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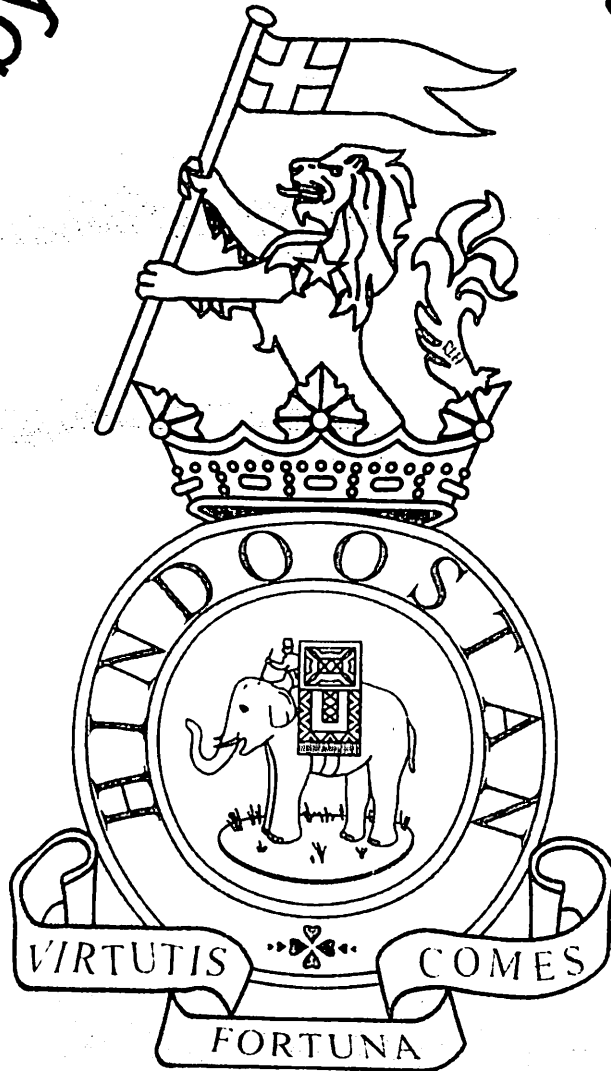
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### LES VOLTIGEURS' CENTENARY

Lt.-Col. Firth presents the Regiment's Salver to Lt.-Col. Defoy (*see page 127*)

## A LETTER FROM THE COLONEL

All members of the Regiment will be very glad to know that our old Depot will not, after all, be disposed of by public auction, as was once more than likely, and that it has now been acquired by the Borough of Halifax to be used as a youth centre. Our new Regimental Headquarters will be opened shortly in the corner of the old barracks on the site of the museum. This is an excellent position, facing out onto the main road. We are greatly indebted to Lord Scarbrough and Mr. Maurice Macmillan, M.P., for their help in reaching this very satisfactory solution by which the young men of Halifax will continue to receive training in our old traditional home.

I am very pleased with the way our alliance with Les Voltigeurs de Québec is developing. Colonel Tony Firth's visit to them to present our silver salver commemorating their centenary has certainly greatly strengthened our ties. I hope to visit them myself in Canada next year.

Our recruiting is going satisfactorily and I must congratulate the 1st Battalion on their unceasing efforts to take full advantage of their tour in Yorkshire to find and enlist the type of young man we want. I have sent our congratulations to them and also to all those associated with our recruiting drive. Recruiting is sometimes a baffling business and the way everybody has kept up his enthusiasm is most

praiseworthy. We still have a long way to go but I have no doubt we shall reach our target.

At the St. George's Day celebration, the West Riding Battalion's church parade and ceremonial march through Halifax were very well carried out indeed. I was able to tell their C.O., Colonel Jimmy Moncrieff, that I had never seen a smarter or better-drilled colour party. The Parish Church was full and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Pontefract, Honorary Chaplain to the Regiment. This annual event has now become very well established. We all wore white roses to commemorate the 2nd Battalion.

It is sad to record the death of our oldest retired regular officer, Colonel Mordaunt Trench, especially, for me, as he was the last of my father's brother officers. They were in South Africa together. I was able to see Colonel Trench briefly not long before he died and am happy to say he was peaceful and in no great discomfort.

By the time you read this we shall have had yet another enjoyable tea and dinner and met many of our old friends again.

*K A Exham*

## Editorial

### THE FIRST EDITOR

An obituary notice of Lt.-Colonel Mordaunt Trench appears with others on page 129 but a short tribute must be placed on this page which for so many years carried his editorial comments.

In 1924 a Regimental committee, formed to consider the starting of a regimental magazine, invited Colonel Trench to act as editor. The first number of THE IRON DUKE appeared in May 1925 and from then on Colonel Trench was responsible for every number published for 23 years, setting a standard which was second to none among regimental journals and maintaining it through the immensely difficult years of the war and its immediate aftermath.

Twenty three years. Perhaps only one who finds it difficult to believe that he has been coping for no more than four years can understand what a remarkable record that is. And Mordaunt Trench

had to deal with the sub-editors of two regular and four territorial battalions. The mind boggles.

That his dealings were always patient and encouraging I well know as I soon became one of those sub-editors. The association thus begun grew into a friendship which I greatly valued—as had already grown up a friendship between Mordaunt and my father, who was his business manager, and their two families. When I became editor I was thankful for the benefit of his great experience.

Mordaunt Trench's death is, therefore, a personal sorrow to me—as it is to all who knew him. But it is of him as the first editor of THE IRON DUKE that one writes here. In that context one can only express praise and thanks. I, and I am sure many others, still think of him not as the first editor but as The Editor.

His twenty three years of responsibility for THE IRON DUKE following on his service with the Colours, cut short though that was by ill health, mean that he served the Regiment actively for almost fifty years. Few can have done as much, or so well.

## REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

### THE REGIMENTAL SWEEPSTAKE

The annual Regimental Sweepstake will again be run on the St. Leger this year. The proceeds will be devoted to the charitable funds of the Regiment. The Regiment really does need this money in order to keep our charitable work amongst old comrades and their dependants up to its present standard. We have already started to send out books of tickets. If you have received some please sell them and ask for more. If you have not received any please apply to Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E. at Regimental Headquarters, Wellesley Barracks, Halifax. Tickets cost 1s. 0d. each and are in books of ten. The prizes will be the same as last year:

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At the time of writing these notes the legal processes are in motion for the sale of the barracks to the Halifax Corporation for the very Regimental looking figure of £33,000. The town appear to have a remarkable bargain as the barracks cover some 15 acres of valuable land, flatter than much in Halifax. A 2nd Battalion figure might well have been asked.

Negotiations for this transaction have been going on in a desultory sort of way since 1959. They elicited from the "Courier," in an editorial last March, the masterly understatement that "the War Office wheels grind very slowly."

The idea that the town should acquire the barracks occurred to Alderman Dryden Brook when, as Mayor, he was attending a cocktail party in the officers' mess in May 1958. Lest somebody who does not know the Alderman should misinterpret this statement we would add that he is well known to be a teetotaler. He later told us that the thought of the thousands of young men of Halifax who were trained as soldiers in the barracks from 1877 onwards made him feel the best use and, at the same time, a traditionally appropriate use would be to put the barracks to the service of youth activities. To this end he devoted much time and effort.

The new RHQ buildings were progressing quite well until recently when the contractor's staff were laid off. Fortunately it is mostly the outside work that is still to be completed so we are able to begin cleaning and tidying up the interior.

The Regimental Secretary is fired with a "do-it-himself" enthusiasm and periodically disturbs the rest of the staff with noises of carpentry.

Space will be considerably less than what we enjoy in the old officers' mess. Even with drastic pruning it will still be a case of trying to get the proverbial quart into a pint pot. The accumulation of several decades of files and records is considerable, not to mention a miscellaneous collection of impedimenta including even an invalid chair.

Our St. George's-tide weekend went off with the customary little hitches attendant on most detailed arrangements. The biggest was having to alter the date as, on what would have been the weekend if normal practice had been followed, the Vicar of Halifax had to be away assisting at the marriage of a son. On the Saturday RHQ held their cocktail party in the officers' mess—the last to be held in the old buildings. Next year space will be restricted if we are to hold the function in our own headquarter buildings.

Mr. Innes (the Director of the Halifax Museums and Curator of our Museum) rose to the occasion and assembled or, as he would put it, created a display in the dining room. It looked most impressive and effectively concealed the bare patch on the wall left by the removal of the board listing the Colonels of the Regiment from 1702.

A description of the Church Service and parade appears in the West Riding Battalion's notes but a word of thanks here would be appropriate for the hospitality extended to their numerous guests in both the officers' and sergeants' messes after the service.

## News and Notes

### LES VOLTIGEURS DE QUEBEC

To mark the close of their centennial celebrations Les Voltigeurs de Québec held a regimental mess dinner on Saturday, March 2.

Lt-Colonel Firth was a guest at this dinner and handed over the silver salver which the Regiment has presented to Les Voltigeurs to mark their centenary. Lt-Colonel Firth's account of his visit to Quebec is printed below.

As briefly reported in our last issue Lt.-Colonel Paul Defoy, C.D., was recently appointed to command Les Voltigeurs. A photograph and brief record of Colonel Defoy are on p. 128. General Exham has sent letters of congratulation from The Duke's both to Lt.-Colonel Defoy and to the former C.O., Colonel Francois Matte, on his promotion to command 7th Militia Group.

From Lt.-Colonel Defoy General Exham has received a letter thanking us warmly for the "beautiful silver salver." Colonel Defoy writes that he is studying the possibility of having a show case placed on the wall of the officers' mess in which the salver could be displayed.

## BEQUEST BY THE LATE BRIGADIER GRIMLEY

Mrs. Grimley has, at the request of her late husband, passed two books to the Regiment.

One is a book of cuttings which relate to the funeral of the Great Duke in 1852 and are culled from contemporary copies of "The Illustrated London News." It contains many detailed and interesting items about the funeral and many references to the 33rd Regiment.

The other volume is a large scrap-book compiled by Brigadier Grimley's uncle and containing a variety of information—some of it of great value to a future historian of the Regiment. As an example, a small cutting from a Portsmouth paper of 1868 discloses that Drummer Magner, who gained the V.C. in Abyssinia that year, was invested with the award at Portsmouth by Lt.-General Sir George Buller. There are a number of obituary notices of officers of the 33rd killed in the Crimea and many other items which fill gaps in our knowledge and will help to bring a historical record to life.

Both these books will be deposited in the archives at Regimental Headquarters and Brigadier Grimley's generosity is much appreciated.

## PRESENTATION TO R.M.C., KINGSTON

Lt.-Colonel Firth visited the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, to present on behalf of the Regiment a picture for their museum. The R.M.C. had asked for something to commemorate the Regiment's connection with Canada and we sent a copy of the well-known composite photograph of the 2nd Battalion at Halifax, Nova Scotia, circa 1889 and an individual portrait, that of Major

Wrench, to show details of the winter uniform. Both photos are mounted in one frame.

The Colonel of the Regiment has received a letter of thanks from the Commandant of the R.M.C., Brigadier G. H. Spencer, who recalls that, when he did a staff course at Camberley during the war, General Roy Exham was on the directing staff.

## AN INTERESTING MAYOR-MAKING

*From Lord Savile*

Old 8th Battalion and 145 Regiment R.A.C. readers will be interested to hear that I attended the Mayor's Dinner at Batley on May 23 as the new Mayor, Councillor Jack Laughlin, was my P.U. driver in "A" Company, 8th Battalion, in 1940 and 1941, when we were at Otley, Newquay and Verman in Cornwall and Seaton in Devon. I was a second-lieutenant and L/Cpl. Laughlin, as he then was, was a most promising youngster. He eventually rose to sergeant after I had left the Battalion.

This dinner was really a great occasion and Denis Siddall and Bruce Murgatroyd, who had been platoon commanders with me in the same company, were also present. Colonel Armitage sent the Mayor the following telegram: "Old Duke offers another congratulations and best wishes." All four of us "Old Dukes" thought this made the evening complete.

During the course of the evening I had the honour of proposing the toast: "The Town and Trade of Batley," to which Dr. A. D. D. Broughton, M.P., replied. I enjoyed a few minutes reminiscing at the start of my speech and said that if 23 years ago Jack Laughlin or myself had thought that either of us would reach high office and responsibility in the West Riding we might have accused each other of suffering from *folie de grandeur* or hallucinations!



## Presentation to R.M.C. KINGSTON

Lt.-Col. Firth presenting the picture to Brigadier G. H. Spencer, Commandant R.M.C. Kingston, Ontario (see above)

Photo: R.M.C., Kingston



### THE 1st BATTALION OVERSEAS 1943-45 DINNER CLUB

The club held its annual dinner at the Trocadero on Friday, May 10. Fourteen officers attended and Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter presided. All members were very sorry at the absence of Brigadier Orr who was in hospital and unable to attend.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, S.E.1, is holding a special photographic exhibition which should be of interest to members of the Regiment.

The exhibition, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on June 21 and will remain open until December 31, is in two parts. The first, entitled "The Origins of Military Photography", includes pictures taken in the Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny (1855) the China War (1860) and the Abyssinian Expedition (1868).

The second and greater part records the state of the war in 1943—twenty years ago—and is therefore largely concerned with the conquest of North Africa and the invasion of Sicily and Italy.

The organizers of the exhibition say that they have scrupulously avoided "staged" pictures and have included only those which are genuine in the sense of showing the real thing

### 1st BATTALION FOR GERMANY

According to present plans the 1st Battalion will move from Catterick to Germany in February 1964. They are to be stationed at Osnabruck. That is not one of the more attractive parts of Germany. It will, however, be a relief to them to have the whole battalion together again.

### O.C.A. DINNER

Old comrades reunion dinner this year takes place on **Saturday, September 21**, in the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, RHQ of the West Riding Battalion, at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets 10s. 0d. each from the general secretary at RHQ DWR, Wellesley Barracks, or from branch secretaries.

Please note date is **September 21** and not as published in April IRON DUKE.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

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# THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE DEPOT

## Sub-Editorial

This has been a time of change. Lt.-General Sir Charles Richardson has taken up his appointment as G.O.C.-in-C. The rebuilt dining halls, gymnasium and some sleeping quarters have been brought into use, and spring has finally arrived.

With the stout help of Captain Bray and Lt. Mundell from 1 DWR we again ran a leadership course for 45 CCF schoolboys. The programme was full and culminated with a 24-hour exercise at Warcop. Despite the shortness of the course it was a tremendous success.

On May 18 we were glad to welcome the branch secretaries of the Green Howards OCA who held one of their annual meetings in the mess.

On May 19 we had the very special pleasure to welcome the Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Maidstone who, at a service attended by a large congregation of parents and friends, confirmed, among others, 25 of our junior soldiers. Afterwards a particularly good tea was served in the juniors' dining hall.

This has been a period too of preparation and planning for forthcoming events include running the ACF annual shoot for the three Ridings (a new venture), a visit by the G.O.C.-in-C., H.R.H. The Princess Royal's visit at the end of July and then, in September, the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Associations' northern region sports day is to be run by us here. Never a dull moment.

## NEWS FROM THE MESSES

### Officers' Mess

We had a very good guest night with the Bishop of Maidstone, the ACF Northern Command and Lt.-Colonel Ewart Clay, Leeds Rifles, among the guests.

We are sorry to see our doctor, Tony Millwood, leaving us for the rigours of civilian practice. He has done a great deal for us and we wish him and Mrs. Millwood good fortune in their new life.

No one can say we don't try hard. Three gentlemen from Sierra Leone, pitched up a few days ahead of time, were welcomed with all the usual noises, lunched on the best and sent up to the adjutant's office where it was discovered one was a lance-corporal and two officer cadets.

### Sergeants' Mess

On Easter Saturday a social evening was held which the guests at Captain Crowcroft's daughter's wedding attended, resulting in a really packed house. The PMC was often seen appearing from the gloom carrying numerous types of seating for the guests and an excellent evening was had by all. The final item on the agenda was a "Tip It" competition between the ladies and the gents which, after a hectic struggle, the ladies won.

On the following Saturday we invited the

Strensall Rifle Club to a shooting competition followed by a social. Although the Strensall team won the shoot the Mess regained some of its prestige in the events which followed and, judging by the high spirits in which the Strensall guests departed, yet another successful evening was completed.

On the 25th a very enjoyable St. George's dinner was held at which our guests were R.S.M. Robins and C.S.M. Francis of The Duke's. Much credit must be given to Sgt. Gascoyne and to our steward, "Willie Thick," and his staff for the speedy and efficient way they prepared the mess. Also to Staff (Duffy) Pitkin and civilian cooks for the excellent meal they produced.

On the sports side we have been far from quiet. In the final of the Minor Units Hockey Competition the Mess was well represented by the R.S.M., C.S.M.I. Clarke, B.S.M. Bennis, C/Sgts. Simpson and Shepherd, and Sgt. Dawes; the R.S.M. and Q.M.S.I. Church were in the team which won the Minor Units Championship at the NORCO Rifle Meeting. As yet we have received no further challenge from the officers since we gave them a few instructions on the noble art of hockey.

We welcome numerous members into the Mess this month: C.S.M. (George) Badger for Training Company, Sgt. Swift from 1 Green Howards, C/Sgt. Cottingham, PWO, to complete his service with us (he is off on a pre-release course soon), Sgt. Douras, RAMC, for the black-bag department, Sgt. Gully, RADC, to assist in the extraction of our teeth and Sgt. Lindley for Training Company. We hope their stay with us will be happy.

S/Sgt. Harris RAPC is leaving and we extend a welcome to W.O.2 Higgins. S/Sgt. Harris formed the pay office and under him it has grown in stature and efficiency. In addition he has put in much time and energy in coaching our highly successful football teams. We are very grateful for all his good work and loyalty. Good luck, Staff, in your new appointment.

## NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

### Training Company

After a tremendous influx of recruits in January the figures are, alas, dropping at an alarming rate. This is countrywide and we find our numbers are practically identical with those of our friends the Light Infantry Brigade, now at Shrewsbury.

The following platoons passed out during this period:

Imphal	..	Best Recruit, Pte. Challies, Green Howards.
Alma	..	Best Recruit, Pte. Geeve, DWR.
Blenheim	..	Best Recruit, Pte. Wood, PWO.

As usual, open weekends have been running at two a month, and, in addition, the Company has

been helping allied CCF contingents at Pocklington, Ampleforth and St. Peter's, York.

We extend a welcome to Sgt. Lindley, DWR, Cpl. Dunn, GH, and Cpls. Bottom, Blakemore, and Stanton, all Y & L. Also to our new C.S.M., C.S.M. Badger, Green Howards. We hope that they will enjoy their tours with us.

Finally we say goodbye to C.S.M. and Mrs. Pennington. Both have taken the fullest part in unit life and will be much missed. We hope they will have a very happy tour with the APL in Aden where C.S.M. Pennington will be taking up the appointment of R.Q.M.S.

### Headquarter Company

There has been the usual movement of people in and out, particularly recently when 1 Green Howards left for Libya leaving behind those not eligible to go.

The Junior Soldiers Wing has been hard at it preserving their new accommodation and practising for their large part in the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Royal in July. Apart from beating retreat for her we shall be putting on a drill demonstration and a display of hobbies.

Our Cricket XI has entered the York Youth Cricket League and we have won our first two matches.

Most weekends see us strangely garbed dashing



**ON THE SKI SLOPES (just)**

*Left to right: Pte. Pickern, Pte. Barrett, Pte. MGrath  
(all DWR)*

off to take part in various activities. Cycling and canoeing occupy the majority whilst sailing in the Cadet, built, launched and capsized by the Wing, is a new and exciting activity. We have a second boat built and ready for the Army Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Earl's Court in June and by next summer, if we can find the pennies, a third boat will have been launched. This is a tremendous effort for which we must thank Major Batchelor RAEC who has been the guiding spirit.

## SPORT

### Shooting

This year we entered the Northern Command Rifle Meeting and won the Minor Units Championship, Rifle Match, LMG Match and SMG Match. Cpl. Gorse, REME, our Armourer, was fourth in the individual rifle championship whilst two junior soldiers, Junior Cpl. Fox, Green Howards, and Junior Cpl. Topham, Y & L, won the Class B LMG pairs. The score of the Juniors was equal to that of the Class A pair.

### Cricket

We really have no team to speak of this year owing to postings. However, Captain Edwin Beckett (PWO) has moved mountains and now with tremendous help and support from Colonel Donald Creighton Williamson, Commanding 1 Y & L, and Colonel Barry Kavanagh we shall have a good team for our matches in Cricket Week which is the first week in July.

### Ski-ing

After the snow had vanished from Yorkshire, a determined party from Alma platoon, led by Lt. Pugh, decided to pursue it to Scotland. They spent part of their "leave" at the Rothiemurchus Ski Hut in the Cairngorms, and a grant from the C.O. brought a normally expensive sport within the range of the private soldier. The party had a splendid five days, getting off to a cracking start on arrival by walking nine miles from the station to the hut, being fitted out with skis and boots and commencing ski-ing by 11.30 a.m.

Although the snow was in retreat and rather wet, there was sufficient to cater for beginners and experts alike and the whole party, on their second day on skis, came right down the 800-ft. ski run (the White Lady) which runs virtually from the summit of Cairngorm (408 ft.) to the top of the ski road.

The hut itself is three miles as the crow flies from the chair-lift on the White Lady; for the less adventurous there is a two-mile walk to the road-head where a lorry can be boarded, taking one up the new ski road to a car park just short of the ski-tow.

The weather was exceptionally fine and though not always sunny was far better than we had been having in Yorkshire, so we didn't complain. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself and a firm resolve was made to explore more fully the possibilities of Scottish ski-ing next year.

# 1st BATTALION

## Sub-Editorial

The methodical thud of ball on bat and shrieks of "How's that?" rend the air at Catterick most evenings. Spring is here, although the weather is a poor indication of its arrival. Nevertheless, it was with alacrity that someone extinguished all forms of heating on May 1, regardless of the cold!

The middle of February saw the return of the Green Howards from Germany. We found ourselves in the paradoxical position of being able to assist them over many a chore during their transitional stay in their home county of the North Riding. It was a pleasure to do so.

Since our last notes all have been working steadily towards the goal of despatching Alma Company, fully complemented and trained, to relieve Burma Company in British Honduras. The relief is in process as we write and is being combined with an exercise "Drakes Drum" in which Battalion Headquarters is taking part, thus getting a free trip to the Caribbean with four days in Nassau on the way back. We hope to get an account of this exercise into this issue.

Burma Company rounded off a highly successful tour in Honduras by the conquest of Mount Victoria which has only been scaled once before. An account of this fine exploit appears later in this issue. On their return Burma Company disperse on well earned leave.

In this issue we are dispensing with company notes, except for those of Burma Company, and combining battalion and company news in a new feature "Around the Battalion at Catterick."

We congratulate W.O.2 Hathaway, S/Sgt. Spring and S/Sgt. Sullivan on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Spring was presented with his medal by Major-General Upjohn during the annual Interior Economy Inspection. W.O. Hathaway and S/Sgt. Sullivan received theirs during the mayoral visits reported below.

We also congratulate S/Sgt. Blackshaw, our unit armourer, on his successes reported in the shooting notes and particularly on winning the Armourers' and Braziers' Medal, presented annually to the champion armourer. This fine award was last listed amongst the "Dukes" trophies when won by S/Sgt. Kingdon in Gibraltar.

## NEWS FROM THE MESSES

### OFFICERS' MESS

The snow has at last cleared and we were pleased to see that we do really have attractive surroundings. The flower-beds are devoid of any flowers but we hope for great success with our roses which appear to have coped well with the intense cold.

The first project on the garden was to make a six-hole golf course, which proved to be popular. The greens would definitely test any "pro," but the course record is being bettered every day. Let us hope that this enthusiasm will continue and will lead to the Regiment being able to produce a side for the Army Golf Championship in the near future.

In March we held a guest night for our sister regiment the Green Howards. It was a memorable evening which everyone enjoyed. We sincerely hope that they did not go away with the idea that we always play rugger as we did that night. The guests were Colonel J. Forbes, RO II The Green Howards Regimental Headquarters, and the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Colonel J. B. Scott and seven officers. Shortly afterwards the Green Howards extended an invitation to our officers and wives to attend their Colour Presentation Parade and to luncheon afterwards. It was an excellent parade and their hospitality afterwards could not have been bettered. This close association was continued until they left for Tripolitania—much, we expect, to the relief of the Officers'

Club. We all wish them a very happy tour.

The next guest night was also in March and the guests were: Brigadier Cox (Comd. Signals Trg. Bde.), Lt.-Colonel Hayles (GSO 1), Colonel Macmillan (Col. AQ), Lt.-Colonel Brackenbury (CO 11 Signal Regt.), Lt.-Colonel Tonry (CO 8 Signal Regt.), Major Davis (GSO 2), Major Sandford (Royal Inniskillings) and Major Power (John's father).

The carpet bowls afterwards was a great success and from the keenness of the guests it would not be surprising if an officers' mess league was started very shortly.

Many officers attended Duncan Lupton's wedding and bravely motored on to Halifax to assist the Colonel of the Regiment to act as host at the annual cocktail party at Regimental Headquarters. We hear that Duncan looked quite splendid in his regalia and hope to have a photograph for the mess scrapbook in due course. He has now left us to serve with the Army Air Corps and we wish them every happiness. We hope it will not be too long before they return to the fold.

We were delighted when Robin Newell and Andrew Nickell were granted regular commissions, and not only because they happened to buy a few glasses of champagne!

Topper Brown has left us to attend a course on Works Study. We hope he soon masters the art

of the stop watch and the tape measure. His fishing lessons will be missed by many but perhaps the golfers will be pleased not to get a fly in their ear as they go for the vital putt! We wish him and Brenda every success in the new job.

Our visitors during the quarter have included Majors Sam Robertson and Derek Wood—the Bisley Team sorely misses them. Major-General Ozanne called in to see us on his way to the Army Golf Championship—we hope he was impressed with our course. Brigadier A. E. C. Bredin, D.S.O., M.C., the Inspector of Physical Training, came for luncheon on April 8 after his tour of the branches, and various officers from the Yorkshire Brigade Depot for rifle meetings and promotion examination courses stayed with us. Also Douglas Jones-Stamp, who allegedly was attending a conference on mobilisation, stayed one day.

We welcome back Dennis Shuttleworth and his family and hope that they will enjoy serving with us again.

Many congratulations to Jim Newton on his nomination to "the establishment" at Camberley.

With the departure of Alma Company the bar profits have suffered. However, it is pleasant for the PMC to know that the beds will be in the rooms and not residing on the 4th fairway. We wish them all good fortune during their nine-month tour.

#### Mess—Personalia

Captain Duncan Lupton's marriage to Miss Hilda Crossley on April 27 was a very happy occasion. Topper Brown, Rodney Harms, John Greenway, Dick Mundell and Simon Berry went along to raise their swords at the Church door and to give Duncan moral support. It poured with rain during the service at St. Michael's Church, Garstang, but we are given to understand that, from a family point of view, this is a very good omen! Afterwards, we all took buffet lunch at the Bull and Royal Hotel at Preston. Appropriately, Duncan had had his car re-sprayed a different colour, but this guise deceived nobody and the couple drove away in a vehicle decked with numerous ornaments and inscriptions.

Sarah Berry was christened at Brandsby church on May 5 at noon. Her great aunt lent the Old Rectory and her parents and grandparents entertained many to a delightful Sunday afternoon during the course of which Douglas Jones-Stamp was heard to remark—"Should become a monthly occasion." It is understood that the Cumberleges will be complying with Douglas' wishes in some three months time. Who's next!

Good gracious Sir, he's handling the silver! That was the cry one guest night when Graham Tedd was caught committing the unforgivable sin of making an elephant snuff box become airborne. His excuse that he was "merely showing it to a guest" was not accepted. The matter was righted with alacrity when a wine waiter appeared in the ante-room afterwards with champagne on the gallant Major!

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Since the coming of spring some of our green fingered living-in members have attacked with enthusiasm a plot of ground near the mess with the intention of improving the standard of our messing in the coming months. Although the writer suspects that there has been more talk around the bar than actual work so far, it is hoped that the enterprise will bear fruit or, more exactly, vegetables. Please don't send us any gardening hints as it would seem that the mess is full of experts already.

As we anticipated we were not among the winners in the District Sergeants' Mess Indoor League although, except for billiards, we were fairly well placed. The prize giving and finals of the individual competitions were held in the Garrison W.O.s' and Sergeants' Club on Wednesday May 1, when Major-General Upjohn very kindly presented the prizes. However, we had some good nights out during the series and a games' night is always an excellent excuse for those married members that need one.

Before the departure of our members in Alma Company we arranged a farewell social. The R.S.M. and Sgt. Batty were fortunate in getting a trip out to British Honduras with Alma Company, as part of Battalion Tactical Headquarters, and returned with Burma Company after a short exercise. Four days at Nassau should have compensated them for their exertions.

We are looking forward with interest to discussions with Burma Company in order that we may check at first hand some of those weird and wonderful tales. We have forwarded to the Editor, and hope he will have room to publish, a number of photographs taken on the sergeants' fishing trip in British Honduras which appeared in the last quarter. We could not get them printed in time to be included with that issue.

One or two old "Dukes" have turned up in the Mess from time to time over the last couple of months. We were delighted to see Bill Costello and his wife when they popped in; Bill declined all requests for a song, thank goodness! Alan Wyld looked slim (well almost) and very fit after a year in civilian life where he is working as a gamekeeper—no remarks from fans of D. H. Lawrence!

A number of old faces have left or will be leaving shortly. Among them, Paddy Sheehan has gone to 1 Green Howards as R.Q.M.S.; Tom Dickie,

#### THE PAARDEBERG BALL

The annual Paardeberg Ball, given by the W.O.s and Sergeants, was reported in the last issue. On the opposite page we reproduce some groups taken at this successful occasion which could not be produced in time to accompany the report.

Top: R.S.M. Robins with Major-General and Mrs. Upjohn.

Centre (left to right): C/Sgt. Sullivan, Mr. Code, In-Pensioner Arthur Hickie, W.O.2 Millard, C.S.M. Rundel, C.S.M. Batty.

Bottom: Sgt. Sergeant, Captain Bray, Sgt. Batty, Lt. Mundell.



**THE  
PAARDEBERG  
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whose time has expired, will be settling down not far away as he has been offered a job with the Cadet Force at Sedburgh; Jackie Bryan is joining the West Riding Battalion for a spell. To all three we wish the very best of luck and good fortune.

We congratulate W.O.2 Fenn and Sgts. Coll and Cherry on their promotions. Also S.Q.M.S. Hathaway (RAPC), S/Sgts. Spring and Sullivan on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The R.S.M. and C.S.M. France were invited to a St. George's Day dinner in the sergeants' mess at the Yorkshire Brigade Depot. This was an extremely good party and both thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Finally we report that our Alma Company members met Bill Burke, who is now R.S.M. of the Hallams, at a weekend training centre in Leek, Staffs, whilst on their way to Salisbury Plain for an exercise. They say that not only was he in his usual good form but that he bought the beer (10 pints) after very little pressing, which must certainly be a record!

## AROUND THE BATTALION AT CATTERICK

### Sweet Auburn

For Alma Company, March was a hectic, though a successful and enjoyable month. 2Lt. Newell had his tonsils out—that being their first success, but he was unable to command his platoon on the test exercise "Sweet Auburn" so 2Lt. Pettigrew deputised for him. "Sweet Auburn" included practically everything one can reasonably do on the Plain. The weather offered variety: enough sun to make one forget the rain, and, on occasions, it was warm enough to compensate for the cold spells, damp and lack of sleep.

The company moved from Catterick on March 16 in unit transport (yes, the MT Platoon rose to the occasion) to Leek in Staffordshire where they staged for the night. Captain Jim Pell, positively making his first appearance with us after his return from the Brigade Depot, was one minute early at the RV: Have to watch that in future. The following day saw the completion of the journey to the Plain where, during a night of pouring rain, a defensive location was established and positions dug. General Sir Robert Bray visited the company after lunch on Monday by which time the sun was shining and morale soaring. He watched a part of the exercise and seemed to like what he saw. The final morning was spent fighting through the village of Imber whose ruins offered valuable experience in operating in a built-up area.

A number of the Signal Platoon accompanied Alma on "Sweet Auburn" and managed to impress General Bray (ex-R.S.O. of 1 DWR) by letting him speak on voice to Bourlon Lines, some 230 miles away. Pte. Loweth distinguished and nearly extinguished himself by attempting to get through to Catterick on a No. 3 cooker.

### CORPORALS' MESS

Before Alma Company left we had a farewell party for them. This took the form of a stag party where much singing, drinking and merrymaking took place. A very jolly evening was enjoyed by all mess members.

We miss all our old pals in Alma, although their loss is to be compensated by the return of Burma Company in July. No doubt we shall hear in the Mess for some time to come gruff voices muttering "Get your knees brown lad." Mind you, some of us have had them tanned before.

Arrivals in the Mess during the past quarter have been few, the most notable being the return from Honduras of the three stalwarts Merrin, Harrison and Stansfield. None of them returned for happy reasons and we extend to them our sympathies and wish them all the best for the future.

Cpl. Jim Clavier has left us for civvy life and marriage, and in both we wish him much happiness.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Craig on the birth of their son.

### Band and Drums

Meanwhile the Regimental Band was also on safari. They left Catterick on March 10 for the Army Apprentice School at Harrogate whence they carried out a tour of schools in Halifax and Leeds. Then on to Imphal Barracks in York where other schools were visited. The object of the tour was to let pupils of Secondary Modern Schools see and hear a military band playing every type of music from a march to a samba, and to show what individual instruments sounded like. After the first performance, the band quickly got into their stride and the tour proved to be a feather for our cap. The very appreciative and vocal audiences showed our efforts to be well worth while.

The Drums on the other hand have been turning their hands to numerous tasks other than drumming. These have included assistance to the MT Platoon in cleaning vehicles ("Will play-time's trucks ne'er be clean") producing quarter guards for VIPs and providing escorts for the collection and despatch of all the naughty boys of Northern Command. A fiendish commitment—ask the R.S.M.

Forces of both Band and Drums were united for a performance at Sheffield before the semi-final of the FA Cup on April 27. Here we played to a crowd of 65,000. A bandsman was heard to remark before we set off: "No need for too much effort, boys, as the ball in this game is the wrong shape."

### Inspection

March 28 brought the GOC Yorkshire District, Major-General Upjohn to Bourlon Lines for the Annual Interior Economy Inspection (Administrative Inspection to our elders). Our departmental pre-inspection reports had been of a high standard, and the day itself, apart from being the Colonel's

birthday, proved far from being an ordeal. The General spoke to many members of the Battalion, some of whom he had served with in the past. It must be many many years since this annual inspection of the Regular Battalion has been carried out by one who is himself a "Duke." After the inspection General Upjohn lunched in the officers' mess.

### Surplus

The unit pay office heard a rumour around this time that another Ogden was to be posted in. Our indignant Pay Sergeant commented—"In that case, he will be known as 'Petty Cash'."

### Quick Release

Pte. Jagger is now the proud possessor of a driving licence and the capable driver of a three-ton truck. During his first outing in a landrover, however, his pride suffered a grievous blow. Whilst driving down one of the many steep hills between Catterick and Barnard Castle in bottom gear he allowed his elbow to slip onto the door handle, releasing the catch. He fell out smartly, leaving his startled passengers to guide his truck until he caught them up!

### Family Reunion

Our sister regiment The Green Howards arrived back from Germany in February to take up temporary residence at Barnard Castle. Their commanding officer, Lt.-Colonel Scott, very soon came to call on us and from then onwards a begging and a borrowing took place. We enjoyed seeing them in our various messes and many old friends got together over a glass of ale. On March 29 a number of us were asked to attend their presentation of new colours. Although this parade took place indoors, because of the weather, the Green Howards are to be congratulated on an excellent parade and a splendid party afterwards.

Our Band and Corps of Drums enjoyed playing for The Green Howards' farewell parade at Middlesbrough, their instruments being packed and en route for Libya. Afterwards a reunion took place with two old drummers, Dick Skilbeck of Minden days and Geordie Durham who was with the "Dukes" more recently at Colchester.

### Left Hook

Hook Company has never been so low in numbers—as a result of the transferring of signallers, cooks and drivers to Alma: Even S/Sgt. Sykes occasionally looks a little glum, although C.S.M. Batty is all smiles—"My day's work is halved," he cries. The Transit Wing under Sgt. Crighton and Ptes. Morgan and Soper is a flourishing concern with facilities to accommodate over 100 without warning. The Navy, RAF, Scots Guards and RAOC Central Band have all staged with us. For most it is bed and breakfast but some stay longer. Cpl. Cooper from the Pioneers' Shop has been fully occupied of late replacing windows in certain quarters of the barracks. Youth has been having its fling, we think, or perhaps it's only spring in the air at Catterick.

Yet another company commander's name heads

Hook's daily detail. Major Topper Brown has departed for Works Study at Guildford, via Shrivenham, and Major Dennis Shuttleworth replaces him. Under the latter's influence exercise is a prominent order of the day. Captain Simon Berry and his drivers are still recovering from the initial shock of jollies in the gym twice a week.

### Corunna in Lakeland

Corunna Company has been sadly depleted of NCOs who are attending courses and others who have reinforced Alma. However, a number of the permanent staff enjoyed a few days adventure training, canoeing and fell walking on and around Lake Ullswater.

Corporal Elston, after 22 years with The Dukes, has departed for civilian life. With him go our good wishes for the future.

### Roses for Remembrance

April 23 was St. George's Day. Alma Company was on leave and thus our numbers were very small. Nevertheless, the traditional parade was held. Unfortunately the Colonel was away on duty but Mrs. Kavanagh kindly came along to present us with our white roses. Major Graham Tedd addressed the parade, explaining its significance and tradition.

### "Capten, art tha sleepin' there below?"

It was about this time that the name of a mysterious exercise, "Drake's Drum," began to circulate on the grape vine. Apparently the routine change over between Alma and Burma Companies had become frightfully hush-hush some time last December when the Chiefs of the Defence Staff had decided to practise the reinforcement of the Caribbean and had thought the change over of companies an ideal occasion to carry out this operation.

Although Battalion Headquarters, in particular the Adjutant, were delighted at the prospects of a spell away from Catterick in warmer climes, OC Alma had other ideas and was heard to moan: "We might have flown in plain clothes via the United States in comfortable charter aircraft with pretty air hostesses in attendance."

### The Nelson Touch

A week or so before Alma's departure C.S.M. France surprised everyone by appearing on parade wearing an eye patch. When asked the reason he was heard to reply: "Uff chuff chuff, a slight eye infection."

### Mayoral Occasions

On May 6 and 7 respectively we were honoured by visits from the Mayor of Keighley, Alderman Gallagher, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Todmorden, Councillor and Mrs. Graham.

Each day our guests were received with a quarter guard and afterwards toured the barracks, watching training and chatting to many, in particular to those whose homes are in and around Keighley and Todmorden. They were entertained to luncheon in the officers' mess.



Alderman Gallagher, himself an old soldier of both 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment, told us: "I preferred the 1st Battalion as it is the 33rd of Foot whereas the 2nd Battalion is the 76th—and there is a lot in between." At this remark the face of the 2IC was a picture.

We hope that our guests enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed having them.

### From Little Acorns

Pte. Sholanke (Alma) is saving up for a holiday in New York during his tour in British Honduras, or so he told someone at Lyneham airport. With characteristic interest a young officer inquired how

his stockpile of cash was progressing. The rather rueful reply was: "It's only two pounds to date, Sir."

### We also Serve

At the moment of writing Bourlon Lines are very quiet with both Alma and Burma Companies, and most of Battalion H.Q., away. We look forward to recording much interesting and amusing news from Alma during the next nine months. Headquarters and Burma Company return during the first week in June although it will be July, after leave, before the latter are seen around Catterick. So, while the Chief's away, the Indians remaining at Catterick work and play.

## SPORTS NEWS

### RUGBY FOOTBALL

Very little rugger has been played since our last notes. However we have managed to win the Northern Command Championship and also the Northern Command Seven-a-Side Tournament.

In the Northern Command Cup we beat 1st Battalion The Loyal Regiment, 6th Battalion RAOC and 38 Corps Engineer Regiment on our way to the final. In the final we defeated our old enemies 8 Signal Regiment after a most enjoyable game.

In the seven-a-side tournament we defeated 11 Signal Regiment in the final after a good hard game. It was a most enjoyable afternoon's sport and the organisers are to be thanked for their efficiency.

So now for a few weeks cricket before we set out to win the cup that has been away from the battalion for far too long. Despite our losses to British Honduras we should have a useful side and let's hope we can recruit some large forwards.

The team for the Northern Command Cup Final was: 2Lt. Andrews, Captain Dasent, Captain Greenway, Pte. Waqabaca, 2Lt. Edwards, 2Lt. Pettigrew, Captain Bray, L/Cpl. Deegan, Pte. Rhodes, S/Sgt. Rea, Lt. Mundell, Major Harms, 2Lt. Nickell, Captain Campbell-Lamerton, L/Cpl. Clay.

The seven-a-side team was: 2Lt. Edwards, Captain Dasent, Pte. Waqabaca, Lt. Reid, 2Lt. Nickell, Pte. Shadbolt, Captain Campbell-Lamerton.

### SOCCER

There is little to report about soccer as there have been few Battalion games in the past months. The weather held up the District leagues so badly that the Committee decided to abandon them for this season and allow the holders of the league cups to retain them until next season.

In the Command Cup we were unfortunately knocked out by 11 Signal Regiment.

During the absence of Alma Company on leave, Hook Company have played one or two friendly games with fair success.

The following have frequently represented the Battalion in the 1st XI during the season: Cpls. Reddy, Rothwell; L/Cpls. Anderson (59), Brown (89), Wren, Morris, Gaukroger; Ptes. Tolson, Hartley, Loxham, Brown, Moore and Ward; Bdsm. Kendrew and Higgins.

### SHOOTING

The most important shooting event has been the Northern Command Annual Rifle Meeting—held at Bellerby Ranges on May 9 and 10. The big question in our minds was whether or not we could enter a team. Not only had many of our best shots left but the major proportion of the Battalion was either in or preparing to go to British Honduras. In Catterick we still had S/Sgts. Blackshaw and Roebuck, Cpls. Quayle and Martin and Sgt. Holliday. Using these five as a nucleus we considered we could build up a team from Corunna Company and Hook Company after they had classified. And so we decided to enter a team for all possible events in order to keep shooting active, bring in new blood, and keep the flag flying.

S/Sgt. Blackshaw was responsible for all training whilst the 2IC overnight became OIC Shooting! One of our new officers, 2Lt. Edwards, was appointed team captain. Originally this was a non-shooting appointment but he did so well that he shot for the falling plate team of four. The final team selected was: 2Lt. Edwards, S/Sgts. Blackshaw, A. C. (REME) and Roebuck, E., Sgt. Holliday, G., Cpls. Quayle, G., Martin, J. (RAOC) and Rothwell, D., L/Cpl. Morris, D. W., Ptes. Denby, H. and Swift, I. D.

Practice time and ranges were at a premium and, in the six weeks or so before the meeting, the team managed only ten whole days on the open range.

Throughout the whole of the meeting our main rivals for the Major Unit Championship were 1st Battalion The Loyal Regiment, stationed at nearby Barnard Castle, and the final result was not clear until the afternoon of the last day.

On the first day of the meeting, our LMG team, in the "Worcester and Lindley" match, consisted

of an "A" Class pair—S/Sgt. Roebuck and Sgt. Holliday and two "B" Class pairs—L/Cpl. Morris and Pte. Swift, Cpl. Martin and Pte. Denby. We won this event with the Loyals in second place. Our "A" Class pair were also the individual champion pair winners. Our rifle team for the "Britannia" Match: S/Sgt. Blackshaw, S/Sgt. Roebuck, Sgt. Holliday, Cpl. Martin, Cpl. Quayle and Pte. Swift—did not shoot quite so well as they did in practice and came second to the Loyals. Thus, so far, we were equal on match points.

The SMC team for the "Para Regiment" match—Blackshaw, Roebuck, Holliday and Quayle—had a very disappointing first shoot, turning in some 20 points behind the Loyals, and a good 40 points behind a couple of the Signal Regiments who were creeping up.

Meanwhile our Falling Plate Team—2Lt. Edwards, L/Cpl. Morris, Ptes. Denby and Swift—had done well. They had shot their way to the semi-final, knocking out four other teams, including The Loyals "A" Team.

On the final day the weather was foul for the

opening stages of the Individual Rifle Championship. All the team shot but only S/Sgt. Blackshaw and Sgt. Holliday shot well enough to qualify for the final stage—The "Roberts Cup" Match. Here we met up with an old friend—Major Wood, now at Sheffield University. In the end he won the Rifle Championship and S/Sgt. Blackshaw was second.

Meanwhile the Falling Plate team got to the final, but were beaten on the last plate by the School of Signals—but we recorded the fastest time for the event. The SMC team in their second shoot did much better but not well enough to beat the Loyals. So the Major Unit Championship was decided as follows: 1st, 1 Loyals, 15 Match Points; 2nd, 1 DWR, 14 Match Points.

We cannot close these notes without a mention of S/Sgt. Blackshaw. He is a worthy successor to S/Sgt. Kingdon. This year, the training of a scratch team and bringing on the young soldiers has fallen squarely on his shoulders. It is thanks to him that we did so well. Since the Command Meeting, Blackshaw has been shooting in the REME Championships at Bisley, and he has done so well that we feel his efforts deserve recording.

Fourth in the REME "Open Rifle Championship"; Winner of the REME "Army Hundred" Equivalent; Member of the Yorkshire District REME team which won the Medium Unit Trophy and the Bisley Trophy for Rifle and LMG; Winner of the SR "B" Holt Cup. Awarded the Armourers' and Braziers' Award for 1963; this award and silver medal are awarded annually by the Honourable Company of Armourers and Braziers in the City of London to the leading armorer shot of the year.

Our congratulations on this very fine effort.

### BASKET BALL

Basket ball this season has been rather difficult to keep going because of the demand of other Battalion sports (rugby, soccer and hockey) on our established players.

We decided, therefore, to concentrate on training young players ready for Germany when the whole Battalion will be together again. Inter sub-unit matches were held in the evenings and some useful players were discovered. Consequently, we decided to enter a team in the Catterick Garrison League. The Garrison League is of a very high standard with the Royal Signals and 3 RTR Training Regiment producing teams in which there are international players. However, this did not daunt our endeavour to do well and learn as much as we could about the game. So far we are fourth in the league, winning six matches out of 13 played, which is quite a pleasing result and proves that, with more practice, we should be able to produce a strong side next year.

Alma Company are taking nearly all the Battalion players with them to British Honduras; there, Lt. Nickell, Sgt. Garrity, Cpl. Reddy, Cpl. Howard and L/Cpl. Wren should be able to take on any side. They will also be training young players in preparation for their return in February 1964. Within the Battalion, Capt. Campbell-Lamerton



Photo: A. J. Glover, Richmond

### S/SERGEANT BLACKSHAW

The 1st Battalion's Unit Armourer, with the Champion Armourer Award (medallion in centre) and other trophies won by him at the REME Corps Meeting at Bisley in May



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and S/Sgt. Rea are going to train young players ready, we hope, for a grand challenge match against Alma Company on their return.

## CATTERICK GARRISON INTER-UNIT GOLF COMPETITION

The Battalion entered a team in this competition which was held on June 6 on the Catterick Camp Course. To everybody's surprise we did rather well.

Unfortunately, the Colonel was *hors de combat*, owing to an injury sustained during vigorous practice a couple of days earlier. Had this misfortune not befallen him, who knows what results we might not have achieved?

In the morning we fielded a team of four consisting of Captains Miller and Greenway and 2Lts. Bunbury and Edwards. They succeeded in taking second place to Headquarters RASC, North Eastern Counties. In fact, the score was a tie; the final result was decided on strokes over the last nine holes.

During the morning General Gordon Upjohn, Brigadier Cox (Commander of the School of Signals) and Colonel Jimmy Davidson, who was staying with the General, teed up for the Individual Handicap. They did not appear amongst the winners and perhaps this is not surprising, as it is reported from a reliable source, that the Colonel's first drive came to rest in the Club House garden! Chris Edwards, however, achieved the second best individual score but received no prize as he had been entered for the foursome only and not the individual.

In the afternoon we had two pairs in the Stableford Handicap Foursomes. These were David and Chris Edwards and John Greenway and Micky Bray. To everyone's, and in particular the winners' astonishment, David and Chris came home first. They won with a score of 44.

## THE "KENYA BOY" AUGUSTINO KAMAU KIBUTHU

In December 1962 a certain national newspaper advertised the arrival in England of two boys from Kenya who were from the Starehe Boys' Centre, Nairobi, a home for destitute children. The object of their visit was to raise funds for their centre and it was announced that £36 would pay for the upkeep of one boy for one year.

The idea of a regimental subscription of £36 to this cause was that of L/Cpl. Preston of the Signal Platoon and of 34 Ypres Lines, Catterick Camp.

The Regimental Signals Officer, Captain Michael Bray, took up the idea and the same day Colonel Kavanagh launched the scheme which aimed to raise £36 by means of voluntary subscriptions from all ranks of the Battalion.

The money was raised by April and a cheque dispatched to Nairobi where Captain Chuck Ivey, at present seconded to 11 KAR at Nakuru where the Regiment served in 1961, made the presentation to Augustino.

At the time of writing two Regimental collar badges and the Regimental crest on a wooden plaque are on their way to Augustino as a more permanent reminder of our connection with him.



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**Captain Ivey introduces Augustino to The Iron Duke**  
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## BURMA COMPANY, BRITISH HONDURAS

At last it really does look as though we are actually going home—but in such a very complicated way—and so reminiscent of our last return from Kenya. Kenya 2 saw the Brigadier metaphorically eating his hat because of oft-postponed dates of departures; BH 1 has seen the whole of Burma Company accepting with a sanguine and twisted grin the various dates given for our departure. The gilded staff have really excelled themselves this time. For one whole glorious week we were actually starting to go home on April 18; then quickly back to Square 1—or to be precise May 1. After this, Exercise “Drakes Drum” (firmly graded as SECRET) was announced over the local radio, and this gave our date as May 29. There are still eighteen days to go and with British Guiana round the corner, and Haiti and Dominica making warlike noises, we are still far from home and dry. But we don’t much mind as we never did believe that we would do only nine months, and what’s an extra month anyhow? But perhaps our wives and girl-friends would prefer to answer that one for us!

Grumbling and complaining are always such a relief and so much a part of soldiering that perhaps it is unnecessary to say that we don’t really mean all we say. Certainly the fact that the Colonel and Battalion Headquarters have come out with Alma Company has made the postponement much easier to take as we can obviously appreciate the value of the exercise. It will be good to see General Bray too—but all of this news about the exercise will be covered elsewhere when we get home and have time to write it.

British Honduras is a lonely place from a soldier’s point of view. So nice, at first, to get away on detachment—nobody, no R.S.M.’s parades, no subalterns’ drill. But the battalion is the family and we have missed so much essential friendly competition and comradeship. Yes, it will be good to get back.

Nevertheless it has been a great tour and not for anything would any one of us have missed it. We have done a lot and achieved all our aims. We even climbed Mount Victoria—a near thing this as we thought we had left it too late. Lt. Campbell-Lamerton and Cpls. Gott and Hall did it with the assistance of another 12 chaps of the company. They really did set town and country talking, and it was a fine feat. An account is on p. 117.

As forecast in our last notes each platoon has made another trip up country. 8 Platoon went to Gallon Jug, 6 Platoon to Orange Walk and 7 Platoon to Corozal. These trips do a great deal of good in a country such as this, and the presence of soldiers reassures a somewhat timid population. Consequently we have been greeted with great enthusiasm wherever we have been and all our visits have been more than worth while.

The new swimming pool in camp is open. Even though we swim in it daily we still find this hard to believe. Promised for October 1, 1962, it never looked as though it would hold water in our time—but it is actually open and this, together with the splendid new NAAFI, makes us realise that we’ve never had it so good.



ON THE SERGEANTS’ FISHING TRIP  
Sgt. W. Morris with Catch

And so . . . the only battles we have fought have been mythical ones against a Central American Fantasia; and the only operation orders we have issued had to do with a certain flag which had a most disturbing tendency to do everything but fly itself correctly: half-mast, three-quarter-mast, upside down occasionally, inside out sometimes, any way except the right way! But even this problem was licked in the end—although it needed every paragraph of the operation order to achieve it! All we

have to do now is to battle our way up the Western Highway on "Drakes Drum" and then battle our way through Nassau to Catterick and it will then be all over and we shall be on leave.

Shortly after the Colonel left us in February we were delighted to welcome the Army Commander—General Sir Charles Jones. C.S.M. Kirk produced an immaculate guard of honour, resplendent in No. 3 dress, and after such an auspicious start the visit could not fail to be a great success.

"I like your company" the General said, "they say what they think and they're all right." From this we infer that our tendency to call a spade a bloody shovel is not unwelcome to at least one senior officer. The General flew up to Mountain Pine and watched 5 Platoon in a more than somewhat rehearsed platoon attack. He also saw the anti-tank cadre being put through its paces.

On April 18, we formed the main part of a search-light tattoo which, contrary to gloomy foreboding, was quite a success. 7 Platoon supported by the MMGs, mortars and mobats did a "Roundhay Park," and the simulated shell from the mobat, produced by Cpl. Roberts and his pioneers, was quite the biggest bang ever heard in Belize.

April 22 saw a vast parade in honour of the Queen's Birthday. Commanded by Major Isles it included, besides our own detachment under Lt. Charlesworth, detachments from the Police and Volunteer Guard and also from such bodies as the Red Cross, Girl Guides, Brownies and Wolf Cubs.

Fortunately we left the latter behind when we advanced in review order!

Sport has continued and we have had some memorable games of cricket and hockey against our friends from the Belize Club. The inter-platoon competition was won hands-down by No. 5 Platoon, and resulted in a splendid alcoholic haze all of one day after the prize-giving.

Inevitably the old company will change when we return from leave. Formed in Kenya as the first all-regular company in the post-war battalion, we have come a long way since September 1961. Major Isles goes to the Embassy at Paris, Captain Newton has left already for leave and then for the Staff College at Camberley. Lt. Campbell-Lamerton goes to the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Lt. Charlesworth is to form the new Recce Platoon and both 2Lts. Cartwright and Evans have their courses to do. C.S.M. Kirk will, as always, be the continuity man, although we believe that even he will be moving on. C.S.M. Fenn, just promoted, must perforce now leave the "Q" side to somebody else, and all our sergeants disperse to various new jobs. The men trained as specialists will naturally go to other support platoons, and there will not be much left of either "B" or Burma Company. In passing, we must say that we never did believe in the myth of superiority of the national serviceman. We won the Champion Company Competition against such opposition in UK and we'd take a lot of beating now. But the Regiment and the Battalion are the important things, and we never forget it.

## "DRAKE'S DRUM"

"Drakes Drum" began one day in January when the Colonel said to the Adjutant "Do you want to come to British Honduras?" The answer was of course a delighted "Yes please." This was followed, perhaps a shade too quickly, by "but of course we'll never get there."

There later followed the inevitable period of "it's on"—"it's off"—"it's on again," because rumour had it, the usual nausea, that Transport Command had had a change of mind.

Finally, the day arrived when the selected 27, who composed Tac Headquarters, gathered themselves alongside Alma Company for the journey by road, rail and air to British Honduras. However, our departure was preceded by some events of note. First, both Captain Simon Berry, the MTO, and Drum-Major Welsh proffered their services in British Honduras (Did their wives know this?). The latter in particular stressed his suitability with a demonstration of fluent Spanish. Secondly, it should be reported that the R.S.M. was seen at 7.30 on five mornings in succession doing battle PT alongside the Adjutant, R.S.O., two cooks, a storeman and other similarly under-exercised gentlemen.

The journey to Lyneham was uneventful. The second and third Britannia aircraft taking us to Nassau called at Iceland en route—an interesting

experience for the passengers who were dressed in khaki drill.

The first aircraft was met, at Gander, Newfoundland, by Colonel Tony Firth and the ensuing delay was profitably spent in fishing and reminiscence. It was learnt that Colonel Tony, who was in excellent Wodehousian form, had travelled almost as far to meet us as we ourselves had come from England.

One aircraft suffered a breakdown with the result that its passengers had to spend 12 hours in Nassau. This proved to be a sleepless night, in the most enviable sense, and all were suitably exhausted by the gay spots for the next 48 hours.

It was a pleasure to see the faces of the officers and men of Burma Company light up as their reliefs arrived. This event had been postponed on a number of occasions.

As soon as Tac Headquarters and Alma Company had assembled in Airport Camp, we all moved out, together with Burma Company, to repel an invasion by "Fantasia." This, the exercise, went well. It revealed, as expected, the difference between a fully trained and a newly formed company. It is a comforting thought that by the time the Battalion moves to Osnabruck, in February 1964, we shall have a second fully-trained rifle company. It was noted also that, in spite of considerable heat and

humidity, all from England stood up pretty well to the challenge, of working hard in the tropical conditions without previous acclimatisation. During the course of the exercise, we were visited by H.E. the Governor and General Sir Robert Bray, both of whom followed our activities closely and with interest.

At the conclusion of the exercise the Colonel took Tac Headquarters up to the comparative cool of the Mountain Pine Ridge, some 80 miles from Belize. Here they were out of the way of the hand-over which was being completed between Alma and Burma Companies.

No sooner was the return to Belize completed than it was time to repack and emplane with Burma Company for Nassau where, all things considered, everyone was very comfortable during our four days in transit. The people of Nassau, from the Governor downwards, were extremely hospitable.

## THE CONQUEST OF MOUNT VICTORIA

Lt. R. D. Campbell-Lamerton

Very soon after their arrival in British Honduras the officers of Burma Company were instructed by their Company Commander, Major Donald Isles, to prepare for an assault on Victoria Peak, the highest mountain in the country. An ascent was not only to be the major event of the Platoon Competition but a highlight of our tour. The mountain had only been climbed once before, so it did not take long for the "Dukes" to find themselves upholding a challenge that if put to it, they could climb anything—anywhere. The determination was there but it was difficult to find the time. It was not until April 27 that an expedition was finally able to leave for the mountain.

Rumour had it that this mountain, although only 3,600 feet high, presented a problem so formidable that any attempt upon it was doomed from the start. This was based on stories circulated by previous expeditions which had not been successful. It was also supported by the Forestry Department. Only one expedition had succeeded and this was back in 1928: led by a Mr. Grant a party successfully scaled all seven peaks on the ridge although they were lost without food and water for five days. Previously the only successful approach had been made by the reigning Governor in 1889, who climbed a smaller ridge nearby, known as the Cottscobes.

Since the hurricane in October 1961, attempts to penetrate through the forest to the mountain have failed because of the difficult going on the ridge between the two rivers, the Sittee and the South Stann Creek. The ridge is 2,000 feet high and about five miles from the mountain itself. It was to prove the major problem in our ascent of Victoria Peak.

With this rather frightening background, supplied all too readily by the local population, I decided to make an air reconnaissance. From above, it looked every bit as difficult as I had heard but, spurred on by feats such as the climbing of Mt. Kenya by David Pugh and Mt. Kilimanjaro by

Nearly all "Dukes" were invited out to swim, sail or fish and in the evening there were the night clubs! Lt.-Colonel T. S. Pine Coffin, who was stationed at Nassau, was particularly good to us.

The return to England, so long awaited by Burma Company, was perhaps an anti-climax for Tac Headquarters, who had packed a wealth of experiences into the last three weeks.

Burma Company were delighted to find a cheerful Pte. Dunford among those meeting them on the airfield at Lyneham. Pte. Dunford has shown great bravery and strength of character after losing both his hands in an accident during mortar practice in British Honduras. The C.O. offered him the chance of meeting his old company and he was brought down to Lyneham from Huddersfield in unit transport. He travelled up on the train to Richmond with his old pals, being transported back to his home next day.

Wilf Charlesworth, I relished in the idea of being amongst the first through this forest and up the mountain from the North.

Initial plans ranged from a small four-man party to a whole platoon. In the event I received 15 men for eight days. Volunteers were essential and these were readily available. So we set off.

It is difficult to describe the going in the forest. Described by some as the thickest forest in the world—and I don't quarrel with this statement—it had become very damaged by the hurricane and battling through it seemed unending and very tiring indeed. However, we had acquired the services of four local cutters to help us. They did most of the clearing for which we were more than grateful.

There were about 15 miles of forest to cut through and the ridge and two rivers to cross. Fortunately we were able to follow an old logging track for about 10 miles, parts of which were in excellent condition. Using a great deal of energy and determination Ptes. Laycock and Jennings drove a landrover along it for a considerable distance with our food, the wireless and a medical box.

At the end of the logging track we encountered our first problem: two bridges down in the space of 200 yards. This was a great disappointment so early in the trip. As a result I split the party into an assault group and a main party. Cpl. Gott, two Hondurans and myself went forward, whilst the main party, under Cpl. Hall and L/Cpl. Burke, reconstructed the two bridges. While the bridges were being rebuilt the assault party cut its way through at a very slow pace to an old logging camp called Sugar Base. The distance covered was only three miles, but it took four and a half hours cutting.

The next morning I sent Cpl. Gott forward with the two Hondurans and went back myself to ensure that the transport got through. There was no need to worry. When I met the main party the landrover was well on its way. I had, incidentally, seen the



first jaguar, or mountain tiger, for a split second whilst moving back alone. Since I was unarmed, and hadn't really believed in their existence, I was truly grateful to meet the main party. The land-rover made Sugar Base and returned for more stores. I went forward with the two Hondurans and two guides, Ptes. Hornby and McElligott, who were to be responsible for radio communications, between the two groups.

The track beyond Sugar Base was easily discernible for eight miles further, to the base on the first ridge now renamed Dukes' Ridge. The route was dangerous for the vehicle but, with careful planning and a lot of hard work, the main party managed to get the landrover through unscathed. This was a great help as two important return journeys had to be made, one with Pte. Jennings, who suffered the discomfort of a cockroach crawling into his ear and required urgent hospital treatment, and the other to collect a Royal Signals Officer who had hoped to be with us on the expedition. Amazed by our bridge building he ventured forth with his own vehicle only to fall off the bridge halfway across. Needless to say he was somewhat frustrated. Eventually our landrover returned and successfully extracted the casualty.

The second day found us with 12 miles of jungle to our rear, the main party well forward, and morale high. From now on we were treading virgin ground and we knew the going would be considerably harder. The assault group, now seven strong, four Hondurans, Cpl. Gott, Cpl. Hall and myself, pushed on slowly up Dukes' Ridge. Once on top, and near the end of our patience, we were

delighted to discover a small creek which flowed down into the river on the other side. We had been without water that day for far too long, and we cut our way like madmen down to the tiny creek, which we named Paradise. On the third day, and after 12 hours solid hacking, we had covered the 2,000 feet of Dukes' Ridge up and down but had progressed forward no more than a mile. This pace was to be expected but it was, nevertheless, a little depressing. From here we had the choice of either waiting for the main party or going forward without food, well knowing that we could remain separated for a considerable time. The mountain was now visible and seemed very close. Morale, so low earlier that day, was now very high and time, so precious, was running out. There was no real choice—forward we went.

The river, from which I had hoped for assistance, was anything but helpful. There were deep pools, big rocks, causing many problems. By the end of the fourth day we had climbed back up to 2,000 feet, were four miles further forward and on the actual mountain itself.

We had half a day's food left when we set off the next morning. Once again the mountain seemed close, as indeed it was, but it took us until mid-day to reach the rock face. The last 50 yards took us four hours. The damage the forest had suffered from the hurricane was indescribable. We were lucky not to have had any casualties. At one stage we found ourselves balancing precariously on a log above a 100-foot drop, an experience none of us wants to repeat. At 1300 hours, May 1, we commenced the final assault.

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From the air the peak looked sharp and difficult: the south side had more of a slope: our side was sheer. We had hoped for an obvious route up but none appeared. There was no turning back now, having come so far; the time factor was still against us. Already five days had elapsed and we were still at the base of the mountain.

The peak, itself some 1,600 feet high, was made of granite. It was ideal for climbing, but wet and slippery due to daily mist. Physically we were tired and thirsty, no water again, and mentally we were impatient for success. In places the rock face was heavily covered by debris from the hurricane; most of it was dead and loose. Nevertheless, we were able to use it to our advantage. We had no climbing gear and very little experience: only Cpl. Gott and myself had done any climbing previously.

There is no need further to describe the climb other than to say that many dangerous things happened, both going up and coming down, and we were lucky to get away with them so easily. The problem was that without ropes each man in turn had to experience the same difficulties. A typical example of this was a place where each man in turn got stuck on a slight overhanging ledge with a 6,000-foot drop below!

After three hours more climbing, we reached the top. It was a great feeling being the first men up on this side. By now it was 1600 hours and as it is usually dark by 1800 hours in the mountains, it was necessary to move on as we had no water or food and did not intend to return the way we had come. In order to get down we had to climb over a second

peak; this was something we had intended to do anyway because there was controversy as to which of the peaks was the highest. This achieved we commenced the descent. The way down was equally difficult. We were all of the same opinion that we could not have climbed back up the way we had come. In retrospect this seems to be incredibly bad climbing; up by a route you cannot come down and down by a route you cannot go up; but since there was no choice in the matter it should not be a point for discussion. We were rightly proud of our achievement, though you might not have thought so had you been present that night. We were stuck at the base of the mountain without food or water, or a place to sleep, and very much a prey for insect life. Also, we had difficulty in knowing exactly where we were, and to add to our discomforts, we had left our machete at the base of the peak.

Meanwhile the main party had been attempting to catch us up for the ascent, but they were not given the opportunity as the assault party were in no mood to repeat their achievement again so quickly. There were too many difficulties to allow the others to attempt it alone and, with only two more nights at our disposal, I knew that we must turn back at once.

On the sixth morning I led the assault group, by a devious route, back down to the South Stann Creek River and up to the 2,000-foot contour, where we had left our kit. Here we had one of the best meals of our lives. Refreshed and happier, although covered in bites and sores and with clothes torn to shreds, we journeyed on to the river. The

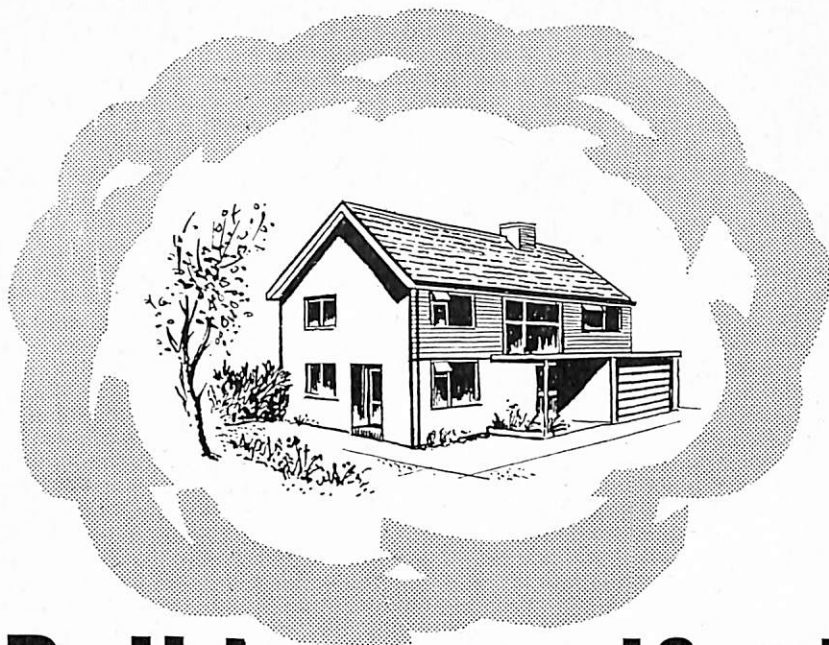
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Hondurans, who had contributed so much to our success and amusement until now, suddenly became very tired and for the rest of the journey tended to make our progress rather slow. We arrived at the river in time to meet our main party plodding forward on the original track.

We halted for the night at the junction with Paradise Creek. After a wash and some food we sat down to exchange experiences. It appeared that our hardships on the mountain were nothing compared with the main party's exploits. Snakes, anteaters, jaguars, wild pig and mountain cow all crossed their path! The following day we crossed Dukes' Ridge. Fortunately all the kit travelled in the landrover back to Sugar Base, but getting the landrover back over the bridges nearly exhausted the main party.

This was not the end of our troubles, as once across, the landrover wouldn't start! However, the delay afforded us the opportunity of getting the best view we had of a jaguar. He was lying in the path when he first heard us. He was about 8 feet long and beautifully fierce. He rose slowly and made off into the forest.

By 2230 hours on May 4 we were back at Airport Camp drinking a well-earned, cool pint of beer.

## MESS PLATE

### THE 2nd BATTALION SILVER ELEPHANTS

The Silver Elephants are in pairs bearing respectively bells, cigar lighters and snuff boxes. On dinner nights one of each pair, as illustrated, is placed on the dining table in front of the President and Vice-President in a semi-circular position, facing to the left. The bell is positioned in the middle with the other pieces on either flank. A pair of cigar cutters used also to be included, but un-



### THE SILVER ELEPHANTS

*left to right:*

#### SNUFF BOX

The saddle cloth lifts off to reveal the receptacle for the snuff.

#### BELL

The bell is rung by striking the pinnacle on top of the howdah.

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fortunately the loss of one seems to have banished the other to the silver room permanently.

After the loyal toast the cigar lighters are lit by the mess sergeant and mess corporal. Cigars and cigarettes having been offered, the snuff boxes and lighters, in that order, are circulated round the table in a clock wise direction by the President and Vice-President as many times as they are required. The bells remain stationary and are used throughout the evening to summon the mess servants. Tradition has it that, should an elephant overtake another of the same type, the officer in front of whom they coincide should pay for a round of port.

The bells were presented to the 2nd Battalion in 1891 by Captain Umfreville and Captain Swanson on promotion. The lighters were presented in 1897 by Mrs. Swanson in memory of her husband. One of the snuff boxes was presented to the 2nd Battalion in 1906 by Captain Acton to replace one given by him in 1864 but destroyed in the Rangoon fire of 1901. The other, which was copied from the earlier one to make the pair, was presented by Lt.-Col. C. J. Pickering on relinquishing command.

## An Instructor's Lament

The training of men of Alma Company for their various commitments in British Honduras was indeed a challenge, and often proved worrying for both officers and NCOs. Could everything be completed by the day of departure?

Cpl. Booth, of Alma Company, was beset by frustrations whilst organising his mortar cadre. In desperation, he put pen to paper to his company commander in order, so he said, "to let off steam." This was just another of the problems to which Major Harms was required to lend a sympathetic ear—and disentangle.

Although written in all seriousness some time ago, the letter, which is reproduced here, has an amusing slant, read in retrospect, now that Alma is successfully despatched.

November 27, 1962.

COMPANY COMMANDER,  
MAJOR HARMS

Sir,

Attached is a copy of the training programme that I considered necessary to train potential mortarmen to an elementary standard of general mortar knowledge.

Originally we were to have six men to train as the two mortar crews for Honduras. Two of those had only six months to do and were therefore of no use

to us, and another one, Kitchen, is permanently absent. Haries, who was one of the two with six months to do, had not made up his mind whether to sign on or not. He has now—he won't sign on.

The cadre was due to start on October 1 but was postponed until October 22. When it did start there were but five men—not even sufficient to make up one section.

So training commenced on one mortar but, due to losing a couple of periods to the CQMS, three to watching a rugby match, six to a service at York Minster and 18 to classification on the ranges, out of 90 periods allocated we actually had only 58 for training.

The first cadre therefore finished up with 32 periods outstanding.

Taylor and Haries were then taken out of the mortar section. And then there were three—all half trained.

On Monday, November 19, we got two more men from Continuation Squads. Unfortunately no mortar training was done during this week as everyone was employed in cleaning the MMGs and stores for the REME inspection on Thursday.

Friday was put to good use in elementary map reading, outdoor training being impossible.

Monday of this week we made the move to Alma Company's new barrack rooms. It took all day to clean up the place and move in. Training was due to start under Cpl. Elsworth for Pyne, Cookson and Joyce, and under myself for the new ones, Caddle and Metcalfe. On Monday, Joyce was found to have gone on one week's leave; Cookson was absent. Therefore down to one half-trained and two untrained men.

Training started today, Tuesday, but halfway through the first lesson on characteristics they were taken away to sweep up leaves in preparation for the General's visit.

Captain Ivey said we would probably get made up to strength out of the next Continuation Squad—due to finish next Wednesday. If training starts with Caddle and Metcalfe, then, when we get the sixth one, there will be one mortar section at three stages of training with only two instructors—the instructors working without any time for preparation, etc. Correct instruction is impossible under these circumstances, as too much depends on the imagination of the men and all periods lack realism. It just isn't done to "parallel" one mortar.

C.S.M. France has asked for a list of periods required to train the Mortar Section for December 20.

I still think the attached syllabus is reasonable and practicable; but it can only be done by this date with three weeks uninterrupted work with a minimum of six men. Therefore Sir, I respectfully submit this syllabus for your perusal.

D. BOOTH, Corporal  
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The training programme referred to in the letter is not reproduced.

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# THE WEST RIDING BATTALION T.A.

## SUB-EDITORIAL

Here again! No notes, no time, every event in the world to write up. Camp Admin. Instruction to write AND THIS.

We have rallied—with 12 vehicles in the North Midland District MT Rally. (*How did you get all those TA WD vehicles on the road? CO.*)

We are marching and running up and down all our Yorkshire hills and, having run out of those, all available Welsh mountains in preparation for the Nijmegen marches in which we have the honour to be one of the Northern Command teams and are representing 146 Bde and North Midland District.

Strangely enough we have also made radio history. Radio link was established at 2015 hrs. on Thursday, May 23, between Mirfield and Huddersfield TACs (with Skipton, Mossley, Thongsbridge and Halifax to follow—we hope!).

Our great occasion was the St. George's Day parade and service held at Halifax on Sunday, April 28. The parade was favoured with one of the few fine days this year and all went off without incident, and with our normal vigour. The salute was taken by the Mayor of Halifax (Alderman Tom Berry, J.P.) with the Colonel of the Regiment and our Honorary Colonel, Colonel N. T. Bentley. The parade and march past were commanded by the C.O. The colour party carried out their duties exceptionally well and received many hard-earned words of praise. The Battalion was well supported by a fine detachment from the OCA, under Mr. Code, and a large detachment of cadets from our affiliated cadet units at Huddersfield and Halifax.

Finally, things to come. Camp of course—

July 6 to 20, at Fingringhoe—and our Battalion rifle meeting to be held at Strensall on June 8 and 9. This is an old custom revived. (*There was nothing more certain—C.O.*)

## OFFICERS' MESS

Normally after the Christmas and New Year festivities the Mess enjoys a quiet two or three months. We were fairly quiet until the end of March, but since then life has been rather hectic.

On March 29 the officers dined in mess with their ladies. This has become an annual event and is really a thank you to our wives for allowing us to leave home so frequently. Forty-one sat down to dinner so the dining room was packed to capacity. We would like to thank Mrs. Moncrieff who has very kindly presented us with four excellent coffee pots. It is reported that she was horrified by ours which, we must admit, were in a horrible state.

A guest night was held on Friday, April 26, prior to the St. George's Day parade at Halifax. Our guests on this occasion were, The Colonel of the Regiment, Lord Savile, Colonel J. F. Crossley, Colonel J. B. Sugden, Lt.-Colonel A. B. M. Kavanagh, Lt.-Colonel F. R. Gadd, Major J. A. Taylor, Major "Jock" Huffam, and Major G. C. Tedd, recently appointed 2IC 1st Battalion.

The mess staff, as usual, looked after us perfectly. A very pleasant evening was had by all, though the QM was heard to complain later in the evening that he was rather warm. Mention must also be made of 2Lt. Innes who, because of a prior engagement, was unable to stay for the dinner. Nevertheless he donned uniform and presented himself



## St. George's Church Parade

The West Riding Battalion  
Colour Party leaving Halifax  
Parish Church

in order to escort our guests into the mess. This shows a great devotion to duty, especially for a Jacobite!

After the St. George's Day parade on April 28, friends of the Battalion were invited to the mess at Prescott Street TAC for drinks. In the end quite

a large party developed and the ante-room was crowded. 2Lt. Innes, who among other things is now our Mess Secretary, was again in evidence. This time he had prepared the punch known as the "33rd Cup," using the recipe given some time ago in THE IRON DUKE. It was a great success.

## SKIN DIVING

By Captain R. L. Stevens

After April's article on sky diving, a swift word on diving from ground level downwards would seem to be a natural sequel, merely continuing the movement.

Here in Germany there is a thriving concern, the 1 (BR) Corps Sub Aqua Club, which promotes interest in underwater swimming, obtains the necessary gear and trains divers. The sport has now become officially recognised by the Army, thus making adventure training grants available to us. There are now over 70 active diving members.

Skin diving under the rules of the British Sub

Aqua Club entails underwater swimming using compressed air breathing apparatus. We dive in rivers, lakes, quarries and the sea.

Owing to the protective clothing worn, it is possible to swim all the year, even under ice, with a considerable degree of comfort. Much thought has been put into how to keep the diver warm because, even in the Mediterranean, water at the depth of 30 feet downwards remains in a constant state of chill, regardless of what the weather is doing on the surface.

The amount of equipment worn by each diver is considerable. First comes the wet suit—a quarter-inch-thick foam rubber jacket and trousers with hood, bootees and mitts. The foam rubber allows a thin film of water to seep between suit and skin. This water is warmed by the body and not allowed to escape, thus providing "central heating" which effectively combats the outside chill. Only the face is now exposed and most of that will be covered by a mask. The aqua-lung is then fitted to the diver's back, the intake and exhaust tubes coming round each side of the head to a mouthpiece. The air contained in the cylinder, or cylinders, may be compressed up to nearly 3,000 lb. per square inch and is fed to the diver by a demand valve, a vital and cunning device which meters air at the right pressure to the breather when he wants it. Then come the final trimmings: fins, weight-belt, knife, watch, depth gauge, deflated lifejacket, snorkel and decompression meter (for a really deep dive).

Wearing this amount of kit, one feels about as mobile and waterworthy as a knight in full armour without his horse but, by dint of waddling backwards, one can struggle into the water. Then, all at once, the situation changes. The diver is so weighted that he has a slight positive boyancy on the surface, but can dive down with little effort. His new world is three dimensional and in it he is free to climb, dive or simply stay where he is.

In clear water it is just like flying without a plane. It is a wonderful feeling to realise that there is no longer any need to depend on trips to the surface to keep breathing. With the standard-sized aqua-lung it is possible to stay down for nearly an hour, provided the diver is not doing hard work or swimming at great depth, for deep dives use air faster.

Diving conditions in our local waters are not ideal for there is often mud and low visibility with which to contend. At a depth of 60 feet, with a torch, the view before you may extend very nearly 2 inches beyond your mask! In conditions like these it is important to remember which way is "up," for the light from the surface is so diffused. It is then advisable to follow the exhaust bubbles.



Capt. Stevens, DWR, L/Cpl. Bourne, RUR, Knut, DWR (the dog) ready to dive in a Berlin quarry. (Unfortunately the block maker has trimmed off all of Knut (DWR) except the tip of his nose. We apologise to Knut.—Ed.)

This type of diving is excellent training, and makes diving in clear water that much easier. Once one has mastered the use of an aqua-lung there are many things waiting to be done—under-water photography, fishing, wreck exploring, archaeology and geology.

Compressed air can be used with safety at considerable depths. Last February I took part in a joint German-Canadian-British venture which involved a simulated dive in a recompression chamber to 263 feet. The effect of breathing air at eight times the normal pressure is very startling. Reactions are slowed, speech degenerates to a quacking noise and nitrogen narcosis sets in, affecting people like alcohol (only without the hang over). We took 20 minutes to get down, but

one and a half hours to come up the slow ascent being a precaution against the "bends."

The Club undertakes to recover equipment dropped in error. Last month we were searching a part of a river in Berlin for an outboard motor which I WELCH had misplaced. We also assist the German police. This year we are plotting trips to Norway and Italy as well as a recovery exercise which involves lifting an APC from 60 feet below the surface of a disused silver mine near Osnabruck. This will not be easy, for the surface is some 70 feet below the rim of the quarry, and heavy lifting tackle is going to be needed.

If we don't succeed, I hope it will be done in 1964 by a diving team containing some "Dukes."

## PERSONALIA

### Birth

On June 8, 1963, at the Military Hospital, Catterick Camp, to Elizabeth (nee Leahy) and Captain Jeremy Cumberlege—a son (Peter Jeremy John) a brother for Marc.

### Engagement

The engagement is announced between Major John Nicholas Hyman Naughton, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Christel, elder daughter of Herr and Frau E. Mussigbrodt of Bunde (Westf.) West Germany. The wedding will take place on August 24, 1963. Major Naughton has been selected to attend the Technical Staff Course at the Royal Military College of Science which starts in January of next year.

### Full Dress

Captain T. D. Lupton, whose recent wedding is reported elsewhere in this number, revived the colourful practice of being married in full dress. Since the last war this has been uncommon although a distinguished precedent was set by H.R.H. The Duke of Kent. Some research suggests that the last occasion in the Regiment was the wedding of Brigadier Orr on April 16, 1932. It would be interesting to hear if this is incorrect.

### Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Stringer celebrated their silver wedding at their home at 26 Savile Parade, Halifax, on May 28. Mrs. Stringer is the daughter of Mr. E. Page who was Band Sergeant of the 1st Battalion in Malta before the last war. Mr. Stringer was then a lance-corporal in the 1st Battalion. Their son Geoffrey is now serving in the West Riding Constabulary.

When Major-General Upjohn visited the Army Information Office at Bradford recently he enjoyed the pleasant surprise of meeting an old friend whom he had not seen for many years. Mr. Edward Bentley of Haworth Road, Bradford, had heard that

the General was paying a visit there and made a point of calling to see him. They were lance-corporals together in the 1st Battalion in Aldershot and both played in the teams which won the Army Rugby Cup in 1931 and 1933. Mr. Bentley now works for the Post Office in Bradford.

Colonel L. B. B. Beuttler has retired and, when last heard of, was living at Studio Cottage, Rye Harbour, Rye. We understand that he plans to settle in Spain.

Major B. M. Kilner has returned from H.Q. East Africa Command and has been appointed G.S.O. II (Trg.) at H.Q. 43 (Wessex) Div/Dist., Taunton.

Many generations of "Dukes" who passed through the Depot at Halifax will remember Herman Harris of the shop in Spring Hall Lane and be interested to know that he is eventually retiring. Mr. J. Yaxley writes that, as a recruit in 1909, he remembers Herman Harris as a regular figure in barracks, delivering newspapers and arriving promptly on pay days to collect payment for cigarettes, eatables, etc., which the recruits had got on tick from the shop during the week.

*(Personalia is continued on p. 132)*

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## PRESENTATION TO LES VOLTIGEURS DE QUEBEC

by Lt.-Col. A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C.

Having left Ottawa by C.P.R. at 8 a.m. on March 1, my wife, Alec, and I arrived in Quebec in the afternoon, via Montreal, after a beautiful journey through the sunlit St. Lawrence Valley, deep in snow. When we got to our room in the hotel, Alec found a magnificent bouquet of flowers from Les Voltigeurs and this was the beginning of a memorable weekend.

After I had called on the Commander, Quebec Area, we went to the Museum and amongst other things saw some relics of the 9th Voltigeurs of Quebec who took part in the campaign to suppress the North West Rebellion of 1885. There were also fine pictures, including no less than seven Boudins.

In the evening Colonel and Mrs. Matte came and had a drink with us in our hotel. He has just finished his tour in command of Les Voltigeurs and has been promoted to Command the 7th Militia Group—the equivalent of a T.A. Brigade. Afterwards, we had dinner with the Mattes in the famous Winter Club.

Next day Colonel Matte showed us round the city of Quebec, and I visited the Armoury (or drill hall) where the Voltigeurs have their headquarters. This is a magnificent building, in a fine setting. I met the new C.O., Lt.-Col. Paul Defoy, and the R.S.M. and one or two of the N.C.O.s. The shooting team was practising in the miniature range.

I declined having a shot, making a recent ski injury my excuse for not risking missing the target and giving a wrong impression of the "Dukes" standard of shooting.

At 7 p.m. we gathered in a most distinguished club called the Circle Universitaire. There were 65 of us including the Voltigeurs officers, past and present, and various guests from neighbouring units. The senior guest was their Honorary Colonel—The Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent—late Prime Minister. We had a wonderful dinner, most beautifully cooked and carefully served, by the light of red and rifle-green candles—the regimental colours.

After the usual toast the C.O. rose and made a short speech in French explaining that they were dining out Colonel Matte and dining in, as it were, Lt.-Colonel Firth. Colonel Corbett, who was commanding when the affiliation was originally negotiated, then rose and gave a very good summary of exactly who and what The Dukes are, including an excellent historical survey. It was then up to me to reply which I did in English, explaining how privileged I felt to be the first member of my Regiment to dine with them and how sorry the Colonel of the Regiment was that he could not be present. I assured them that if any Voltigeur officer was planning to visit England he must be sure to warn the Regiment and he would be wel-



Photo: Army Information Service, Eastern Quebec Area

### THE CENTENARY DINNER

The CO (extreme left) and the Honorary Colonel, M. St. Laurent (centre) with Lt.-Colonel Firth and eight former COs of Les Voltigeurs who are, from left to right, Lt.-Col. R. Caron, CD, Lt.-Col. Theo Miville Dechene, ED, Colonel F. Matte, Colonel Jos Matte, VD, Lt.-Col. L. P. Ouellet, VD, Lt.-Col. J. A. G. Roberge, OBE, CD, Lt.-Col. Jean Gendron, ED and Lt.-Col. J. M. Corbett

comed and entertained most warmly. Only in this sort of way would the two regiments get to know each other. Switching to fluent French, I then presented the silver salver, which was much admired by everyone.

After this, the Honorary Colonel presented to Colonel Matte an infantry sword and ceremonial scabbard, the gift of Les Voltigeurs to mark his fine record with the Battalion (I was somewhat amazed, later, to see that this sword was manufactured in West Germany).

Some of the guests left after dinner—there were seven ex-C.O.s present one of whom was over 80. The rest of us went to the officers' mess—a very nice room in the Armoury—where I got to know the officers a little better, leaving the premises in fair order about 2.30 a.m.

As you can imagine the officers of Les Voltigeurs are most hospitable and amusing and it was altogether an epic evening; the last celebration of their centenary year.

#### LES VOLTIGEURS' C.O.



**LT.-COLONEL P. E. DEFOY, C.D.**

Paul Defoy was born in Quebec City in 1920 and was educated in Quebec.

He enlisted in the Voltigeurs NPAM in February 1938 as a rifleman and, at the outbreak of war in September 1939, joined the Canadian Army Service Force.

Whilst serving in the United Kingdom he was attached to the British Army, attended 161 (RMC)

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OCTU and was commissioned in August 1944 as a lieutenant in the Infantry. He proceeded to France the same month and served in Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was released from active service in Canada in October 1945.

He joined the Canadian Army Reserve on its reorganisation in September 1946, and served as adjutant, company commander and training officer until 1958 when he became second-in-command of the Voltigeurs. In 1956, he completed the Militia Staff Course at RMC, Kingston, Ontario.

He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and appointed C.O. of Les Voltigeurs de Québec, w.e.f. February 2, 1963, becoming the 25th C.O. in the Voltigeurs' history.

He was awarded the Efficiency Medal in 1946 and the Canadian Forces Decoration in 1958.

He was vice-president of the regimental centennial committee, and president of the Unit Veterans' Association. He is, at present, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Infantry Association, Quebec Branch.

In civilian life Lt.-Colonel Defoy is District Superintendent of Veterans' Welfare Services in the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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## Obituary

We greatly regret to announce the following deaths and, on behalf of the Regiment, offer our deep sympathy to the families of the deceased:

### Mr. O. Baguley

Mr. Baguley, who died on March 1, 1963, was a former member of the Regiment, his regimental number being 7558. He was a member of the Leeds and District Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

### Mrs. M. A. Clinch

Mrs. Clinch, wife of ex-C.S.M. M. H. R. (Matty) Clinch, died at her home at 3 Ramsgate Street, Hanson Lane, Halifax, on May 8, 1963. The funeral took place at Park Wood Crematorium on May 13. Among those present were the following from the Regiment: Mr. and Mrs. T. McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hemblys, Mrs. G. Brenchley and Mrs. Fisher.

### Lt.-Colonel F. Irish, M.C., T.D.

The death has occurred in South Africa of Lt.-Colonel F. Irish.

Lt.-Colonel Irish joined the 4th Battalion in France in March 1917. He served with them for the remainder of the war and was awarded the Military Cross. After the war he continued to serve with the 4th and in 1935 was appointed C.O. in succession to Colonel H. H. Aykroyd. Lt.-Colonel Irish had, however, to relinquish command in 1936 when he left England to take up an appointment with a textile firm in Durban.

### Mr. T. Norman

Mr. Tom Norman died on June 24 at his home, 15 Mitre Street, Marsh, Huddersfield.

Mr. Norman joined the Regiment in 1909 and served for many years with the 1st Battalion. He was a famous shot. A fuller record will appear in our next issue.

### Colonel Sir Percy Simner, K.C.B., D.S.O., T.D.

We have recently received notification of the death in London, on January 11, 1963, of Colonel Sir Percy Simner who served in our 9th Battalion until 1916 when he was given command of the 10th West Yorkshire Regiment. He continued to serve with the T.A. after the war in the London area and

commanded the 10th London Regiment (T.A.). In 1927 he was selected to command the 2nd London Infantry Brigade (T.A.).

### Lt.-Colonel M. V. Le P. Trench

Lt.-Colonel Mordaunt Vereker Le Poer Trench died at his home, Llwyn Celyn, Pennal, Machynlleth on April 28, 1963, aged 82.

Mordaunt Trench was born on June 26, 1880 and was educated at Marlborough College and Sandhurst. He was a nephew of Colonel S. J. Trench who commanded the 2nd Battalion from 1899 to 1903. He joined the 1st Battalion at Aldershot on December 6, 1899, and went out to South Africa with them, taking part in all the actions, including Paardeberg, up to the entry into Bloemfontein. Here he contracted enteric fever and was invalided to England in June 1900. Before returning to South Africa he attended the funeral of Queen Victoria.

He rejoined the 1st Battalion at Watervaal in the Northern Transvaal, serving with them on the blockhouse line and with a mobile column in the Mageilesberg.

On the termination of the war in June 1902 he was selected to take home a party of ten men to represent the Regiment at the coronation of King Edward VII to which a contingent from every regiment in South Africa was sent. On arrival after a record voyage, however, they were met with the news of the King's illness and the postponement of the coronation. After an inspection by Lord Roberts the troops dispersed on leave.

On promotion to captain in 1904 Trench was posted to the 2nd Battalion and joined them at Dinapur, India; in the absence on sick leave of Captain Healing he acted as adjutant of the battalion until their return to England in 1905.

The next year Captain Trench transferred to the 1st Battalion, serving with them at Lebong, Sitapur and Ambala. After a tour at the Depot, Halifax, from 1910-13 he rejoined them at Lahore.

On the outbreak of war in 1914 he was appointed R.T.O. at Jhansi, later being transferred to Bombay as D.A.D. Railway Transport and in 1915 to a similar appointment at Army Headquarters at Simla.

On November 9, 1914, Trench was married in Bombay to Lucy Agneta, third daughter of the late Lt.-Colonel A. A. Ruck (late 8th, The King's Regiment). In November 1916 he was sent home to England accompanied by his wife and a daughter aged three weeks.

He proceeded immediately to France where he joined the 9th Battalion as 2IC. He commanded the battalion from January to May 1917 when he was invalided back to England. Early in 1919 he

took out a young soldiers' battalion of the Sussex Regiment to Cologne to serve in the army of occupation.

In July of that year he was appointed to command the Depot, Halifax, but had to relinquish this post in 1921 owing to ill health. He retired on January 10, 1922.

Colonel Trench was promoted brevet lieutenant colonel in the Honours List of January 1, 1917. For his war services he received the Boer War Queen's Medal with four clasps and King's Medal with two clasps and the British War and Victory Medals of the 1914-18 war. He was a first-class instructor and administrator. Major Scott writes that he was told by General Sir Ivor Maxse, who was G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command when Colonel Trench was CO of the Depot, that our depot was by far the best in the command at that time and that he had recommended Trench for accelerated promotion but had not told him of this in case it was not acted on which, unfortunately, it was not, possibly owing to the state of Colonel Trench's health.

On retirement Colonel and Mrs. Trench and their family settled in a cottage in North Wales where they lived a simple life, growing fruit and vegetables in a garden made entirely by themselves from the mountainside. In time this garden became quite a show place and attracted the attention of passing motorists who were conducted round in return for a donation to S.S.A.F.A. Colonel Trench was also a fine craftsman and made many beautifully finished pieces of furniture for the cottage.

Colonel Trench's work for THE IRON DUKE is recorded on p. 99. He was also the author of "*A Short History of the Regiment*" which he compiled soon after his retirement.

In May 1940 Colonel Trench joined the LDVs and formed and trained a platoon in the village of Pennal. He later served in the local battalion of the Home Guard as a liaison officer, with the rank of captain.

In his younger days Colonel Trench was a keen horseman and played in the regimental polo team in India for some years. He also captained the regimental hockey and shooting teams and in 1909 took the latter team to the all India rifle meeting at Meerut where he was selected to shoot for the Army against the "Rest of India." He was an enthusiastic fisherman and, until nearly the end of his days, was able to indulge his taste on the lakes and streams of the Welsh mountain district where he lived.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters the elder of whom was married to Major R. H. D. Macnair, R.A., in 1951 and the younger to Major W. D. Gordon, the Suffolk Regiment, in 1939.

The Colonel of the Regiment received the following letter from Mrs. Trench:

Dear General Exham,

May I ask you to convey my grateful thanks to the members of the Duke of Wellington's regiment

for their telegram of sympathy on the death of my husband and for the beautiful wreath they sent. It was a great honour also to have present Colonel Turner, representing the Regiment, at the funeral, and I very much appreciate this tribute to Mor-daunt's memory from the Regiment he loved.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Trench

Llwyn Celyn  
May 2, 1963.

#### Mr. D. Wood

Ex-C.S.M. D. Wood died at his home, 17 Pennuel Place, Siddal, Halifax, on May 16, 1963. He was aged 62.

"Duggie" Wood served with the 2nd Battalion before the last war and was a P.T. Instructor. In 1939 he was recalled from the Reserve and was transferred to the APTC. He was later attached to the Parachute Regiment where he became a C.S.M., P.T.I.

At the funeral, which took place at Park Side Crematorium, the OCA and the Regiment were represented by Mr. Code and Mr. McMahon.

#### Major (Q.M.) R. Wood

We have received news of the death on June 6, in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, of Major Richard Wood. He was aged 84.

Major Wood's connection with the Regiment lasted for over 40 years from the time he arrived at the Depot in 1897 to the day when he vacated the post of quartermaster of the 6th (T.A.) Battalion in 1938. A fuller appreciation will be published in our next issue.

See also p. 132

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### THE REGIMENTAL DINNER CLUB (33rd and 76th)

The annual regimental dinner and tea were held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, June 14.

The Colonel of the Regiment presided at the dinner. His Grace The Duke of Wellington was unable to be present and the guest was the Right Reverend, The Lord Bishop of Pontefract (Honorary Chaplain of the Regiment).

The following officers attended: Lt.-General Sir Robert Bray; Major-Generals Upjohn and Ozanne; Brigadiers Bunbury, Laing, Miles, Moran and Webb-Carter; Colonels Armitage, Bishop, Cousens, Cumberlege, Howcroft, G. Taylor and Turner; Lt.-Colonels Gadd, Kavanagh, Le Messurier, Moncrieff, Peake, Skelsey and Whitaker; Majors Burton, Butterfield, Bruce-Lowe, Cartwright, Davis, Faulks, Hardy, Hindley, Hoppe, Huskisson, Isles, Jones-Stamp, Kavanagh, Lane, Lennon, MacLaren, Randall, Robertson, Savory, Scott, Shuttleworth, Sills, Streatfeild, Tedd and Wood.

Captains Berry, Bolton, Bray, Campbell-Lamer-ton, Greenway, Huxtable, Keatley, Laurence, Mitchell, Miller and Newton; Lts. Arnold, Barkshire, Bunbury, Bruce-Lowe, Cartwright, Camp-

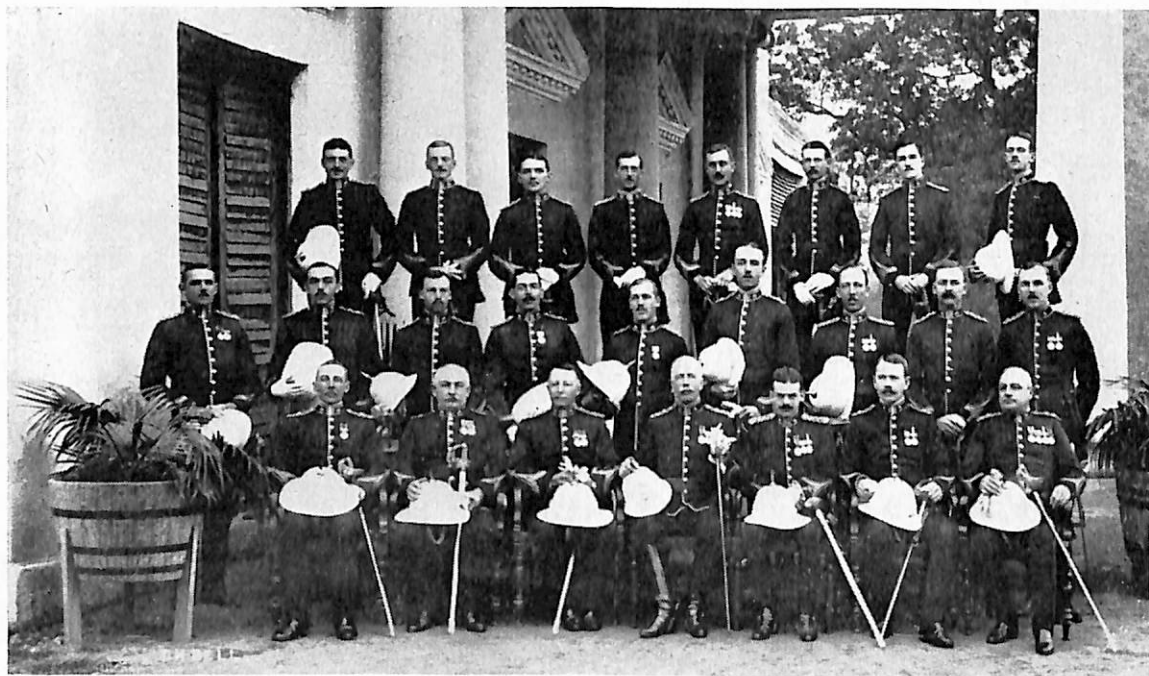
bell-Lamerton, Charlesworth, Edwards, Gladwin, Kelly, D. P. Miles, Mundell, G. F. Naylor, P. Naylor, Power, Pugh, G. A. Reddington, Reid, Shenton, Summers and Walker.

Those at the tea included Colonel and Mrs. Armitage, Colonel and Mrs. Bishop, Captain Bolton, Major and Mrs. Cartwright, Mr. Cartwright, Major and Mrs. Davis, Major-General K. G. Exham, Major-General and Mrs. R. K. Exham, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Gadd, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs.

Kavanagh, Lady Landon, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Le Messurier, Major MacLaren, Brigadier and Mrs. Miles, Major-General Ozanne with Mrs. Iles, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Peake, Major and Mrs. Scott, Lt.-Colonel Skelsey, Major and Mrs. Streatfeild, Colonel and Mrs. G. Taylor, Colonel Turner and Brigadier Webb-Carter.

A meeting of the Regimental Council was held in the morning at Apsley House by gracious permission of the Duke of Wellington.

## AMBALA, 1911



The Officers of the 1st Battalion. Back Row (left to right): Lts. Gatacre, Bald, Kidd, Officer, Captain Maples, Lts. Peake, Cornish, Cox. Middle Row: Captain St. Hill, Lts. Treeby, Miller, Boutflower, Glenn, Owen, Captains Tidmarsh, Wellesley, Carlyon. Front Row: Majors Bray, Turner, Watson, Lt.-Colonel Humphreys, Captain and Adj. Bowes Wilson, Major Maffett, Lt. (Q.M.) Carroll.

The above photograph was sent to us by Lt.-Colonel M. N. Cox, who writes: "The photo was taken outside the officers' mess at Ambala in October, 1911, just before we went to Delhi for the Durbar. (Note: The photo appears in *Lee's History of the 33rd*, where, with characteristic inaccuracy, it is dated 1913.—Ed.).

The battalion was at that time outstanding in efficiency and won every competition in athletics, shooting and the physical efficiency test, i.e., a forced march followed by a rapid firing competition.

Our Brigade Commander in the Sirhind Brigade was Brigadier General T. D. Pilcher and we were

known in the Brigade as 'Pilcher's Pets.'

The year 1911 was also one in which we won both the Calcutta and the Bombay rugby cups, open to all service and civilian rugby teams in India.

The Battalion was selected from all units at the Durbar to carry out a physical efficiency test in which some 500 all ranks tackled an obstacle course in 'fighting order' at the double, at the end of which we fell in in 'twelves' on a whistle signal from the C.O. and marched off to the strains of the Regimental March—a wonderful bit of eye-wash which went down with a bang. I might add that we practised the above for weeks."

We are pleased to be able to report that Colonel Keith Sykes has made a very good recovery from his accident, a fractured skull. He was in hospital for nearly three months. He returned home at the end of December but was then more or less house-bound until the snow went. He is up and about again now and is beginning to take up again his wide sphere of activities and interests.

We are also very pleased to report that Mr. H. Morgan of 29 Queen Street, South Elmsall, near Pontefract is now able to work again. Mr. Morgan, a staunch supporter of the South Elmsall Branch of the Regimental Association, has been off work for the last nine months owing to ill health. His health has now sufficiently improved to allow him to take up light work again. "Mollie" Morgan was a famous boxer in the 2nd Battalion in India before the war. He was the Battalion representative in the light-heavyweight class for three years and in 1932 won the light-heavyweight championship of Southern Command.

Our Honorary Regimental Chaplain, the Lord Bishop of Pontefract, has had the distinction of being elected a member of the Church Commissioners to represent the House of Clergy in the Church Assembly.

Major Huffam set off in May for New Zealand to visit his daughter, Ann, who married out there recently. Major Huffam was travelling via America and said that he was going to have to rough it, but he started off in the Queen Elizabeth which doesn't sound too austere. He plans to return in October.

Colonel and Mrs. Harvey have also gone to visit their son in Rhodesia. They are travelling via the Cape and expect to be away for nine months or a year.

Majors Hardy and Shuttleworth are renewing their former famous rucker partnership. They have been selected to be the Army representatives on the Rugby Union Board.

Captain Mike Campbell-Lamerton is going to the R.M.A., Sandhurst as an instructor.

We briefly congratulate Major Sam Robertson on being placed second in the Army Hundred at Bisley. A fuller report of this fine feat will appear in October.

#### LATE NEWS

The last months have taken a heavy toll of the Regiment. In addition to the obituaries already recorded we deeply regret to report the deaths of:

**Lt.-Colonel E. C. Bouflower, O.B.E.**, died 13th July, at Budleigh Salterton.

**Major T. V. Laverack, M.B.E., M.M.**, died 2nd July, at Huddersfield.

**Brigadier C. W. B. Orr, O.B.E.**, died 3rd July, at Millbank Military Hospital.  
*Obituary notices will appear in October.*

### ***From the "London Gazette"***

*Supplements dated 8th February to 21st May, 1963*

#### WAR OFFICE

Col. L. B. B. Beuttler, O.B.E., retires on retired pay under the terms of Army Order 139/57, 27th Mar. 1963.

#### INFANTRY D.W.R.

##### REGULAR ARMY

The following officer cadets from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2nd Lts., 21st Dec. 1962: Christopher Gamul Edwards, John Frederick Browning Power.

Lt.-Col. A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., to be supernumerary to Establishment, 1st Mar. 1963.

Maj. (Q.M.) A. Parr, having attained the retiring age, is placed on retired pay, 17th Mar. 1963.

2nd Lt. David Robin Dare Newell, from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 14th Mar. 1963, with seniority 13th Jan. 1963; to be Lt. 19th May 1963.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. M. M. Davie (Emp. List I) having reached the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 15th Feb. 1963.

Major R. R. F. Marett, having reached the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 26th Feb. 1963.

##### Class III

The following Lts. from A.E. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt.: G. N. Fawcett, 1st Mar. 1963; J. R. Raimes, 1st Mar. 1963; M. Ralph, 10th Apr. 1963.

Lt. R. J. M. Birch, from Res. of Offrs., Class I, to be Lt., 19th Mar. 1963.

##### TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon Maj. P. H. Haws.

Maj. (Q.M.) Arthur Parr (Res. of Offrs.) to be Capt., 18th Mar. 1963.

The following Ptes. to be 2nd Lt. (on probation) 24th Feb. 1963: Charles Kenneth Lloyd Davidson, Dennis Stowell Kenyon.

##### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. F. R. Gadd, E.R.D., T.D., from Active List, to be Lt.-Col., 9th Nov. 1962.

## THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

*Continuing our series of notable personalities in the Regimental Association we present:*

**MR. J. A. HOUGH**

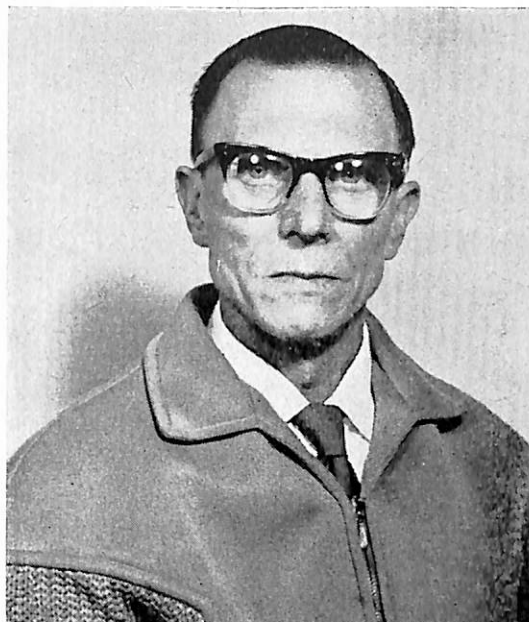
**Hon. Secretary of the Sheffield Branch of the Regimental Association**

Mr. Jimmy Hough is an "Old Duke" who has served his country and regiment well both in peace and war. For besides being a good soldier and sportsman he has, since his return to civilian life after the 1939-45 war, taken a very great interest in the problems of the ex-service man generally by helping to found the Sheffield Branch of the Regimental Association, and becoming its hard working Secretary, and also by being associated with the various organisations catering for ex-servicemen's welfare in the City of Sheffield.

Jimmy joined the Regiment in June 1928. After training he joined the 1st Battalion, then stationed at Devonport, and served under Major H. R. Kavangh in "D" Company. In 1930 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar, India, and joined "C" Company. The Signal Platoon soon claimed him and a signaller he remained all his service. His time with the 2nd Battalion took him to Kamptee and Nowshera after Ahmednagar. From Nowshera Jimmy went on column and took part in the Loe Agra and Mohmand operations in 1935.

Returning home in 1936 on transfer to the Reserve he was within a month recalled to the Colours and went to Palestine and served for three months during the troubles in that country. 1939 saw him recalled for a second time and he went with the 1st Battalion to France, again as a signaller. A medical board however evacuated him to the U.K. just before Dunkirk. After treatment he reported to the Regimental Depot (then an ITC.) from where he was subsequently posted to the then newly formed 9th Battalion DWR as signal corporal. Later on, and after the 9th Battalion's conversion to an armoured role, he reached the rank of S.S.M. and looked after the interests of the Headquarter Squadron.

The end of the war also saw the end of Jimmy's soldiering and travelling about the world and the time had come for him to settle down in his native city of Sheffield. But it was not the end of his connection with his old Regiment because, as already recorded, he did a lot of the spade work in starting off the Sheffield branch of the Regimental Association. This, although mainly consisting of ex-regular "Dukes"—and mainly ex-2nd Battalion types at that—spreads its welfare net far and wide to take in all "Old Dukes" whatever their vintage or battalion. When recruiting members for his branch Jimmy has always propounded the axiom that Old Comrades are still a part, and in his view a particularly important part, of the Regiment where they first learnt the meaning of comradeship.



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In the realms of sport Jimmy, when young, took more than a passing interest. During both terms of service he represented his battalions at hockey, football, swimming, and at 100 and 220 yards on the track. In fact athletics loomed large in his service life. Winning the obstacle race for three years in succession at Ahmednagar and Kamptee is a feat he is fond of recounting. He holds 2nd class referees' certificates from the ASCB for football and hockey.

Athletic prowess is not, however, confined to the head of the Hough family as his only daughter was Sheffield City 100 yards champion for one year and has won numerous prizes for this distance. She is now married with two sons and we wonder whether grandfather Jimmy is going to see a future Roger Bannister of the Hough dynasty in action one day.

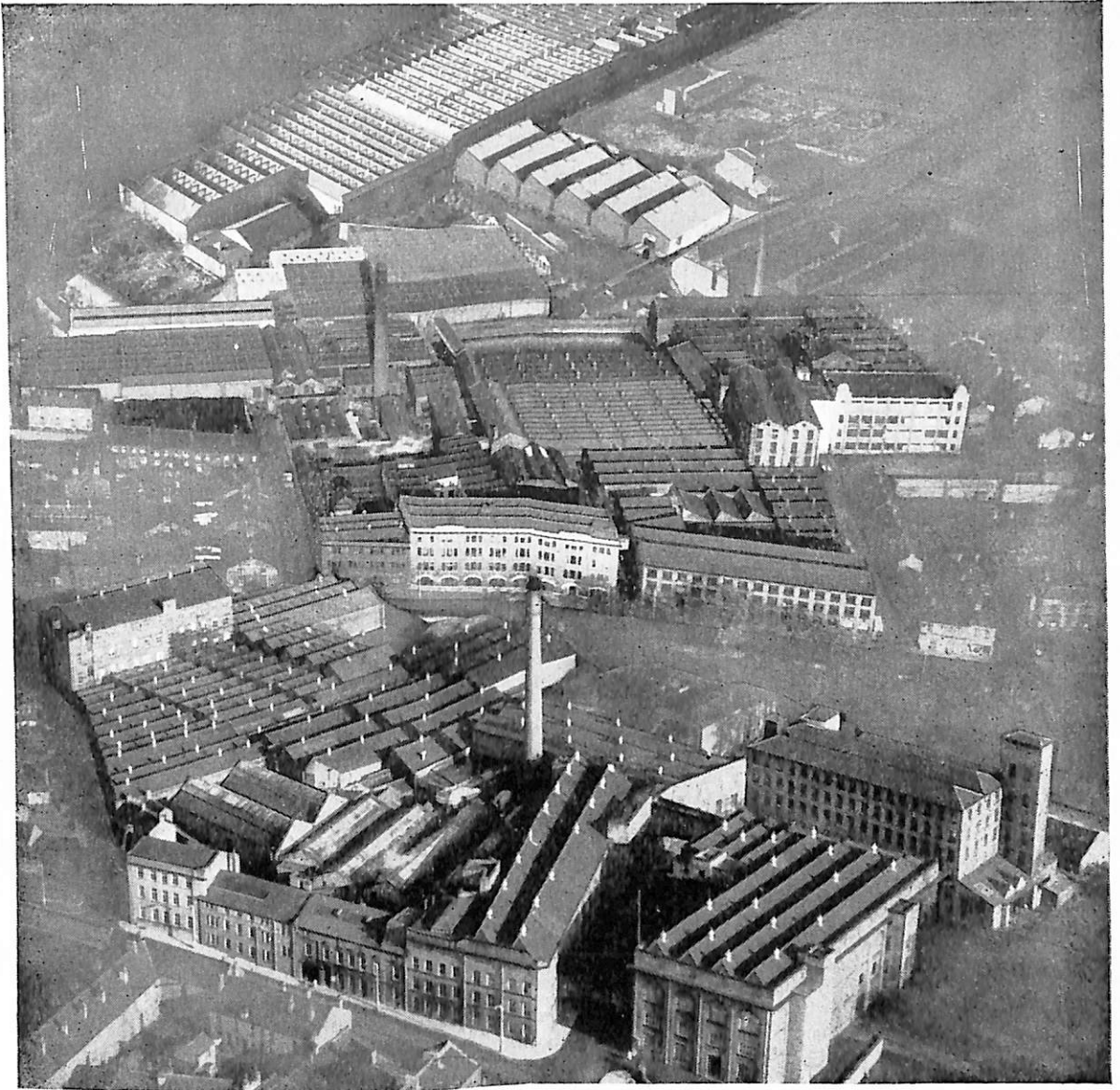
Incidentally Jimmy is still in uniform; he is a full-time member of the Corps of Commissionaires in Sheffield and as such will, we know, fill his position with dignity and integrity.

To sum up Jimmy in the shortest way without "pouring treacle over his head" is to say he is a man of sterling character, a good friend to all "Dukes" whether ex—or serving—and a nice chap to know.

**DON'T FORGET**

The Annual Reunion Dinner  
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## LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The London Dinner was well attended when it was held at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, W.2, on Saturday, May 11.

The presiding officer was the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Exham, and he was supported by the Deputy Colonel, Brigadier Webb-Carter.

Before dinner was served, grace was said by our President, Colonel Armitage, and at the end of dinner toasts to H.M. The Queen and the Regiment were proposed by Dave Benson and Tommy Dennett respectively. The Colonel of the Regiment then read the following message from the Private Secretary to H.M. The Queen: "The Queen sincerely thanks the Members of the London and Home Counties Branch Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association dining together this evening on their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty greatly appreciates." He then gave an interesting account of the Regiment's activities.

Secretary Bob Temple was then called upon for his report and he stated how pleased we were to have both the Colonel and Deputy Colonel of the Regiment with us, and also thanked Halifax, Huddersfield and Gosport Branches for supporting us in such good numbers.

In conclusion it is again hoped that everyone had an enjoyable evening and that "God willing" we shall all meet again next year.

Among those present were: Major-General K. G. Exham, Major-General R. K. Exham, Brigadier Webb-Carter, Colonels Armitage, and Turner, Lt.-Colonel J. E. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson and daughters, Majors Lennan, Davis and Scott, Captain Bolton. Messrs. Crouch, Benson, Temple, Guy, Burton, Owers, Coppack, Webster, Sykes, Greagsbey, Hammond, Richardson, Bennett, Dalton, Kingston, a Halifax party of 29 and two members from the 1st Battalion, Chelsea Pensioners Banks and Hickie, Mrs. Hearsam and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ancill, Mr. and Mrs. Dennett and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Myatt, Mr. and Mrs. Cherry and friends.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Major-General Ozanne, Brigadier Fraser, Lt.-Colonels Cox, Skelsey, Kavanagh (O.C. 1st Bn.), W. A. Woods, F. P. Woods, Majors Kavanagh, Huffam, Sills, Randall and Schofield, Captains Middleton-Hands, Topper Brown and W. Barber.

## THE BRADFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

At the Branch A.G.M. on April 7 last, elections to the committee resulted in a change of chairman, Harry Artist accepting the appointment relinquished by Bill Foster. Whilst welcoming Mr. Artist to office we feel little sense of loss in Mr. Foster's voluntary departure to the ranks of ordinary membership. Under his guidance as chairman the affairs of the branch ran smoothly and efficiently and his interest is such that we know his advice, and his criticism, will at all times be readily available. Of the few other outgoing members of the committee it is felt that a special word of thanks is due

to Albert Fox who, in terms of committee work, proved to be a glutton for punishment.

During the past three months the branch has been very active in social life and welfare. Visits to neighbouring branches, Halifax and South Elmsall, were very enjoyable and it is in no sense regrettable to have to record that, once again, the bulk of the prize money from the Halifax Easter draw came to Bradford.

On March 16, we held a social evening and dance for members and their friends and this turned out to be such a success that an early repetition is demanded. Among the guests was a fair sprinkling of teenagers to whom much credit must be given for the extra spark and vitality apparent in the evening's entertainment. The highlight from a branch viewpoint was the presentation of a plaque of the Regimental badge, hand-carved and donated to the branch by Mr. George Adcock, a Bradfordian wood-engraver of some repute. In making the presentation on Mr. Adcock's behalf, Major J. Davis (whom we are always delighted to have with us) stated that, of the many such plaques he had seen, this one excelled in craftsmanship and attention to detail. The thanks of all members, voiced at the time by our chairman who received the plaque, go to Mr. Adcock for his kindness and generosity.

We are glad to know that the transition of Mr. Alf Morgan from hospital, after a major operation, to convalescence has been effected and wish him a speedy, complete recovery.

The sudden death on February 26 of a very popular member, "Smudger" Smith, was a great shock as, though he had been ill a long time, we felt that his fortitude would keep him with us for many more years. Thanks to Dougie Haigh who organised it, we were able to show our sympathy for the widow and family in practical form by raising for them the sum of £18 15s. 0d. by means of a benefit night held at Dougie's pub The Queen's Arms.

Having no increase in membership to record we are consoled by the knowledge that the quality of our present membership is such as to offset to a large extent deficiencies in quantity.

Finally, our thanks are due to the ladies for their interest and especially to Mrs. Stead, Mrs. Wardle and Mrs. Deighton for their consistent catering.

## REGIMENTAL ACCOUNTS

For various reasons it was decided to bring forward the annual audit date for the Regimental funds from July 1 to March 31. The accounts which are set out on pages 136 and 137 therefore show the financial activities of the funds for a period of nine months only.

General Exham told the 1962 annual general meeting that the Regimental Trustees intended to take advantage of the 1961 Trustees Act to reinvest the capital of the funds as was deemed advisable. This reinvestment programme has now been carried out and the transactions are reflected in the accounts now published.

# Regimental Funds

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 1962 TO MARCH 31, 1963

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

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stationery and Postage .. .. .	20	16 8	Subscriptions .. .. .	203	8 3
Wreaths .. .. .	13	10 4	Interest on Investments (Gross) .. .. .	7	10 0
Travelling Expenses .. .. .	49	5 10	Colonel Ackworth Bequest .. .. .	50	0 0
Branch Donation and Expenses .. .. .	81	4 4	Sundry Donations .. .. .	12	0 0
Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .	38	11 6	Sundry Receipts .. .. .	23	17 2
Telephone .. .. .	19	2 8	Dinner Account Surplus .. .. .	11	19 8
Cheque Book .. .. .		10 0			
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	85	13 9			
	<u>£308</u>	<u>15 1</u>		<u>£308</u>	<u>15 1</u>

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

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants to Sundry Individuals .. .. .	218	19 0	Interest from Investments (Gross) .. .. .	334	18 6
Pensions .. .. .	191	15 0	Donation—T. Drewett dec'd .. .. .	16	0 0
Cheque Book .. .. .		10 0	Excess of Expenditure over Income .. .. .	91	10 6
Wreaths .. .. .	11	5 0			
Iron Duke—Subscriptions .. .. .	20	0 0			
	<u>£442</u>	<u>9 0</u>		<u>£442</u>	<u>9 0</u>

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants .. .. .	721	9 11	Refund of Grant D.W.R. Social Club .. .. .	100	0 0
Secretary's Honorarium and Expenses .. .. .	307	0 0	Surplus on Sweepstake .. .. .	260	0 0
Wreaths .. .. .	13	10 0	Donation—Army Benevolent Fund .. .. .	200	0 0
Cheque Book .. .. .	1	0 0	Subscriptions .. .. .	5	15 0
Iron Duke—Subscriptions .. .. .	20	0 0	Interest on Investments—Gross .. .. .	599	18 3
U.S. Trustee—Fee .. .. .	1	15 0	Profit on Sale of Badges .. .. .	1	18 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	102	16 4			
	<u>£1,167</u>	<u>11 3</u>		<u>£1,167</u>	<u>11 3</u>

## MITCHELL TRUST FUND

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants .. .. .	45	0 0	Interest on Investments:		
U.S. Trustee—Fee .. .. .		6 0	4% British Electricity Authority .. .. .	33	10 2
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	44	3 5	5% Treasury Stock .. .. .	10	0 0
	<u>£89</u>	<u>9 5</u>	2½% Consols .. .. .	45	19 3
				<u>£89</u>	<u>9 5</u>

## McGUIRE BATE TRUST FUND

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants .. .. .	326	0 0	Interest on Investments:		
Wreaths .. .. .	8	14 0	3½% War Stock .. .. .	49	7 6
Officers' Association .. .. .	10	10 0	3% Savings Bonds 65/75 .. .. .	30	0 0
King Edward VII Hospital .. .. .	15	0 0	3% Savings Bonds 60/70 .. .. .	10	0 7
U.S. Trustee—Fee .. .. .	9	8	3% Metropolitan Water Board .. .. .	30	0 0
			4½% Defence Bonds .. .. .	9	19 8
			British Ins. Cables .. .. .	7	0 0
			2½% Consols .. .. .	49	19 8
			Martins Bank Ltd. .. .. .	9	0 0
			Excess of Expenditure over Income .. .. .	165	6 3
	<u>£360</u>	<u>13 8</u>		<u>£360</u>	<u>13 8</u>

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

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
General Fund as at June 30, 1962 .. .. .	667	4 1	Cash at Bank .. .. .	247	10 1
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	85	13 9	Cash in Hand .. .. .	2	7 6
	752	17 10			
Less: Transfer of Investment to O.C.A. Fund .. .. .	503	0 3			
	<u>249</u>	<u>17 7</u>		<u>£249</u>	<u>17 7</u>
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