to hear that the Right Reverend Eric Treacy, whom so many knew as Vicar of Halifax and who is now Bishop of Pontefract, has accepted the appointment of Honorary Chaplain to the Regiment. The Bishop will preach at the annual Regimental Service in York Minster on All Saints Day, November 1, and I hope many members from Yorkshire will come to hear him and to meet him again after the service when we shall all meet, as usual, at Strensall.

Finally, there are two individuals whom I should like to congratulate on behalf of the Regiment for their achievements. They are Captain Michael Campbell-Lammerton for his fine play with the British Lions in South Africa and Pte. F. Brook who became Champion Young Soldier at Bisley.

With best wishes to you all.

*K. G. Exham*

## NEWS and NOTICES

### REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Recruiting for the second quarter of 1962 improved slightly so far as "The Dukes" are concerned. A comparison of the first six months of 1962 with the total for 1961 is as follows:

	1961 Total	Jan.-June, 1962
PWO .. .. .	150	76
GH .. .. .	120	144
DWR .. .. .	142	76
Y & L .. .. .	78	73

We have hopes that the visit of the 1st Battalion may improve this figure for the next quarter.

The first two towns on the Battalion's tour programme, Halifax and Keighley, have been visited. The most interested class of spectators seemed to be ex-"Dukes" who turned up in large numbers; second possibly were the teenage girls and a good third the small boys. These latter flocked to fire

### Regimental Service

The annual Regimental Service in York Minster will take place this year on Thursday, November 1, at 11 a.m.

The service will be conducted by The Bishop of Pontefract, The Right Reverend E. Treacy, M.B.E., who, as mentioned in The Colonel of the Regiment's letter above, was recently appointed Chaplain to the Regiment

weapons and subjected them to what appeared to be an attempt to test to destruction any moving part. Efforts to remove a breach block as a souvenir were thwarted by the remarkably patient soldiers in charge of the weapon display. Fortunately nothing more lethal than a bayonet and eight drill rounds have disappeared so far.

Mr. Prince, our General Dutyman and Storeman at Regimental Headquarters, has been awarded the TA Efficiency Medal which was presented to him at the annual camp of the West Riding Battalion by the Colonel of the Regiment.

### The Regimental Sweepstake

The following were the prizewinners in the Regimental Sweepstake on the St. Leger:

#### Horse

1st prize	Hethersett	Mrs. P. A. Turner, 66 Storey's Way, Cambridge.
2nd "	Monterrico	Mr. H. Rowe, 165 Halifax Road, Brighouse.
3rd "	Miralgo	Mr. D. Watson, 29 Agecroft Road West, Prestwich, Manchester.
4th "	March Wind	Miss Vera Jones, 11 Dee View Road, Chester.

#### Runners:

Pindaric	Colonel R. G. Turner, 12a Madingley Road, Cambridge.
Silver Cloud	Mrs. F. Jodko, 21b Brathill Caravan Site, Manifold Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe.
Jolly Prince II	Mr. F. Barrett, Springfield Farm, Cross Roads, Keighley.
L'Age D'Or	Mr. L. Garnett, "King's Arms," Keighley.
Idle Hour	Pte. Chadforth (Brigade Depot), 88 Towngate, Wyke.
Spartan General	Mrs. J. Marshall, 1 Sturton Lane, Illingworth.
Mystery	Brigadier F. R. St.P. Bunbury, C.B.E., D.S.O., 16 Lancaster Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.
Pavot	Mr. T. Alderson, Yorkshire Brigade Depot, Strensall.
Antelami	Mrs. D. Ley, 6 Cawsand Battery, Plymouth.
Larkspur	Mrs. D. R. Siddall, Intake House, Rishworth.
Sebring	Major-General W. M. Ozanne, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., "Apple Trees," Barton Mills, Suffolk.

The sum of £266 was raised by the sweep. Mrs. Turner has very kindly donated £10 of her prize money, so the regimental benevolent funds have benefited by a total of £276.

### RMC Kingston Museum

Brigadier A. C. Tyler, C.B.E., M.C., of the British Defence Liaison Staff, Ottawa, wrote earlier this year to all regiments who had served in Canada asking them to provide some regimental exhibit for the museum of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario.

The 76th Regiment was in Canada on four occasions between 1814 and 1891. It has been decided to send the following items:

A copy of the well-known photograph of the unit (by then the 2nd Battalion DWR) in winter clothing in Halifax circa 1889. The group of

officers in the foreground of this picture was a composite made up from individual portraits. A copy of one of these individual portraits, that of Major Wrench, is also being sent as this shows more clearly the details of the picturesque winter uniform.

Two regimental buttons, one of the 76th Regiment and one of the 2nd Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

A short historical record of the unit's service in Canada.

These items are to be presented in person by Lt.-Colonel Firth who is due to join the British Defence Liaison Staff shortly.

The composition of certain Regimental bodies is now as follows:—

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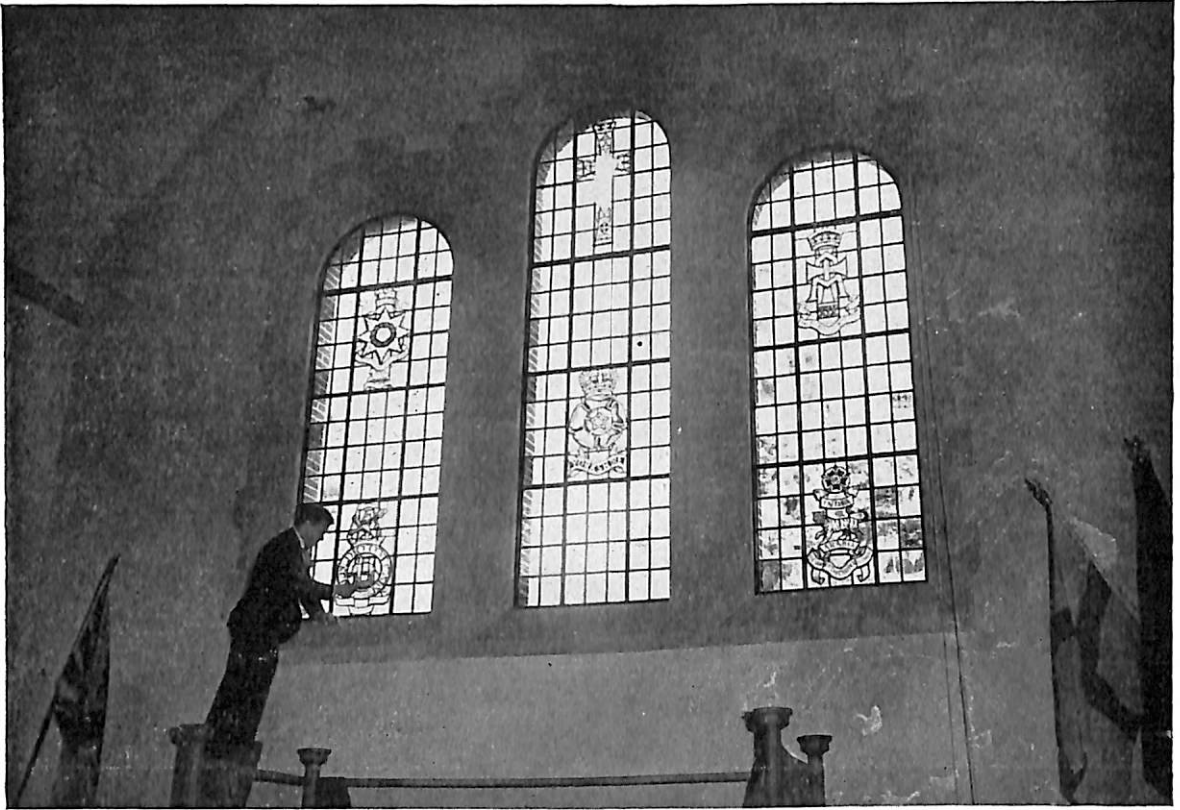
Colonel Cumberlege

Brigadier Laing

The Colonel of the Regiment hopes to move to his new address: Brynglas Hall, Llanfair Caereinion, Montgomeryshire, shortly. Alterations to the house have, however, taken longer than he expected and the date of his move is not yet certain.

We are indebted to the editor of the *Green Howards Gazette* for the loan of the block of the photograph of The Yorkshire Brigade Window on the opposite page.

## *Dedication of the Yorkshire Brigade Window*



Whit Sunday, June 10, saw the unveiling and dedication of the Yorkshire Brigade stained glass window in the Strensall Garrison Church in the presence of a large congregation which included civic dignitaries representing 15 "Freedom" cities and boroughs of our four regiments.

The window shows the badges of the four regiments; the Brigade badge is placed centrally, and the whole surmounted by the Cross. The window is the work of Mr. Harry Harvey who has been responsible for much of the recent restoration work on the windows of York Minster.

During the impressive service, the Chaplain General to the Forces, The Ven. Archdeacon I. D. Neill, called upon The Brigade Representative Colonel, Major-General K. G. Exham, to unveil the window. The Archbishop of York, Dr. Donald Coggan, then performed the service of dedication and delivered his sermon. The service was conducted by the Garrison Chaplain, The Rev. Gerald Solomon, assisted by the Assistant Chaplain General to Northern Command, The Rev. P. W. Cato.

The three Ridings of Yorkshire were represented by Sir William Worsley, Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding, who was accompanied by Lady

Worsley, Lord Middleton, Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding, and Colonel F. G. W. Lane-Fox, Deputy Lieutenant of the West Riding, deputising for the Earl of Scarborough.

The Church was beautifully decorated by "the wives," and the splendour of military uniforms was almost eclipsed by the colourful robes of the civic heads of our freedom boroughs, who, with their attendants, represented York, Leeds, Hull, Sheffield, Beverley, Morley, Harrogate, Middlesbrough, Bridlington, Redcar, Rotherham, Pontefract, Halifax, Huddersfield and Spensborough. York was represented by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress together with the Sheriff and his Lady; they were preceded by the Town Clerk and by the sword and mace bearers.

Others present included the new GOC-in-C Northern Command, Lt.-General Sir Charles Jones, and Lady Jones; the Chief of Staff, Major-General J. K. Shephard and Mrs. Shephard; and the Colonels of the four Yorkshire Regiments.

After the service, luncheon was served from a marquee erected in the paddock in front of the mess. Altogether some 200 guests attended.

The whole day was a tremendous success, thanks to the DAAG's good planning and the efforts of the Adjutant, R.S.M. and Mess Staff.

# The Yorkshire Brigade Depot

## SUB-EDITORIAL

My 1804 Almanack says of August, "This month use moderate diet, forbear to sleep soon after meals, for that brings Oppilations, Headaches, Agues and Catarrhs, and other Distempers of the same kind. Take great care of cold after sudden heat."

There has been little heat this quarter, but cold aplenty which, coupled with the thought of replacing Major Douglas Jones-Stamp as sub-editor, has left your correspondent quite numb.

Major Jones-Stamp has been DAAG of Brigade HQ since May, 1959, first at Imphal Barracks and later at Strensall when Brigade HQ moved to Queen Elizabeth Barracks to join The Depot. A widely known and popular figure, he has done much to establish the Brigade in the County and we shall miss him greatly. We welcome Major P. L. Birch, M.C. (PWO), the new DAAG, and hope that he will enjoy his tour with us.

## VISITS

Distinguished visitors this quarter have included the Bishop of Maidstone whose visit coincided with a Recruits' Pass-Out Day. Thus he was able not only to speak with our juniors, recruits, and permanent staff, but also to the parents.

The new Chief of Staff, Major-General H. T. Alexander, spent a morning with us and stayed for luncheon. He is a very good customer of our pheasant breeding department!

The Director of Infantry, Major-General P. Gleadell, had a very busy day in the north, visiting Lancashire in the morning and ourselves in the afternoon. In spite of such a hectic programme and heavy rain he said that he thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

Our last visitor was Brigadier Pip Moran who came for a short visit with Brigadier C. J. Deeds, the present Commander York Area. Brigadier Moran takes over from him in the near future.

## OFFICERS' MESS

We welcome Lt. Christopher Robinson to us from the PWO, and Lt. David and Mrs. Pugh whom we warmly congratulate on their recent marriage. We hope that they will enjoy Strensall.

The Mess is now well endowed with dogs and one cat, and has that well-lived-in feeling. The pheasants have done well after a late start, and "Rastus," the old cock, still honks on the lawn two hours before Reveille each day. However, one of these days . . . ! Colonel John Newman's first attempt at rearing mallard on the artificial pond has been a tremendous success. Nineteen were put out and on the morning of August 16, 26 took off from the pond. It would appear that the old maxim about the best recruiter being a contented soldier also applies to duck.

The Summer Ball this year was a great success. Amongst our guests were the Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor

of York and the Lady Mayoress, The Sheriff of York and The Sheriff's Lady, Major-General H. T. Alexander, our new Chief of Staff, and Mrs. Alexander, Brigadier and Mrs. John Deeds, who are about to leave York Area, and Colonel and Mrs. A. J. Snodgrass well known to many "Dukes."

On August 2, Major Birch was dined in and Major Jones-Stamp dined out. It was remarkable for two reasons: firstly that we dined in dinner jacket, in honour of Douglas's expanding waistline, and secondly that as PMC he was able to arrange his own menu. Jolly good it was, too, but then the August Mess bill is not presented until September.

We are not quite sure of Douglas's future movements but all hope he will not be too far away, and wish him every possible good fortune.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

Two annual functions have taken place during this quarter. Firstly the Prince of Wales' Own Imphal Dinner which was very successful, and secondly the Formation Ball to celebrate the formation of the Brigade Depot.

The Ball was well supported by members of the TA battalions of the Brigade, York Garrison units, and others who were on leave in the area. The number attending was exactly right for the Globe Cinema, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Amongst the "Dukes" attending were R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Sheehan, whom the 1st Battalion will have met again by the time these notes are published. Another guest well known by the "Dukes" was R.S.M. Cobber Rushworth, PWO, who is now on end of tour leave from Kenya. Mrs. Rushworth was with him, and they are now waiting to join 1 PWO in Germany.

C.S.M. Ray Batty has left us for the flesh pots of Barnard Castle. He was last seen getting on to the bus for the station, clutching a shot gun and muttering something to the effect that the fish tastes too muddy and the pheasants are too tame! All the best anyway Ray—we all hope you enjoy "HQ" Company.

Ex-R.S.M. Bob Pearce was with us for a few days. Bob is now C.S.M. with the ACF and states that his vocation on reaching retirement age with the cadets is Civil Defence. Sgt. John Edward Sargent appears so frequently that he has been taken on the temporary ration strength at C/Sgt Simpson's house. Other visitors included C/Sgt. Dick Fenn, who called in with his wife before reporting to the Advance Party for British Honduras, and C/Sgt. Con Sullivan who shot in and out to collect a tin of black paint for the board!

Some of our members managed to get to York Station to see both parties of "B" Company pass through on their way to British Honduras. All the "Dukes" here wish them the best of luck on their tour and quite frankly envy them their Caribbean Holiday.

We would like to welcome two new members to the Depot: Sgt. Russell and C.S.M. Pennington.

The Mess is now in the hands of the contractors, being remodernised. We have moved over to the old Sergeants' Mess next to the Globe Cinema and, of course, our hospitality will still be offered to all who can visit us.

### TRAINING COMPANY

An upsurge in the overall recruiting figures caused an SOS to go out to the 1st Battalion for an additional training team which they gallantly provided. It also gave some anxious moments concerning "lebensraum."

Lt. Summers came for a short stay to help out with Mons Platoon until Lt. Pugh materialised to relieve him. They brought with them Sgt. Russell, Cpl. Hartley and L/Cpls. Murray and Milne.

C.S.M. Pennington is now firmly installed, busy keeping track of a very mobile population. To help him in this he has installed a Locations Board which actually works.

Since June the following platoons have passed out:

June 21—Chindit Platoon:

Best Recruit, Pte. Belfit (Green Howards).

July 5—Somme Platoon:

Best Recruit, Pte. Parkin (Y & L).

July 26—Normandy Platoon:

Best Recruit, Pte. Reifer (Green Howards).

August 16—Alma Platoon:

Best Recruit, Pte. Taylor (DWR).

Pte. Reifer, who comes from Barbados, is the first Commonwealth entrant to win the Best Recruits' Shield.

At the time of writing the following recruits are under training or awaiting drafting: PWO 50, Green Howards 55, DWR 65, Y & L 45.

### JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING

The wing is now organised into three platoons: Band, Drums and Rifle Platoon. A shield is awarded each term to the Champion Platoon, judged on marks allotted for games, drill, barrack rooms, good behaviour, and performance on the Confidence Area.

This term the Rifle Platoon won. Eight members of it, two from each regiment, are going to Germany to stay a few days as the guests of Colonel John Scott and the 1st Battalion The Green Howards.

On June 22, the Wing paraded their Band and Drums 60 strong and beat Retreat at the GOC-in-C's garden party for the Institute of Journalists held in the barracks. The standard of music and drill were first rate and well appreciated.

Junior L/Cpl. Jemmeson (Green Howards) won the javelin and came third in the long jump in the Army Junior Athletics at Aldershot. Later he competed against juniors from the other two services and came second in the javelin.

In July the Wing went into camp at Warcop and carried out arduous training, fell walking and canoeing in the Lake District. One group marched and camped for 130 miles along the Pennine Way. We

expect that all will have completed the first series of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award by the end of the year.

Parents' Day this year promised 170 of all ages, so we catered for 200. Naturally 230 women and children arrived. Next year we will hold it on the Saturday to enable more fathers to turn up. The Wing beat Retreat and after lunch put on first-class drill and PT agility displays, including our new and expensive trampoline. Afterwards one or two mums and sisters tried the trampoline; we are still waiting for a particularly heavy Mum to come down.

### CRICKET

Lt. Cornwell (Green Howards) has proved himself a first-rate captain and with the help of Captain Bower (PWO) and Sgt. Locke (RAPC) he has managed to produce a balanced side each week in spite of a moving population. Major Shuttleworth has helped to stiffen the side whenever he could get away from his desk at Northern Command.

Our record has been satisfactory rather than startling. We started well by winning two matches—one, against the Light Infantry Depot, by 200 runs. Altogether we played 12 matches, won 5, lost 6, drew 1,

Cricket week was well publicised but was poorly attended, largely owing to really unpleasant weather. We were delighted to see Colonel and Mrs. Cumberlege, Mrs. Jeremy Cumberlege (and son), Lt.-Colonel Skelsey, and Major and Mrs. Davis from Regimental H.Q.

Stiffened by 2/Lts. Pettigrew and Newell and Pte. Sherrerd from 1 DWR, and by Lt. Summers' fortunate though temporary presence, we carried all before us.

A summary of results is:

*Yorkshire Brigade v. Lancastrian Brigade (Roses Match).*

Yorkshire Brigade, 266 for 8 dec. (Newell 103, Pettigrew 72).

Lancastrian Brigade, 88 and 157.

Yorkshire Brigade won by an Innings and 21 runs.

*Yorkshire Brigade v. The Foresters Brigade.*

Yorkshire Brigade, 139.

Forester Brigade, 76 (Lt. Summers 6 for 28).

Yorkshire Brigade, won by 63 runs.

*Yorkshire Brigade v. The Harrogate Druids.*

Yorkshire Brigade, 216 for 9 dec. (Lt. Summers 60).

Harrogate Druids, 154 (Sherrerd 4 for 22, Newell 2 for 32, Cornwell 2 for 32).

Yorkshire Brigade won by 62 runs.

*Yorkshire Brigade v. The Yorkshire Gentlemen.*

Yorkshire Brigade, 210 for 7 dec. (Lt. Summers 71, Lt. Cornwell 38, Major Shuttleworth 31).

Yorkshire Gentlemen, 84 (Pte. Sherrerd 6 for 42, Lt. Summers 4 for 25).

Yorkshire Brigade won by 126 runs.





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## 1st BATTALION

The highlights of the past three months have been the move in mid-July to Barnard Castle and the departure of the company group to the Caribbean.

As most readers will know we are now accommodated in Streatlam Camp, some three miles out of Barnard Castle on the Bishop Auckland road. The camp, one of five built in the Barnard Castle area during the war, is a somewhat grim change from the luxury of Meeanee Barracks; however, it is not to be endured for long as we are due to move to Bourlon Lines, Catterick Camp, in October. This is a "Sandhurst" Barracks and will be a great improvement on our present accommodation.

Many of us were sorry to leave Colchester where we spent a happy and eventful two years and we have left many friends behind, to say nothing of quite a few "in laws."

The company group stationed in British Honduras is a somewhat "Rolls-Royce" affair consisting of seven officers and 163 other ranks on a nine months unaccompanied tour. The group is based on "B" Company and is commanded by Major Donald Isles. Notes from this detachment are below.

Our role in the immediate future, apart from the provision of the Caribbean detachment, is very largely recruiting and an all out effort has been planned starting with our KAPE\* visit to the West Riding, September 1—15. This will be followed up by an intensive drive throughout the winter.

Rather in the way of a rehearsal, the battalion put on a two day display at Roundhay Park, Leeds, on August 6 and 7. This was seen by several thousand people and received very favourable comment.

Our Bisley Team finished fourth in the KRRC Cup, the major unit championship. The best individual performance was put up by Pte. Brook

who finished 26th in the Rifle Championship, winning the Rifle Brigade Cup (Champion Young Soldier) and being first Class B shot in the Roupell Cup. A very fine performance by this young National Service soldier who soon leaves us. He will be a great loss to the Regiment and the Bisley team.

Shortly before leaving Colchester the Battalion won the East Anglian District Athletic Meeting, narrowly defeating the 1st Battalion The Royal Fusiliers.

In June we held our annual cricket week, culminating in a very pleasant game against the Free Foresters.

Scarcely had we arrived in Northern Command than we were heavily involved in assistance to the ACF and CCF. This consisted of the loan of officers and NCOs to the camps at Warcop and Proteous together with fire power demonstrations on six occasions. These were very well received but the subject of ammunition is not to be mentioned in the hearing of the 2IC! We also supplied an officer and sergeant as instructors for the CCF camp at Penhales in Devon.

During August we were able to entertain for a day nine officers and 65 cadets of the West Riding Cadet Battalion, mostly from Halifax and Huddersfield, and were able to show them something of the life in a regular unit today.

In July we welcomed RSM Robins back to the Battalion and bid a last farewell to RSM Randall. A short profile of Mr. Robins is on p. 149.

Finally, what of rugby? Are we going to be lucky this season at the fourth attempt? All that can be said at this stage is that training has started and the foundations laid. Capt. Mike Campbell-Lamberton is due back now (September 1) with us after the Lions tour and we congratulate him on his very fine performance in South Africa in playing in every test and in so many of the other matches—no mean feat in that climate.

\*We understand that KAPE stands for "Keep the Army in the Public Eye"!—Ed.

## "B" COMPANY

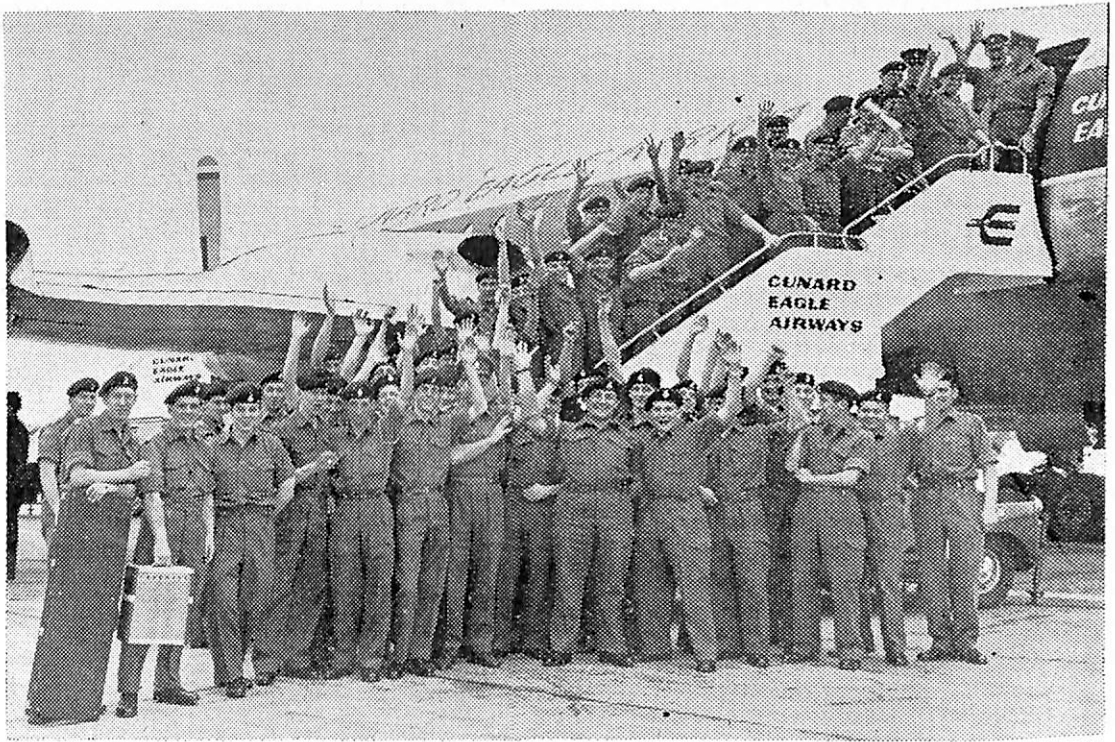
### British Honduras

No sooner have we arrived than our zealous sub-editor is bombarding us with requests for our IRON DUKE notes and consequently they are being scribbled within five days of the dead line. Allow one day for typing, five days for the mail, and they are late already! However, believing firmly in the principle that any news is good news, we hasten to comply but apologise before publication if the undue haste is too apparent and if the grammar and syntax are faulty.

So much to say, so little time. But at least we are here, all 170 of us, and we lost only three from

the company selected way back at Colchester. The advanced party left Barnard Castle on July 30, and travelling via Hendon, London, Gander and Jamaica (where we saw Lt. Danny Marsay), arrived in Belize on August 1. The main body arrived by a similar process on August 15.

It must be said that first impressions of Airport Camp were far from good, but, now that we have settled in, got ourselves acclimatised and got used to the myriads of biting insects, we are already beginning to get rather attached to the place. We work in the mornings and play in the afternoons and



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### The Advance Party Emplaning for British Honduras

evenings. A great life really when you consider that HMG actually pays us for it. The climate is hot, very; it also rains and the sun burns; but the L.O.A. (*Local Overseas Allowance—Ed.*) is high and the girls are friendly, very.

Fortunately we have a splendid training area at Mountain Pine Forest Reserve, close to the Guatemalan frontier. This delightful piece of real estate, situated some 3,500 feet up and some 75 miles from Belize, is pine-covered and possesses some splendid streams and rivers for swimming. Moreover it is cool enough at night to enjoy a fire and to sleep under a blanket. Here we are to run our platoon camps—5 and 8 Platoons move off tomorrow—and carry out our field firing exercises. From here, too, can be seen Mount Victoria, some 25 miles away in the very heart of the mighty Cockscomb Range, which is to be the main task for platoons in the Inter-Platoon Competition. A mere 3,850 feet—but it has been climbed twice only since 1896. Apparently the approaches, now made much worse by last year's Hurricane "Hattie," are the problem; but we have the air photos and we can see one tenuous route up and are determined to do it. Perhaps our next notes will include a photograph of the Regimental flag flying from the summit.

We have a 30-foot motor launch—the Lord Nuffield—and platoon parties sail out to the various islands (cayes pronounced keys) which lie some two hours off the coast. Here we swim and sun-bathe

and drink iced beer. The fish are big—baracuda sail-fish and all the other Ernest Hemingway types of game fish. Even the dirty old Belize river yields cat fish of up to 40 pounds. (Photographic proof in the next notes.)

"British Honduras—Sportsman's Paradise" greets one at the airport but, regrettably, there is not much for the shot-gun enthusiast. At this time of year a few wild turkey only and, somewhere, a few quail. Nevertheless the duck arrive in quantity in October and the mess gun plus four others will be poised and waiting. And in September the resistance of the jaguar is to be tested against the SLR—but more of this later.

As we hinted earlier on we have everything that bites—snakes in abundance plus a prodigious form of land crab that hides up in the showers. These must be bashed, and bashed hard, for any policy of live-and-let-live only encourages them to move in in shoals and then—according to the Hampshires—they really do take some shifting.

But what you really want to know is what we really think of the place. Well . . . it's good, and we mean that. The only thing wrong with this posting is that we have had to leave our families behind; but it is only for nine months and, bless my soul, we've done one of them already. Sufficient to say that this is a great and interesting experience in a completely new part of the world for the 33rd and we are going to make sure that we leave our mark.

## ***R.S.M. W. Robins***

Mr. W. Robins assumed the appointment of Regimental Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, on July 10, 1962, in succession to Mr. H. Randall, M.B.E.

RSM Robins enlisted in the Regiment in January 1947 at the age of seventeen and a half and was posted to the 30th Junior Leaders' Training Battalion, Elgin.

He was posted to the Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade Training Centre, Catterick, in July of the same year as a lance corporal on the Instructional Staff. From there he joined the 1st Battalion at Strensall in February, 1948, in the rank of corporal.

In 1949 he had the honour to be selected as a sergeant instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Rejoining the Battalion in 1951 he was soon appointed Signal Sergeant and as such was mentioned in despatches for his service in Korea.

He was promoted colour sergeant in Gibraltar and company sergeant major on the return of the battalion to England in 1955.

He served as a CSM throughout the battalion's service in Malta and Cyprus and assumed the appointment of RQMS shortly after the battalion moved to Northern Ireland.

In May, 1961, he was posted to the West Riding Battalion (TA) as Regimental Sergeant Major, being relieved by RSM Nichols on his appointment to the 1st Battalion.

Mr. Robins is the son of an old "Duke," Mr. S. Robins, who served in the Regiment from 1919 to 1926.



## **OFFICERS' MESS**

### **Colchester**

Of course nothing much has happened in the officers' mess since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE—at least that is how it has appeared to some people.

The Cricket Week was a definite social success, and the CO received all bouquets and no brickbats. The cricket was of a good standard, played for the most part in beautiful weather. Unfortunately our opponents achieved better results than we did.

The Saturday was a good day and there was plenty of glamour to reflect, and absorb, the sunshine. The dinner, given that night for the Free Foresters, was a success but the food lacked something, particularly what Colonel Jack christened the "Congolese Pudding." Then came an adjournment to dance at the Officers' Club with "Scotty" well to the fore in zest as well as age. Back in the mess, after the dance ended a "night club" opened; as the dawn came up the last subalterns emerged, blinking at the brightness and wondering whether sleep was worthwhile for the few hours before cricket was resumed.

For all the families the mess tent became a meeting place at tea time while the cricket lasted. The children loved it, and occasionally one wondered whether they or the Band played the louder.

The mess staff worked hard and efficiently under Robin Stevens and Sergeant Garrity, though there were moments of doubt. The Adjutant said to the PMC, "Two minutes to tea interval and there isn't any tea." The PMC pointed to an unidentifiable land rover on the road and said, "There it is" and, much to his surprise, there it was. Then, for a few ghastly moments before the dinner, it appeared that we had quite casually lost the Colours. Unbeknown to us they had been sent away the previous week to be repaired.

The Mess Staff were rewarded, at Colonel Barry's instigation, with a steamer trip down the Thames, and a day at Southend, with free beer and pocket money. All would have been well but "the Lad" Stevens and the CO's batman, Alexis, decided that they preferred Margate. We might have known something would happen.

We left Bill Blakey in Colchester to stop the bar at

the Maypole from falling down. He stayed in "the Patch" until it was time for him to leave for a tour with the Singapore Guard Regiment. Life will not be the same without him and Nat but we wish them a very happy time in Singapore.

Derrick Wood has also left to become Training Officer of the Sheffield University OTC. Somehow we must cope without the "Chief Bullet," and we shall all miss the kindness and thoughtfulness of Hazel.

Colonel Tony was finally dragged away by the officers, warrant officers and sergeants. Without this drastic action we should never have been able to get rid of him to make way for Colonel Barry. Our final prank of loading two "Dukes" shrub barrels into the boot of his car misfired because Tony and Alec decided to keep them.

We have also lost, for the time being, Martin Summers and David Pugh. Martin is now ADC to Major-General Gordon Upjohn at Yorkshire District and David is with our latest training team at Stensall. David was married in Bedford at the end of June to Ann Boddington. We met Ann during the Cricket Week and we do congratulate David on bringing into the Regiment such a delightful bride. The subalterns formed the Guard of Honor, albeit shakily for the stag party backfired and left David sane and sober, while nearly paralyzing his best man.

Next we must pay tribute to the dear departed, or "B" Company, if you prefer it. For nine months, including a Rugger season, while they are in British Honduras, we must somehow survive without Donald Isles, Jim Newton, Dick Mundell, Wilf Charlesworth, Bill Bailey, Hugh Cartwright (Get in step, there), and Leslie Evans. For the next two editions we hope they will provide Anx "A" to these notes. Meanwhile they are content to bleat faintly but, I fear with justification, about their mess bills.

### **Barnard Castle**

Gone are the days when "Friend of Jack's" was the *Open Sesame*. We are now in more austere surroundings in the North, but comfortable none the less.

The move went well, I think. Simon Berry appeared in the ante-room in his dressing-gown

saying that the PRI box had fallen out of the back of the bus between Scotch Corner and Barnard Castle, and for a while there was consternation. But a friendly cottager had collected the box and saved the contents.

We still await the bills for the march-out—Oh for an officer-proof officers' mess!

After the move came leave—for most of us, and for Sgt. Garrity who departed a bachelor and suddenly was married. We do congratulate him but wish he could have let us send him and his bride off from the mess. He has done much for us and deserved at least that much from us.

Recent events have been few for there are not many living in now. Colonel Barry decreed that we should have informal evenings for families and private guests, with drinks, a buffet supper, and a film. The first of these evenings was at the end of August, when food and drink were good but the film was a shocker. General Exham will be present at the next of these evenings and we are limiting it to officers and their wives so as to make it a true family party.

We have had a few arrivals. Bill Treadwell, our new schoolmaster, arrived in late August. We wish for him that he may reap wheat where tares appear to have been sown. John Walker arrived from Sandhurst at the beginning of September and John Moir, but lately graduated in economics at Aberdeen University, joined us at the same time on a six week attachment. Welcome to sanity, men.

Among visitors have been Majors Derek Roberts, Steve Dunn and Captain Dusty Miller of the Regiment, Colonel Forbes of the Green Howards and nine officers of the WR Battalion ACF.

We now begin to realise how much we have been indebted to our national servicemen who have provided for us such a willing and expert staff. Our regular waiters, batmen and cooks may be good but they will not be better than the NS men who leave us this October.

It seems at the moment that Robin Everard has walked off with the minutes of the last mess meeting, so what we shall do at the next one I do not know. That, however, is my worry; I shall tell you the result in the next instalment of this soul-searing epic of high society.

## **W.O. and SERGEANTS' MESS**

There has not been much activity in the Mess during the last three months as the time has been devoted to packing up, unpacking and leave. The main body arrived in Barnard Castle on July 16, many members having doubts as to whether they could stand the weather of Co. Durham. The main part of the camp here is of war-time construction but we are fortunate in having quite a pleasant mess which had been redecorated throughout prior to our arrival. Although we have left our central-heated luxury in Colchester and are now back to the old open fires and stoves we have more room both

in the mess and in the single members accommodation.

RSM Robins arrived just before we left Colchester to take over from RSM Randall. We wish him much success as the RSM of the first all regular battalion since before the war.

"Big Harry" was seen off in the approved manner and could be heard muttering about "Government Officials" or some such similar words. We would like here to say an official farewell to "Harry" who has been in the chair a long time and has looked after our interests very

well. His songs and stories have become almost traditional at mess socials and the entertainment committee are at a loss to fill this gap in the programme. However we wish him the very best of luck in civilian life and hope that the overseas tours with his new job won't prevent him from looking us up in the future.

We welcome back Sgt. "Bobo" Chilvers from the TA where we understand he was next in line for RSM? Also WO2 Ray Batty from Strensall where we understand he was unable to get enough time for cricket, hockey, fishing and shooting. WO2 Todd has left again to seek the delights of the Far East. WO2 Rex Webb had a short stay with us but decided better of it and went to the TA.

Congratulations to Sgts. Wilson, Blacow, Hall, Cooper and Clarke on their promotion; we hope their stay in the mess will be long and happy.

"B" Company were entertained to a farewell social which was a great success. We hope the "El Cid" boys return from British Honduras and don't have their stay extended for any reason.

We were pleased to have a visit from members of the West Riding Battalion DWR ACF during their stay at Warcop Camp and our RSM and one or two members visited their adult WOs and Sergeants' Mess on a return visit. This was a most enjoyable evening and we were interested to see the activities of the cadets who we trust are all regular "Dukes" in the making.

**CORPORALS' MESS**

Once again we find ourselves in new surroundings, this time in Barnard Castle. Streatlam Camp is not new but it is quite comfortable and not far from our home towns which makes up for the modern facilities we were so used to in Meeanne Barracks.

We have not had any social evenings yet owing to a large number of the Mess Members being on leave, however we hope to start once again when they are all back. Even then we will not be up to full strength as many of our members are with "B" Company in British Honduras.

Who knows what they are doing out there? According to one of the daily papers they will be taking part in big game hunting and if this is correct we will have to start a trophy room. We wish them all the best while they are enjoying the sunshine (and we change from full BD to Shirt Sleeve Order alternatively) but hope they do not drink too much of the cheap rum. The Mess Members that are left behind are hoping to hear the news and see some photographs from them in future issues.

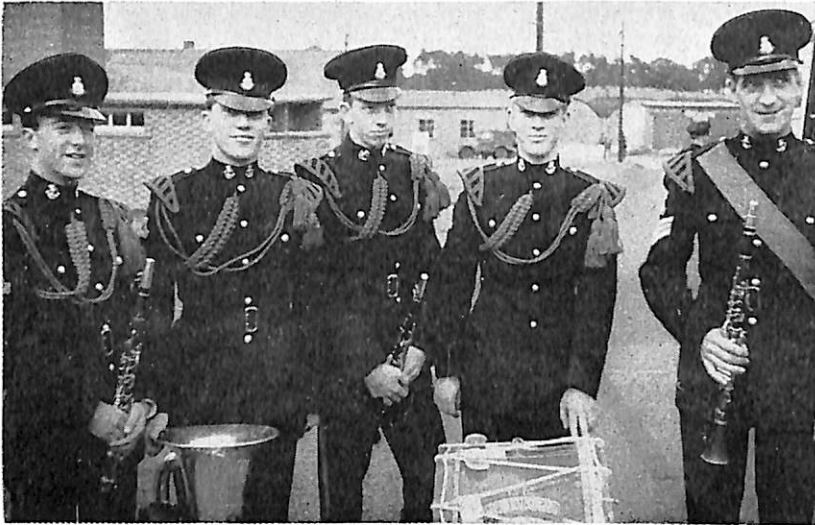
Our congratulations go to the following ex-members on their promotion to Sergeant. Sgts. Blacow, Clarke, Cooper, Hall and Wilson; good luck to them and we hope they will give as much support to the Sergeants' Mess in the future as they have given to the Corporals in the past.

The remainder of our national service members will have left us by the time these notes are published. We shall be sorry to see them go, as we have enjoyed their company very much. As they seem unwilling to sign on and become regulars we wish them the best of luck in civilian life. Who knows



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**DRINK**  
**RAMSDEN'S**  
**ales**



## MEMBERS of the BAND

*Left to Right:-*

**Bdsm. R. Parkinson**

**Bdsm. B. Dean**

**Bdsm. B. Ellwood**

**Bdsm. I. Pickles**

**Sgt. B. Cooper**

but that we may see them in the army once again, after a spell in "civvy street"!

A social evening was held on May 25, to say farewell to Mr. Randall on his retirement. We also bade farewell to Colonel Firth on his departure from the Battalion to take over his new appointment in Canada. To both Colonel Firth and Mr. Randall go our best wishes for the future, and hope they will visit us when ever the opportunity occurs.

### THE BAND

We say farewell to Sgt. Geffrey Jennians and wish him every success with his new regiment (The King's Royal Rifle Corps). Also we all congratulate Cpl. Cooper on his promotion.

All members of the Band would like to congratulate Cpl. Cherry and his wife on the birth of their daughter, and also Bdsms. Eldred on his recent marriage.

We have had a very busy season this year with numerous engagements up and down the country and I am sure past members of the Band would like to know that our ex-Band Sgt.-Major Waterman (Split) turned up to see us. Also we met our ex-R.S.M., Mr. Randall, at the Grasmere Sports, needless to say he was not taking part.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Bdsms. Netherwood, Clifford, Pickles, Ellwood and Lazaro every success on their course at the Royal Military School of Music and we welcome back from Kneller Hall Bdsms. Vaughan and Parker.

## CRICKET, 1962

After having had our past two seasons marred by moves to Kenya we were a little wary of filling our fixtures list. The knowledge that the Battalion was to move north in the middle of July also restricted us. Apart from the four games in the Cricket Week, which is reported separately, we only had three matches, all of which we won. There has been no outstanding batsman this year, except possibly 2/Lt. Pettigrew; I think it fair to say that what success we had was due to magnificent bowling by Pte. Sherred, the Yorkshire 2nd XI player. He has bowled quickly, accurately and extremely intelligently throughout the year and has borne the brunt of the attack with little support. On paper we should have had an outstanding side, but somehow we never all "came off" together and it was invariably left to one or two men to try to salvage the games.

We had two games against the Chamber of Commerce. These we won, the first mainly by a lightning 45 runs from 2/Lt. Robin Newell and a spell of 5 for 33 by Sherred, the second due entirely

to magnificent bowling by Sherred who took 7 for 17.

Our one other non-cricket week game was a victory over the RAMC, aided by good scores from Captain C. D. de P. Miller and 2/Lt. Ian Reid. This match was finished off in grand style by Sherred performing the hat-trick with the last three wickets.

A slender season, then, which it is to be hoped will be improved on next year.

### RESULTS

**1 DWR v. Chamber of Commerce.** Won by 4 wickets.

C of C, 87 (Sherred 5 for 33).

1 DWR, 89 for 6 (Newell 45).

**1 DWR v. RAMC.** Won by 18 runs.

1 DWR, 155 (Reid 35, Miller 30).

RAMC, 137 (Sherred 3 for 30).

**1 DWR v. Chamber of Commerce.** Won by 69 runs.

1 DWR, 110 (Cartwright 29).

C of C, 41 (Sherred 7 for 17).

### CRICKET WEEK—1962

We were once again blessed with good weather for our cricket week, and it was a pity that our results did not glow as brightly as the sun.

The first match, against the Royal Fusiliers, was lost by 32 runs—thanks to some misplaced generosity in the choice of bowlers. Batting first, the Regiment scored 230, of which Pettigrew scored a magnificently aggressive 87 and Cartwright a competent 50. Good bowling by Cumberlege and Newell resulted in the dismissal of the Fusiliers for 103, and the follow-on was enforced. Having pinned the opposition down to 136 for 5, we put on our "occasional spinners" and completely lost a grip of the game, allowing Coombe to score 133, and Mitchell 86. Being asked to score 189 to win, in about 150 minutes, we failed to get on top and were all out for 156.

Essex Club and Ground produced a County 2nd XI against us and, thanks to superb bowling by Sherred (5 for 61), we dismissed them for 149. Their experienced bowlers were, however, too much for our batting and we were dismissed for 125, despite a 49 by Ian Reid.

The game against the Free Foresters was the climax of the week, and we were again defeated, by 45 runs.

Batting first, the Foresters scored 181, Reid bowling well to take 5 for 69 and Summers taking 5 catches behind the wicket. In reply we scored 235 for 4 declared. Pettigrew with 61, Reid with 48, and Newell with 46 were the chief contributors.

In their second innings the Foresters produced much better form; scoring 240 for 4 they declared, leaving us 187 to win. Again our batting failed in the fourth innings and we could only muster 141, thus being defeated by 45 runs.

On the Saturday evening of the match a Guest Night was held for the two teams which was a great success. Afterwards there was a very enjoyable dance at the Officers Club, very well organised by Major Bill Blakey and his committee. The stronger members then retired to the home-made night club in the Mess to while away the rest of the night in various ways.

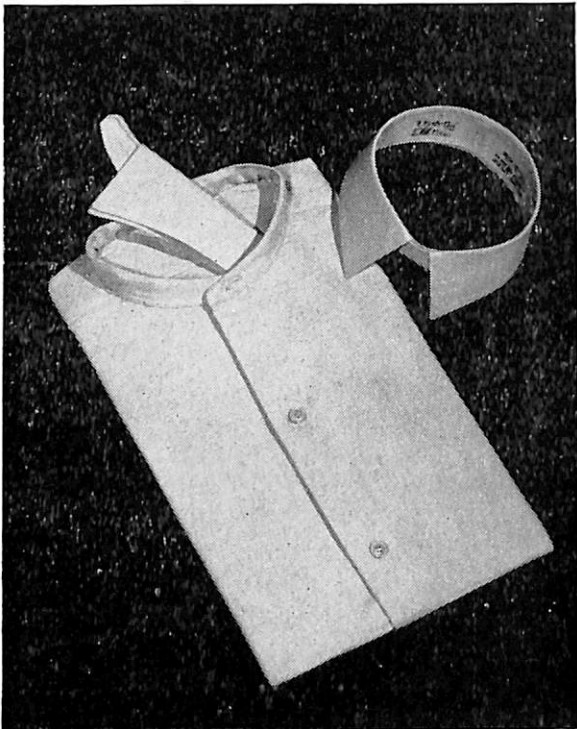
The weekend was a great success and we sincerely hope that the Foresters will remain on the fixture list.

Our last match, against Peter Smith's XI, produced our only win of the week, but it was a close thing.

Batting first, we scored 188, thanks to a stubborn 42 by Nickell and despite some excellent bowling by Peter Smith (6 for 54). In reply the visitors scored 180, although it looked as if they would make the grade at one time. Summers took 5 for 70.

Our Cricket Week seems to have got into its stride now, and we sincerely hope that it will be continued as an annual event.

Members of the team for 1962: Capt. J. R. P. Cumberlege (Capt.), Capt. C. D. de E. Miller, Lts. M. W. Summers (Hon. Sec.) and C. R. Cumberlege, 2/Lts. R. D. R. Newell, P. Pettigrew, H. de C. Cartwright, A. Nickell, C. St. P. Bunbury and I. P. Reid, Pte. R. Sherred.



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## SHOOTING

### The Army Rifle Association Central Meeting June 24 to July 7, 1962

Individual successes with the rifle are hard to achieve at this meeting. It is 12 years since Brigadier Bunbury won the Army 100 Cup and six years since Sgt. Kingdom (REME), who was then our armoured, won the Queen's Medal. This year Pte. Brook started off by leading class B in the Roupell Cup and finished by becoming the Champion Young Soldier and winner of the Rifle Brigade Cup.

This year the sub-machine gun practice started on Sunday, June 24, and the first and second stages of the Parachute Cup and SMG XXX Cup were fired on Monday and Tuesday respectively. In the team competition we were again placed fourth but had only one individual, Major Wood, who got through to the final of the SMG XXX.

The first of the rifle competitions started on Thursday, June 28. All our team of 12 fired for the individual rifle championship. Our ten best scores



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Pte. F. Brook

Army Champion Young Soldier with the Rifle  
Brigade Cup

in the Roupell and Henry Whitehead Cups gained us second highest points towards the unit championship. At this stage we were lying second and should have remained there or perhaps even have won. However, we crashed in the last two team matches. We were 18th in the Britannia and 8th in the Small Arms Cup. This brought us down to 4th position but, considering that we came 6th last year and 7th in 1960, we need not feel too despondent.

### ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION CENTRAL MEETING

#### Individual Results

##### 1. Rifle Championships

Pte. Brook—Champion Young Soldier, winner of the Rifle Brigade Cup and first Class B Shot in the Roupell Cup.

#### Final Positions

	Score	Position
Pte. Brook .. .. .	560	26
Sgt. Holliday .. .. .	542	54
S/Sgt. Blackshaw .. .. .	541	55
Major Wood .. .. .	537	57
Cpl. Gott .. .. .	519	77
<b>2. SMG XXX</b>		
Major Wood .. .. .	515	16
<b>3. LMG</b>		
C/Sgt. Fenn .. .. .		
Sgt. Holliday .. .. .	244	12
Class A		
Pte. Horton .. .. .		
Pte. Crowther .. .. .	175	17
Class B		

#### Team Results

##### 1. KRRC Cup

Major Unit Championship, 24 teams entered.

1st SEME REME .. .. .	175	points
2nd 1 Royal Sussex .. .. .	173	„
3rd KRRC .. .. .	151½	„
4th 1 DWR .. .. .	148½	„

##### 2. Northamptonshire Cup

Rifle scores of four class A and three class B shots from the 1st stage of the Rifle Championship.

4th .. .. . 1 DWR

##### 3. Eastern Command Cup

LMG, one pair from each class.

5th .. .. . 1 DWR

##### 4. Britannia

18th .. .. . 1 DWR

##### 5. Small Arms Cup

8th .. .. . 1 DWR

### The National Rifle Association Imperial Meeting

Normally this meeting passes without mention but this year certain incidents occurred which merit reporting.

Major Wood remained at Bisley after the Army meeting and C.S.M. Norman was able to come down from Huddersfield for the service rifle (B) competitions. The latter got the highest score for the Army in the Inter-Services Long Range match. Both shot for the Army in the Inter-services XX match and also represented Yorkshire in the County Long

Range and Short Range matches.

This year only four serving members of the Army got through to the final stage of the Queen's Prize. Two of them were "Dukes." This was the first time that either Norman or Wood had achieved this distinction. Norman shot exceptionally well and came 7th out of over 1,000 competitors.

Major Wood has been Adjutant to the Army VIII since 1962 and this year was made Captain of the SMG VIII and Pistol VIII for the inter-service competitions. The Army won the SMG match and were second in the pistol.

## ATHLETICS

The battalion athletics meeting was held on Monday, June 4, 1962. It was run as an individual competition with each company nominating two men per event, the object being to select a team for the East Anglian District championships later in the week.

The main interest of the competition was whether "A" or "B" Companies would win, as the champion company shield depended on the result. The favourites were "A" Company, with their proved talent in the running events, but they were weak in the field events. However, as in all sporting events, a dark horse appeared in the form of "HQ" Company who beat "A" Company by half point, thus leaving "B" Company as Company Champions. It was good to see "HQ" Company win the competition as it is difficult for them to train or even get together for a practice due to their various employed jobs. The final order was as follows:

1st .. .. .	"HQ" Company
2nd .. .. .	"A" Company
3rd .. .. .	"B" Company
4th .. .. .	"C" Company

The same evening Major Blakey and Captain Dasent sat down to choose the Battalion team for the District Meeting. It was obvious that if we were going to beat the Royal Fusiliers it would be through sheer determination, as our standard was not high and training had been negligible due to exercises.

The meeting turned out to be most exciting and it was not until the 4 x 110 yards relay that we realised that we could win. Having been soundly beaten in the 220 yards relay our chances against the same team seemed remote. However, our team all ran magnificently and won by 4 yards in a very good time. Our one day's baton changing practice definitely paid off.

So we came to the last event, which we had to win. This was the 4 x 440 yards relay. It was supposed to be the Fusiliers' strongest event and they were quietly confident. The teams lined up; the spectators took up their positions on all four corners of the track to start encouragement. L/Cpl. Croft got to his mark and the starter fired his pistol; they were off. The Fusiliers' runner immediately drew 20 yards away; Croft had obviously misjudged the pace. The team captain rushed across to the

Battalion team in the  
Tug of War at the District  
Athletic Meeting.

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220 yard start and shouted words of advice. Croft gritted his teeth and set off in pursuit; in 150 yards he had caught up the leeway and handed over the baton to Ponijiasi with a 5-yard lead. It really was a magnificent effort after starting so slowly due to inexperience. Ponijiasi ran extremely well and increased the lead slightly and handed over to 2/Lt. Cartwright. In a beautifully judged race he increased the lead to a good 20 to 30 yards. The excitement was incredible. Now came the last leg; the Fusilier runner was Lt. Cambridge who had already run a very fast half mile and is a quarter miler of repute. Could Lt. Bray hold him over the last leg. This was soon known. It was obvious that Lt. Bray was not to be caught and "The Dukes" had won the trophy for the second year in succession.

It was a most exciting meeting and one can only praise the wonderful performance of the whole team, who from the outset gave everything they had got. The following represented the Battalion.

110 yds. Relay.—L/Cpl. Walker ("HQ"), Lt. Reid ("B"), Cpl. Stansfield ("B"); 2/Lt. Foyah ("C").

220 yds. Relay.—2/Lt. Foyah ("C"), Capt. Dasent ("A"), Lt. Reid ("B"), Cpl. Stansfield ("B").

440 yds. Relay.—L/Cpl. Croft ("HQ"), 2/Lt.

Cartwright ("B"), Pte. Ponijiasi ("HQ"), Lt. Bray ("HQ").

880 yds. Relay.—Pte. Baxter ("A"), Pte. Mirfield ("C"), Pte. Craven ("C"), Lt. Bray ("HQ").

1-Mile Team Event.—Pte. Bonser ("A"), Pte. Mirfield ("C"), Pte. Ellwood ("HQ"), Cpl. Nicholl ("A").

3-Mile Team Event.—Cpl. Nicholl ("A"), Pte. Clinton ("C"), Pte. O'Donnell ("A"), Pte. Whiteley ("B").

High Jump.—Cpl. Hall ("B"), Pte. Brennan ("HQ").

Long Jump.—2/Lt. Cartwright ("B"), Cpl. Hall ("B").

Pole Vault.—Capt. Dasent ("A"), 2/Lt. Pettigrew ("C").

Hammer.—Cpl. Dowdall ("HQ"), Lt. Mundell ("B").

Javelin.—Pte. Ponijiasi ("HQ"), 2/Lt. Nickell ("A"), Pte. Waqabaca ("HQ").

Discus.—Pte. Waqabaca ("HQ"), Cpl. Dowdall ("HQ").

Shot.—Pte. Dickens ("HQ"), Cpl. Clarke ("A").

120 yds. Hurdles.—Lt. Cumberledge ("HQ"), Lt. Summers ("C"), Capt. Dasent ("A"), 2/Lt. Nickell ("A").

## ROUNDHAY GALA, 1962

As a part of the Yorkshire Brigade's contribution to the annual Roundhay Gala, "The Dukes" produced a formidable display of a platoon in the attack, with lavish support.

The demonstration team was predominantly the "B" Company detachment commanded by Captain Newton and consisting of 7 Platoon and Support Platoon, but among those present were the assault pioneers from "A" Company, and certain signallers and cooks from "HQ" Company. The general factotum was C.S.M. Batty and, to lighten the lump, we introduced a sapper, one S.S.M. Batty, whom on closer inspection we discovered to be our own C.S.M.'s brother.

Amid widespread shaking of heads from the more conservative our camp was pitched in the middle of Roundhay Park. C.S.M. Batty organised the camp, and made a splendid job of it. Tentage was plentiful and in good condition, and the camp was made as spick and span as could be. Life was really quite comfortable and the weather was generally good.

The team moved into the camp on August 1, and stayed until August 8. Those who lived locally were allowed home each night; the rest of the team found plenty of local entertainment.

Rehearsals went well and on each occasion there were as many spectators as there were visitors to the Park. The performances were given on August Bank Holiday Monday and Tuesday. On the first day the weather was splendid and the team gave their display to a crowd of about 35,000. On the second day rain spoiled the Gala but we decided that, whatever else was cancelled, "The Duke's"

show must go on. In fact the rain stayed away during the performance and the few hundred spectators were repaid for their perseverance by an even better display than on the previous day.

S.S.M. Batty excelled himself and Roundhay Park and its environs shook and rattled to re-sounding mortar fire and massive musketry. The local press tried to give the impression that the noise frightened the children. Far from being frightened they ran across to see where the bangs were coming from.

After each performance the public were allowed into the camp, where the soldiers with their weapons, equipment and vehicles were on show. Judging by the number of young ladies who found their way in there is still "something about a

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soldier." When rain damped the visitors there was a rush for the tents and, under supervision of course, the troops entertained whatever guests they found under the same roof. When the rain stopped the more senior adopted a sour look and killjoy expression and cleared the tents—just as well, I suppose, but a pity for some, none the less.

Apart from the girls and the inevitable plague of small boys there were plenty of potential recruits, their "mums" and their girl friends, and all the comments heard were very favourable.

Captain Lupton and his team brought the new recruiting display caravan over from Halifax for the show and they found plenty of business during their stay.

Certain incidents stand out. OC "A" Company, dressed in Best SD, Sam Browne, No. 1 Dress Hat (brass and all) was approached by a very

small girl who looked up at him innocently, held up a threepenny bit and said in fluent Pudsey, "Can I have a ride on a donkey, mister?"

A "left wing" comment heard from a thin, mean-looking man as he walked past the Officers' Mess tent "Look at that! Arm-chairs! I suppose the men sit on the floor."

And, from one of the elder brethren—"Just as I thought, spring beds. We never had *them* on the Somme."

Then, from a display table "If you blow any more rude noises through that rocket launcher you'll get a clip round the ear'ole."

But at last came the sad farewell, the last draught of bitter in the Mansion, and the second half of "B" Company departed for British Honduras whence they will return in nine months' time—happy thought!

## "OPERATION MIS-HIT"

Frinton Golf Club, 1962

You cannot curse a golf ball really, especially when you hit it . . . barely.

("How vilely doth this cynic rhyme."—*Jul. Caes.*, Act 4, Scene 3.)

This pleasant seaside course is largely flat with some likely bunkers and interesting diversions in the shapes of stream, drain, and other deposits of water. It was here that the officers had a capital day's golf, with the Silver Putter and Wooden Spoon to dispute. Before enlarging on the individual effort it is seemly to give the names of those successful in the quest. They were: Silver Putter, 2/Lt. Charles Bunbury; Wooden Spoon, 2/Lt. Andrew Nickell.

The organiser, Major John Milligan, had laid on a day's golf which, one thinks, encouraged the dunderhead and flattered the slightly better. The cracks, of course, need neither encouragement nor flattery.

We started at 10 a.m., Silver Putter pairs going out first at five-minute intervals. Up to and indeed after this hour the professional's little shop was engulfed by one and all, trade being particularly brisk in repainted balls and, *quel horreur*, chewing gum.

Having spent our loose change on balls and/or gum we got down to it. A cameo or two may not come amiss.

*Milligan and Wood.* The "top singles" in the Putter and attended by suitable dignity—at least until safely clear of the first tee. They also had all the right kit.

*Isles and Harms.* A Wooden Spoon pair, but no self-respecting golf ball, let alone a repaint, could possibly argue the toss with the combined weight of Shrivenham and Camberley. One was forced to wonder whether, therefore, the minds of the pandits were on golf alone when the scores were revealed.

*Callaby and Hobbs.* The cap made Bob Callaby step into the pages of golfing lore. A cigar would have placed him straightway into any American team since the days of Ouimet.

*Cumberlege (J.) and Summers.* Silver Putter at its

most serious. Martin's first drive disappeared like a 4.2-in. mortar bomb—it also had the attribute of being straight. The Adjutant, with headgear *de rigueur*, was in determined vein. This

### TRAINING IN BARRACKS



Cpl. Donald Booth instructs a 3" Mortar Class  
(Typical Streatlam Camp buildings in the background)

was a match in which golfmanship could have intruded: did it, by any chance?

*Blakey and Berry.* Not the local Estate Agents. Wooden Spoon, although Bill Blakey, by virtue of his Korean form, should have been in Division I. The pair was surrounded at one stage by a curious sand cloud, the result of Simon excavating a bunker.

*C.O. and Croesus.* A conversational round, talk hinging mainly on Pay's inability to avoid the aforesaid deposits of water, both casual and otherwise. These were surrounded be it said, by rush-like plants of varying densities. On second thoughts they may well have been rushes. The frequent disasters cost three balls, with a credit of one (minus the cover). The C.O. was sartorially immaculate, and hit some noble blows with the irons. The occasional sliced drive was suffered, but then you cannot have everything. One thing was evident—the desire to win the Spoon. Doomed to failure!

During lunch, a Lucullan spread, it was noted that a well-known Regimental appetite was keeping up with its reputation. (NO prize for correct solution.)

Replete with cold beef (sublime), potatoes, salad, cheeses and assorted ales, battle restarted at 2 p.m. This was foursome time, the top match being CO and 2IC against Wood and Pay. The course was enduring some pretty foul strokes by at least one member, when the figure of General Ozanne was seen closing rapidly from the direction of extra cover. It is good to record that his presence caused the standard to improve, and the final five holes were completed with little to complain of. A keen match was halved, and I would crave your patience to mention John Milligan's last putt in full view of the tea-drinking club lounge—Derek Wood's two chips, which lay "dead," and the tactful umpiring of the General, who was, it is hoped, suitably impressed by the emergence of such ability.

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### REGULAR ARMY

Major A. B. M. Kavanagh, M.C., to be Lt.-Col.,  
1st June, 1962, with seniority 6th Feb., 1962.  
Capt. J. D. P. Cowell to be Maj., 14th July, 1962,

with precedence in the Yorkshire Bde. next above  
A. G. Burke, M.C., Y & L.

The following Lts. to be Capt. 27th July, 1962:  
J. B. K. Greenway, R. Huffam.

2nd Lt. Ian Peter Reid from Reg. Army, Nat.  
Serv. List, to be 2nd Lt., 11th April, 1962, with  
seniority 29th April, 1960. To be Lt. 29th  
April, 1962.

### Short Service Commission

The following O/Cdts. to be 2nd Lts. 14th April,  
1962: Leslie Peter Pryce Evans, Andrew John  
Nickell.

2nd Lt. C. L. J. Bailey to be Lt. 5th Nov. 1961.

### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

#### Class III

The following Lts. from Res. of Offrs., Class I,  
to be Lt.: T. L. B. D. Mesquita, 24th July,  
1962; H. Kelly, 14th Aug. 1962.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer  
the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration  
upon Capt. (Hon. Maj.) T. W. Hibbert.

Pte. Ronald Archer Innes to be 2nd Lt. (on  
probation) 29th April, 1962.

Capt. A. F. Freeman, having exceeded the age  
limit, retires 30th June, 1962.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) J. Bailey, having exceeded the age  
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## SUB-EDITORIAL

“ And then we all go to camp . . . ” concluded our notes in the last issue of *THE IRON DUKE*.

From the towns and cities of the West Riding we advanced by road and rail (scooters to pulman) to Millom in Cumberland, set betwixt the Lake District and the Irish Sea and, with the really atrocious weather we had to cope with, one could not tell which was camp, lake or sea. However, with true “ Dukes ” spirit we cursed, smiled and laughed our way through the rigours of training, mess life and other social pastimes and emerged with an excellent report.

This year’s camp (civil defence) was approached with mixed feelings but enthusiasm soon ousted any fears we may have had of “ schooling ” or boredom; ropes, knots, fire and rescue were indeed the main topics of conversation.

The Army School of Civil Defence swallowed our battalion, along with a LAA Regiment from the Humber area and soldiers from the wilds of Scotland and adjoining islands, and digested us into officers’ cadres, instructors’ cadres and rank and file cadres, C1 and C2. However, the School was not able to swallow our well-armed Infantry Recruits’ Cadre, or the jagged instruments of the Band. The Infantry Recruits’ Cadre, pre-organised by Major “ Sam ” Robertson and the instructors, had the

first “ casualty ” ere we left for camp with the striking down by chicken pox (received from “ allied troops ”) of its leader Major “ Sam.” The news spread through the ranks of the field officers faster than any field telegraph. Civil Defence training was not popular and the C.O. was besieged on arrival. However, before he retreated to bed, a few words had been gasped over the telephone by “ stricken Sam,” and the Infantry Cadre’s Colours had been eagerly grasped by Major Colin Barnes.

It was an ambitious cadre which covered WT, fieldcraft and battlecraft and ended up on the last morning, with 12 section attacks, with live enemy, and a demonstration of the 3.5 RL and 2-in. Mortar being fired by a slightly paler Training Major and his able instructors. C.S.M. Webb joined from the 1st Battalion in time for camp and Cpl. Perrin had just been promoted sergeant. Sixty to 70 recruits were given a good grounding and only one failed to last the course. There were two night exercises, which the local coastguards joined in when they saw our red Very cartridges, and one complete day on Cragbank Ranges, when there was some good shooting promising well for the future. The cadre boys were definitely “ one up ” on their “ air raid warden ” pals.

The Battalion “ recce parties ” proved themselves with the “ capture ” of a guest house in the camp



Photo:- By courtesy of “Huddersfield Examiner”

Civil Defence Rescue Training, Millom, August 1962



vicinity where ale and food was both plentiful and cheap; many were the merry parties that were held in the house amongst the trees ("Don't despair—you're nearly there").

We tasted the sting of our new R.S.M. (R.S.M. Nichols) on this camp and we take this opportunity of welcoming both him and Mrs. Nichols in our midst. We hope their stay will be long and pleasant.

The results of the instructors' cadre have just been received and we congratulate C.S.M. Dillon, "A" Company, Halifax, and C.S.M. R. W. Wood,

"D" Company, Mossley, on obtaining "A" gradings.

Reports on the rank and file cadres show that L/Cpl. Mounsey, "B" Company, Huddersfield, is our ablest rescue and first aid soldier with 39 marks out of a possible 40. Congratulations L/Cpl. Mounsey!

Back in our native habitat we are now preparing for a monstrous exercise which will be held shortly followed by the Divisional Rifle Meeting and all the dangers and trials of the pending social activities.

## SHOOTING

Gathering up our old soldiers we marched on Bisley this year; it was rather a long way for the Training Major's car!

Due to last minute "get tough" employers some of our team were not allowed "time off" for Bisley and we were only able to take 7 altogether. We were not able to enter a team for the China Cup, which needs 8 (TA) members, we only had six. It was therefore a great consolation when we returned to read in the *Yorkshire Post*, etc., that we were the runners-up in the China Cup. We hope to do better next year when we enter a team!

However, as individuals we did quite well and were "in the money" on nine different occasions. The "Queen Mary" was the main competition and our results were as follows:

Major W. F. C. Robertson	..	150	points
R.Q.M.S. G. H. Machen, M.B.E.	..	109	,,
(excluding run down practice)	..	109	,,
C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bacon	..	138	,,
Cpl. J. Fozzard	..	105	,,
C.Q.M.S. W. J. Reed	..	94	,,

Pte. D. Williams	..	..	..	77	,,
Sgt. D. I. Taylor	..	..	..	58	,,

R.Q.M.S. Machen was runner up "Old Soldier" (over 50 years) and the lowest score to be included in the top 50 for the second stage of the "Queen Mary" was 136.

It was very valuable experience for next year as it is some time since the unit went to Bisley.

We are looking forward to some young blood invigorating the team and are selecting and training two young soldiers' teams, chosen from the infantry cadre results at annual camp. We are looking forward also to some real "Bisley Bullets" among ex-NS men of the 1st Battalion joining us; already we have been delighted to welcome Pte. Thatchell, who is also a well trained I Section man, while Pte. Brook, the champion young soldier in the Army, is joining us in October. C.S.M. Webb also increases our shooting strength and we hope to put some pretty formidable teams into the field at the Divisional Rifle Meeting on October 13 and 14.

## OFFICERS' MESS

These notes are being written in the usual dreadful hurry, and soon after return from camp. They will deal almost exclusively with camp as no mess functions were held in May, June or July.

The mess at Millom was in the usual familiar marquees with the usual familiar tin hut at the back as a kitchen. One hardly needs to plan a layout nowadays.

The main social functions at camp were the two guest nights and the middle Sunday cocktail party and buffet.

The first guest night, on Friday, August 3, started off most inauspiciously. The PMC's car broke down about half-a-mile outside camp in a severe cloud burst. As he staggered into camp he was greeted with the news that the port (a Graham 42) had not been delivered. Arriving at the mess he found the mess staff, quite justifiably, engaged not in preparing for dinner but in trying to anchor the

whole place down in the howling gale. Order was restored and the port eventually arrived. Glossing over a series of minor mishaps (the CO had no boots, the PMC no trousers and we had laid one too few places for dinner) one must point out that eventually the evening was a tremendous success.

As will be seen from the list of guests below we entertained, amongst others, Lt.-Colonel Marchant, CO of the Lovat Scouts with whom we were sharing camp. This provided the basis for a unique regimental occasion. The Regimental march of the Lovat Scouts is of course played on the pipes. To cut a long story short Colonel Marchant brought with him his own piper. After duly playing his own march Pipe Sgt. McClod marched up to our own CO and took from him his "dram" of whisky from a silver dish known as a *quaich*. After downing this in one he recited a Gaelic toast composed specially for the occasion

by the Lovats. This in translation runs something as follows:—

“A health to the Queen.

A health to the Regiment.

A health to him who defeated Napoleon.”

In addition to this he played in due course one of our own marches “Scotland the Brave.” Before the mess rose from dinner he played “Lord Lovat’s Lament” and repeated the toast to the Regiment. Finally he played for us once again in the ante-room after dinner.

The fact that the PMC visited the Sergeants’ Mess of the Lovat Scouts is purely a personal matter. Of more general interest perhaps is the rumour that Lt.-Colonel Barry Kavanagh is convinced that he is entitled to a piper!

There dined with us in the Mess on this occasion the following:—The Colonel of the Regiment, the Honorary Colonel, Col. Howcroft, Col. John Sugden, Col. Mayman (ADMS), Lt.-Col. Denis Wharry, Lt.-Col. Barry Kavanagh, Lt.-Col. Marchant (Lovat Scouts), Lt.-Col. Brook, Lt.-Col. Huxley, Major Theo Price, Major S. P. Robertson (Lovat Scouts).

The middle Sunday cocktail party was held in the mess of the Camp Permanent Staff. In addition to our wives and families we were pleased to see the following:—The Colonel of the Regiment, Col. and Mrs. Bentley, Col. and Mrs. Howcroft,

Lt.-Col. Marchant, Major Robertson, Major Whitehead, Major Coop, Major Bearder, and the officers of the Army School of Civil Defence and their ladies.

On Tuesday, August 7, sitting down to dine with us were Major-General Birkbeck (the Divisional Commander), Brigadier John Deedes, Brigadier Gordon-Finlayson (CRA), Col. Dickenson (RAPC), Canon Hardy (Senior Chaplain), Lt.-Col. Skelsey, Lt.-Col. Brewster (440 LAA Regt. RA), Col. Holden, Col. Powell, Major Shepherd, (BM), Lt. Risso-Gill (ADC).

The PMC was gratified to find a well established demand for some biscuits produced by a rather lesser known manufacturer. But before he closes he must also say how very grateful he was at camp to the mess staff. In addition to waiting and laying incessantly they many times retired to bed to find their own quarters collapsing about them in wet and windy darkness.

Since camp the unit paymaster Stephen Kaye, has contracted matrimony. It is rumoured that he took the impress account with him on his honeymoon. In any case he has the best wishes of the mess for a happy future.

Forthcoming events include the 5th Battalion Officers Dinner, a combined (1st Battalion and West Riding Battalion) dinner in Catterick on October 26, and our annual ball on December 31.

## W.O.’S and SERGEANTS’ MESS

We said farewell to R.S.M. Robins at the beginning of July and would like to place on record our appreciation of the help and encouragement he gave us during his tour. We were most sorry to see him go but wish him and his family good fortune in 1 DWR. Bob Chilvers also left us about the same time and no better opportunity will be found to thank him for his service and hope that Mrs. Chilvers will in the very near future have successfully produced Bo-Bo the Second.

You will have gathered already that the highlight since our last notes has been the annual camp at Millom. Many of our members suffered two weeks’ C.D. training; however, W.O.2 Webb and six sergeants were able to carry out military training by instructing the recruits’ cadre. Although most of us became proficient in the art of knots, lashings, broken heads and limbs, all enjoyed themselves.

Social life at camp was restricted due to the difficulty of attending morning lectures with a hangover and of lowering some unfortunate body lashed to a stretcher after a lunch time session. We did have between 40 and 50 members’ wives and families visiting us on the middle Sunday; we hope they enjoyed themselves. The C.O. and his officers entertained us in their Mess for drinks on the middle Saturday and, as normal, visited the Sergeants’ Mess the last Thursday evening at camp. C.Q.M.S. Bacon did sterling work with the buffets on the families’ and officers’ visits and we thank him for his efforts.

We were extremely pleased to meet the Colonel of the Regiment, General Exham; the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Lt.-Colonel Kavanagh; the Honorary Colonel of the West Riding Battalion, Colonel Bentley; and the Brigade Colonel, Colonel Powell—to mention but a few of our VIP visitors.

Mess-wise we had little to complain at; we fed with 440 (Humber) Regiment R.A. and were then allocated a brick building for our bar. (This was sumptuous compared to the tents occupied by our officers.) Millom is very wild and hilly and it rains most days (or seemed to whilst we were there) but, in our brick bar, we were able to keep warm and dry. Many of the members took their own transport and when parades for the day were over

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took to the hills in search of game. However, after hours of traversing the hills like mountain goats, all paths led back to the brick building where they quaffed ale and consumed "Bill Bacon's" cheese and pickles.

There have been two other changes in the Mess: Sgt. Binns has left us on medical grounds but we hope to keep contact with him through his future intended work with the Huddersfield Cadets. All

who know Joe Perrin will be pleased to note that he has entered the Mess again.

We now have the 1st Battalion members in Halifax and hope to entertain them on the evening of September 13, at Prescott Street Mess. We also plan to win the Brigade Sergeants' Mess shoot on September 9, at Strensall. (The interrogation will be intolerable if we fail !)

## THE EVER-READIES

### T.A.E.R. TRAINING IN B.A.O.R.

*The "Ever-Readies" or Territorial Army Emergency Reserve is a new force, formed this year.*

*It is made up of men serving in the Territorial Army who volunteer to be available for immediate call-up to reinforce the Regular Army in emergency, for a period not exceeding six months unless the T.A. is embodied in the meantime.*

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*The West Riding Battalion has filled its first quota, approximately a platoon, and is believed to be the first unit to have done so.*

*As the civil defence training at Millom was not suitable for the role of the "Ever-Readies" the Battalion obtained permission for them to spend the camp period with the Regular Army in Germany and they flew over to join the Prince of Wales's Own. They are believed to be the first "Ever-Readies" to go abroad for training.*

Our very sincere thanks are due to the officers and men of the Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire who laid their equipment, knowledge and hospitality absolutely at our disposal. This made for an excellent two weeks' stay in Wuppertal. We spent 17 days with the PWO and during that period had a large majority of our time out in camp.

A Sunday was spent on a luxurious Rhine steamer travelling between Cologne and Konigs-winter in bright sunny weather. The highlight of this day was to watch L/Cpls. Reilly, Armitage, Dare and Rawcliffe doing the twist to the hand-clapping of the rest of the lads on the bar deck amongst some 250 Germans. This, fortunately, went down extremely well.

On the second Sunday we went to Arnhem, some 200 miles north of Wuppertal across the German/Dutch frontier. All the lads were in uniform and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the Dutch who were very friendly to the British Army uniform. We wonder what happened to Cpl. Aldersley, L/Cpls. Parkin, Weatherhead and MacAlister in this delightful modern post-war town! A visit was made by Mr. Sugden and Sgt. Hem-

mings to the IWGC Airborne Cemetery at Oosterbeek where the graves of five Dukes were found and photographed; the photographs are not available at the time of going to press, unfortunately.

There were a number of amusing incidents whilst on training. Who was the NCO who managed to set alight an APC whilst on the move? We also wonder who the officer was who got captured in the night scheme in the first week? There was the excellent effort of L/Cpl. Parkin who caught four prisoners and five rifles on the same night scheme.

A shooting competition was held in which English was top scorer and took the kitty and Moore was second, one point behind—well done those two!

The highlight from the training angle was undoubtedly the large success of Cpl. Peckett and his section who, in a marching, camping and endurance exercise lasting two days and covering 27 miles, beat the men of the PWO by a considerable amount. His was a first class effort.

The second week was spent out in the vast NATO training areas in the Soltau district. We were some 20 miles from Luneberg Heath. Our job was to provide enemy against the advance of the 1st Battalion the Durham Light Infantry who belong to the Berlin Brigade. We had, to support us, a troop of tanks from 1 RTR. The lads particularly enjoyed withdrawing on these tanks at high speed. We had these tanks with us for three days. Yogi Bear featured very prominently in some small damage to a farmer's land. There can be no doubt who that was! It is interesting to note that this exercise finished immediately before the first anniversary of the infamous wall dividing Berlin, for which the DLI had to return.

We travelled back to Wuppertal along some 230 miles of autobahn in APCs which took us about six hours. The Cpls' Mess gave the lads, in conjunction with the Cpls' Mess of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, a very good last evening.

We had the aircraft we flew home in all to ourselves. After a slightly bumpy landing at Ringway (we wonder why) we were met by the CO. However, this did not seem to stop Armitage from contributing £5 17s. 1d. to H.M. Customs Smoking Fund!

## Obituary

We deeply regret to record the following deaths:

### **Mrs. N. G. Burnand**

From the obituary column of *The Times* we learn of the death in Chelmsford Hospital on August 11, of May Kathleen Burnand, wife of the late Lt.-Colonel N. G. Burnand, D.S.O., who commanded the 1st Battalion from 1924 to 1926.

### **Lt. and QM H. S. Evans**

Mr. Evans has died at his home, 23 Exley Gardens, Halifax, aged 82 years.

Mr. Evans will be remembered by his many friends as a man who was extremely proud of his Regiment who took the greatest interest in its doings right up to his death. When serving he was well known as a strict and impartial disciplinarian and like many soldiers of his class was as straight as they come.

Mr. Evans enlisted at Halifax at the age of 17½ years on August 18, 1896. Posted to the 1st Battalion in 1899, he went to South Africa with them as a drummer. After the end of the war he came home with the Battalion and served with them until 1905 when he was posted to the 2nd Battalion as a corporal. In 1908 he was reposted to the 1st Battalion in India. In 1912 he came home again and went to the 3rd Battalion as Colour-Sergeant.

During the First War he served with the 3rd Battalion and Depot but went to France for a short period in 1918. Following active service he spent two more years at the Depot finally being discharged in 1920. In 1922 he joined the 4th Battalion and was appointed Quartermaster, a position he held until 1925 when he retired to take up a position as secretary to Messrs. Dewhursts at Elland.

He is survived by his widow and a son.

### **Mrs. V. C. Green**

Pauline Mary, wife of Brigadier V. C. Green, C.B.E., of Oak Lodge, Budleigh Salterton, died on July 30. She had been ill for over a year and in poor health for three years.

Mrs. Green was the younger daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. H. Heriot Hill. She was with her husband in a number of stations with the Regiment including Cairo, Singapore and Ahmednagar with the 2nd Battalion and two tours at the Depot in Halifax, the second shortly before the last war when her husband commanded it. Her simple friendliness and kindness will be remembered by all who served with her.

Throughout the last war she served in the WVS and for two years was deputy director of the St. Pancras division in London.

She is survived by her husband and by their daughter, Mary, who is married to Major P. M. C. Wakefield, late Royal Norfolk Regiment. Brigadier Green is staying on in Budleigh Salterton where his sister shares the house, Oak Lodge, with him.

### **Mr. W. C. Heaney**

Mr. William Clare Heaney died suddenly early in July, aged 55.

Bill Heaney was the son of C/Sgt. J. Heaney who was one of the four NCOs from the 2nd Battalion who took part in the Younghusband expedition to Thibet, 1903-04, and whose campaign medal (Gyantse) is in the Regimental Museum.

Bill Heaney had over 23 years service in the Regiment and will be remembered as a drummer in both 1st and 2nd Battalions. During the war he was with the 2nd Battalion and, among other campaigns, took part in the withdrawal from Burmah.

Towards the end of his army service he was for two years batman to Colonel Waller who writes that, as an old soldier, he loved to recall episodes of his earlier service some of which were funny but near disaster—Heaney was “a bit of a lad” in his younger days—all of which were happy.

At the time of his death he was serving as an Air Ministry policeman at Kamble, Glos. A wreath was sent from the OCA to his funeral at which Air Ministry police acted as bearers.

He leaves a widow and one daughter.

### **Mr. J. Hirst**

Lt. James Hirst died at his home at Denby Dale on July 10, aged 65. He was Managing Director of Messrs. Thomas Canby Ltd.

Jimmy Hirst was probably one of the best known men in the 5th Battalion. He joined up, under age, for the first war and when he was about to go to France in 1915 his age was found out; he was then made a drummer boy and went out with the Battalion.

Between the wars he played rugger with the “Huddersfield Old Boys” and was a vice-president of the club. The son of one of Yorkshire’s most famous cricketers, George Herbert Hirst, Jimmy also played cricket for Kirkheaton and Fartown.

In 1937 he was instrumental in forming the “Old Boys” detachments. Although over 40 he joined up again in the ranks and served as sapper, corporal,

sergeant and W.O.3 before being commissioned.

He was a keen member of the OCA and was on the committee of the Huddersfield Army Veterans' Association. In his own way he did a great deal to give a helping hand to any ex-serviceman who required it, and he will be missed by a great number of his friends and acquaintances.

#### Captain R. Hopkins

We have recently learned of the sudden death in March, 1962, of Captain Hopkins.

He joined the Yorkshire Dragoons in 1916 and was wounded in the foot; he took his discharge in 1920. In September, 1922, he re-enlisted into the "Dukes" and served with the 1st Battalion until 1938 when he transferred to the Royal Artillery. During his service with "The Dukes" he was mainly employed as the Regimental bus driver. As such he was a well-known character, especially noted for his cheerfulness and obliging ways; nothing was too much trouble for "Hoppy" as he was affectionately called.

In 1941 he was commissioned and served in various POW camps and then with the Imperial War Graves Commission retiring in 1949.

He leaves a widow and a married son. Captain Hopkins was aged 64.

#### Mr. G. Jackson

Mr. Jackson's sister, Constance, informs us that her brother George died in December, 1961, suddenly at the City Hospital, Nottingham.

George served in the Regiment from 1919 until 1933. During his service he was mainly employed in the Orderly Room. He had a large circle of friends and was a popular figure in the Sergeants' Mess. A man of good manners and upright bearing he never lost his interest in his Regiment.

#### Captain A. E. Miller, M.C.

Captain Miller, the father of Captains David and Tony Miller, died in Hove on September 25.

He was, himself, a former officer of the Regiment and was adjutant of the 9th Battalion in 1914. We obtained news of his death too late to obtain a full record of his service for this issue. It will appear in January.

Captain and Mrs. Miller recently moved to 6 Bowen Court, Hove.


#### Captain T. G. Swithinbank, M.B.E.

Captain Swithinbank, of 45 Thoroughgood Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex, died suddenly on June 30, aged 70.


Captain Swithinbank joined the Army at the beginning of the 1914-18 war and was commissioned in 1915. He served in Mudros, Egypt and France.

He was placed on the reserve of officers and was recalled in October, 1939. After a period at the Depot in Halifax he was posted to Newton House, Londonderry, Yorks as adjutant to the Tactical Training School. In June 1943 he was appointed an M.B.E. for his services there.

His widow survives him.



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## THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

### Mr. S. E. CODE, M.B.E.

*(To mark the 50th anniversary of the OCA we hope to publish a series of "profiles" of prominent personalities in the OCA and Regimental Association. —Ed.)*

It is particularly appropriate that this series should start with Sidney Code. The Regiment is not short of well-known personalities but, in a wide field including some strong runners, Sidney Code carries my money for the title of the best-known man in the Regiment. His profile is, therefore, already familiar to all who read these words. However, there are a few facts about him which may be less widely known.

For a start he is not a Yorkshireman in the pure or cricketing sense of the word. Sidney Edward Code was born in London in 1904. His father was a regular soldier in the Middlesex Regiment. After his father had left the Army the family moved to Leeds in 1918. Sidney started work as an apprentice fitter at the age of 14, but thoughts of a service life soon began to attract him. His first fancy was for the Navy but eventually he decided on the Army. He presented himself to the recruiting office at Bradford where he was offered a choice between the Irish Guards and The Duke's. An unknown but undoubtedly inspired recruiting sergeant persuaded him to come to us. Sidney reported to "The Barracks," Halifax, on October 6, 1922.

He enjoyed his period of recruit training as much or as little as any other recruit does. And if he ever got out over the wall he was certainly never caught. He joined "A" Company, 1st Battalion in Turkey in 1923. The Company Commander was Major F. H. B. Wellesley. Thirty years later it was Sidney who first suggested that the barracks at Halifax should be called Wellesley Barracks. He joined the 2nd Battalion in Moascar later in 1923 and from then until 1930 served with that battalion in Egypt, Palestine, Singapore, and India.

Sidney returned to England in 1930. He served with both the 4th and 5th Battalions as P.S.I. and eventually rejoined the 1st Battalion in Aldershot. After Malta and Borden he returned to the Depot and shortly after the outbreak of war became R.S.M. of the I.T.C. Two years with the 2/7th Battalion, commanded by the then Lt.-Colonel Webb-Carter, followed. During this period he was awarded the M.B.E.

In 1943 he joined 141 Regiment R.A.C. (The Buffs), a regiment of crocodile flamethrowers. He landed with them in Normandy and fought with them, as R.S.M., throughout the campaign in North West Europe. For his service with them he was awarded a Mention in Despatches for gallant and distinguished conduct.

He took his discharge in 1945 after 23 years service. Although he did not know it at the time,



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this was only the halfway mark in a lifetime of service to the Regiment.

Sidney started civilian life in Insurance. It was not long, however, before Colonel Pickering, then Colonel of The Regiment, invited him to become General Secretary of the Regimental Association, a post which he accepted and has filled ever since.

His work covers a wide field: visits to the old, the sick, and the bereaved; help and advice on employment, housing, national assistance, pensions, and taxation. All those, and they number in thousands, who have had experience of his welfare work on behalf of the Association will know that Sidney possesses all the essential for the job. He has a deep but unselfish sympathy for anyone in need or distress. He is a shrewd judge of character. And he has a wealth of practical experience in welfare matters. Successive case committees have relied upon these qualities for the last 17 years. It is largely due to him that the Association can justly claim that money has seldom been wasted and that

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## 1912 JUBILEE REUNION DINNER 1962

The jubilee of the O.C.A. was celebrated on September 22 in fine style in the Prescott Street Drill Hall which was made available by the courtesy of Lt.-Colonel Gadd and the West Riding Battalion. The numbers given in The Colonel's letter on page 141—323 dining and 120 more drinking—are, in the opinion of the General Secretary, a conservative estimate. We are not able to list those present but all were welcome, especially those who had travelled from afar.

The hall looked at its best with the Honorary Colours of the 76th and the Colours of the 1st and West Riding Battalions displayed among greenery at one end and the top table gleaming with mess plate. An excellent innovation was a screen covered with old regimental groups and photographs which

### TWO OLD STAGERS



Mr. A. Harvey, D.C.M., M.M. left with  
Mr. R. Yates who enlisted in 1894

*Mr. S. E. Code continued*

no deserving appeal for help has ever been rejected.

What else of Sidney? He has a charming wife who enjoys equally with him the social side of his work. His stepson, Lloyd Bohlen, served as a regular soldier in the 1st Battalion and became a sergeant in three years. He has two married daughters, Barbara and Janet, by his first wife whom he married in 1932 and who died in 1947, and three grandchildren.

Apart from his family, his main interest in life is his work. He likes the social side of it but it is the welfare side which really absorbs him. After all what more worth-while job? And who better fitted to do the job than Sidney Code?

were the source of much interest and argument as to who was who and what was when.

General Exham presided at the dinner and the toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by Lt.-Colonel E. M. Liddell, O.B.E., the only surviving member of the group which met at The Union Jack Club on October 4, 1912, to form the Old Comrades' Association.

Before responding to the toast General Exham read The Queen's reply to the gathering's telegram of loyal greetings. There were also, he said, greetings from The Duke of Wellington and Lord Scarbrough, the two patrons of the Association. Among other messages particularly welcome was a telegram from British Honduras, where "B" Company of the 1st Battalion was serving—a greeting which exemplified the widespread comradeship of the Regiment.

General Exham said that it gave him special pleasure to reply to a toast proposed by Lt.-Colonel Liddell for his own father and Colonel Liddell were brother officers in the Regiment in the South African War. General Exham then gave an interesting review of matters of regimental interest. He particularly greeted the Bishop of Pontefract, who was present, on accepting the invitation to become our honorary chaplain and concluded with a special word of congratulation and thanks to the General Secretary, Mr. S. E. Code, for his invaluable work for the Association. This was warmly applauded.

After dinner the tables were quickly cleared. The arrangements and service throughout the evening were excellent and demand a special word of thanks to all those responsible. A dance floor was cordoned off, music was provided by the Band of the West Riding Regiment which had also played for our enjoyment during dinner, and the festivities continued until a late hour.

### BRADFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Owing to Belle Vue Barracks (Branch HQ) being occupied by regular troops during the past three weeks, the two recent branch meetings have been held at a local pub, by kind permission of "Dougie" Haigh, the "Landlord," who is also a branch member. These meetings, with the change of scene and atmosphere, proved to be very successful, judging from the various comments made. Our thanks go to "Dougie" not only for his co-operation at short notice but also for his personal contribution to the general entertainment.

The Keighley Branch "all branch" social evening on August 25, proved to be very enjoyable. A great deal of effort had obviously been put into organising the event and Bill Akrigg and committee are complimented and thanked for their work on our behalf, particularly so since we are aware of the difficulties experienced.

Again it is a pleasure to record, and to welcome, new members: Mr. T. Ginley ex-2/6th Battalion and Mr. W. Appleyard, ex-1st Battalion.



**Col. E. M. Liddle (left) with General Exham at the Jubilee Dinner**



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**Studying the photo screen are, left to right, Mr. A. Steel, Mr. W. Bacon, Mr. A. Fox, Mr. S. North, Mr. C. H. Robinson, Mr. C. E. Maun**

## Personalia

We congratulate Major Edward Emmett on his engagement to Mrs. Betty Thompson. The marriage will take place at Eccleston Parish Church on 19th September.

We also congratulate Major-General Gordon Upjohn and Brigadier Pip Moran on their respective promotions. General Upjohn is now G.O.C. Yorkshire District, with his Headquarters at Catterick. His A.D.C. is Lt. Martin Summers, the son of Colonel Bill Summers whose army record for the 100 yards, 9.8 seconds in 1932/33, still stands. (*We fear this comment supports Martin's complaint that when he meets senior members of the regiment they never ask "How are you?" but always "How's your father?"—Ed.*) Brigadier Moran now commands 146 Infantry Brigade (TA) and York Area. His Headquarters are at 38 Burton Stone Lane, York.

Our readers will be very sorry to learn that Mr. Tom Norman is now in poor health and is unable to leave his house. He lives at 15 Mitre Street, Marsh, Huddersfield, and would be very pleased to receive a visit from any past or present member of the Regiment at any time.

Majors Bill Blakey and John Milligan are both for Singapore. The former has already left to join the Singapore Guard Regiment. John Milligan follows

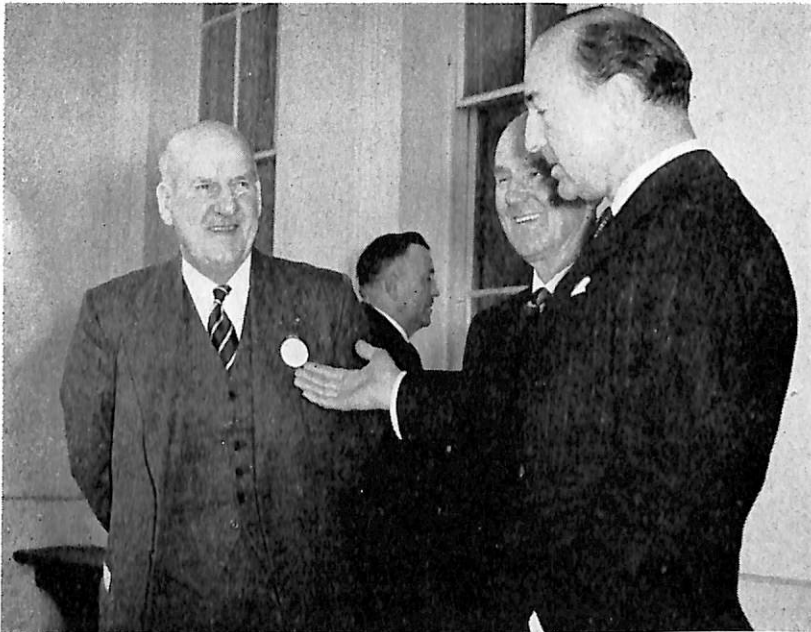


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in January to become DADPR, FARELF. He may just catch Major Graham Tedd in the last panic of packing. Major Tedd leaves Singapore, where he has been DAAG (MPA) at GHQ, in January to rejoin the 1st Battalion.

Brigadier George Laing, who is the Commandant of The Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover, scored a notable success in the August passing out list from Sandhurst. Three boys from the school passed out successfully and one of them, P. J. Sheppard, was third in the order of merit.

Major Steve Dunn is back in this country on leave from Malaya. He joins HQ 1 (Br) Corps BAOR in November as DADPR.

Major and Mrs. Nick Jackson now live in Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMahon stayed with them this summer at their present address "Unia," Dorlongoch, Brecon, South Wales. Major Jackson is Staff Captain Q(Maint) at HQ 53 (Welsh) Division. Both he and Mrs. Jackson are well and like it there. Their son, Teddy, now lives in Halifax where he has a good job with a firm of wine merchants. Their daughter, Carol, is married and lives in Coventry.

We congratulate Cyril Kenchington on his promotion to major and John Greenway and Bob Huffam on their promotion to captain.

In May of this year Major Jock Huffam attended a ceremony at the RMA, Sandhurst in connection with the presentation to the National Army Museum of a memorial book commemorating the V.C.s and G.C.s of the Hon. East India Company and Indian Army. The book was presented by a retired Indian Army officer, Major C. W. d' A. Steward and was received by the museum's patron, H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester.

Among those present were five living holders of the Victoria Cross and 280 relatives of earlier winners. Major Huffman's name is included in the book in a special section dealing with holders of the Cross who served in the Indian Army after they had won it.

The photograph shows Major Huffman with the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Profumo, and Brigadier Sir John Smyth, Bt., v.c., m.c., who, incidentally, contributed to the article on the Sittang Brigade which appeared in the July 1960 issue of THE IRON DUKE.

We have heard recently from Mr. Harry Randall. He is living at 65 Main Street, Cockermouth, Cumberland, while waiting for his posting to the Foreign Office. He says that he finds civilian life "one big bore." He has set a splendid example to retired members of the Regiment by securing two regular recruits for the 1st Battalion.

Major D. H. Wood has been appointed Training Officer, Sheffield University.



Capt. Mike Campbell-Lamerton was given strict orders, from more than one source, that on his return from the Lions' tour of South Africa he was to produce an account of his experiences and a photo of himself in Lions' kit. All that could be extracted from him during the brief period between his return from the tour and his departure for Gibraltar on leave is the photo published here—in what is reputed to be a Lions' jersey. We hope to obtain an account of the tour for the January issue.

Mr. Ben Hearsom, Secretary of the London Branch, was missed at the O.C.A. Jubilee dinner. He had been in hospital for some weeks undergoing an abdominal operation. We are glad to say that we have received from him a good report of his progress. He was hoping to be out of hospital by the end of September.

Colonel Trevor Bentley was also missing from the dinner but for a happier reason. He and Mrs. Bentley were celebrating their silver wedding.

### "Once a Duke . . ."

The photograph below shows ex-Band Sgt. K. A. Waterman who is now macebearer to the Mayor of Wolverhampton.

Mr. Waterman enlisted on boys' service in 1931 and joined the 2nd Battalion in Kamptee, remaining with them, on band and general duty, until he was posted home as a militia instructor in August 1939.

During the war, after service with the 1st, 8th (later 145 Regiment, RAC) and 6th Battalions, he transferred to the Army Air Corps. As a glider pilot he took part in the "D" Day and Arnhem operations and spent the last part of the war attached to the RAF as second pilot in Dakota aircraft supplying forward troops.

He rejoined "The Dukes" after the war and took over as Band Sergeant from Sgt. "Necker" Stutely in 1947. He remained with the Band until he retired in 1957.

Mr. Waterman's duties include that of toastmaster at mayoral banquets and he recently officiated as such at a luncheon given in honour of H.M. The Queen who was visiting Wolverhampton.

In his spare time he is a sergeant in The Staffordshire Regiment, TA. He has one son now serving with the 1st Battalion as a regular and another, of nearly 15, who wishes to go to the Junior Leaders' Battalion as a "Duke." He wonders if he has started a long line of Watermans in "The Dukes." We certainly hope so.



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## “...AND NOW, THE DANCING GIRLS”

Major R. M. Harms, M.C.

Husn al Abr is a fairly remote oasis in the top left hand corner of the East Aden Protectorate. My friend Mike was the political officer there for nearly two years, and bore the splendid title of Assistant Adviser, Northern Desert. His parish extended from al Abr for 800 miles to the most isolated post of the Hadhrami Bedouin Legion (HBL) at Habarut. The complete area for which he was responsible is almost a thousand miles from east to west, and an average of 200 miles from north to south. The southern edge is on the Wadi Hadhramaut, and the northern along the border of the Rub al Khali (Empty Quarter). The only inhabitants are Bedouin Arabs who radiate from the various wells, which are few and widely spaced, and graze their camels on the thin pasture of scrub and thorn.

Mike had invited two Aden Protectorate Levies (APL) officers and me to visit him at al Abr and to travel with him from there to Mukalla on the coast by way of the Wadi Hadhramaut. He also wanted to show us something of the Northern Desert.

On the last day of February 1960 the three of us were collected from Ataq, an APL post in the West Aden Protectorate, and driven north through the Ramlat Sabatain, a sand sea some 40 miles across, to al Abr. A few miles short of the oasis we saw two colourful, waving figures who were Mike and his local assistant, Sheikh Muhammad Kharusi, B.E.M. After a pause for greetings we drove on to al Abr.

There is no village in the oasis, but there is a fort garrisoned by the HBL; there are a few small shops, a mosque, and the Junior Assistant Adviser's (Kharusi's) house. There are three main wells, in the bottom of a wide, sandy wadi, and these are used by the Bedouin to water their camels. Above the wadi on the west bank rises the fort, square, white, built of a mixture of mud and rock and topped by a watch tower from which a soldier shouts a warning of any approaching vehicles or caravans. The oasis is surrounded by a cincture of mountains and is dominated in particular by four flat-crowned "wedding cake" hills.

Mike outlined what we were to do and mentioned that there were dancing girls. Our spirits rose and our thoughts sank. How soon? How many? We were told to wait and see. First there was to be lunch, then a short rest, then a look at some rock scratchings, then a look at the camels being watered, then a "mutton grab" with the HBL officers, and then . . . the dancing girls, and . . . the dancing men.

The rock scratchings were near a water hole in a wadi bed about eight miles north of al Abr. They were probably done by Himyaritic herdsman and included two hunters on a horse, an ostrich, camels, large numbers of hands, and plenty of lettering. Whether the words were "Abdulla loves Fatima," or "Sulaiman was here," or "Go home filthy British," or even "all coppers are bastards," was not clear, but the words were certainly a relic of the days when the Himyaritic Mum patted her son on the

head and said "Off you go then, Ahmad; why not try an ostrich today? Silly boy, you've forgotten your hammer and chisel! And mind the camels don't stray."

The "mutton grab" was excellent and we enjoyed meeting the HBL and having a look round the fort, but we hankered for the dancing girls. We drove down in the land rover and used the headlights to floodlight the dancers and the ring of on-lookers. There were rather few women and rather many men, and as each man chose to dance in his turn with one of the women, the dancing girls were fully booked and our chances were remote. The girls were unveiled—their faces, that is—and they wore black, relieved by lots of chinking, tinkling silver jewellery. They were a wild, exotic, dishevelled lot, but one or two of them were really beautiful.

I fell into conversation with a relatively well-dressed Arab with a town accent and a gleam in his eye. He seemed a popular chap with the men and the girls. We talked of the dancing, and the state of the camel grazing, and then about the dancing . . . "What did I think about the girls?" "Delightful" (what is uninhibited in Arabic?). "What about that one over there?" Mike came along and drew me aside. "He keeps the local tent of ill-fame," he whispered. "Better not to be seen talking to him." Ah well! So near and yet so far!

The music, a hand drum and a double-reed pipe, tapped, thumped and droned on, and we began to realise it had been a long day.

Next morning we were up early to see the beautiful Sari girls watering the camels at the wells, and to take a few photographs. There were hundreds of camels lying round the wells, gurgling and ugging to themselves. In the morning light the mountains were grey-blue with black shadows, and the fort gleamed. The few palm trees and the scrub looked greener in the cool light than they had the previous day.

There were the dancing girls, busy hauling up the water skins, and there . . . Yes, there he was, my friend of the night before, even so early in the morning. We took plenty of Arabian tourist pictures with plenty of Bedouin characters, men and women, in them, and then it was time to go.

We loaded the land rover and the truck, shook hands with the HBL officers, and jolted and swayed off down the stoney track towards the Hadhramaut, sparing a last wave for those at the wells, and looking just once more at the girdle of mountains, changing shade and colour as the shadows moved.

### NOTE FOR THE RECORD

The last two issues of The Iron Duke, Nos. 124 and 125, were wrongly entitled Vol. XXXIX and Vol. XL respectively. They both belong to Vol. XXXVIII of 1962.

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Branch Donations and Expenses .. .. .	.. .. .	97 14 11	Old Comrades Association Fund	50 0 0	
Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .	.. .. .	58 5 10	Donation from Colchester Community	.. .. .	150 0 0
Advertisements .. .. .	.. .. .	17 11 0	Nevassa Donation .. .. .	.. .. .	50 0 0
Telephone .. .. .	.. .. .	24 17 0	Sundry Donations .. .. .	.. .. .	5 0 0
Cheque Book .. .. .	.. .. .	10 0 0	9th (S) Battalion D.W.R., O.C.A. .. .. .	.. .. .	19 12 4
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	.. .. .	56 19 8	Dinner Account Surplus .. .. .	.. .. .	2 6 0
		<u>£329 19 10</u>			<u>£329 19 10</u>

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

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Grants to Individuals .. .. .	.. .. .	232 18 1	Interest from Investments (Gross):		
Pensions .. .. .	.. .. .	213 10 0	3½% War Loan .. .. .	126 9 4	
Transfer to General Fund .. .. .	.. .. .	50 0 0	3½% Conversion Loan .. .. .	257 13 10	
Cheque Book .. .. .	.. .. .	10 0 0	3% Savings Bonds .. .. .	24 0 0	
Iron Duke—Subscriptions .. .. .	.. .. .	20 0 0	4% Consols .. .. .	24 17 0	
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	.. .. .	70 11 5	3% Defence Bonds .. .. .	9 0 0	
			3½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	3 10 0	
			4% Funding Stock .. .. .	106 0 0	
			5% Defence Bonds .. .. .	15 0 0	
			5% London County Stock .. .. .	20 19 4	
					587 9 6
		<u>£587 9 6</u>			<u>£587 9 6</u>

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Grants .. .. .	.. .. .	707 19 7	Donation—Army Benevolent Fund .. .. .	.. .. .	200 0 0
Secretary's Honorarium and Expenses .. .. .	.. .. .	400 0 0	Interest on Investments:		
Transfer to General Fund .. .. .	.. .. .	100 0 0	3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 .. .. .	171 16 0	
Cheque Book .. .. .	.. .. .	10 0 0	3½% Conversion Stock .. .. .	17 10 0	
Iron Duke—Subscriptions .. .. .	.. .. .	20 0 0	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 .. .. .	123 0 0	
U.S. Trustee—Fee .. .. .	.. .. .	3 10 0	3½% Treasury Stock 1977/80 .. .. .	175 0 0	
			4% British Transport 1972/77 .. .. .	200 0 0	
			4% Defence Bonds .. .. .	40 0 0	
			4½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	45 0 0	
			6% Nottingham Corporation Redeemable Stock .. .. .	90 0 0	
			Profit on Sale of Badges .. .. .	.. .. .	862 6 0
			Excess of Expenditure over Income .. .. .	.. .. .	1 8 4
		<u>£1,231 19 7</u>			<u>168 5 3</u>
					<u>£1,231 19 7</u>

## MITCHELL TRUST FUND

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
(Grants—Nil)			Interest on Investments:		
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	.. .. .	104 10 6	4½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	35 13 10	
			4½% British Electricity Authority .. .. .	33 10 2	
			5% Treasury Stock .. .. .	20 0 0	
			2½% Consols .. .. .	15 6 6	
		<u>£104 10 6</u>			104 10 6
					<u>£104 10 6</u>

## McGUIRE BATE TRUST FUND

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Grants .. .. .	.. .. .	244 17 6	Interest on Investments:		
Wreaths .. .. .	.. .. .	1 0 0	3½% War Stock .. .. .	98 15 0	
Officers Association .. .. .	.. .. .	10 10 0	3½% British Electricity .. .. .	35 0 0	
King Edward VII Hospital .. .. .	.. .. .	15 0 0	3½% Treasury Stock .. .. .	35 0 0	
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	.. .. .	32 7 6	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 .. .. .	30 0 0	
			3% Savings Bonds 1965/70 .. .. .	30 0 0	
			3% Metropolitan Water Board .. .. .	30 0 0	
			4½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	45 0 0	
		<u>£303 15 0</u>			303 15 0
					<u>£303 15 0</u>

BALANCE SHEETS AS AT JUNE 30, 1961

D.W.R. REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION—GENERAL ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
<i>General Fund</i> as at June 30, 1961 ..	610	4	5				<i>Investments at Cost</i>					
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	56	19	8				£500 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 .. ..	503	0	3		
				667	4	1	(Market Value June 30, 1962, £410)					
							Cash at Bank .. ..	161	16	9		
							Cash in Hand .. ..	2	7	1		
				<u>£667</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>				<u>£667</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION FUND

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Capital Account</i> as at June 30, 1961 ..				11,371	8	10	<i>Investments at Cost</i>						
<i>Income Account</i> as at June 30, 1961 ..	2,737	7	3				£463 10s. 6d. 3½% War Loan ..	463	10	6			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	70	11	5				£3,150 3½% War Stock ..	3,117	11	0			
				2,807	18	8	£5,384 3½% Conversion Loan ..	4,107	16	7			
							£1,979 0s. 8d. 3½% Conversion Loan ..	1,586	0	0			
							£2,650 4% Funding Loan ..	1,950	1	6			
							£621 5s. 0d. 4% Consuls ..	500	0	0			
							£100 3½% Defence Bonds ..	100	0	0			
							£300 3% Savings Bonds, 1965/75 .. ..	300	0	0			
							£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1960/70 .. ..	469	3	3			
							£300 5% Defence Bonds ..	300	0	0			
							£300 5% Defence Bonds ..	300	0	0			
							£419 5s. 9d. 5% London County Stock .. ..	400	0	0			
											13,594	2	10
							(Market value, June 30, 1960, £9,978)						
							<i>Income Tax Recoverable</i> .. ..				4	1	3
							<i>Loans</i> .. ..				100	0	0
							<i>Cash at Bank</i> .. ..				481	3	5
				<u>£14,179</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>					<u>£14,179</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Amount of Fund</i> as at June 30, 1961..	23,397	8	11				<i>Investments</i>						
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income .. ..	168	5	3				£500 3½% Conversion Stock 1961A ..	379	19	9			
<i>Mitchell Trust Fund</i> as at June 30, 1961	2,213	11	6				£1,000 4% Defence Bonds .. ..	1,000	0	0			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	104	10	6				£1,000 4½% Defence Bonds .. ..	1,000	0	0			
				2,318	2	0	£5,726 14s. 4d. 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 .. ..	5,679	15	3			
Loss on sale of 4½% Defence Bonds				2	10	0	£4,100 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 ..	4,353	4	11			
<i>McGuire Bate Trust Fund</i> as at June 30, 1961	8,906	16	4				£5,000 3½% Treasury Stock 1977/80 ..	4,203	1	5			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	32	7	6				£5,000 4% British Transport Guaranteed Stock 1972/77 .. ..	4,562	1	0			
				8,939	3	10	£1,500 6% Nottingham Corporation Redeemable Stock 1975/78 ..	1,494	18	7			
											22,673	0	11
							(Market Value June 30, 1962, £18,871)						
				<u>£34,483</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	<i>Mitchell Trust Fund</i>						
							£744 13s. 8d. 4½% British Electricity Guaranteed Stock 1967/69 ..	700	0	0			
							£400 5% Treasury Stock 1986/89 ..	393	7	0			
							£2,451 16s. 4d. 2½% Consuls ..	997	10	0			
											2,090	17	0
							(Market Value June 30, 1962, £2,023)						
							<i>McGuire Bate Fund</i>						
							£2,821 12s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ..	2,560	3	0			
							£1,000 3½% British Electricity Stock 1976/79 .. ..	1,008	8	6			
							£1,000 3½% Treasury Stock 1977/80 ..	1,017	3	6			
							£1,000 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 ..	971	9	0			
							£1,000 3% Metropolitan Water Board 'B' Stock .. ..	877	14	0			
							£1,000 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 ..	959	17	9			
							£1,000 4½% Defence Bonds .. ..	1,000	0	0			
							£100 Workman, Clarke & Co. Ltd. 7% Mortgage Debenture Stock ..	2	0	0			
											8,396	15	9
							(Market Value June 30, 1962, £6,076)						
							<i>Income Tax Recoverable</i>						
							Mitchell Trust .. ..	5	18	9			
							Regimental Association Fund ..	17	8	9			
											23	7	6
							<i>Stock of Badges, etc., at Cost</i> .. ..						
							<i>Cash at Bank</i>						
							Mitchell Trust Fund .. ..	218	16	3			
							McGuire Bate Fund .. ..	542	8	1			
							Regimental Association Fund ..	455	1	5			
											1,216	5	9
											<u>£34,483</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Associations as set forth, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion such Balance Sheet and Accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Associations, and are in accordance with the books and papers produced to us.

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