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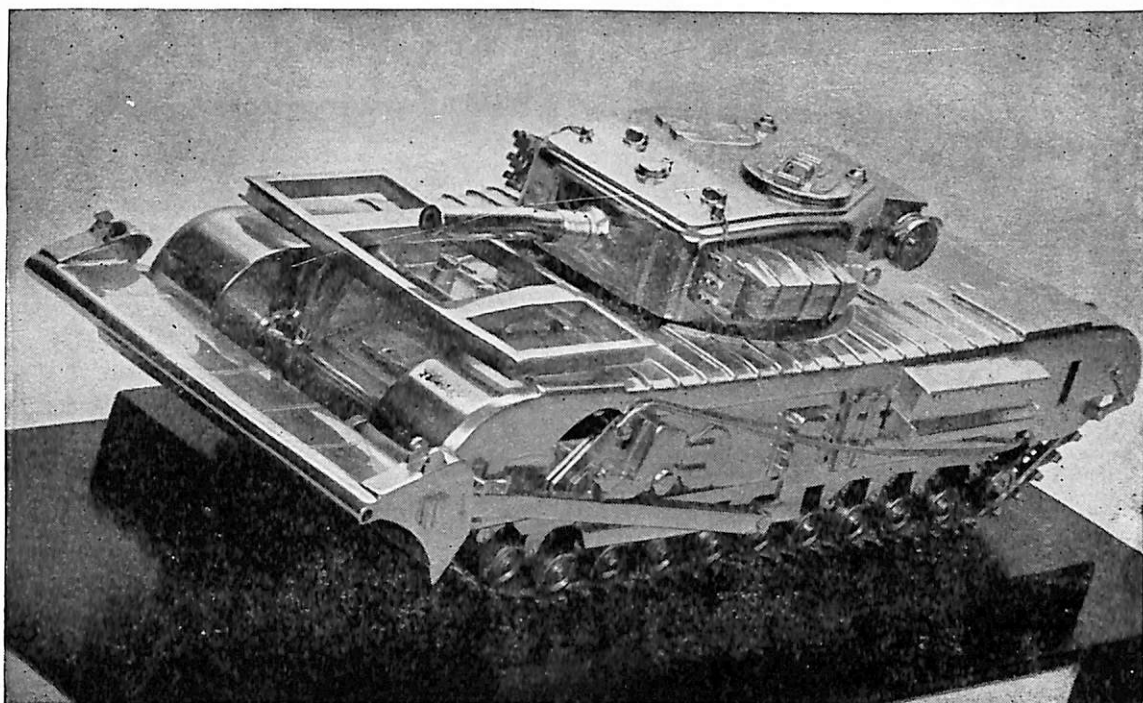
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**Lt.-Colonel The Honourable Arthur Wellesley
in the uniform of the 33rd Regiment,
1793.**

A copy, by Sandor Reisner, of the portrait by Hoppner.

**Presented to the Officers, 1st Battalion,
by**

His Grace The Duke of Wellington.

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NEWS AND NOTES

The Colonel of the Regiment has accepted an invitation to visit our allied regiment, Les Voltigeurs de Québec, in the latter part of May. General Exham hopes also to be able to cast a fly on some Canadian waters as the guest of Lt.-Colonel Tony Firth in Ottawa.

We are sorry not to be able to continue in this issue Lt.-Colonel Jack Dalrymple's reminiscences of rugby in the 1st Battalion. Lt.-Colonel Dalrymple is now working as Assistant Secretary, Army Rugby and Swimming, in the Army Sport Control Board and has been kept so busy that he has been unable to complete a further instalment. We hope to have it for the July issue.

We also regret that there are so few photographs in this issue but we can't publish what we aren't sent. We wonder whether something could not be done to encourage photography in units, and to provide some instruction. Apart from the needs of THE IRON DUKE, photography is an interesting hobby and can be quite a paying one.

The Officers' Dinner Club

The annual dinner will be held in London, at the **Hyde Park Hotel, on Friday, June 5.**

This year a buffet lunch will be held instead of the ladies' tea and will be at the **Naval and Military Club, 94 Piccadilly.**

Details have been notified to members by the Secretary of the Dinner Club.

YORKSHIRE BRIGADE NOTES

A new feature appears in this issue: Yorkshire Brigade Notes.

It was decided at a meeting of the Council of Colonels of the Brigade that it would be of interest to readers of the four journals to hear something of the news of the other regiments of the Brigade. Brigade Headquarters was, therefore, told to write quarterly notes—these being quite distinct from the Brigade Depot notes which we have had for some time and which are concerned with the internal affairs of the Depot.

We missed the first issue of the Brigade notes as it was produced just too late to catch our January issue. (The date of production has now been adjusted to a more suitable date for us.) To set the picture, therefore, for those who are not up in the Brigade news the following paragraph from the first issue is included here.

"By February 1964 all our regular battalions will be abroad. The 1st Bn The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire is in Berlin until March 1965 when it moves to Roman Barracks, Colchester. The 1st Bn The Green Howards are sunning themselves in Tripoli and Benghazi until further notice while the 1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regi-

ment move to Osnabruck in February. The 1st Bn The York and Lancaster Regiment went to Swaziland at the end of November on a twelve months unaccompanied tour without families, the wives and children being left behind in Chester. When the husbands return they will be unpacking and packing for another move overseas in April 1965—this time with their families."

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

LONDON DINNER

The annual reunion dinner of the London and Home Counties Branch of the OCA and Regimental Association will be held this year on **Saturday, May 9, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.**

As last year it will be held at **The Victory Ex-Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London, W.2.** (The nearest tube and bus stops are at Marble Arch. Go up Edgware Road for about 150 yards and turn left into Seymour Street.)

Applications for tickets, price 12/6, should be made to **Mr. R. H. Temple, Secretary and Treasurer, 59 Burnfoot Avenue, London, S.W.6.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REUNION DINNER, 1964

The annual general meeting and reunion dinner are to be held on **Saturday, September 26, 1964, at The West Riding Battalion's Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax.**

The A.G.M. will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the sergeants' mess. The dinner is at 7.15 p.m.; price of tickets 10/- each, obtainable from the General Secretary at R.H.Q. or from Branch Secretaries.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF D.W.R. ASSOCIATION BRANCHES

A letter recently received from Colonels of the regiments forming the Yorkshire Brigade put forward a suggestion that members of Regimental O.C.A.s, who have no branch of their own regiment where they live, could be invited to become Honorary Members of the other regiments' O.C.A. Branches already established in their area.

This letter was read and discussed at the last meeting of the D.W.R. Regimental Association Management Committee. The members of the committee unanimously agreed with the proposal and recommended it be carried out as soon as possible.

With this aim in view, all ex-members of Yorkshire Brigade Regiments whom this proposal affects and who wish to take advantage of it are requested to contact local D.W.R. Association Branches or the General Secretary, Regimental Association, D.W.R., at R.H.Q., D.W.R., High-road Well, Halifax, for details.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

The wind of change—usually a nor-easter at this time of year—is beginning to blow through the barracks. A new entrance for the married quarters has been made through the wall on Spring Hall Lane and the old social club hutments demolished to give free access.

We understand the Council intend to demolish all the wooden huts, the Keep, Musgrave Block (the lower barrack block on the square) and various other smaller buildings.

The barrack area will then be renamed Wellesley Park. This may resolve our search for a new postal address, as Wellesley Barracks had ceased to be appropriate. We found the sound of Gibbet Street unpleasing and as an interim measure have been using Highroad Well.

Readers will be sorry to hear that a very old friend of the Depot and RHQ, George Stansfeld of Field House, has died. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Halifax will shortly be adding three ex-mayors to their list of Freemen. They will include two old friends of the Regiment, Alderman Dryden Brook, one-time socialist M.P. for Halifax, and Alderman Charlie Lucas.

We have heard from South Africa that the remains of those who died in the action at Rhenoster Kop in the Boer War have been re-interred at Diamond Hill—midway between Pretoria and Bronkhorstspint. The Military Attache laid a wreath on our behalf at the Re-Dedication Ceremony held on March 31, 1963.

A tablet rests on a granite cairn below the monolith. On these two monuments are the names of those buried in this cemetery.

Lt.-Colonel G. E. Lloyd's cross is the one which appears dark in the photo to the left of the monolith.

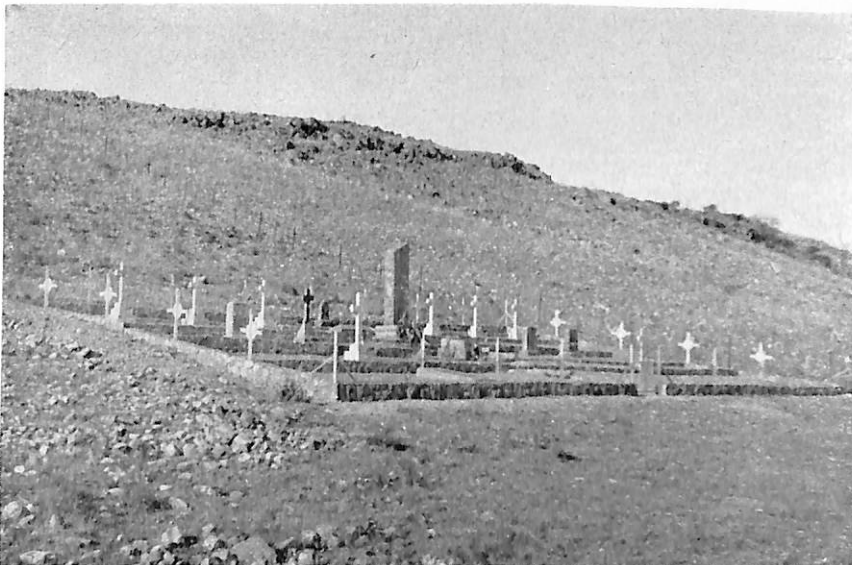
Readers may have read in the last issue about the R.H.Q. rose borders and seen our pride in having made them ourselves after the works service had been turned down. We didn't have much choice really, as the roses were already ordered. To our surprise, we were told near the end of the financial year that the project had been approved, so we now have more borders and, as a start, have planted six trees or shrubs, mainly double flowering cherries and Japanese maples.

We have had difficulty with our entrance gates. The Regimental badges mounted on top were continually being broken; so, finally, they had to be welded onto plates and fixed in the centre. These wrought iron gates, the fixing of the badges and the new nameplate on our front door are the gift of Major William Blakey.

Readers may be interested in the origin of the gates. General Upjohn initially caused them to be constructed as a trade test in a Catterick workshop. The Signals unit which actually made them went to much trouble on our behalf to see that they fitted well and were properly erected.

All Saints' Day Service

As All Saints' Day is a Sunday this year, the annual Regimental Service in York Minster will take place on Friday, October 30, at 11 a.m. The Honorary Regimental Chaplain, The Bishop of Pontefract, will officiate.



**Diamond Hill
Military Cemetery
South Africa
where those who
died at
Rhenoster Kop
have been
re-interred**

THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE

NOTES

The 13th meeting of our Council of Colonels was held at Strensall on February 28 and, as usual, it turned out to be a very full day. It is nice to be able to report that they were all in good heart and looked very fit.

This will be the last council meeting to be attended by the Brigade Colonel who has decided to retire in July. He is taking up an appointment in London during July which will enable him to keep in touch with all his friends in the Brigade.

The new Brigade Colonel will be Colonel Jimmy Davidson who is assured of a warm welcome by all ranks at Strensall, especially by the Dukes who have not occupied the Brigade Colonel's chair since 1954. We were then the Yorkshire and Northumberland Brigade and the Brigade Colonel was C. R. T. Cumberlege. Colonel Davidson joined the Dukes in 1935 and commanded 7 DWR from 1956 to 1958; he was AA & QMG, East Africa Command from 1959 to 1962 and more recently has held the appointment of Camp and Garrison Commander, HQ BAOR from 1962 until the present time.

Various committee meetings were held during January at which we saw our Regimental Secretaries and Army Youth Team Leaders. Towards the end of the month the Brigade Colonel of The Lancastrian Brigade, Colonel A. E. Holt, who is Commander Designate 151 Infantry Brigade (TA), paid us a visit and was shown round barracks.

Lt.-Colonel John Scott, 1 Green Howards, who was in England on a Commanding Officers' Course, which appeared to be split between Catterick and Larkhill, took the opportunity of visiting us at the beginning and end of his course. Other visitors have included Major Derek Hargreaves, Green Howards, on inter tour leave from the Trucial Oman Scouts; Captain David Rothery, PWO, unexpectedly and prematurely home after the recent debacle in Tanganyika, and Captain Ian Homersham, Green Howards, between courses.

Major John Collard, Y & L, has visited us twice recently before his imminent departure for Swaziland to take over command of 1 Y & L from Lt.-Colonel Donald Creighton-Williamson in mid March. The latter, incidentally, assumes an appointment in the Ministry of Defence in August. Lt.-Colonel Barry Kavanagh also called to see us just prior to his departure for Germany, and we offer him our congratulations on his appointment as Chief Recruiting Officer, Northern Command, when he returns next year.

Our congratulations also go to Lt. (Q.M.) N. D. Taylor, PWO, on appointment to a quartermaster's commission with effect from February 1. However, now that the "wind of change" is becoming something more like a hurricane in certain parts of Africa, his appointment to 5 KAR has been cancelled and he is now destined for the Aden Forces. He visited us twice recently on his return from Berlin. However, C.S.M. J. W. Webb, 1 Green Howards, is bound for Africa and we con-

gratulate him on his appointment as RSM with the Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland Forces.

The 1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment is now in Osnabruck and we wish them a happy and successful tour in BAOR. It would be an interesting exercise to sit down and delve into the records to find out when our four regiments were last overseas at the same time.

Speaking of Germany reminds us that the cross-country team of 1 PWO won the BAOR Championship this year and more recently came 4th in the Army Cross Country Championship which was run at Cove near Aldershot on February 19. Our congratulations to them on a very fine effort.

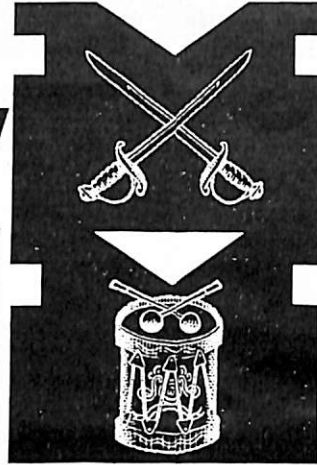
Recruiting

To turn to recruiting. 1963 was a poor year for the Army and this was reflected in a lot of discouraging comments you have heard and read in your regimental journals and elsewhere during the year. However, we have now added up our figures and, despite their poor showing compared with those in 1962, we find that we enlisted more men during 1963 than any other infantry brigade in the Army. However, let us quickly remind you that there are "lies, damned lies and statistics" and the statement we have just made is not a really accurate description of our showing. As you know, some brigades have four regiments and others have three and, if this is taken into consideration, in the average number of recruits enlisted per regiment we came second to the Green Jackets.

This is a superb performance and is due only to the intensive efforts made by all sections of our different regiments—The Army Youth Teams, who must be mentioned first; our recruiters in the Army Information Offices; our Regular and Territorial battalions; our affiliated Army Cadet Force Units; our Regimental Headquarters; the Depot and last but not least our thousands of Old Comrades. Now, having patted ourselves on the back, we must remember not to relax during 1964. We are still about two hundred men short of establishment in the Brigade and we can only get up to strength by continuing to push hard. Without mentioning names there are some sad examples of brigades who were at the top of the league and, having relaxed, slipped immediately towards the bottom.

The number of boys arriving has also been encouraging. We now have 204 first class junior soldiers under training. Of these 96 are here with us at Strensall and 108 are at The Infantry Junior Soldiers Battalion, Oswestry, The All Arms Junior Leaders Regiment at Tonfanau and the two Junior Tradesmen's Battalions at Rhyll and Troon. Our numbers at Strensall have to be fairly static because we are surrounded by problems of accommodation and staff but our numbers at the other four units vary according to our recruiting efforts and it is nice to see that we have increased our total by 50% during the past twelve months.

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The Yorkshire Brigade Depot

Officers' Mess

The re-building programme is drawing to a close slowly. The central heating machine makes a noise like ships' engines and is to be changed; electricians we think have finished and the painters are well advanced in their work. The kitchen is about to be taken over again which will be a blessing. When the completion date is we do not know and the bedrooms are still out of action.

It seems odd to be remembering Christmas when Easter is looming up. However, as the Depot closed down for a welcome break, the only entertainment of note was a small private party and a gay batchelor *Apres Ski* dance in the billiard room given for the married officers. Suitably decorated (and still is) by Stacpoole and Moir, *gluwein* by Nash, music by Beckett and Shield, and sausages by Puttock all made for thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The Middleton Hunt met at the mess on New Year's Day and, not to be outdone, the Derwent Valley Beagles and Craigcleugh Basset Hounds met on January 11 and afterwards the followers and hunt staff stayed for tea. The few hares that there are about this year were properly stirred up and it made a very pleasant afternoon out.

During this period Jimmy Vickers (PWO) and Michael Pickard (Green Howards) arrived to look after the Junior Soldiers. Whilst Jimmy is away on his Warminster Courses Paul Gebhard (PWO) is holding the fort. We hope they will enjoy their stay with the Depot.

Passing through on joining were 2/Lt. Good (Green Howards), 2/Lt. Lacy (Green Howards), 2/Lt. Fitzgerald (DWR), 2/Lt. Addlington (Y. & L.).

David and Anne Pugh are off to Halifax and we are sorry to see them go. They have both done a lot of sterling work for the Depot.

Finally as we go to press the Council of Colonels is due to meet again and we are looking forward to their short stay with us.

Sergeants' Mess

This has been a quiet period. A ladies dinner night proved so successful that it is to be an annual event. There was plenty of "table gossip" and it proved a good opportunity for people to get to know each other better.

The Bingham Shield is in prominence in the mess in its new show case which is befitting this beautiful piece of silver.

The occupation of the new mess looks a little nearer as decorating is in full swing. We should be in for Easter.

Sgt. Harrison, The Green Howards, left for "civvy street" after 22 years' service and we wish him the best of luck. C.S.M. Simpson has left for 1 DWR and Sgt. Hartley for the West Riding Battalion. Sgt. Dawes is on the move to 1 Green Howards and Sgt. Crisp, Y. & L., is joining the Experimental Wing of Support Weapons. Our best wishes go with them and their families. We welcome C/Sgt. Atkinson (PWO), Sgt. Jackson (PWO) and Sgt. Haywood (Y. & L.). We hope that they and their wives will enjoy their tour with us.

Corporals' Club

The club is looking forward, like everyone else, to settling into its new home as soon as possible. Very active, it arranged through Cpl. Howard (DWR) for a return soccer match with the Greetland Dyers Club of Halifax. The Greetland Club again beat us 8-2; however, the game was much enjoyed as was the meal and social afterwards.

On January 24, a first-class dance was organised by the committee under Cpl. Dunn (Y. & L.) and Cpl. White (PWO). The music and buffet were excellent and many guests enjoyed the hospitality of the club.

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

Training Company

Recent Platoons to pass out have been:

BLenheim PLATOON (22 men):

Best Shot SLR .. Pte. Holmes, D. (Y & L)
 Best Shot LMG .. Pte. Holliday, R. (PWO)
 Cross Country .. Pte. Shaw, B. (DWR)
 PT Competition .. Pte. Crosby, W. (PWO)
 Best Recruit .. Pte. Warrior (DWR)

.22 Falling Plate Competition was won by a husband and wife combination—Pte. and Mrs. Bennett.

YPRES PLATOON (20 men):

Best Shot SLR .. Pte. Norris, A. (Green Howards)

Best Shot LMG .. Pte. McGarrell, T. (PWO)
 Cross Country .. Pte. Russell, T. (DWR)
 PT Competition .. Pte. Magowan (Green Howards)

Best Recruit .. Pte. Makinson (PWO)
 .22 Falling Plate Competition was won by Mrs. Dean and Pte. Holmes.

Training Company are poised ready to move into their new accommodation but so far have only been able to take over one block.

Congratulations to Cpl. Blyth (PWO) on being presented with a daughter. Since our last notes we have said farewell to Sgt. O'Connell (Green

Howards), Cpl. Hudson (PWO), and Cpl. Lindsay to 1 DWR. We welcome warmly Cpl. Wimbles who has joined from 1 Green Howards in Tripoli, Cpl. Adams (Green Howards) and Sgt. Jackson (PWO).

Our platoons continue to be reasonably strong and if we are not increasing our strength greatly we certainly are not losing ground.

Junior Soldier's Company

Our cross country team did well in winning the York Youth League and, after further training in the hills around Warcop, took off to compete in the Army Championships. Backed by a coach load of spectators strategically positioned round the course our team ran very hard but, alas, not well enough to keep our last year's position. Last Sunday at Strensall the team ran against two teams from

8 DLI and 3 PWO. We ran well as a team and came 2nd; 8 DLI were the winners.

The basketball team did extremely well to finish second in the York Youth League, thanks to Cpl. Walker's excellent coaching.

In the Depot .22 Home League the team is shooting well and lying third.

The new intake are being introduced to the delights of "schemes" and spent their first night on the Common last week engaged in a battle against the Drums. Thirty boys under Lt. Gebhard recently spent a weekend at Rolleston Camp near Hornsea. They were engaged in an exercise to practise alertness, map reading and walking.

The Band and Drums are busy working up for their summer performances. One "engagement" is for the Society of St. George in York; it is believed that a V.I.P. from New Zealand will be the chief guest.

SPORT

Hockey

The team still practises, awaiting either a suitable pitch or some opposition. We have had some great games in January but February has been very disappointing owing to bad weather. Still it may brighten up before cricket starts.

Football

The Depot soccer team, although unfortunately knocked out of the Army Cup and the Half Holiday League Cup, has shown steady improvement throughout the season. Whilst we offer no excuse for defeat it should be noted that the turnover of recruits results in a periodical re-organisation of the team. This demands even greater concentration on the part of the players and the willingness of the team to turn out for training on both Monday evenings and Saturday mornings has resulted in some very good games, both wins and defeats.

We are happy to boast that the Brigade Depot can now produce two XIs for which much credit must go to our former manager and secretary, Lt. D. M. Pugh, who has now left us to take up the post as an Army youth team leader. We wish him well in his new position.

Further stalwart work from all sides has spread the fame of the Depot Soccer team to the extent that clubs as far away as Newcastle and Sunderland are eager to have regular friendly fixtures, whilst local friendly matches help the team to train on Saturdays for the normally more important Wednesday matches. Even before the end of the season the team look forward to next season and talk of it with a "glint in their eyes".

Cricket Week and Summer Ball

The Brigade Depot Cricket Week will be held from July 6 to 11. The fixture list is:

Mon./Tues.	July 6/7	v The Lancastrian Brigade
Wed.	8	v Free Foresters C.C.
Thurs.	9	v Harrogate Druids C.C.
Sat.	11	v Yorkshire Gentlemen C.C.

The Summer Ball will be held on Friday, July 3.

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1st BATTALION

Sub-Editorial

The period covered by this issue of THE IRON DUKE includes the final few months at Catterick and our first days in Osnabruck.

Before Christmas, the officers, warrant officers and sergeants served an excellent Christmas lunch to the soldiers in the dining hall; later on the same day the children's Christmas party was held and Father Christmas appeared—any resemblance to Bob Callaby being purely coincidental.

The beginning of the New Year saw us all back from leave and, after "shaking off" the Christmas hangover, we settled down to the problems of the handover of equipment and the move to Germany. Crates, pots of paint, straw, all started appearing while, concurrently, typewriters, arms and equipment started disappearing. Much of our equipment was in fact handed over to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and, as they are stationed in Plymouth, they had the unenviable task of transporting it all to the south. A word of thanks should here be given to the Q.M. staff, M.T. staff and Orderly

Room clerks, who spent many extra hours, both in the evenings and at weekends, preparing for the handover and the move.

On Monday, January 6, we had great pleasure in welcoming the Colonel of the Regiment who spoke to the Battalion for the last time before we left for Germany. Amongst the many points made by the Colonel was the importance of making full use of our time in Germany, especially in exploiting the many opportunities open to us. In B.A.O.R. the facilities for travelling, ski-ing, climbing and sailing are excellent; in the next issue we hope to include accounts of these pursuits.

The beginning of February saw the disappearance of the advance party under the Second-in-Command. (What a relief for the hard-working sub-alterns left behind!) The end of February saw the departure of the main party flying from Manchester to Gutersloh.

We now only await the arrival of Alma Company from British Honduras to make us complete once again as a battalion.

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS' MESS

Christmas found us all away except for Charles Bunbury and Wilf Charlesworth who shared the honours of orderly officer during the holiday. Although there were hours of solitude "the patch" endeavoured to ensure that their subaltern-size stomachs were not neglected.

Prior to Christmas leave, R.S.M. Robins and the W.O.s and sergeants came to have customary seasonal drinks with the officers. This was a particularly jolly party at which the sergeants aptly demonstrated that they enjoy a glass of beer!

On December 16 we were delighted to entertain His Grace The Duke of Wellington to luncheon, prior to which he presented to the Mess a copy of the famous Hoppner painting of Lt.-Colonel the Hon. Arthur Wellesley in the uniform of the 33rd. This particularly fine copy, executed by Sandor Reisner, is vigorous and colourful. It aptly displays the firm and forthright character of the Great Duke when a young man and, to please the hearts of the purists, portrays him in his uniform correctly adorned with silver lace. We are most grateful to the Duke for his magnificent gift. As most officers know, the Mess has had a copy of the Hoppner for some 50 odd years—it was presented to the 1st Bn officers by the present Duke's father, the 4th Duke, in 1911. This older copy has been given to Regimental HQ in Halifax, which we think is a most appropriate home for it.

We decided to make the Duke's visit a family affair and to ask all those officers, retired and serving, who live in Yorkshire, and who could be available, to lunch with us. General Upjohn deputised for the Colonel of the Regiment, and we were delighted to welcome the following: Colonels Cumberlege, Wathen, Waller, Lt.-Colonels Le Messurier and Skelsey, Majors Davis, Wellesley, Sugden, Roberts and Cowell, and Messrs. Pugh, Stacpoole and Moir from Strensall.

The Catterick Beagles met at the mess on January 4. Hot punch was served; the presence of the ace beagler, Major Douglas Jones-Stamp, was missed indeed.

The period January 6-7 brought the Colonel of the Regiment amongst us, to say his farewell prior to our departure to Osnabruck. On the Monday evening, General Exham held a guest night to which Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the West Riding, The Earl of Scarbrough, came; other guests were Lord Savile, General Gordon Upjohn, Brigadier Pip Moran, Colonels Cumberlege, Bentley, Wathen, Walter Skelsey, Hugh Le Messurier and Jimmy Moncrieff, Major Jack Hobbs (our adopted "Gloucester") and Captain Jeremy Cumberlege. Sterling organisation by Leslie Evans, Alan Westcob and Godfrey Bellamy produced a delicious dinner which resulted in a scintillating evening for guests and hosts alike.

Tiddley-winks has become the mess game of the moment and is played at every opportunity. To

"hole in one" puts you among the champions, but costs a bottle of champagne for the frustrated "also rans". To date, Leslie Evans, and Jonathan Tedd, Graham's son, have done the honours. Charles Bunbury's methods of gaining distinction are considered by all to be extremely dubious!

Micky Bray certainly is a master at mixing pleasure with business; before Christmas, he departed for Canada on a ski-ing course; postcards leave us in no doubt that all is going splendidly and even the Firth's in Ottawa have received Christmas telephone calls from that hard working, gay "Duke".

It was good to see Peter Pettigrew back from British Honduras prior to his departure for Nether-avon. He achieved his aim in raising the morale of Chris Edwards to its zenith whilst the latter was in hospital for a few days, though perhaps Peter would describe it otherwise!

In conclusion, it was indeed great fun hearing from many old friends by way of a Christmas card. We hope some of you may come and visit us in Germany during the coming year, where you all know you are very welcome.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Christmas crept upon us with the usual speed and on the first Saturday in December we found ourselves entertaining our ladies to a Christmas dinner and dance. There was an extremely good turnout of ladies and we were hard pressed to arrange the seating in our small mess, but the PMC managed somehow and S.Q.M.S. Benson and his cooks produced a really first-class meal. After dinner, when the tables were cleared away, the dance band struck up and while some of us danced the others amused themselves in the bar. All dispersed at a fairly late hour—declaring the evening most enjoyable.

On the second Saturday in December we held our Christmas draw which was also a huge success except for the fact that we failed to draw a prize for the C.O. This was alleged to have completely spoilt the R.S.M.'s evening, for his was to be the task of explaining this omission. The draw this year was organised by S.Q.M.S. Hathaway (R.A.P.C.) and his hard work and the fine display of prizes were much appreciated by all who were present.

During Christmas itself most members were on leave but there were small festive gatherings in the mess on Christmas Eve and Boxing night. New Year's Eve, of course, saw a good number of members and their wives in the mess and the New Year was well and truly "let in". The R.S.M. let it in in his own way by having a drill parade at 0800 hrs on New Year's Day.

Due to block leave taking up most of our remaining time before the move to Germany we had a small informal farewell social in the mess on Saturday, January 4, which was well attended by members from other messes and clubs in the district.

Before Christmas we had the privilege of receiving in the mess the G.O.C., Major-General Upjohn, and the Brigade Colonel, Colonel G. S.

Powell, during their visits to the Battalion, and more recently we had the honour of receiving the Colonel of the Regiment during his farewell visit.

The comings and goings during the period were pretty numerous. We welcome back to the mess the following: Sgt. Collins from Oswestry, Sgt. Bailes from 146 Bde TA, Sgt. Galley from Singapore and C.S.M. Simpson who is due any time now from Strensall. We say farewell to the following who are leaving on temporary tours away from the battalion—Sgt. Brown to Oswestry, Sgt. Wright to Harrogate, Sgt. Hudson to Strensall and Sgt. Wass to Halifax on the recruiting team.

To Sgt. McGill (ACC), who is leaving the Army after 27 years' service, the last five of which he has spent with the "Dukes", we wish the very best of luck and happiness in civil life. His tales of Hong Kong pre-war will be missed in the bar.

S.Q.M.S. Hathaway (RAPC) will be leaving us for the Command Pay Office, Southern Command, shortly and his presence will be sorely missed for he has looked after the interests of the unit and the mess extremely well over the last three years. We wish him good luck and fortune in his new job.

We also say goodbye and good luck to S/Sgt. Rea (APTC) who has "fixed" himself a posting to the Far East and a warmer climate.

Our congratulations are due to Reg Todd who, we hear, is now a W.O.1 in Malaya and to C.S.M. Arundel who, after producing four boys in a row, has at last managed a girl (Susan Mary). After the christening, which was on January 5, C.S.M. and Mrs. Arundel held a small reception in the mess which was attended by many mess members and their wives. This was most enjoyable and we are looking forward with anticipation to the other pending births.

Finally, we wish to report on the departure of "Albert". After two years' service in the sergeants' mess "Albert" has retired into "civvy street". He was described as a cross between a jackal and something else, although a patriotic member of the mess with "Irish leanings" would state vehemently that "Albert" was full of Irish wolf-hound. Whatever his breed he became an accepted and well liked part of Battalion life. His existence was made more secure by Sergeant "Sheriff" Hall's kindness in purchasing his licence thus allowing him to roam about the world legally. Because of the difficulties involved in transporting a dog to Germany, Albert has had his retirement forced upon him. He now lives with the parents of L/Cpl. Sadler (Sgt's Mess Cook) in Bradford. We hope that he has as contented and lazy a time in "civvy street" as he did during his service.

CORPORALS' MESS

Apart from the usual 'domino schools' the mess has been fairly quiet during this period.

We held our farewell social and dance on Friday, December 13, to which we invited representatives from all messes in the area. The evening was most enjoyable and a strong party from the WRAC did their share by demonstrating the latest dance crazes. Our cooks, headed by Cpls. Moroney and Radley, as usual produced an excellent buffet supper, and the fact that drinks were at reduced prices helped

to put some "swing" into the party. We regret that the Commanding Officer was unable to be present but he was away on this occasion with the rugby team.

Cpl. Hemmings and L/Cpl. Deegan have been playing regularly with the Battalion rugby team, putting their weight in the pack, and we are well represented in the Battalion soccer sides.

Packing is now the order of the day and this takes up so much time that even L/Cpl. Hind finds his domino sessions somewhat difficult to fit in. After leave we look forward to getting settled into our new barracks and mess in Germany.

BATTALION PERSONALIA

We must congratulate W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.) Brint on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. This was presented by the G.O.C. Yorkshire District, Major-General Upjohn, at Catterick in December.

The Northern Command Squash Competition was won by a Battalion Team. The teams beaten were AAS Harrogate, 150 Pro Coy, RMP, and, in the final, 8 Signal Regiment. Our team consisted of Major Shuttleworth, Captain Greenway, Captain Bray, Lieutenant Bunbury, and 2 Lt. Edwards.

W.O.2 Arundel reminds us that there are at present serving at the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, Oswestry, six young "Dukes". One of these is Jnr. Pte. J. N. Arundel, the son of W.O.2 Arundel himself. (The latter is at present the 1st Battalion Weapon Training Warrant Officer.)

At the time of writing Lt. R. D. Campbell-Lamerton and Sgt. T. Brown are also on the permanent staff of the Junior Leaders' Battalion, while a recent loss to Oswestry was Major Hoppe now with the 1st Battalion in Germany.

The Company Commander of 'C' Company, in whose care the young "Dukes" are, is Major Crowe (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) who will be remembered by the older members of the 1st Battalion as ADC to the Governor of Gibraltar when the Regiment was stationed there.

Four "Dukes" received Army rugger caps against the R.A.F. and R.N.: 2Lt. Edwards, Lt. Reid, Pte. Waqabaca and Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton. In addition to this Lt. Robert Campbell-Lamerton played for the Army against Leicester in place of his brother.

Captain and Mrs. Pell have rejoined the Battalion after leave in Gibraltar. Captain and Mrs. Gilbert-Smith also arrived in mid-March. Captain Gilbert-Smith is taking over command of Dettingen Company which is being re-activated as the training company.

Our congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. Lever on the birth of their daughter and we offer a warm welcome to the following who have recently joined or re-joined the mess. Cpl. Lindsay from Strensall and L/Cpls. Murray, Whitley, Ormerod and Beard on promotion. We also offer our congratulations to Sgt. Hayton on his promotion and we wish him the best of luck in Oslo. Best wishes to the others who have left or will be leaving before the move to Germany; among these there are: Cpl. Radley (ACC) to Blandford, L/Cpl. Brown to civil life, Cpl. Rothwell to The York and Lancaster Regiment and Cpl. Martin (RAOC) to civilian life.

Duke of Wellington's Regiment" is now displayed outside our guardroom and is extremely handsome.

We congratulate the following members of the Regiment on their marriages:

Lt. Ian Reid to Merle (*née* Harradine) at St. Mary's Church, Cadogen Street, London, on Saturday, January 11, 1964.

Pte. Robert Johnson to Maureen (*née* Lamton) on December 21, 1963, at Widmill Parish Church, Shipley.

Cpl. Peter Michael Garth to Anne (*née* Rochester) on January 25, 1964, at Dewsbury.



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Mr. & Mrs Reid

The name-plate of the old steam engine "The

SPORT

RUGBY, 1963-64

The year started with M. J. Campbell-Lamerton nominated as OIC rugger for the season and R. D. Campbell-Lamerton posted to the Inf Junior Leaders Bn at Oswestry where it was thought he would be eligible to play for the Battalion. Although these two, with some stalwarts returning from BH, seemed a good enough basis for a strong pack and although we seemed assured of some useful backs, it was decided that, with several players away in BH, the aim should be to build a side to win the Cup in 1964-65, using this season to gain experience.

As the playing season drew near it was seen that some unforeseen complications had arisen in that M. J. Campbell-Lamerton was posted to the RMA Sandhurst (although remaining eligible to play) and no less than four officers and Sgt. Middleton, all potential battalion players, would be away on courses at one stage or another during the season.

Training began in mid-August with some very early morning exercise, which proved unpopular in some circles—Captain Bray being the most vocal complainant.

The first match v Ilkley, in which we fielded Sgt. Hall and Pte. Dickens who had never played



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rugby before in their lives, and Cpl. Hemmings, a league convert, was encouraging. We were glad to see ex-Pte. Inglis playing for the opposition, and ex-Pte. Croft who was watching.

After this game we endeavoured to play different men in each match in order to give everyone a game and to give practice to the newcomers to battalion rugby. There were some fourteen of these including Sgt. Hall, L/Cpl. Kendrew, and Ptes. Martin, Dickens, Hornby, Butterworth, Whatmore, Pollard, Williams, McGurty, Tetlow, Baldock and Walker.

The Army Cup

The Army Cup competition opened with a rousing victory against 8 Sig Regt where the pack acquitted themselves magnificently. This match was followed by a walk-over against 42 Regt RA who could not make the journey from South Wales. We then defeated The All Arms Junior Leaders Regiment from Tonfanau in a vigorous game at Oswestry, and finally lost to 2 RTR at Omagh in Northern Ireland after a very dour game in which our hardworking pack was unable to obtain the ball often enough from a big and skilful opposition.

The hospitality of our opponents both on and off the field on this occasion was an object lesson.

One could write at length about the many facets of a rugby season, but I choose to mention only a few highlights. The impeccable rugby of I. P. Reid comes to mind before anything else; then perhaps L. D. P. P. Evans' superb last-ditch tackle at Oswestry. One remembers too the swooping pick-up of a loose ball by Waqabaca, the wriggle of C. G. Edwards, our top scorer, and the concerted hard work of the whole pack in every match. Sgt. Hall and Cpl. Hemmings deserve to be singled out as two very hardworking forwards who had an excellent first season with The Duke's.

The highlights would not be complete without mention of the touchline leadership at Oswestry of the redoubtable E. M. P. Hardy. Mundell, marking a 17 stoner in the line out, was advised in a (to some) well-known high-pitched voice: "take his legs away Dick when he goes up for the ball—not yet—not yet—wait—wait—NOW!"

I would like to mention too the unrewarding work, well done, of the secretary, C. G. Edwards, and the efforts of Messrs. Reid, Mundell, Walker, and R. D. Campbell-Lamerton in travelling considerable distances to the vital matches.

The following played at one time or another for the Bn: 2 Lt. Evans, Pte. Tetlow, Pte. Williams—Full Backs. Captain Greenway, 2 Lt. Walker, Pte. Waqabaca, 2 Lt. Edwards, L/Cpl. Pickles, Ptes. Baldock, Walker, Martin, Butterworth, Whatmore, Pollard, McGurty, Basu—Three Quarters. Lt. Reid, Captain Bray, Lt. Bunbury—Half Backs. Lt. Mundell, L/Cpl. Deegan, Sgt. Middleton, S/Sgt. Rea, Sgt. Morris, Lt. Bellamy, Pte. Shadbolt, Sgt. Hall, Cpl. Hemmings, Lt. Charlesworth, Lt. R. D. Campbell-Lamerton, 2 Lt.

Westcob, Pte. Dickens, Pte. Hornby, 2 Lt. Power, Cpl. Bulter—Forwards.

FISHING CLUB

Results of matches were:

Ikley (a)	Lost	6—3
BMH Catterick (h)	Won	19—0
Darlington RUFC (a)	Lost	6—3
1st Round v 8 Sigs Regt (a)	Won	14—6
RAF Church Fenton (a)	Lost	31—0
Richmond Grammar School (h)	Won	15—8
2nd Round v All Arms Junior Leaders. Tonfanau (a)	Won	19—0
RAF Dishforth (h)	Won	18—8
York University (a)	Won	27—3
8 Sig Regt (a)	Won	25—3
4th Round v 2 RTR (a)	Lost	8—3

SOCCER

This season Battalion soccer has been limited owing to leave, exercises and packing. In between these activities we have played a few league fixtures, the most notable being our 6—3 win over RAF, Leeming. Through enforced changes in the team the side has been unable to settle down and play skilful football and we still have to rely on fitness and zeal rather than skill. The return of Sgt. Collins stabilised the forward line and L/Cpl. Herberts, having recovered from his injury, made the half-back line into a solid workable unit.

The 2nd XI did well and were eventually third in their league. This obviously augers well for the future as at last our forwards are scoring goals. Pte. Burnett and L/Cpl. Lamont found their form and were the main goal scorers, whilst Cpl. Lawrence marshalled the defence well.

During this period we concentrated on the inter-platoon league, and this was eventually won by the MT after an extremely close tussle with the Admin Platoon. In their match against each other the latter won convincingly but then went on to lose to 8 Pl, 4—2. The MT must thank Cpl. Waite, Cpl. Wilson and Pte Maynard for their successes as it was these players that formed the foundation of their side. The Admin Platoon were perhaps unlucky to come second as they were not at full strength when they suffered their one defeat. The other Pls, as the league table below shows, were very much of the same standard.

It is hoped that now we are in Germany with a full battalion we will be able to settle down and produce a much stronger Battalion Team than we have had for the past two years. This April we are having the annual inter-company knock-out competition which will, we hope, throw light on prospective members of future Battalion teams.

Since our last notes we have not done a great deal of fishing owing mainly to the bad weather. We did however fish two more matches between ourselves to enable us to select a team to fish against the Yorkshire Brigade Depot. The team finally selected consisted of the seven members who had caught the best weights in our matches: C.S.M. Batty, Sgt. Gott, Cpl. Cooper, Cpl. Merrin, Cpl. Waite, Cpl. Lockwood and L/Cpl. Craigh.

The match was fished on the Pocklington Canal. We could not have fished a worse day, the water was low and clear and there were gale force winds which made fishing very difficult. The only members to catch fish were C.S.M. Batty, Sgt. Gott and Cpl. Merrin. The Duke's finished with a weight of 3 lbs 11 ozs to Yorkshire Brigade nil.

We put out a challenge in the *Angling Times* (the fisherman's weekly newspaper) and now have two matches lined up with units in BAOR. Providing exercises don't interfere we should be fishing them in March or April.

C.S.M. Batty is fishing for the Garrison team against a German team. This is a 15-a-side match and, weather permitting, is to be fished on March 8.

We are hoping that we shall have more members in the Garrison team as soon as the Main Body has settled in. Sgt. Gott, who is one of our experts, is leaving us to train to be a helicopter pilot; we wish him well and hope that he will have many tight lines. We hear that Sgt. Hartley is not now joining us from the Depot; we were looking forward to his arrival as we know he is skilled with rod and line. We understand that Cpl. Jackson is still coming so he will help swell our ranks.

We hear a lot from members of the Battalion who consider our sport to be a game of "Chuck and Luck"; if any would like to have a day out with us we would be delighted just to prove them wrong. We can assure you that there is very little luck in the art of angling (and we aren't all mad). Come along sometime; perhaps the fishing bug will get a hold of you. But please don't pick on the writer if wives get angry when you get up about six in the morning and arrive home when its dark. Cpl. Cooper has the right idea; he taught his wife how to fish.

We have heard many reports about the large carp and bream in the Osnabruck Canal and are hoping that, for the next issue, we shall be able to produce the proof in the way of snaps.

Until next time, to all fishermen—*Petri Heil*.

Soccer Inter-platoon League

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals		Points
					For	Against	
MT	7	6	—	1	49	8	12
Admin Pl	7	5	1	1	52	20	11
5 Pl	6	3	—	3	11	33	6
12 Pl	7	2	1	4	20	23	5
8 Pl	6	2	1	3	13	22	5
Band & Drums	6	2	1	3	15	23	5
Continuation Pl	6	1	2	3	12	25	4
Sig Pl	7	1	2	4	13	32	4

Battalion Sports Colours

We have received the following letter from Major Tedd, Second-in-Command of 1 DWR, and think it will be suitable to place it here in the 1st Battalion notes.—EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,

In the April 1963 issue of THE IRON DUKE (No. 128), a small article appeared about the existence of a "Regimental Colours" tie.

I regretted, what might be described as, the rather casual way in which something new in the Battalion was announced. It also seemed to me a pity that the emphasis was placed on the existence of the tie instead of the reasons for having such a tie at all. When I discussed this originally with Captain Gilbert-Smith and the then CO (Col. Pip Moran) in Ireland, and later in Brentwood, my idea was to institute (or re-institute) a system of awarding colours, as a recognition for service to sport in the Regiment.

We have now drawn up a set of rules governing the award of "colours" and these have been promulgated as a special order, which you might consider publishing. The tie is the outward symbol of the award of "colours" and the announcement of the award is the authority to purchase and wear it.

We now keep a record book of those individuals awarded their "colours." In order to keep this record up-to-date and accurate we would like to enter the names of those retired officers and soldiers who have bought a tie as a result of the April I.D. notice. I would be most grateful if these individuals would write to us.

Finally, we would welcome any further requests for the tie, as an "award in retrospect," from those retired "Dukes" who are probably far more worthy to wear it than any of us in the Battalion at the moment.

I am Sir,
Yours sincerely,
G. C. TEDD.

March 11, 1964.

SPECIAL ORDER

Detailing the Rules for the Award of Battalion Sports "Colours"

General

1. The purpose of this special order is to detail the rules governing the award of "colours" to those who have represented the Battalion at games and sports.

Sports Colours

2. "Colours" will be awarded to those who have

consistently represented the Battalion in some sport or game, and who have given consistent and loyal service to sport in the Battalion.

3. The award of "colours" will be controlled by a small committee comprised as follows:—
Chairman: Sports Officer (usually the 2IC); PRI; OIC sport concerned.

4. The main considerations for the award will be merit, consistent representation and loyal service. It will not necessarily be determined by the number of appearances in a Battalion team, although previously a total of 10 appearances has been used as a guide.

5. Recommendations for the award, together with full details of the individual's sporting record will be submitted by the officer IC the particular game or sport, to the Battalion Sports Officer. Normally this will be done at the end of a particular season—e.g. in March for Rugger and Soccer, in September for Cricket. However recommendations may be submitted at any time. The committee will consider the recommendations, and the names of those awarded colours will be announced in Part I Orders, and published in the IRON DUKE.

6. Individuals awarded their "colours" may wear the "colours" tie. This may be bought from the PRI.

7. A register of individuals awarded their "colours" is to be maintained by the PRI, showing dates, authority, details etc.

8. *Rugger Caps.* The award of a "cap" for Rugby, is a separate award from the "colours." It is a special award and made only on special occasions.

9. *Authorised Games/Sports.* Normally the games in which individuals may be more frequently considered for the award are: Cricket, Rugby and Soccer. Awards for service in the following games/sports may also be considered as they occur: Athletics, Badminton, Basket-ball, Boxing, Cross-country Running, Hockey, Shooting, Squash, Swimming and Tennis.

Standing orders

10. Battalion Standing Orders will be amended in due course.

11. Copies of this Special Order are to be displayed on Notice Boards and a copy is to be maintained with Battalion Standing Orders in all Companies/Departments.

A. B. M. KAVANAGH.
Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding.

February 21, 1964.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF B.A.O.R.

As the Battalion has moved to Germany with a space of some two months between the first and last to arrive it would be fair to assume that impressions would come gradually. But there can be little doubt that certain similar impressions will have been made on everybody.

Although the Battalion's accommodation is badly in need of modernisation and a lick of paint, the overall atmosphere on arrival has been one of welcome. Messages of good wishes have been received from every headquarters from that of the C-in-C, BAOR, downwards as well as from neighbouring units and from people as widely spread as the Colonel of the Regiment in Wales, headquarters Yorkshire Brigade at Strensall, and the Green Howards in Tripoli—to name but a few.

In addition, a feature article in "Keynotes," the Divisional Magazine, a stream of invitations from neighbouring units, the reception, so well organised

by the Advance Party and, as ever, the warm-hearted ministrations of the WVS, have helped to make our move a pleasant one.

Now that most of us have arrived we will all have been struck by a variety of impressions. The bitter cold, of a very dry variety, will be a new experience for many. The potency of the local beer (why *does* it take so long to pull such a small glassfull?) particularly if taken in the local fashion with Schnapps, has been a salutary lesson to some. That "foreign" smell, which is not unpleasant, of strange tobaccos and strange food makes one feel as far from Tetley's and Ramsden's, as from the Grenadier and the Blue Angel.

However, the expectation of some hard and instructive training, and a very wide range of activities including ski-ing, sailing and adventure training promises a very full and varied existence in BAOR. The rest is up to all of us.

AROUND THE BATTALION IN CATTERICK

A period of confusion in the world situation towards the end of 1963 convinced Burma Company Commander that he ought to be prepared for a move anywhere, including BAOR, and therefore his company underwent fairly intensive training just before Christmas.

The weather was not always kind but **Burma Company** managed to dig some deep holes, climb many steep hills and move long distances in vehicles. The mortar section distinguished itself on one occasion when it forded a swiftly flowing river with commendable enthusiasm and then had to spend a bitterly cold night in silent contemplation. Still, the training achieved its purpose and many of the problems that we will encounter in Germany were brought to light.

2 Lt. Power and Sgt. Gott took a party of 25 to Kingussie in Scotland, where they availed themselves for one week of the hospitality of our friends the 4/5 Camerons and received instruction in the art of ski-ing. Unfortunately the ski-lift was not working so, each day, the party had to climb to the top of the Cairngorms. This aspect of the trip was colourfully described by many of the participants but space and the censor prevent us from repeating their words.

In the company itself there have been many arrivals and departures including a draft directed to us from our sister regiment—The York and Lancaster Regiment. It was, of course, something

in the nature of a part exchange, for we recently sent them an R.S.M. Departures include Sgt. Brown who has gone to the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion. We shall miss him as he has served the company well. In his place we welcome Sgt. Collins.

Over in **Corunna Company** ski-ing had also been a topic of conversation during December, as the Recce Platoon went to Scotland for ten days under Lt. Bellamy and Sgt. Curling. An excellent time was had by everybody and several people made fantastic progress. Pte. Hornby, after two hours ski-ing, declared that he was going to try for the Olympic Team in 1968; such optimism must be encouraged and this year in Germany we hope ski-ing will form a major part of our recreational activity.

Corunna Company Christmas Draw, organised by C.S.M. Mountcastle, resulted in the Sergeant-Major winning first prize—an ominous silence greeted the drawing of the winning ticket!

Company arrivals include Sgt. Gay and Cpl. Lindsay from the Yorkshire Brigade Depot who came to us as weapon training instructors. Cpl. Butler also joined the Company recently as a PTI from REME and did a magnificent job of organising sport and games during the difficult period of January when lack of equipment limited training. He must also be congratulated on the recent addition to his family.



L/Cpl. Kendall skiing in Scotland with the Recce Platoon

The Company is now commanded by Major Fife, who joined us in February and we look forward to a long period under his leadership.

A change of company commander has also occurred in **Hook Company** where Major Peter Hoppe takes over from Captain Berry. Two departures are regretted: first of all L/Cpl. (Topper) Brown departed for civilian life after eighteen years' service with the colours; he re-joined us a year ago when his own regiment, The Green Howards, left for Libya. Secondly, S.Q.M.S. Hathaway (RAPC) has left us after his long period with the Battalion and we are very sorry to see him go. He was kindly, knowledgeable and efficient; he completely identified himself with The Duke's and we shall all miss him.

The **Signal Platoon** is flourishing, and in late December "that cadre" eventually finished with 100% success in classifying. No marks were issued so who eventually came top, Pte. Ward or Pte. Wright (44), nobody really knows.

Pte. Wilkinson and Pte. Orrell have both become Lance-Corporals and Pte. Kelsey has got married.

The **MT Platoon** finished their tour in Catterick

on "top of the world." They won the inter-platoon football competition and also managed to obtain very good results on the final vehicle inspection by REME.

Everyone in the MT worked extremely hard in the preparation of the vehicles, both for the inspection and the handover to the KSLI. The attached REME mechanics under Sgt. Wathan worked particularly well and helped greatly towards the excellent results achieved.

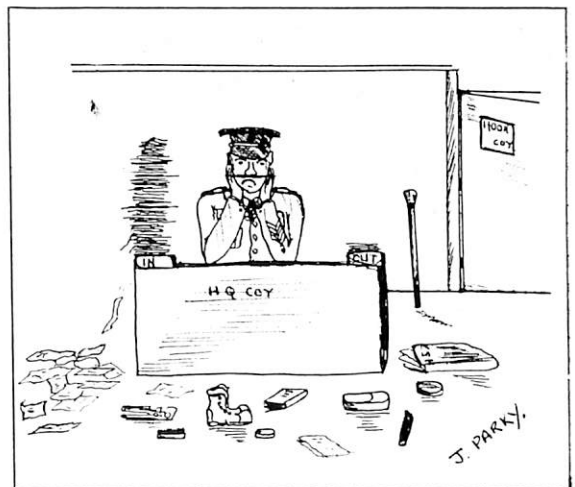
Sgt. Wass will not join us in Germany. He has remained on the rear party to clear up all the "loose ends" and will then unfortunately leave the Battalion to join the recruiting team. He will do well there but we shall miss him and his special Land-Rover. His place as Tech. Sgt. will be taken by Sgt. Garrity.

The **Regimental Band** has had a quiet period prior to the move, although on January 11 they played at the All Blacks v Northern Counties Rugby Union Match at Harrogate. This inactivity has resulted in energies being expended in other fields and we congratulate Bds. Netherwood, Crag, Willetts and Haigh on their engagements.

Congratulations also to Bds. and Mrs. Eldred on the birth of a daughter and to Bds. and Mrs. Vaughan on the birth of a son.

The band already have some engagements booked in Germany including a Queen's Birthday Parade at Grobbendonk, Antwerp, (thanks to Colonel Pat Cousens) and it is hoped that they may return to the UK for a recruiting tour in 1965.

The **Corps of Drums**, having recently passed from the tender mercies of S/Sgt. Welsh to Sgt. Allerton, have, besides their normal commitments, the role of defence platoon in BAOR. However we are sure they will perform their dual tasks creditably.



Ex-Drum-Major Welsh was last seen in Hook Company Stores where it is assumed he is not allowing his new job to get on top of him.



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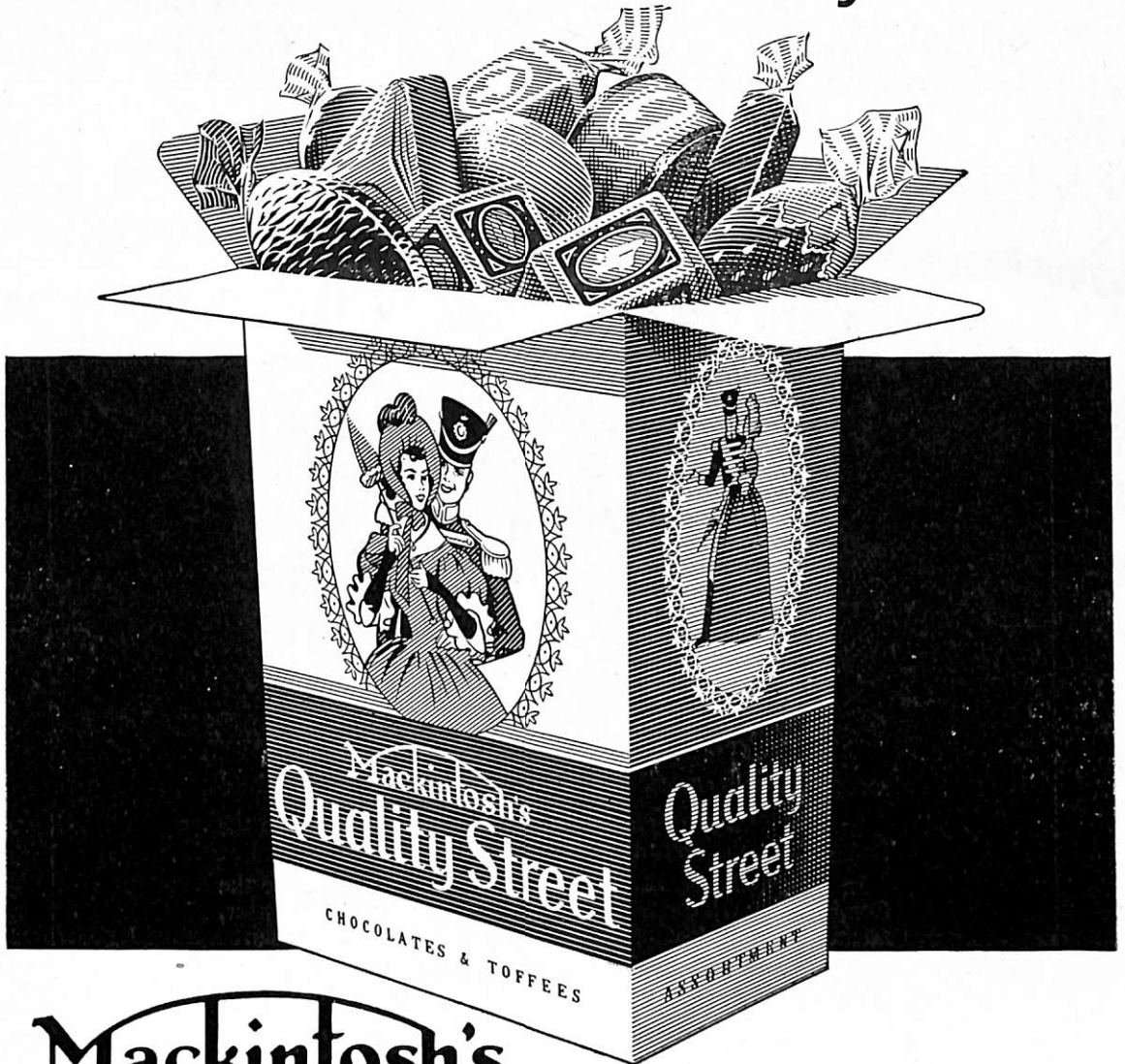
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The Rival Silvermen

There is considerable rivalry between the respective silvermen of the sergeants' and officers' messes—Ptes. Simcock and Richardson. Both are intensely proud of their "bullion" and regard their respective silver rooms as "holy-ground". They are good friends, but are equally rude about each other's ability.



Private Richardson (Officers' Mess Silverman) with two pieces of silver borrowed from the Sergeants' Mess

Pte. Richardson is now in his eighteenth year of service with The Duke's and his 22nd in the Army. With such a long military life behind him Richardson is one of an ever decreasing number of old soldiers and has more memories as a private soldier than most of his younger fellow-serving "Dukes" put together. He first joined the Army in 1942 and his first posting was to an RAOC training unit at Bramley in the south of England. After a period of training there and at Leicester, Richard-

son went into Europe and became attached to 15 Scottish Division with whom he fought during the latter years of the war.

At the end of the war he joined the East Yorkshire Regiment at Bridlington, and, shortly afterwards in 1945, sailed to India where he joined the 2nd Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, in Dehra Dun. Since then, he has served with The Duke's in Germany, Cyprus, Korea, Gibraltar, Malta, Kenya and in a variety of stations at home. Although for most of his time he has been a private, in Korea and Germany he held the rank of corporal.

Pte. Simcock, the sergeants' mess silverman, joined the Battalion in 1958. He served in Northern Ireland and distinguished himself by firing a burst from his LMG through Major Kavanagh's legs. At Brentwood Simcock continued his service by



Private Simcock (Sergeants' Mess Silverman) inspecting some of the "bullion" for which he is responsible

becoming No. 1 on the 3.5 rocket launcher and refused to march unless carrying this weapon.

At Colchester Simcock went on a silver course and, after a brief period in the officers' mess moved to the sergeants' mess to become their silverman. He is married and the proud possessor of twins. Simcock's views on the officers' mess silver and Richardson are as follows:

"They are always pinching ours and me."

"He's never there—straight up—he's always on his pit".

Richardson, for his part, has stated that Simcock is more interested in selling his twin-pram than cleaning the sergeants' mess silver.

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ALMA COMPANY IN BRITISH HONDURAS

November 1963—February 1964

The trouble with a programme is that once it has been written it tends to get the bit between its teeth, and the unfortunate rider finds himself carried along at high speed until the beast has run its course. This one is now passing the finishing post.

The specialist cadres finished in mid-November, except for the drivers, who have gone on ever since. The Company doubled its strength of signallers and drivers, the support sections were re-constituted as they would be required for BAOR, company headquarters moved into vehicles, and the short exercise season began.

For a while it seemed unlikely that the company would be allowed to move out of camp in sufficient numbers to justify any attempt at exercises on company level, but an adequate stand-by platoon was found from the "employed," so four weak platoons were available.

Exercises

Exercise Prairic Oyster was based on an anti-bandit operation west of the road from Boom to Hattieville. The country was "pine ridge", basically savannah with clumps of palmetto and areas of swamp, some of them overgrown with high bush. Cross-country driving was possible, but anyone who took chances found his vehicle bogged to the axles. The main problems were those of map reading and keeping direction, for there were two landmarks only by which positions could be checked, and for most of the time neither of them was in sight. After two days we realised that the maps, although accurate as far as they went, were incomplete. Previously we had merely assumed that they were useless. We plumbed the depths of possibility to bring indirect mortar fire down when neither the OP nor the baseplate could be accurately plotted. For three days we attacked, defended, and patrolled. During the last night we withdrew to take up a blocking position, and the exercise ended with a cordon and sweep. In the last stages a rare exchange of insults between the commander of the cordon troops, and Fernando Bo, the renegade chiclero, added a lighter touch. The main points which came out of the exercise were the use of ground and the many applications of fire and movement.

The next Exercise, Coral Tangle, lasted for six days. During this time the company advanced from Georgeville to the Rio Pinol, spent two days in a defensive position, and twenty-four hours as the framework for the British Honduras Volunteer Guard. The burden of the first twenty-four hours fell on Robin Newell and No. 1 Platoon. They advanced against a series of road blocks imposed upon them by Sgts. Wilson and Reddy and the support sections. Basic techniques were quickly mastered, and new ones developed. Along a twisty road through steep hills covered in dense bush, there was little chance for outflanking the enemy, and the emphasis was placed on speed, smoke, and

deception. Covering fire was very close, and had to be carefully controlled. The importance of using mortar fire to "box-in" the enemy came out well.

The Navy

Christmas came early. It arrived with HMS *Ursa* on December 13. The company provided the Guard of Honour for the Commander British Forces, Caribbean Area. For three days after that work was virtually impossible while all ranks enjoyed the company of the upper and lower decks. Hospitality on both sides was lavish: the Navy proclaimed happily that "Never-hic-never, wash there such hoshpitality ash the Duksh.;" and we reciprocated.

When the *Ursa* sailed, Andrew Nickell and 2 Platoon went in her to Punta Gorda, on exercise Dappled Shadow. The voyage, by night, in stormy weather, among the Cayes, at 13-14 knots in water only a few feet deeper than the draught of the ship, was a masterpiece of navigation.

The Indians are friendly

After a tricky disembarkation in rough water, the Platoon spent two days in unceasing rain preparing for its patrols. Each route covered about thirty-five miles in three days. The local Indians were very friendly and gave the soldiers presents of tortillas, fruit, and eggs. The villagers thought nothing of moving out of some of their huts to make room for the patrols. During Cpl. Martin's patrol a mule appeared and stayed overnight. For a while it was amenable and pleasant, even to the extent of carrying some of the patrol's kit, but in the morning Pte. Oswin inspected it. He charged it for being unshaven and having dirty boots, and after that it became violent, unpredictable and unhelpful, finally wandering off into the bush to be seen no more.

Patrol reports included such items as: "the mud on the track was black, and deep, up to three feet in patches," and, "We reached a rock face and climbed it for about two hundred yards after which ropes would have been needed. We therefore turned back and tried a chiclero's track. This led for a thousand yards through very deep mud."

In Punta Gorda the platoon enjoyed two football matches and a dance, before boarding the *Heron H* to return to Belize.

The natives look ugly

The Christmas celebrations went well. After a company party on December 23, Christmas Eve was a half day. The officers and sergeants took "Gunfire" round at 0730hrs, to find the natives looking very ugly. A little later the CO's Christmas message of good wishes was read out to the company and almost everybody then attended a service of hymns and carols. The singing was very good. Christmas dinner was an excellent meal, expertly served!

The New Year brought with it full internal self-government for British Honduras. This meant that our celebrations were somewhat restrained as it was thought that Guatemala might wish to mark this political advance with some disapproving gesture. The gesturing remained verbal.

The next day the "cavalry", under Peter Andrews, departed for the Sittee valley, which leads up to the Cockscomb Range. They spent three energetic days improving bridges, cutting bush, and blowing obstacles out of the way to open up the old logging trail. The track was badly cut in more than a dozen places, deeply rutted, and overgrown. Foremost in the bridging operations was Pte. Hughes whose strength and driving ability made him the automatic choice for the leading vehicle. He had been entrusted with the power saw, and this gave him added authority. The crossings made were precarious and crude but they worked and twelve miles of track were made useable.

Science fiction

It is difficult to visualise a nuclear battle with only a company taking part, particularly when an enemy must also be provided but, by taking the thinnest possible slice of the battle and telescoping the distances, an exercise was evolved which gave practice in the platoon-level parts of the battle. For a brief spell 3-tonners became APCs, and British Honduras was at the mercy of a madman whose mania was to limit populations.

For three days the platoons fought screen battles, did duty as demolition guards, maintained observation, dug and occupied containment positions, and prepared hides. Each platoon practised the different roles, and also acted as enemy. Debussing drills became fairly slick. The only afterthought: "If this isn't the sort of thing they will be doing in Germany, we shall look stupid."

Self-government

"Self-Government Week" included a military display to precede the "massed bands" of the BHVG and the Police beating Retreat. The display was carefully rehearsed, but no "Tannoy" was available until five minutes before we were due to start. In the practices the enemy looked very Central American and, as the Mexican Consul and certain Guatemalan representatives were likely to attend, it was necessary to de-nationalise the foe. The display was in three parts, first, an attack on an enemy post by an augmented section; second, a show of platoon formations and weapons; and third, support weapons coming into action, with simulated fire. Thereafter the troops formed up and marched off.

The display went well; the crowd gasped and rose to its feet on several occasions; the bangs were louder than had been anticipated, but they were well-timed, and, apart from a shattered nerve or two, there were no casualties. The march-off was not so good: the tape of "The Dukes are coming up the Hill" would have suited our successors, the KSLI, but it was unseemly for the "Duke", who maintained, except for one or two, a dignified, measured tread. The music swelled—no change—

then faded out, and the feet moved together again. The display had been a success, and we were complimented by many people. Next morning we had a company drill parade.

Our intentions of climbing Mount Victoria came to nothing because too little time had been allowed, and this could not be appreciated until three days had been spent in the Sittee valley. In many places the track had disappeared, either due to floods or to the rapid growth of grass, cane, and bush. The river was swift, clear, and cool, and the hills were impressive; so were the mosquitoes and the botulus flies. Most impressive of all was the "Totem Pole" of empty beer cans which greeted the weary and thirsty on their return to the "Jeephead."

Farewells

The last half of January, apart from the time needed to prepare for the hand-over, was spent in education, German language and background, RT procedure, final Cayes trips, and farewell parties. Probably the best party of all was the MT party, held in the Riverside Hall, Belize. The band was excellent, and Pte. Davies was in good voice. The weather was cool, and the mood was not. Even the Belize Creek looked romantic, with the moon reflected on its orduriferous surface.

We have our travellers: Cpl. Howard spent ten days in Miami; Pte. Lawrence flew to Canada for Christmas and the New Year; and the Company Commander spent three very full days in Mexico City and Orizaba. Peter Andrews drove with some friends to Merida and back, and several others have been there at other times.

There have been three additions to families since the last edition of these notes. Cpl. Pearson's wife had a daughter, as did Mrs. Douglas, and Pte. Kench is now the father of a son. We congratulate them all, also Pte. Young who was married in Belize early in January.

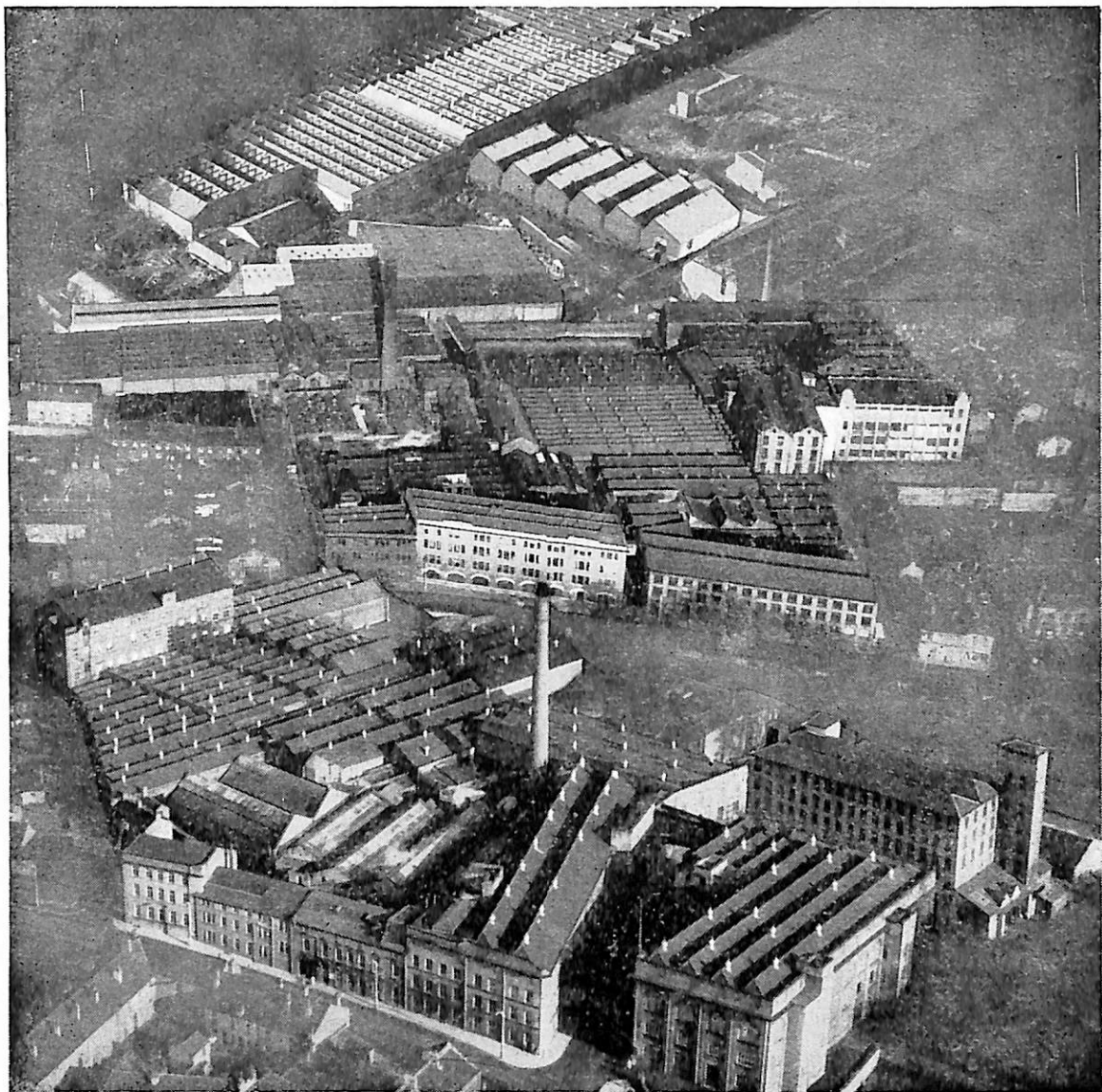
The Advance Party has already returned to Britain; the rest of us still linger in Airport Camp, and after many months of activity there is, for a change, little to do. "A" Company 1 KSLI has taken over, and we are available to answer questions if anybody can think of them. There have been more and yet more farewells said until the usual greeting is "Haven't you gone yet?". In a week's time the CIGS arrives with the rest of the KSLI Company, and we then depart.

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The Art of Coursemanship

By Captain Iva Dee (Retired)

To the powers that be, a course of instruction is a means of getting a soldier trained for any particular job by chosen experts on the subject in question. To the authorities there are only three outcomes of a course—a pass, so very common; a good pass, which is most unusual; and a fail, which no one ever seems to understand.

To the man under instruction, a course is something which has to be done and, to the experienced, the words "You're going on a course" immediately bring to mind yet another challenge, another chance to draw and cross "mental swords" with the Directing Staff of the particular establishment; to enter into the game of Coursemanship, this time perhaps to win a "B".

All one's energy in Coursemanship is directed toward avoiding the award of an "E" or "F" at the end of the game. For the uninitiated, these mean a bad pass or a fail and, on a course-report, these seemingly innocent letters of the alphabet have a consistent ability to produce a horrifying effect on one's superiors. They all tend to get rather nasty about the whole affair even when you point out that the first words on the report read—"This man has tried consistently". However, the "boss" doesn't seem to like the way in which it reads on—"and has failed impressively with equal regularity".

You should now be in the picture as to why it doesn't pay to fail. So to the game. When does Coursemanship begin? Amazingly enough, at the beginning. When I say this—I mean from the moment you hear these words "reference course". The first move is to convince everybody around you that it just isn't your subject and that if you manage to achieve a poor "C" at the end you will not only be greatly satisfied but also slightly amazed. This has immediately given you a chance to prove what a hell of a chap you really are, without having to slave too hard on the course, simply by returning a "C+", an average grade as a rule but, in the circumstances, magnificent!

Passing in

"Passing in" is a very difficult phase of the game. The entrant should definitely pass in well below the peak level of his ability. The reason for this bit of craftiness is to leave plenty of room for improvement during the course. This never fails to sway human nature into believing that you are really getting down to the job. But mistakes have been made in over-estimating one's peak level, the unhappy result of which has been a ticket back to the Battalion the next day; this again can be extremely painful, and does the pride no good at all.

A little practice in front of the mirror before going into lectures usually pays handsome dividends. The very sight of an interested face usually has the effect of endearing the owner to the lecturer who is resigned to trying to teach a lot of uninterest-

ing facts to a lot of people who don't want to learn anyway.

Always make a point of asking questions at the end; it has two results. One, the lecturer thinks you've been listening and is impressed by your keenness to learn. Two, it annoys everybody else at the lecture to have to sit and wait while some "creep" asks stupid questions, and this puts you very definitely one up.

When it comes to exams, it invariably pays to cheat skilfully. It never pays to be caught so a little trouble beforehand saves a lot of trouble during the actual test. It has always amused me the way in which people cover what they've written so that no one else can see. Anyone would think that I was competing with them, in which case cheating would be a little despicable, but my battle is versus the authorities and they are fair game any place any time.

Get in first

If things somehow get out of hand, and aren't going too well, always approach "them" before "they" come to get you. Form up to one of the "lesser lights" and ask politely if he can't possibly give you a little extra work to do in your spare time as you're finding the going a little sticky. Be sure, it will get to the top very quickly; after all, that's what the chain of command is for, and the passage of information is very swift on such occasions.

Having got your extra work, sift it through and pick out only the bit about which you can be extremely ostentatious. For instance, be caught practising the I.A. on a light machine gun on the lawn outside the officers' mess on a Sunday afternoon. Someone is bound to notice; and it never does any harm to appear keen.

The last 'ploy' which I intend to discuss is the gentle art of "creeping". This is extremely important if real success is to be achieved in the game. There are many approaches, but those which must never be forgotten are as follows. Find out the interests of your D.S. and chat to him between periods; if he smokes, make sure you smoke his brand and see he gets well supplied; this induces a definite "fellow feeling". If you get the chance to give him a lift anywhere, do so. Ask the sort of questions during lectures to which you are sure he knows the answers; it enables him to appear so much more knowledgeable. Lastly, never go to the bar unless the D.S. are in there; cheerfully buy the drinks; someone is bound to remember and this pays when he writes your report.

These, then, are some of the many ploys of Coursemanship. The writer of this rubbish has been on a number of courses and has never failed to be amused at playing the game. The only thing that perplexes him is the fact that such a self-confessed expert has with unflinching regularity managed to get nothing but the worst possible results. Still, I never was much of a games player.

AN OLD GROUP

An interesting photograph, which is reproduced opposite, has been received from the Lichfield Branch of the Old Contemptibles Association. It shows the warrant officers and sergeants of the 2nd Battalion with the new Colours which were presented to the 2nd Battalion by the 4th Duke of Wellington at Lichfield in October, 1906. These Colours replaced those destroyed by fire at Rangoon in 1901.

Mr. F. A. O'Kelly, now a young and vigorous 75,

who was serving in the band at the time, has identified some of the sitters (see below).

A further point of interest is that the headgear worn is that bizarre phenomenon, the Broderick Cap. It was cordially disliked by all. Indeed for its wearers its sole attraction was that when thrown violently into the air it skimmed beautifully. This must have been a source of considerable relief during those momentary periods of irritation which the military life occasionally induces in even the loyalest of soldiers.

Mr. O'Kelly thinks that the caps were first issued to the 2nd Battalion at Lichfield and were discarded a few years later.

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4th Row	1 O.R.Q.M.S. Naylor	2 C/Sgt. Bocock	3 B/Sgt. Fricker	4	5	6 C/Sgt. Paling	7 C/Sgt. Packman	8	9 Sgt. Steele	
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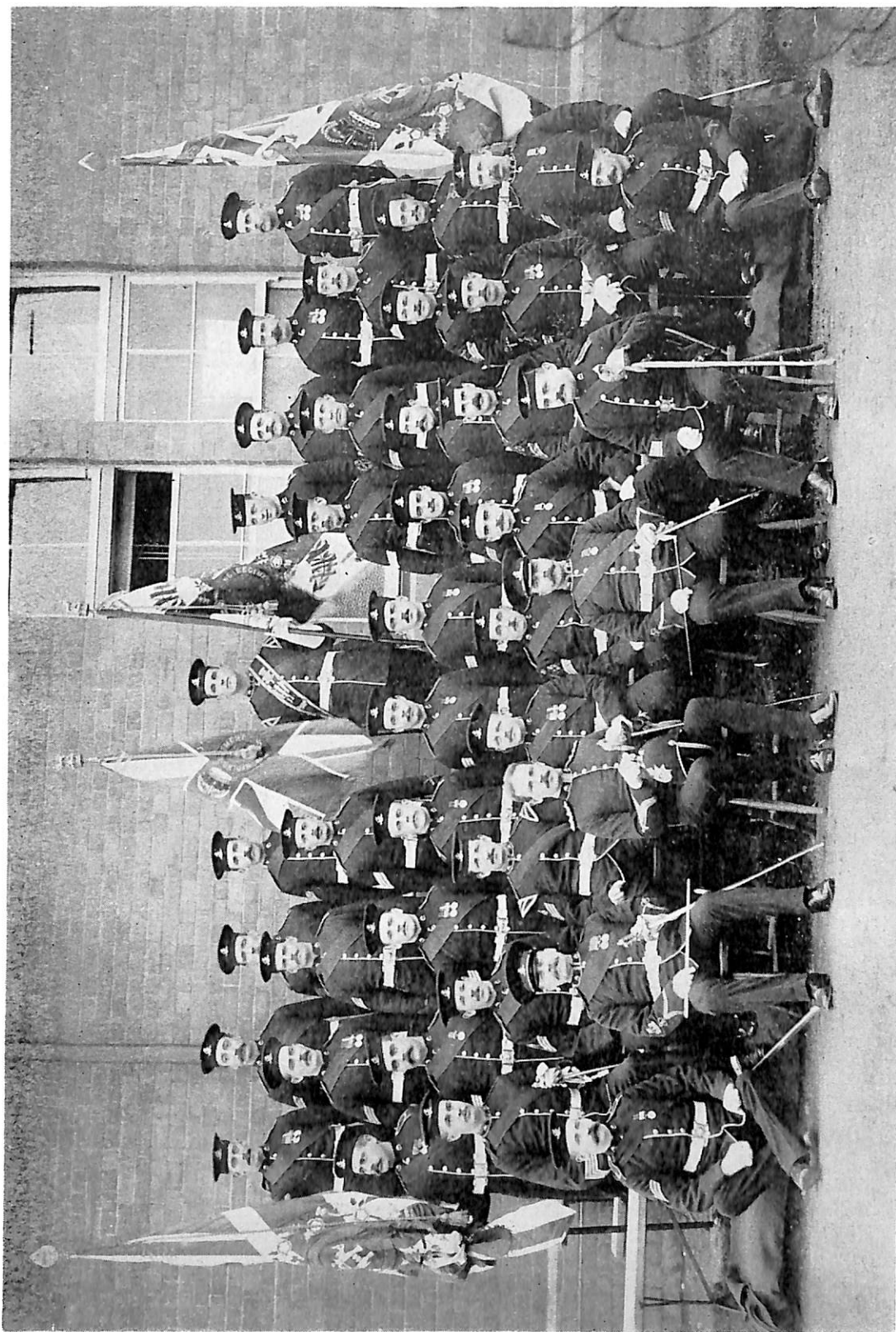
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Officers' Mess

Unfortunately our notes for January issue did not arrive in time for publication. However we thank the editor for inserting the short note about "Max" Roberts joining the Regular Army.

To recapitulate, the mess had the usual round of Christmas festivities. The Christmas party, held on December 19, was a very pleasant affair, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The festivities were rounded off, as usual, with our annual ball. This year we must report that it was a great success. Financially we did extremely well; we exceeded our set maximum of 400 tickets by 20 or 30. In spite of that, we were not crowded; St. Paul's Street Drill Hall is very large. As far as we can discover, by discreet enquiries amongst our guests, everyone enjoyed themselves; the members of the mess certainly did.

We have restarted the custom of meeting in the mess once a month, usually the first Sunday of the month, for drinks. The C.O. has particularly requested that this does not get out of hand and become a full-blown cocktail party. The idea is to wear sports jackets and bring along dogs, children, and wives (not necessarily in that order).

Sgt. Smythe, our Mess Sergeant, has left us. He found that his civilian job was taking up more and more of his time. He has been with us for several years and has always looked after us very well. In his place we welcome Sgt. Bacon. Sgt. Bacon was formerly C.Q.M.S. "H.Q." Company, and he has relinquished his rank to come to us. We feel sure that he will organise us very well.

Our mess anteroom, dining-room, and dispense-bar have just been completely redecorated. We must thank our trustees for this. We must say that the mess is now very pleasant indeed. Guests are always welcome and the P.M.C. has indicated that he will be pleased to show them round for a nominal fee, say one pint of beer.

Congratulations are due to our adjutant, Bob Huffam, and our paymaster, Stephen Kaye, both of whom are now proud fathers, Bob for the second and Stephen for the first time. Both offspring are sons, and it is reported that in both cases mother and son are doing well. The same could not be said for the fathers who, for several days, were not too well.

SHOOTING

Small Bore

The inter-company .22 competition has been going steadily on through the winter, and developed into a very close match indeed. Three companies shared first position as far as match points were concerned: "A," "H.Q." and "D" Companies. The total scores were therefore added together and the results were "A" Company 1,101, "H.Q." Company 1,082, "D" Company 1,081. "A" Company therefore win the Sykes Rose Bowl for 1964.

The champion shot, small bore, was Pte. Halcrow with a score of 331; runner-up Sgt. Fossard 318. The champion young soldier shot, small bore, was Pte. Smith, D., with a score of 266; runner-up Pte. Edwards 259.

Full Bore

Since the Divisional Small Arms Meeting last reported, three unusual "shoots" have taken place.

1. A PSI shoot on Deer Hill in mid-winter to produce battle noises for a tape recording to be used on an officers' training day.

2. The shooting by the Training Major, at the request of the police, of a "mad bull" which turned out to be a crazy mixed-up bullock. For the technically minded, it was a slightly down hill shot, with one round of 7.62 mm ball ammo, from the kneeling position, at a distance of approx 60*, scoring a bullock slap between the eyes. Farmers, police, butchers, crane drivers, RSPCA, specials for the road blocks and assorted spectators were extremely disappointed that it was all over so quickly; from the questions asked it was obvious they were hoping for telescopic sights, wind gauges, a good deal of stalking up-wind, and some frantic shooting from a Red Indian type James Bond.

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3. Night Firing with the PSIs and 17 members of our TAER after some night training in a dark cellar—correction “study centre.” Pte Halcrow of “A” Company won the competition with a score of 22 hits out of 40 at a fig 11 at 100*. A great deal was learned and it was a lovely night.

L/Cpl. Williams, as the champion shot and champion young soldier, full bore, will be presented with the Beaumont Gold Medal and the Hirst Rifle at the Annual Prize Giving on March 7, when the Brigade Commander, Brigadier P. P. de la H. Moran, will present the prizes.

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

“A” COMPANY

Winter is cadre time, and this year has been no exception. They have been many and varied—and our thanks are due to the Instructors.

This last 6 months we have made rapid strides from the bottom of the league table, and some of our success is due to the enthusiasm of our PSI, Sgt. Clark. We have won the .22 and drill competitions, and apparently our vehicles were in good order at the annual inspection.

We had an excellent Xmas dinner and Social and were pleased to welcome Colonel and Mrs. Moncrieff and R.S.M. Nicholls as our official guests. A good time was had by all.

With spring almost upon us we are looking forward to outdoor training. Mr. Duckney is leading a defence exercise on Norland Moor in early March—let us all put into practice what we should have learnt during the winter months.

We send greetings to all former “A” Coy members, and we would be delighted to see you at Prescott St.

“B” COMPANY

The wind of change is blowing hard in “B” Company. After Sgt. Falkingham left, Sgt. Hartley joined us, from Strensall where he has been training recruits, as the new PSI. His enthusiasm is proving to be most infectious, and between him and Lt. Fillan (well known Huddersfield silversmith) the Company Commander seems to be well committed to the purchase of trophies that are to be awarded to the best trained soldier after the end of month tests.

For several years now the Company has been divided in two, half at Huddersfield and half at Mirfield. Last month it was decided to withdraw from the “Black Hole of Calcutta” at Bn. H.Q. to the secluded and sheltered life at Mirfield.

This has made for a greater concentration of effort and better training. C.S.M. Laherty has been able to open up a sergeants’ mess again, the members of which are always out of cigarettes, bedevilled by long distance telephone calls, but supported by a highly paid, high ranking local government official.

An insatiable machine now lives in the canteen and eagerly gobbles up sixpences without batting its fruity eyes. However, it has coughed up a sizeable jackpot twice recently after having been fed by our Cadet Force members. There was an interesting occasion when Mr. Ashton of the cadets inserted his

sixpence and Cpl. Brian Dolan of the TA pulled the handle. It ended up by their sharing the proceeds!

All over the area people are preparing for the great “B” Company annual dance. Chorus girls (Captain Buckland’s great interest) are practising their steps, two bands are rehearsing, breweries are loading their waggons, and the local police have put a big red cross against March 14 on their calendar. This is an occasion when our womenfolk can also enjoy what the TA can offer, and perhaps forgive us for those long training conferences that often carry on till midnight on weekly drill nights.

Next month we hope to get our share of recruits during the Battalion Recruiting fortnight; having provided the Regular Army with 12 new soldiers in 1963, we just have to stop our own brain drain in 1964.

“C” COMPANY

In the last published account of “C” Company, the shortage of officers was described; possibly as a result, there has been a great improvement. We have been pleased to welcome Captain R. J. Gouldsworthy, T.D., from the Northumberland Fusiliers. He has come to Eshton Hall School near Skipton, where he commands the Cadet Force detachment, and has wide experience both of the Regular Army during the war and in the T.A. since then. We have also two officer cadets: Widdop, who has been with us for nearly a year, and a third generation of the Bateman family—Matthew, son of Major Malcolm and grandson of Colonel Bateman, D.S.O., M.C. We hope that he has as long and happy a connection with the Battalion as had his father and grandfather.

Towards the end of January, C/Sgt. Douglass left the Company when he emigrated to Australia. He thus completed a military career which began when he joined the K.O.S.B. as a boy nearly 35 years ago. He left the Regular Army as a W.O.1 in 1959 and joined the TA. We wish him and his family the best of luck in their new life. Sgt. Perrin, known to many members of the Regular Battalion, has taken over the stores and has produced our latest recruit—his brother-in-law who volunteered recently.

In November we held our Annual Prize Giving and Dinner and this proved to be the most successful social function that we have ever held. Over 120 members and their wives and friends attended; prizes were given by the Chairman of the Skipton Urban District Council (Councillor J. W. Allen,

J.P.) who attended with Mrs. Allen. The dinner is now firmly established as an annual event in our social calendar, this being the fourth that we have held on the day preceding Remembrance Sunday.

Our other social function of note is the Children's Party in January when nearly 100 children came to Keighley. Certainly the most boisterous event that has been held in the Drill Hall since 1947 when it was re-opened.

Training has continued fairly steadily since camp, although we have had frequent interruptions. We have had a new armoury built in Keighley. The Post Office took over both drill halls for three weeks for the Christmas mail and Keighley Education Authority also took over the drill hall for a fortnight for a trial run G.C.E. for 250 schoolchildren.

There have been a number of promotions in the Company during the last six months. L/Cpl. Hilton has been promoted Corporal, and the following private soldiers are now Lance-Corporals: Wildman, Shaw, H., Waters and Wright, G. The rigid rule about passing a map-reading test before promotion has prevented there being one or two more.

This may not be the most appropriate place to introduce a "commercial," but it may be justified. The well-known firm of wine merchants in Skipton and Colne, Messrs. Taylor, Anderton & Co. Ltd., have just introduced a new blend of whisky. It was not easy to find a name for it until one of the Directors was driving from Colne to Skipton where by the roadside, as many will know, is a large sign proclaiming the fact that "You are now entering the "Duke's" country, and so "The Dukes" it has become. The bottle has a distinctive shape and a striking picture of "The Duke," and its contents can be recommended.

"D" COMPANY

Once again people are whispering, shouting and screaming "Iron Duke Notes" at us and, looking back over the past few months, we are sure that something important must have happened. It could have been the Children's Party which this year was held at Mossley and was purely a company show. Estimates of numbers attending vary from about 30 to about 90 and at times the TAC certainly seemed to be full of children. The afternoon went without casualties and, after a magnificent tea, Father Christmas emerged somehow from the officers' mess chimney, to distribute his largesse. All credit is due to all ranks of the Company who raised funds for this magnificent party and a special vote of thanks must go to the ladies who worked so hard to provide the tea.

We are sure something very important must have happened.

Recruiting has been going very well in the last few months which are not normally "good recruiting months." The Company Commander's adverts for clerks and storemen produced about 40 enquiries including a couple of blonde shorthand typists. Unfortunately he wasn't allowed to keep them but was delighted to welcome Harrop who not only joined us on a Tuesday as company clerk

but who on Thursday brought along his brother, his son and his son's friend (Dear Editor, is this a record?).

We really are sure that something most important has happened.

Over the hill at Thongsbridge our team of Lt. Foster, Cpl. Earnshaw, L/Cpl. Williams and Pte. Walker won the Graham and Pott .22 Trophy for which we congratulate them. Unfortunately we have now lost Lt. Foster who has gone to live near Shrewsbury. He will, however, continue to soldier on either in quick time with the KSLI or entangled in the Staffordshire knot. Wherever he goes, we all wish the best of everything to him and Denise.

And we are still sure that something outstandingly important has . . . Oh! yes . . . we won the Champion Company Competition again.

"H.Q." COMPANY

The back end of 1963 activities went very well, particularly the Battalion M.T. rally. The winners of this were Ptes. Hever and Huck of "H.Q." Company. It is hoped that next year other companies will be better represented, encouraged by the efforts this year of "A" Company, who so very nearly won.

Major H. L. Roberts, our Medical Officer, has now left us for a "Regular" life. We shall greatly miss him as much for himself as for his collection of comic tales. We welcome his successor, Major J. D. G. Turner, T.D., who will get known to the Company as he prods away.

Within the Company we are pleased to congratulate C/Sgt. Ewart on his promotion. He takes over the stores from Sgt. Bacon who is moving in "to take care of the officers" as he so nicely phrases it. Sgt. Bacon is to be congratulated on the way in which he has served the Company and for his unselfish attitude. We look forward to seeing both these stalwarts for many years to come.

The Brigadier's inspection has passed without undue comment. The Company accounts have passed muster once again, and Captain Hawkins, with his appetite wetted with success, prepares to launch us all into a nasty looking training programme.

The Children's Party went off very well, thanks to W.O.2s Fitton and Hannan, aided by W.O.2 Laherty from "B" Company. Santa McAllister went unrecognised. The Training Major no longer wonders about low attendances on his company visits, particularly last year which was National Productivity year!

A recruiting fortnight is soon to begin, set off with the annual prize giving and dance in the Drill Hall on March 7. But these will make notes for the next time . . . thank goodness!!

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The Junior Tradesmen's Regiment - Troon

by Capt. J. C. H. S. Byrne, Y. & L.

The Junior Tradesmen's Regiment, Troon, is situated at Dundonald Camp, some three miles north of Troon, and is in sight of the sea which is about half-a-mile away. Being on the West coast of Scotland, the weather is very mild and the sea warmer than in most parts.

The boys, aged from 15½ to 17, who have joined the Army through the Army Information Office, come to the Regiment for a period of from three to six terms depending upon their age of entry. Boys who come here have already joined the Regiment of their choice so, in the case of the Yorkshire Brigade boys, wear the Brigade badge and collar dogs. They are fully trained in one of the following three trades before graduating to their Regiment: driver, driver/radio operator and driver/clerk. Junior soldiers complete the term in which they become 17½ and then pass out and, after leave, join the Regiment.

The Regiment works in terms which correspond to school terms starting in May, September and January. Junior Soldiers are posted to recruit company on arrival. They then pass on to Trade Companies for the remainder of their time in the Regiment. The highlight of their Junior Term is the passing off the Square Parade at mid-term. Junior Soldiers who have reached the required standard in bearing, turnout, drill and general progress take part in this parade which marks the

end of their basic training. The Junior Soldiers may invite their parents and friends to the camp on this day and they are entertained by the Regiment. The parade itself is usually taken by the Colonel and is most colourful as the Band (also Junior Soldiers) are dressed in scarlets. Junior Soldiers also take part in a mustering parade on the last day of their last term. It is intended, starting this term, for the mustering soldiers, who parade as one squad, to wear their regimental uniforms. Leave periods between terms total 10 weeks per year.

During their first term Junior Soldiers spend a considerable proportion of their time on education. The majority of Junior Soldiers here obtain their intermediate Certificate of Education. This will qualify them educationally for eventual promotion to sergeant. A certain proportion go on to take their Senior Certificate and G.C.E.

There is a great emphasis on character training, a lot of which is done through sport and adventure training. Adventure training basically takes the form of expeditions to various parts of the country. Being in Scotland and, in particular, on the west coast, we have the most suited type of country possible for such activities. Expeditions may either be by foot, canoe, sail or cycle. They vary enormously in their type and may be anything from one day to a week. During the last summer leave an expedition was organised to Benbecula in the Outer Hebrides for two weeks. There the boys fished, sailed, canoed, swam and went rock climbing. The journey was made by landing craft.

On the sporting side the Regiment has done very well against other Junior Soldier Establishments and Youth Organisations. The facilities for every type of sport exist here and are thoroughly well used. Besides the sporting amenities there are also the hobbies. There are about 40 different hobbies, from which the boys may choose. They range from judo, boxing, gymnastics, motor cycling, swimming and cycling to typing, German, art, meteorology, photography and many others. Each boy must have a hobby and he spends four periods a week in training time doing it plus much of his own spare time. It is very pleasing to be a member of such an enthusiastic regiment. The boys, partly due to their age, are fantastically keen, especially on adventure training, hobbies and sport. This makes for an air of general enthusiasm throughout the Regiment, the like of which is not often encountered.

At the moment we have 22 Yorkshire Brigade Junior Soldiers here. The majority are trained as driver/radio operators followed by drivers with very few clerks—there have been three clerks out of 30 Yorkshire boys so far.

The opportunities open to these young fellows are countless and I'm pleased to be able to say that the Yorkshire Brigade is leading in the number of Infantry boys here.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 1964

We commend to our readers' notice the competition **Trip to Tokyo** which is included in this issue as a loose leaflet.

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Anyway, send in an entry for the competition. You will be helping to maintain Great Britain's prestige and you might even win yourself a

TRIP TO TOKYO

A Chelsea Pensioner's Holiday in the George Cross Island of Malta

By Sgt. F. Stephenson

To begin with we were sent for by our R.S.M. who asked us if we would like to visit Malta as guests of The R.A.F. Without the slightest hesitation the answer was, Yes.

About the middle of November 1963 we were given some money and sent to Petty France, London, to be photographed and to obtain our passports. After several days of waiting we received our moving orders from R.A.F. Transport Command to the effect that we would fly out to Malta on December 16. On December 15 a flight sergeant of the R.A.F. from Luqa came along to the Royal Hospital, stayed overnight and, on the morning of December 16, he conducted us to the airport at Lyneham, Wilts., where our V.I.P. treatment really started.

After the usual formalities we boarded a Comet aircraft (Commanded by Flight Lt. Mills) which took off at approximately 2 p.m. The air hostess or quartermaster (which is the rank she holds) gave us every attention and did everything possible to make our flight a very interesting one. When we were within a half hour's flight to Malta, we changed from blue into our scarlet uniforms.

On arrival at Luqa Airport, just after 7 p.m. Maltese time, we were met by a few senior officers and warrant officers of the R.A.F.—also by photographers and reporters. After a short interview by the acting C.O. we were taken to our quarters and to the sergeants' mess where we enjoyed an excellent meal. A small committee was formed from members of the mess for the purpose of looking after our interests and making our visit a very enjoyable one. How well they carried out their job!

During the few days before Christmas, most of our time was spent attending children's parties, parties in the married quarters, dances, etc. in the mess.

We were also invited out to other messes on the island, which included the C.P.O.'s mess of H.M.S.

Falcon, a naval shore establishment at Kalafrana. On Sunday, December 22, we attended St. Christopher's Church at Luqa where the R.A.F. flag which flew over Malta during the seige of the last war is proudly hanging tattered and torn.

On Christmas Eve we had a special invitation to the W.R.N.S. mess. They gave us a very nice reception but we only stayed with them for an hour and a half as they were going carol singing around the ships in harbour at Sliema.

Rather an amusing hockey match was played on Christmas Day, a team from the R.A.F. Sgts' Mess v The W.R.N.S. The girls turned up in all manner of dress and they played hockey in sea boots.

After all the Christmas festivities were over we spent most of our time touring the island in private cars, kindly placed at our disposal by members of the mess. We visited most of those lovely bays on the north and north westerly side of the island, places like Valletta, Golden Bay, St. Paul's Bay, Paradise Bay and a good many other places which are all worth a visit.

Our moving orders for the return journey were issued to us on New Year's Day, to the effect that we would leave Luqa Airport in a Comet at 8 a.m. on January 2. A good many of the W.O.s, N.C.O.s and families were at the airport to wave us goodbye. During a very interesting flight George and I were invited to occupy the pilot's seat; I was there for half an hour, flying over Nice and over the Alps. The weather was ideal for flying and we had a lovely view of the Alps which were snow capped.

In conclusion I would like to add that George and I were the subject of V.I.P. treatment from the time we left The Royal Hospital on December 16 until our return on January 2, 1964. All our expenses were met by the Sergeants' Mess, R.A.F. Luqa. They and their families gave us a wonderful holiday. I must confess that it's the best holiday ever for me, either in or out of the Service.

PERSONALIA

Everyone will be sorry to hear that Colonel Cumberlege has had a severe go of double pneumonia. We are very glad to be able to report that he has made an excellent recovery. At the time of writing he is still convalescing but hopes to be back at work in a week or so.

Colonel and Mrs. Beuttler are now living at La Antigua Era, Villorde, Benalmadena, Malaga, Spain.

We are very glad to be able to report that Mr. Dunford, who lost both his hands in a mortar

accident whilst serving with Burma Company of the 1st Battalion in British Honduras, is fit and well. He is now fully employed with a firm in Milnsbridge. He is living at 14 Dawson Road, Newsome, Huddersfield.

Major Hardy and S/Sgt. Brayshaw are now both working together in the Infantry Directorate at the War Office.

Miss Jacqueline Roberts, the daughter of Major and Mrs. D. C. Roberts, is engaged to be married to Mr. Giles Shepherd-Cross of Brandsby, York-



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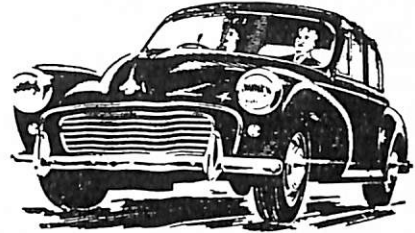
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We congratulate Major Charles Huxtable on his appointment as GSO 2(Ops) HQ 2nd Division, Lubecke, an outstanding achievement as a first appointment from the Staff College.

Captain Duncan Lupton has successfully completed a course as a Skeeter pilot and has been posted to 654 Light Aircraft Squadron A.A.C. in Germany.

Major Nick Jackson has retired and is living at "Roseway", 16 Abbotsford Road, Hull Road, York. He is now employed as an Assistant Clerical Officer (Mobilisation) at Northern Command Ordnance Depot.

Birth

Huffam—On February 14, 1964, at Huddersfield to Nancy (*née* Cooke) and Robert Huffam a son (Robert Mark Valentine) a brother for Susan Louise. Captain Huffam informs us that his paternal grandfather was also born on February 14 and was also, therefore, named Valentine.

Mr. George Finding has entered The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an in-pensioner. Mr. Finding enlisted into the Regiment at Halifax on September 28, 1897. He served with the 2nd Battalion until 1910, having been promoted sergeant in 1907. He was posted to the 6th Battalion in 1910. He served throughout World War I with the 2/6th Battalion in France becoming R.S.M. in 1917. He took his discharge in 1920.

Between the wars Mr. Finding was employed as a messenger on the staff of The National and Provincial Bank. He retired in 1941. Then, at the age of 64, he was appointed as an air defence officer with a firm of air and marine engineers in London, a post which he held until the end of World War II.

Mr. Finding has not been very well during the recent winter. We are very glad to be able to report that he is now much better. We wish him many more years of peaceful retirement at The Royal Hospital after a lifetime of devoted service to his Regiment and to his Country.

We were very pleased to get a letter recently from Oscar Westmacott whom older members of the 1st Battalion will remember. He was unfortunately forced to leave the Regiment in Gosport when a disability affecting his legs cut short a military and sporting career which was full of promise. After some 20 years as a school bursar, first at Denstone College, and then at Blundells, he is now retired and living at York House, York Crescent, Babbacombe, Torquay.

The engagement is announced between David, second son of Brigadier and Mrs. H. G. P. Miles, of Norfolk Farm House, Woking, and Gaile, daughter of Mrs. L. I. Craven-Wilkinson, of Manna Park, Shebbear, Devon, and the Late Lieutenant-Commander E. T. Greene-Kelly, D.S.C., R.N.

The East African Mutinies

We have received from Captain Ivey the following account of his experiences during the East African mutinies. He was, and still is, at the time of writing, serving on the staff of the Military Training School (East Africa), Lanet, Nakuru, Kenya.

"As you have no doubt heard, we have had our little problems here. On Monday, January 20, Monica and I (less children, who were left in the care of their grandmother) paid a flying visit to the Dasents at Entebbe, Uganda. On arrival we were greeted with the news of the Tanganyika mutiny which was of particular interest to us as we knew the personalities involved. After reassuring ourselves that it couldn't happen in Uganda we went on to Murchison Falls Park.

We returned to the Dasents on Thursday and found Edward up country. We were having tea with Rachel when we heard the first news of the mutiny at Jinja. I went to Uganda Army Headquarters and learnt that no one had been arrested and that Obote was asking for assistance from the United Kingdom. I had a bunch of keys thrown to me and found myself doing duty officer at Army Headquarters. This state of affairs existed until Edward came back: Ivey was then stood down and Edward put in two very busy days, with very little sleep, climaxing in the takeover of the barracks at Jinja during the night Friday/Saturday.

On Saturday morning, while having breakfast, the local broadcast was interrupted with the news of the mutiny at Lanet (our own station just outside Nakuru in Kenya). We were extremely concerned and, although I saw the High Commissioner at Headquarters, he could only show me a signal he had received stating only that an armed revolt had taken place at Lanet with three killed (later confirmed one Askari killed and two wounded) and not whether MTS (my own unit) was involved or not. Needless to say we hastened home, covering the 350 odd miles in six and a half hours.

On reaching Nakuru, after passing about ten road blocks, we found a ghost town. The police had closed Nakuru completely. On our arrival at Lanet the General Service (Police) Unit was extremely reluctant to let us by, as the entire area surrounding the barracks was sealed off. However, we flew up the barracks road to the sound of machine gun fire (3 RHA were in the process of disarming 11 KR) to our camp, which is just next to 11 KR.

Our Askari had stood firm and were, in fact, all armed and in position on our perimeter. The children and Monica's mother were well, although somewhat tired, and were in the Mess with the other families. They had all been rounded up during the night—a somewhat hectic experience for Monica's mother who had flown out in November for a visit.

We were all extremely pleased with our Askari, remembering they came from three countries. A historical note here is that MTS was the only African unit in East Africa not to have been either disarmed or denied access to weapons and ammunition."

From the London Gazette

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WAR OFFICE

REGULAR ARMY

The following Lt.-Cols. to be Cols. on the dates shown: J. Davidson from D.W.R., 8th June 1963; B. R. D. Garside from P.W.O., 22nd June 1963; J. S. Bade, T.D. from Green Howards, 18th Sept. 1963 with seniority 16th Jul. 1963.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Col. (Temp. Brig.) C. M. M. Marr, O.B.E., M.C., late Inf., is appointed General Officer Commanding, 49 (West Riding and North Midland) Division/District, and is granted the temporary rank of Maj.-Gen., 1st Feb. 1964.

CORRESPONDENCE

FEBRUARY 10, 1964.

SIR,

I was interested in the short article and photograph in the October IRON DUKE (page 147) about St. George's Day 1921, and in Colonel Armitage's comments in the January IRON DUKE (page 34). The 76th/2nd Bn and its doings have always been close to my heart, and I have often been asked about the origins of our St. George's Day custom.

I have always been led to believe that the custom started in the 2nd Bn shortly after the first war, in 1920 or 1921, and now I see that Colonel Armitage has confirmed that it was 1921. But I have never been able to establish the true reason for starting the custom. I was told at one time that it was to commemorate a particularly bloody day for the 2nd Bn in the war—but which battle or what year was not readily apparent. Mr. Ramsbottom's photograph, Colonel Armitage's comments, and your note, sir, above the photograph might well produce a possible answer, bizarre though it may appear. The red rose of England is worn on St. George's Day. What could be more defiant than a Yorkshireman, on our National Day, sporting his own white Yorkshire Rose in the heart of Lancashire? I hope someone may be able to give the true reason for the start of the custom.

The practice of providing real roses was indeed revived some years ago, and the officers of the 1st Bn are provided with fresh roses whenever this is possible. We did so in Northern Ireland, I believe we did at Colchester, and we did again whilst at Catterick. This practice is here to stay, the supply of fresh roses permitting of course.

I am sir, Yours sincerely,

G. C. TEDD.

Major

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B.F.P.O. 36.

INFANTRY D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. P. B. Hall retires on retired pay on account of disability, 28th Nov. 1963.
Maj. (Q.M.) N. Jackson, having attained retiring age, is placed on retired pay, 10th Dec. 1963.
2nd Lt. E. J. W. Walker to be Lt., 4th Feb. 1964.
Capt. J. N. H. Naughton to be Maj., 9th Feb. 1964, and with precedence in the Yorkshire Bde. next above R. D. Ashforth, Y&L.
Officer Cadet Christopher Gerald Fitzgerald, from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2nd Lt., 20th Dec. 1963.
Lt. D. M. Pugh to be Capt., 7th Mar. 1964.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The following officers, having attained the age limit, cease to belong to the Res. of Offrs.:
Maj. L. F. Kershaw, D.S.O., T.D., 9th Dec. 1963;
Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) W. Skelsey, M.B.E., 5th Jan. 1964.
Lt. (Hon. Capt.) J. H. Dodd, having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 10th Feb. 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.
Capt. (Hon. Maj.) C. G. R. Taylor, having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 27th Feb. 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.
Maj. R. E. Austin, M.C., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 11th Mar. 1964.

Class III

Lt. P. J. Davies, from A.E.Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 19th Dec. 1963.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. A. E. Carter at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 1st Mar. 1961, with seniority 15th Dec. 1952.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The following officers, having exceeded the age limit, cease to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs.:
Maj. F. Whitehead, 4th Dec. 1963; Capt. G. F. Driver, 11th Jan. 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.
Lt. C. J. G. Taylor from active list to be Lt., 10th Oct. 1963.

GENERAL LIST

ARMY CADET FORCE York (West Riding)

The following officers are awarded the 1st Clasp to the Cadet Forces Medal: Lt. (A/Maj.) S. Anderson, Lt. (A/Maj.) T. Horsfall.

“MATTY” — An Appreciation

By R.Q.M.S. J. Imray

Old age is catching up. I used to think of Chelsea Pensioners as men who were serving before you and I were born. To-day I opened my IRON DUKE and read that someone with whom I served had decided to become an In-Pensioner: ex-C.S.M. H. Clinch—known to all and sundry in my day as “Matty”.

Can I ever forget him? Hardly. He was the bane of our lives and a loveable character for too long. The old music halls had nothing on the Company Sergeant-Major of “D” Company. His caustic wisecracks were known far and wide, wherever soldiers were.

I could fill an issue of THE IRON DUKE with them but the editor won't let me. So just let me recall my first experience.

I had just joined the 1st Battalion at Mandora Barracks, Aldershot—to which fate has now brought me again. I was sitting on my bed-cot, cleaning my kit for next day's parade. “Dolly” Dawson, who had come down from the Depot a month before, said: “You haven't met Matty? Wait until you do.”

I hadn't long to wait. Reveille was at 0530 hrs. Soon I heard a bull-like roar of an angry man tearing the roofs of Mandora Barracks. He was wild about something. I thought: “May-be it's me. I had better get on parade.”

We fell in on Steeles Road. It was too dark to see anything but he inspected us just the same. I heard a roar as he passed along the front rank and a heavy voice saying: “What's ya name?” “Me name's 'eape, Sir.” “'eap of what?”, enquired Matty.

A sigh of relief as he passed by me in the rear rank; he had spotted an old friend from Halifax and greeted him in this manner: “Good morning, Sax.” “Sax” (otherwise L/Cpl. Rowlands) never batted an eyelid. The C.S.M. was getting angry. “I said good morning, Sax.” So “Sax” replied: “Good morning, Sir.” “Matty” was determined. “I said good morning, Sax.” In exasperation “Sax” gave the reply expected: “Good morning, Matty.” There was a clap of thunder as “Matty” shouted “Sgt. Maltby! Put this lance-corporal on a charge for insolence.” So “Sax” got another of his many reprimands. It's all in the day's work as Thomas Atkins said.

We marched up to the square and it was now lighter. We formed into line and dressed. Walking along his company “Matty” saw a gory sight: “Chalky” White had been in a hurry to shave. He was in my squad and, like me, had heard the bull-roar for the first time. No wonder he feared and hurried onto parade but, in his hurry, he cut his chin.

You know the result of a little cut when there is no time to stop the bleeding. “Matty” saw that the top of White's tunic was bespattered with con-

gealed blood and that one of his “jumbo” collar badges was a messy sight. “Oh my God”, Matty roared, “Look at this man, someone. He's tried to murder his elephant!” Then, with his typical shout, he called upon Sgt. Robinson. “Put him on a charge for murder. We'll show him he can't butcher elephants here.”

He went to pension from Malta and we never saw his like again.

Once when I was sitting in a bar in Kuala Lumpur a C.S.M. in the R.A.S.C. was telling tales. I couldn't believe my ears: they were all about “Matty”. I asked him where he had learned these stories. He told me about days in Tripoli with Andy Ancell. “Matty” was a character of that sort. His fame was legendary.

In future, when I pass through Waterloo Station, I am going to be careful. It's a bit close to Chelsea and if I heard a roar it might not be an engine letting off steam, it might be “Matty” after my blood for this. “You”, he'd roar, “What sausage machine did Sharman dig you out of?” (Sharman was the cook sergeant at the Depot) “Sloppy you are, and dopey. Must have been trained by a rugby player.” For rugby players were among “Matty's” pet hates.

“Matty”, we loved you and feared you and, with all who have listened to your roar, we say: “Good luck and have a good time. Come to the Regimental reunions and I, for one, will buy you a pint”. Your voice echoes round Aldershot yet. I never pass the red pillar box on Steeles Road without thinking of the “Immortal Matty”.

No. 1 Area Q.M.,

Mandora Barracks.

BOOK REVIEW

Land Battles; North Africa, Sicily and Italy
By T. N. Dupuy

(The “First Book” Military History of World War II Series. Published by Edmund Ward Ltd. 10/6.)

To cover these campaigns in 87 pages—many of which are occupied by illustrations—is a formidable task. The result can only be a precis of a digest. Colonel Dupuy has risen well to this challenge and has produced an able little book which faithfully stresses the salient points of the actions and avoids the waspish comments on the commanders which mar so many books on World War II.

Necessarily, no mention is made by name of divisions, much less of brigades or regiments, but for the student who wants a general and accurate view of the hard-fought campaigns in the southern theatre of the war in Europe this book can be recommended.

B.W. W-C.

The Royal Military Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst

The Colonel of the Regiment has received the following letter from the Commandant of the R.M.A., Sandhurst:

From:

Major-General H. J. Mogg, C.B.E., D.S.O.
The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst,
Camberley,
Surrey.

RMAS/Comdt./CC/14. 30th January, 1964.

Dear Exham,

I am writing to you with two main objects in mind. Firstly, to acquaint you with the progress which has been made with the installation of stained-glass windows and with various other improvements in the Royal Military Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst; and, secondly, to report in general terms on the Appeal Fund launched in 1957. In the course of trying to fulfil these objects I may clarify certain points on which some doubts and misunderstandings have been expressed.

The Chapel still is, of course, the domestic Chapel of the R.M.A. Sandhurst and the Staff College. As such the financial responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric and for the provision of the necessary services falls directly on Public Funds. But on top of this, since 1947 the Chapel has become the Memorial Chapel for Officers of the British Army as a whole. Furthermore, the Officers of the Commonwealth Armies are commemorated in the Second World War Memorials, a plan graciously approved by His Majesty the late King George VI in 1947, since when the Chapel has been known as the Royal Military Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst.

In this wider concept the Chapel has become a treasured shrine of the whole British Army.

Virtually all the contents of the Chapel are memorials in one form or another, subscribed for from private funds. The "contents" must be taken to include special equipment, etc., installed to improve and enhance the Chapel as a place of living worship, as a collective memorial and as a shrine housing regimental and individual memorials. In this field there is no question of calling on Public Funds.

The general administration of the Chapel, including the responsibility for the maintenance of, and adding to, the memorials as may be appropriate, is vested in a Council appointed by the Army Council with the Commandant of the R.M.A. as Chairman. In all its work the Council calls on the advice and services of selected experts in the particular field concerned. It is to the future that the efforts of the Council have been directed.

In the past year considerable progress has been made.

Windows.

The first of the four stained-glass windows for the Nave was dedicated in July, 1960; the second was dedicated on the last Sunday of the Summer Term, 1963, and the third is due to be finished in

1964. No date can be given for the fourth window of the series—it depends largely on finance—but it has been designed and will be executed like the other three, by Mr. Lawrence Lee.

This particular project of the Nave windows was the core of the original 1957 Appeal, conceived as a twenty-five year plan. The Council is anxious to expedite the project which is basic to the Chapel. Through the response of Corps and Regiments and by the careful husbanding of our own finances, it has been possible to press forward this stage of the beautification of the Chapel with increasing confidence.

Auxiliary work involved has included the dismantling for installation elsewhere in the Chapel of an existing individual memorial window and the removal of protective steel wire guards from some older windows, the light and colour of which have thereby been greatly enhanced.

A new and disturbing factor recently came to light. On inspection, the three panels of the window in the Chapel of Remembrance were found to be perishing and have been given a life of some five years. They will have to be replaced.

Lighting

The long overdue and major work of re-lighting the Chapel to modern effective standards has been completed during the summer recess.

The new lighting is impressive and, in the view of the Council, greatly improves the general appearance of the Chapel as well as providing adequate light.

Acoustics

Work is continuing to ensure that everyone in the Chapel can hear the services—a state of affairs that does not obtain now.

The Appeal Fund.

The Appeal Fund was launched in 1957 and is being supported, in the current year, by eighty-one Corps and Regiments throughout the Army. I should like to stress that this Fund is the *only* source on which the Council can draw. Before 1957 there was no established fund to finance either improvements to the Chapel or for the maintenance of the memorials. The work described earlier in this letter, together with other improvements which have already been reported, has been made possible solely through the support of subscribers to the Fund. (An annual report is issued at the end of each financial year, the last one covering the period May, 1962, to April, 1963.)

As Chairman of the Chapel Council responsible for the general administration of this great and beautiful Memorial Chapel, I wish to thank once again all those Corps and Regiments subscribing to the Fund and to express our hopes that support of the Appeal Fund will be continued and become truly representative of the Army as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN MOGG.

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.

Lady Henniker

Lucy Mabel (Mamie) widow of Lt.-Col. Sir Robert Henniker, seventh baronet, M.C., died at Halifax on March 13, aged 74 years.

She was the daughter of E. S. Hennessy, Esq. of County Roscommon and was married to Sir Robert in 1914. After the war she was with her husband in Collinstown Camp near Dublin during the Sinn Fein troubles and then in Halifax where he was adjutant of the 4th (T.A.) Battalion from 1923 to 1926. She then accompanied him to join the 2nd Battalion in Singapore.

Whilst with that Battalion and later with the 1st Battalion in Malta her unassuming friendliness, kindness and loyalty endeared her to her many friends.

Latterly she lived in Halifax near her daughter, Mrs. Ann Bairstow, who survives her. Among those who attended the funeral at Park Wood Crematorium, Elland, were Col. and Mrs. Wathen, Col. and Mrs. Bently and Lt.-Col. Skelsey.

Mrs. T. W. Milner

The death occurred on January 5 in the Royal Halifax Infirmary of Mrs. Susanna May Milner, of 2 Pellon New Road, Halifax, widow of Major T. W. Milner, M.B.E.

Major Milner, who died on January 6, 1951, had many year's service with the Regiment. Enlisting in 1903 and being commissioned as Quartermaster in 1928, in this capacity he served with the 2nd Battalion in India and later at the Depot.

Their son, Mr. R. A. Milner, a former Halifax schoolmaster, served in the last war in the Royal Navy and later became a naval instructor in mathematics.

Mr. E. Ovington

The death occurred suddenly at Fleet Hospital, Hampshire, on January 22 of Mr. E. Ovington who was Bandmaster of the 1st Battalion for 15 years. He was 83.

Mr. Ovington enlisted at Aldershot into the 7th Hussars on June 16, 1900. He was transferred to the Regiment on promotion to Bandmaster in 1919. He was thus largely responsible for recreating and training the band after the first world war. He remained Bandmaster of the 1st Battalion until his retirement, again in Aldershot, on June 15, 1934.

The funeral took place at Woking on January 27. Major J. A. Lennon, D.S.O., M.C., attended representing the Regimental Association. Mr. Ovington is survived by his son, Lt. John Ovington, who is serving in the Royal Navy.

Mr. G. R. Stansfeld

Mr. George Reginald Stansfeld, of Field House, Triangle, died at his home on January 25, at the age of 93.

Mr. Stansfeld belonged to an old Sowerby family, several generations of which lived at Field House. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. After taking a B.A. degree he qualified as a barrister but did not practise.

Mr. Stansfeld offered himself for service during the 1914-18 war. He was rejected for overseas service and joined the 8th Battalion West Riding Volunteers. He commanded D Company, the Sowerby Bridge Company, and by the end of the war held the rank of Major. In 1918 he married a member of another family prominent in the district, Miss Muriel Kathleen Clare Nugent, third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. Nugent of White Windows, who survives him.

The Regiment has lost one of its oldest friends with the passing of Mr. George Stansfeld. All officers now living who have ever served in Halifax will remember the warm hospitality of Field House, the lovely garden, the tennis parties, and the charming personalities of their host and hostess.

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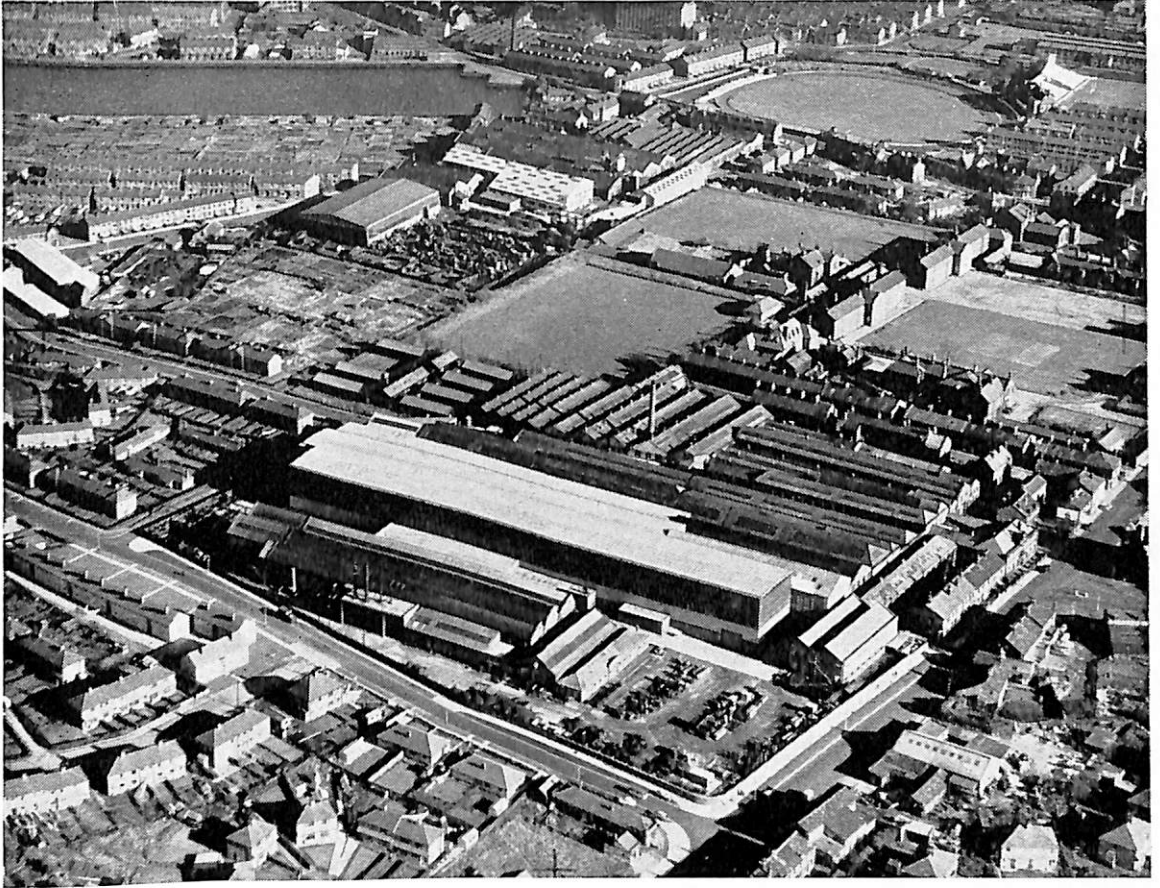


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During 1963 the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 12,444, which was 78% of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 49 branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number 5,303 were from the Army and 17 were from your Regiment.

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More Reminiscences of a Subaltern in the Boer War 1899-1902

By the late Lt. Colonel M. V. le P. Trench

(Continued from THE IRON DUKE, No. 127, page 28)

When this extract starts (June 1901) the 33rd were guarding posts on the Pretoria-Pietersburg railway and providing escorts for trains

We were now well into the winter in this southern hemisphere and the climate was excellent, clear sunny days, but not too hot, and very cold nights. Often the buckets kept outside our tents in case of fire were frozen over.

In June Italian stonemasons started to build three stone blockhouses in the camp. They were made of large granite blocks and were square, two storeys high, with a flat roof surrounded by a crenelated parapet. The only entrance was an armoured door on the first floor; a ladder to get up to it had to be pulled up and kept inside at night. The ground floor had no windows and was used for stores and ammunition only. The first floor had slits to fire through only, so was rather dark for the garrison of 10 men. When an officer was there he had a corrugated iron lean-to shelter put up on one side of the roof. There was always a look-out sentry on the open roof.

In July the Boers became more active and blew up a train north of Nylstroom, the next post up the line beyond Warmbaths. The escort was in an open cattle truck and had no chance; there were many casualties, the officer, Lt. Best of the Gordon Highlanders, being killed. He had been at Sandhurst with me, and was a most charming and good looking man.

It was some time before the authorities supplied armoured trucks for the escorts.

One day a colonial came into camp with a drove of cattle; they were often brought in to be safeguarded. His name was Wickham, and he told us his father had been a major in the Regiment many years before.

During July two mounted columns under Colonels Macmicking and Grenfall were operating east of the line, but had little success as the Boers could easily cross between our posts. Most of the railways had blockhouses every 2000 yards along the line on to which the columns could drive the Boers, but none had been built on our line. The Boer Commandant in our district at this time was a very active and clever opponent named Beyers.

Our escort duty came round about every 10 days. We had to spend a night at Nylstroom as no trains moved after dark. It was held by the Northamptonshire Regiment, who put us up in tents and dined us in their mess; their Colonel, Denny, was particularly kind to us.

On July 31 Becher with B. Coy., Harman and myself were ordered to join General Barton's column operating to the south of us in the Mageilisburg district west of Pretoria. We went by

train to Pretoria, and next day marched 18 miles to Reitfontein which was occupied by the Lincolns. This place lies in a wide, fertile valley, the Heckpoort valley, bounded on the north by the Mageilisburg range and on the south by the Witwatersrand range where the main gold mines of Johannesburg lie. The northern range is steep and rocky with a number of passes through it which had to be guarded.

The next day we marched a few miles to one of these, Commando Nek, a pass through which De Wet gave our columns the slip the year before when he was thought to be surrounded. The pass was guarded by a stone blockhouse close to the track with small round ones on each side. I took over one on the east side on the highest point, a terrific climb carrying all our kit. However our stores and blankets etc. were sent up on a cable trolley put up by the R.Es.

These small blockhouses were built of dry stone walling up to about 4 feet with 2 circles of corrugated iron one inside the other and with joints that formed loopholes, the intervening space being filled with gravel, and on top of it a corrugated iron penthouse roof. They were built by the troops under the supervision of the R.E. They were rather cramped for the garrison of 10 to 12 men; the officer had to bivouac. The whole was surrounded with barbed wire.

The view from my post was a magnificent one. To the east were the hills surrounding Pretoria, and to the south was the Witwatersrand range; through my glasses I could see the smoke of trains from the Rand gold mines. To the north there was a wide open flat country with, in the distance, some isolated *kopjes*, the Zwart and the Pyramids. Rustenburg, where we had an isolated garrison, lay beyond these. We had a lot of work to do, mostly wiring, but occasionally took an afternoon off to bathe in the crystal clear stream just below us.

The situation at this time was that General Barton's column was working along the Heckpoort valley clearing farms, from which Boers frequently sniped, and putting infantry garrisons at each *nek*. On the north side of the range Colonels Allenby* and Kekewich had columns working; we could hear their guns at times, and wounded occasionally came in ambulances through the pass.

On 12th August a message came from Kekewich saying that he was going to move from 8 miles west of us, shelling the range and with M.I. searching the *kloofs*. As there was a small unguarded pass (Klein Nek) just west of our pass, he told Becher to send a party to guard it. Next morning I paraded my men at 5.30 a.m. and climbed up the west side of our pass in the dark. We had a

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rough journey over rocks, having to cross several nullahs before reaching the *nek*. We took up a position about 300 yards above the track, with good cover behind rocks.

While searching the ground through my glasses I spotted some men in khaki, with their horses half-hidden in some trees, whom I presumed were some of the M.I. They moved off later and we began to hear Kekewich's guns booming far along the range.

Suddenly an officer and 4 men came into the pass from the south side. We thought them pretty casual as had we been Boers we could have easily picked them off. I was mentioning this to Sgt. Winter when a sudden burst of fire came over our heads from somewhere above and behind us—it was too steep to see any distance. The fire was directed at the party below who quickly removed their horses and took cover on the opposite hillside. They must have caught sight of us, for they opened fire on us, no doubt taking us for the party firing at them. Bullets were hitting the rocks all round us, but we had good cover and had no casualties. I stood up and waved my helmet on my carbine but it did no good.

I crept some way up the hill behind us to try to locate where the firing behind us came from, but could see nothing, and the firing had ceased. When however the men opposite started to climb higher up their side the firing broke out again, and this started a fresh attack on our position. After a while the men opposite crept down towards the Heckpoort valley and were lost to view, and I moved our party along the hillside to try to discover the supposed Boers, but though we scoured the ridge to the top we found nothing.

A lot of mounted troops now appeared on the north side, with wagons and guns, about 2 miles off moving towards Commando Nek. The guns left the column and unlimbered near some trees and we feared that they might be going to shell us, having heard the firing; however they limbered up again soon after and rejoined the column.

As soon as we had seen the last troops pass we returned over the *kopje* to Commando Nek, reaching it just as Col. Kekewich's column came through it. The Colonel stopped to speak to me and I told him of our experience. At first he thought the unknown firers had been some of his Yeomanry—"terrible chaps, would shoot at anything"—but eventually he decided that they would not have had time to get up so high and that it must have been Boers.

On August 14 we moved down to Reitfontein, when we were dined in the Lincoln's mess and had tents to sleep in, a change from bivouacking under a waterproof sheet in the very cold nights. Next Capt. Greenwood with Ernle Taylor and F. Coy. turned up, very tired after the hot march from Pretoria, and came under Becher's command. On 16th we marched to Skeerpoort, on 17th Heckpoort and on the 18th to Dam Hoek.

The range here was very rocky, with deep, thickly wooded *kloofs*. Our chief work was to take out about half a company and search these *kloofs* for hidden arms or stores. It was known that after the farms had been cleared Boers were returning and getting arms and ammunition from somewhere. We did not find much, but got hold of some chairs and a tent which were useful for the mess. We were living hard at this time: only a blanket and waterproof sheet, and bully beef and biscuits for food.

Baboons were very numerous in these hills and could become dangerous if disturbed. They would often follow one, hiding behind rocks and peering over them at one in a rather menacing way. Some of our men, out looking for loot, came on a cave with a large rock in front of it; they were trying to move it when a huge baboon rushed out, went for one of the men and knocked him down and shook him. Another man had a spade and beat the baboon over the head with it until it was stunned, when they killed it and brought the carcase into camp.

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