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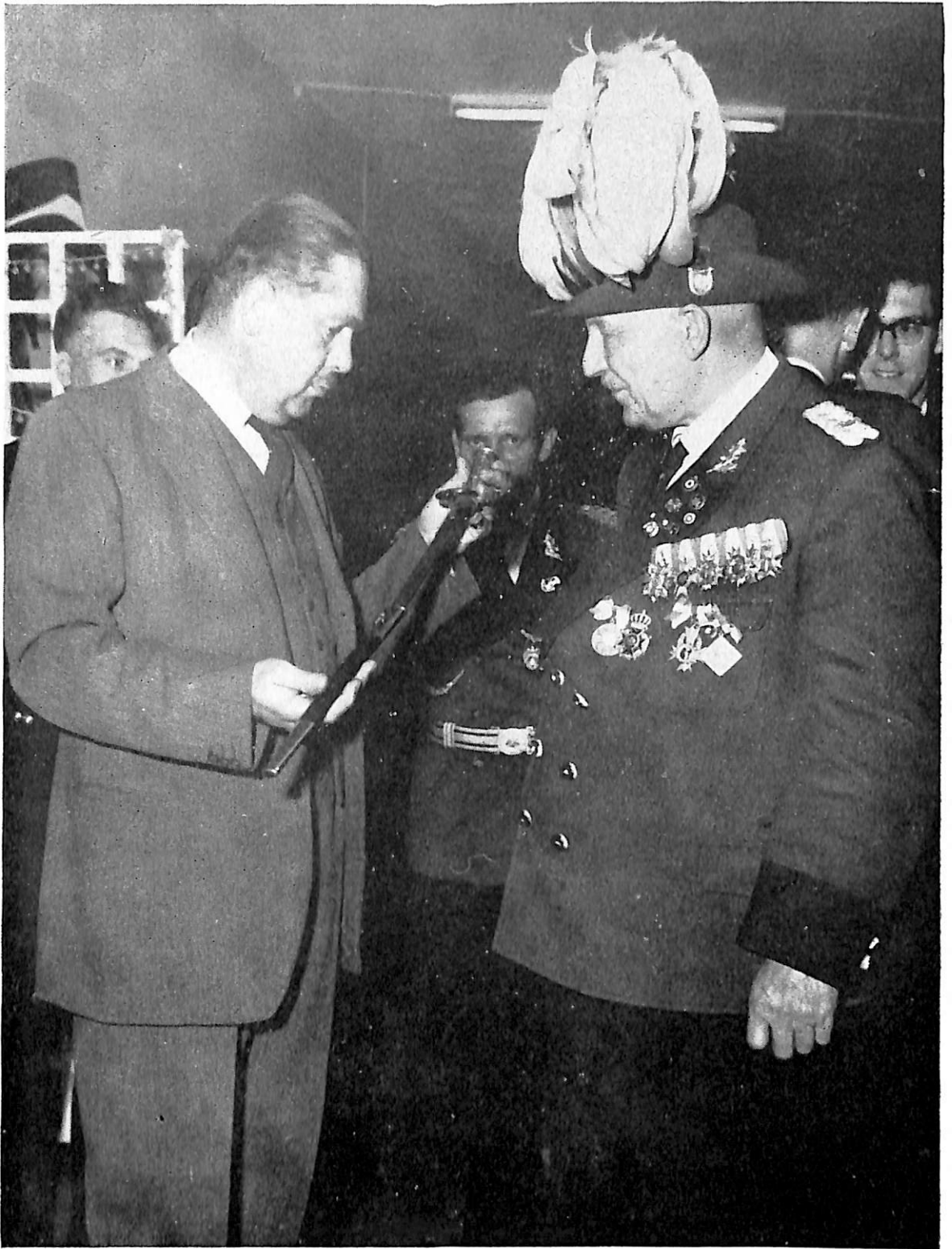
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THE VISIT OF THE SCHUTZENVEREINE

The C.O. admiring the Ceremonial Sword of the Leader of the Schutzenvereine
(see 1st Battalion Band Notes on page 40)

A LETTER FROM THE COLONEL

Many of you will already know about the official celebrations now being organised to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo next year. The provisional programme is:—

16th June—Ball in H.M.'s Embassy in Brussels

18th June—Memorial Service on the Battlefield

19/20th June—Massed Bands Display in Brussels

A letter has also appeared in *The Times* signed, among others, by the Duke of Wellington, establishing a fund to help renovate the British Army's memorials at Waterloo and to improve the Wellington Museum there. I have sent a Regimental subscription of fifty guineas to this fund and asked that our own memorial should be put right out of it.

The British National Memorial is in the cemetery at Evere, now a suburb of Brussels and off the beaten track, and the 33rd Regiment's memorial to our soldiers killed at Quatre Bras and Waterloo is in the Chappelle Royale.

There will be a conference early in December to discuss all the above and to fit our Regimental celebrations into the official programme. As things stand we shall only be allowed to send a comparatively small representative party with the Colours and this must include the Colonel and any party from R.H.Q. and also the West Riding Battalion. We are also hoping to arrange for our retired officers and old comrades to form a party to travel over.

One thing we have had to do straightaway is to adjust the date of the Regimental luncheon and dinner, both of which will now be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on June 10.

I should also like to report the progress of the new fund-raising plans we have launched in support of the Regimental Association. First of all, and as a result of our new investment policy, the total capital value of our combined charitable trusts and funds now stands at £47,833 with an average annual income of £2,035. This provides the essential firm base for our work. To this we can add the income of our annual regimental sweepstake which I put at between £250 and £275. I want to get it up to £300 but must have more support from the serving soldiers to achieve this.

Every one of our serving officers supports the Association by covenant, bringing in £115 a year and 41 retired officers do the same with a total of £122. I have also recently launched an appeal in the West Riding to all old friends of *The Duke's* and so far have received £109 by covenant and £198 by donations.

The last and most important item of all is the Day's Pay Scheme by which all soldiers of the Regiment are invited to subscribe, on a voluntary basis, to the Association. Rates for all ranks have been mutually agreed in the Yorkshire Brigade and so far we have received £139 from this. However, the scheme is very much in its infancy

and I am glad to tell you that it has just been formally adopted by the War Office. Details are being published in an official Defence Council Instruction and subscriptions will be collected by the RAPC and will include soldiers employed away from the Battalion. This is of course a great step forward and should bring benefits to the Army and to all Old Comrades Associations.

I feel sure you will agree that our efforts are proving successful and I have to thank many people for their active help and encouragement. We are certainly well on the way to establishing our Regimental Association on a sound capital basis and with an income sufficient to conduct all our welfare and charitable work on a scale worthy of our distinguished Regiment.

It is a bit late for me to wish everybody a happy and successful New Year but, nevertheless, I send my warmest greetings and thanks to everyone for their help and encouragement.

K. G. Exham

General Exham to be Hon. Colonel of
6th/7th Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers (T.A.)

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O., as Honorary Colonel of the above unit. General Exham will succeed Colonel J. E. Nickson, M.C., T.D., D.L.

General Exham commanded the 6th Bn. (Carnarvonshire and Anglesea) The Royal Welch Fusiliers (T.A.) in the 53rd (Welsh) Division from September 1944 to March 1945 and took part with them in operations at Nijmegen, s'Hertogenbosch, the Maas, the Ardennes and the Reichswald forest. He gained his D.S.O. with the Battalion in the last battle.

ARMY RUGGER CUP

The 1st Battalion has won the BAOR Rugger Championship with a grand total of 279 points to six in six matches. The team will, therefore, be coming to Aldershot for the final of the Army Cup which is due to be played on March 3.

This match will be the occasion of a Regimental gathering and it is hoped that as many Old Comrades as possible will be there to support the team.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

The last quarter has been unusually quiet and uneventful, although trying to plan what part the Regiment will play in the 150th Anniversary of Waterloo celebrations in the absence of planning data has helped to fill in time.

The Halifax Branch of the O.C.A. have presented a chair to the Regimental Chapel in Halifax Parish Church in memory of Tom McMahon. After a slow start there are now a number of chairs that have been given in memory of late "Dukes."

As reported elsewhere, Mr. Charles Ramsden has passed on the editorship of the *Halifax Courier and Guardian* to his son, Mr. Michael Ramsden, M.A., J.P. Charles Ramsden will continue in active management of the *Halifax Courier Limited* as Chairman of Directors and Joint Managing Director.

The *Courier* is one of the very few privately-owned evening papers, completely independent and locally run. It has what is probably an unequalled record of family editorship, starting with the new editor's great-grandfather, Alfred Ramsden, 1882-1892 and later an unbroken succession of his grandfather, Clifford Ramsden, 1916-42, and his father, Charles Ramsden, 1942-November, 1964.

The Regiment is lucky in having a close and happy relationship with its local papers in both Huddersfield and Halifax. Charles Ramsden to a large extent has been responsible for forging an invaluable bond of mutual trust and understanding.

The Regimental Museum

The anteroom of the Museum is in the process of getting a new look by the addition of the full dress of two former Colonels of the Regiment. At present it has a uniform of the 1st Duke and the full dress and decorations of Brigadier-General P. A. Turner.

Added recently is a frock coat and general officer's athol grey greatcoat for General Sir Hugh Rowlands. His granddaughters have kindly consented to the display of his actual decorations and medals on the model. Caernarvon public library have presented General Rowlands' cocked hat and horse furniture.

In preparation is a general's mounted full dress for Sir Herbert Belfield.

Medals

The case displaying sets of personal medals has been re-done and now includes the late Brigadier F. H. Fraser's decorations and medals.

A campaign medal case has been added. This shows all medals of campaigns in which the Regiment has taken part at company strength or more from 1799, Seringapatam, to Cyprus in 1956.

Among recent acquisitions are two more Abyssinian medals. These are among the more interesting of British medals as they are the only ones

where the recipient's name is "in relief" which, as readers will appreciate, means that each medal had to be struck individually. On other medals the name is engraved after presentation.

General George Erskine's medals have been found and are now on display.

Lord Elphinstone has kindly promised to give us General W. K. Elphinstone's medals with the proviso—if he can find them in his considerable collection.

Elphinstone commanded the 33rd at Waterloo and later, as a general, commanded the ill-conceived and ill-managed Afghanistan Campaign in 1841. Brigadier Jimmy Lunt in his recent book "The Scarlet Lancer" has some scathing remarks to make about the conduct of this campaign.

Accessions

An old 6th Bn. bugle was found in someone's effects in Dover and sent to R.H.Q.

The name of the bugler and various place names in France, ending with Ypres 1915, had been engraved on it.

The original owner was eventually traced last year; his letter, which gives a slightly fuller history of the bugle, is reproduced below.

27 Silverdale Ave.,
Guiseley.

November 12, 1963.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks to you for sending my old bugle; it has given me great pleasure to see and to hold it in my hand after all these years, and I will return it during the coming week.

The bugle was issued to me when I joined the 6th Batt. D. of W's in year 1911. We were under canvas at Marske on Sea when the 1914 War started and so we were mobilized at once. After training we were sent to France in April, 1915, and after being in trenches in various parts of the line we were sent to Ypres and held the line there for seven months.

The bugle was lost during a German gas attack in December. Early the following year we were withdrawn from the Ypres sector and sent on to the Somme after being brought up to strength to take part in the Somme offensive during the summer and I was of course issued with a new bugle. I was myself wounded and captured on May 3, 1917, at Arras, when we attacked a sugar refinery with the 2nd Batt. D. of W. to which I had been sent as reinforcement.

I am now 66 years of age and would be around 20 when the bugle was lost. What memories indeed that old bugle brings back of places visited and friends lost.

Yours very sincerely,

B. LIMMER.

Honorary Colonel of the West Riding Battalion

COLONEL J. B. SUGDEN, T.D., J.P., D.L.

The new honorary colonel of the West Riding Battalion joined 5 D.W.R. in 1930 and was commissioned in 1931.

After five years as an infantryman he became first a sapper, when 5 D.W.R. was converted into 43 S.L. Regiment, R.E. in 1936, and later a gunner when searchlights were taken over by the R.A.

He was promoted captain in 1938 and mobilised with 43 S.L. Regt. in August 1939. In 1940 he was promoted major and transferred to 238 S.L. Training Regt. R.A. In 1942 he transferred again to 78 L.A.A. Regt. R.A. and embarked for India where the regiment was in 4 Corps.

He served in the Burma Campaign and in 1944 was promoted lieutenant-colonel and appointed to command 3rd Ind. L.A.A. Regt. in the 14th Army. In the same year he was mentioned in despatches in connection with operations at Imphal.

He was demobilised in October 1945 and joined 578 (5 D.W.R.) Hy. A.A. Regt. R.A. as a major on the reformation of the Territorial Army in 1947. He commanded that regiment from 1951 to 1954. He was made a brevet colonel in February 1954; in 1957 he became Chairman of the Organising Committee, West Riding T & A.F. Association.

In civilian life Colonel Sugden is Director and Manager, Joseph Sykes and Co., Branch of Huddersfield Fine Worsteds Ltd., and in the Illingworth Morris Group of Companies. Among his civic activities he is a member of the Local Association Huddersfield Boy Scouts, a churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield, and a former captain of Huddersfield R.U.F.C. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace, Huddersfield County Borough,



Photo by Courtesy of "Huddersfield Examiner"

in 1956 and a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding in 1963. He holds the Territorial Efficiency Decoration with two clasps.

Retirement of Colonel Trevor Bentley

The following is the text of a letter sent to Colonel Bentley on his retirement by the Colonel of the Regiment.

NOVEMBER, 1964.

I write to thank you on behalf of the Regiment and especially for the West Riding Battalion, for all you have done for us during your tenure as Honorary Colonel.

Yorkshire Brigade Representative Colonel

At the meeting of the Council of Colonels held on December 8, Major-General K. G. Exham resigned the appointment of Brigade Representative Colonel which he considered he had held long enough and should now pass on.

Brigadier G. H. Cree, C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, is to be appointed Representative Colonel wef May 1, 1965.

We are most indebted to you for your work for the Regiment in Yorkshire which has cemented the closest and happiest relations between the Regular and Territorial parts of the Regiment that I believe we have ever had. This is a great access of strength just where and when it was most needed.

With the West Riding Battalion you have had to carry on with all the problems of the amalgamation, but I know that, under your guidance, all these are now behind us and the Battalion is moving ahead fast in efficiency and true spirit. This was very clear when we saw them in camp this year.

From my own personal point of view it has been a very great pleasure to work with you after all our years of service and friendship together in the Regiment.

On behalf of us all may I wish you and Jean every happiness in the years ahead of you. We hope you will both keep in very close touch with us and that we shall always have the benefit of your valuable advice and experience.

Regimental Service in York Minster

The annual service was held in All Saints' Chapel on Friday, October 30. The Bishop of Pontefract (Chaplain to the Regiment) conducted the service and the Rev. R. J. Matthews (Chaplain to The West Riding Bn.) read the prayers.

In his address, the Bishop deplored the manners and low standards generally of the youth of today. This was great stuff and one could almost hear the "here here's" of the more senior members of the congregation. However we were brought up with a jerk when the Bishop told us that it was largely the fault of the older people, who had failed to set the necessary good example.

In the regrettable absence of The Colonel of the Regiment, who was ill, the lesson was read by Colonel Trevor Bentley, the retiring Hon. Colonel of The West Riding Bn.

Dr. Francis Jackson, the Minster organist, played for us during the service and gave us some fine martial voluntaries on the great organ. Mrs. Jackson once again competed artistically with our white roses.

The 1st Battalion are in Germany and so could not be represented; in their stead, we had a party from the Brigade Depot. The West Riding Battalion were represented, as were The West Riding A.C.F.

The congregation was, in fact, larger than usual, partly due to an increased number of local Old Comrades in addition to the official party from Halifax and Huddersfield. There was as usual a good turn out of those retired officers and their wives who live in the neighbourhood of York.

We missed Lord Savile and Mr. William Cobb, but were very pleased to welcome Sir William and Lady Fenton and Mrs. Bairstow who were attending for the first time.

Amongst the party from Halifax, were Major and Mrs. Davis, Lt.-Colonel Skelsey, Mr. and Mrs. Code and Mrs. McMahon.

After the service a cocktail party was held at the officers mess at Strensall; this was an enjoyable affair as it always is.

Apart from the Bishop and Mrs. Treacy we had, amongst others, as our guests Dr. Francis Jackson

and the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Burbridge. Paul Burbridge is the Minster Chamberlain, his other claim to fame being that he sat at the feet of Barry Kavanagh at Mons O.C.S.

The Old Comrades, or at least some of them we believe, spent the rest of the day at Bridlington—no doubt a good time was had by all.

THE ROYAL CAMBRIDGE HOME FOR SOLDIERS' WIDOWS

We have received from the Secretary the new Rules governing admission to the Royal Cambridge Home, which are published below. The Regiment has subscribed to the Home for many years. This subscription is now continued in the name of the Regiment by the Army Benevolent Fund and the Regiment thus retains its voting right.

The General Secretary of the Regimental Association will be pleased to give help and advice to any widow of an Old Comrade who is considering applying for admission.

This Home is primarily intended for elderly widows of W.O.s, N.C.O.s and men of the Regular Army, married whilst their husbands were serving, but it will accept also a number of other widows in the following order of priority.

- (a) The widow of a Regular N.C.O. or man who married after he left the Army.
- (b) The widow of an N.C.O. or man (non-Regular) who served in the Army during either of the two Great Wars.
- (c) The widow of an officer who spent the greater part of his service in the ranks of the Regular Army or in the ranks during either of the two Great Wars.

To be eligible to enter the Home, the widow must be at least 60 years of age, and be passed by the Home's Medical Officer as capable of looking after her room, and managing stairs.

The Home consists of two adjoining houses in their own gardens at East Molesey. They are centrally heated and each has its own dining room and sitting room with television.

Each widow has a furnished bed-sitting room with radiator, electric fire and boiling ring. Most of the rooms have fitted basins with hot and cold water.

There are Sick Wards with trained nurses in charge, so widows need not leave the Home when ill or infirm.

Widows contribute towards their maintenance according to their Pension, retaining sufficient money for their personal needs.

For further information, application should be made to:—

The Secretary,
ROYAL CAMBRIDGE HOME FOR SOLDIERS' WIDOWS,
82-84 Hurst Road,
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Arthur Sunley

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THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Sub-Editorial

It is exactly one year ago, in December 1963, that the Yorkshire Brigade Notes were first produced, and this issue, is the fifth. We thought it appropriate therefore to review the purpose behind these notes.

The original intention, as agreed at the 12th Meeting of the Council of Colonels, was that Brigade HQ would produce some notes on the Brigade as a whole in the form of a quarterly news letter. It was thought that—"it might be interesting for readers of our Regimental Journals to hear something of the news of other regiments of the Brigade."

Has this aim been met? We think only partially. We do not mean that the four earlier contributions or this one, have not contained interesting news—they have. But we consider we could do more—if other people will help. Here at Brigade HQ we can produce general news on facts available to us—happenings at Brigade HQ, AYT and recruiting news, visits and, probably most interesting of all, news about personalities—promotions, posting, appointments and the like—amongst the officers and senior ranks of our four regiments. But news about internal activities of individual Bns. is not readily available to us. We are therefore writing to all Battalions, Regular and TA, and to RHQs asking them to give us information of their doings—sporting, extraordinary activities, and the like—which would be of interest to all, and which we can include in our contributions.

Battalion Moves

1 Y & L are now home from Swaziland, having handed over to the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Regiment. The Battalion is in Chester, on leave at the moment, and will be departing for Cyprus in March 1965. Before they go the Battalion is carrying out a visit to their home area in Sheffield for several days.

The 1 PWO are returning to UK in April 1965. They will be stationed at Colchester until their departure for Aden in September 1965. Plans are being made for part of the Battalion to visit Yorkshire, on a KAPE tour, probably from June 28, to July 12, 1965.

1 Green Howards and 1 DWR are still in Tripoli and Osnabruck respectively.

Shooting—The Bingham Shield

The Yorkshire Brigade was well represented in the Regular Army team that competed for and won the Bingham Shield this year. This shield is a trophy presented by the Yorkshire XX Rifle Association for annual competition between teams from civilian clubs and the Navy, Army, Air Force and Territorial Army whose members are either stationed in or hail from Yorkshire.

Each team consists of eight members who fire

the Service Rifle (a) and eight who fire the Service Rifle (b). The Regular Army team included:—

Major D. H. Wood, DWR, from the Small Arms Wing, School of Infantry.

C.S.M. W. Norman, DWR, Army Recruiter from Huddersfield.

Lt. R. J. Haywood, PWO, late R.S.M. of Leeds University OTC and now with 1 PWO.

Major J. D. P. Cowell, DWR, Yorkshire Brigade Depot.

R.S.M. B. Campey, PWO, Yorkshire Brigade Depot.

Sgt. N. Gorse, REME, attached Yorkshire Brigade Depot.

Captain I. R. Kibble, Green Howards, was a reserve and Major J. Halmshaw, PWO, GSO III Trg. HQ Northern Command, was team adjutant.

The trophy, a magnificent wooden shield adorned with silver and enamel motifs, is now displayed in the Depot Sergeants' Mess.

Sport

1 DWR are going well so far in the Army Rugby Cup. Up to press they have successfully completed four rounds in BAOR and have also won the 2 Inf. Division Championship. Results so far are:—

1st round	v. 1 Bn. Corps Colm, RASC	..	35—0
2nd round	v. 2 Div. Colm RASC	..	93—3
3rd round	v. 25 Corps Engrs. Regt.	..	45—0
4th round	v. 5 Regt. RA	..	48—0
	(and 2 Div. Championship)	..	.. 48—0

(for further results see page 18)

1 PWO won the Berlin Brigade and then the 1st Division cross country race and so are in the BAOR final to be run early in 1965.

Brigade HQ

On November 12, we held the seventh Brigade Meeting, in conjunction with Inf. & GSC Records, to plan the ERE postings for 1965. Colonel D. G. Parker, the new Officer IC Records, chaired the meeting at which we welcomed adjutants or training majors of all our battalions. In addition Lt.-Colonel Birkett, CO designate 1 PWO, came for the meeting from the Staff College, Camberley. It has been decided that all future meetings shall be designated "Commanding Officers Meetings." All COs will be invited to attend, but they may send an officer, 2IC or Adjutant, to represent them.

Lt.-General Sir Charles Richardson, the retiring GOC in C Northern Command, came to a farewell lunch on October 19. Lt.-Colonel Collard, CO 1 Y & L, and Major Bottomley, CO designate 1 Green Howards, spent a few days with us in November, discussing, in the main, personal problems. Successfully we trust.

Other visitors have included Major D. H. Wood,

DWR, who was shooting in the Yorkshire XX, and Captain J. Pell, also DWR on his way to RMCS Shrivenham. Captains D. W. Hargreaves and R. J. O. Witcher, both Green Howards, visited Brigade HQ during their inter tour leave from abroad.

Bandmaster A. R. Pinkney, 1 PWO, came whilst on leave, and W.O.2 Applegarth, Green Howards, is actually spending his leave here, preparatory to rejoining his 1st Bn.

It does not appear to have been reported before, but on June 30, we welcomed six officers of the Norwegian Army. This is now an annual event and serves to foster the liaison between the Brigade, and especially the Green Howards, and Norway.

The Green Howards reunion was held at Strensal on September 17—19. Later, on October 3, and 4, The West Yorks/PWO Regimental Association held their annual general meeting and reunion, followed by the White Horse Ball.

Promotions and Appointments

Brigadier Mike Halford, late Y & L, and a previous Brigade Colonel, has been promoted to Major-General, and appointed GOC 43 (Wessex) Div/Dist w.e.f. December 15, 1964.

Brigadier A. D. Firth, late DWR, has taken command of 127 Inf Bde (TA) in the Manchester area—and is not waiting until 1965 as reported earlier in the year. He, in fact, was posted to command the Brigade in August 1964. His substantive rank of colonel has recently been announced.

Colonel J. B. Sugden, T.D., J.P., D.L., has succeeded Colonel N. T. Bentley, T.D., as Hon. Colonel The West Riding Battalion, DWR (TA).

The following appointments and promotions have also taken place:—

Colonel W. K. Pryke, late Green Howards—Colonel GS (Ops) HQ FARELF.

Lt.-Colonel J. B. Scott, Green Howards—GSO I, Joint Warfare Staff, MOD.

Major D. J. Bottomley relieved Lt.-Colonel J. B. Scott as CO 1 Green Howards.

Major J. V. B. Pearson, relieved Major D. J. Bottomley as 2IC 1 Green Howards.

Major G. C. Tedd, DWR, relieved Major A. G. Evans, Y & L as DAAG HQ Yorkshire Brigade.

Major W. F. C. Robertson, DWR, relieved Major G. C. Tedd, as 2IC 1 DWR.

Major C. d'E. Miller, DWR, relieved Major Robertson as Trg Major West Riding Battalion DWR TA.

Captain M. R. N. Bray, relieved Captain J. B. K. Greenway as Adjt 1 DWR.

Captain J. B. K. Greenway, DWR—Chief Instr Army, Outward Bound School, Tonfanau.

Lt. P. D. D. J. Andrews, DWR, succeeds Captain M. W. Summers, DWR as ADC to Major-General G. F. Upjohn, late DWR, GOC Yorkshire Dist.

Captain R. L. Stevens, DWR, relieves Captain I. R. Kibble, Green Howards, as Adjt Brigade Depot.

Captain I. R. Kibble, Green Howards to Staff

Captain A the Persian Gulf Bahrein (and getting married).

Captain C. B. K. Smeeton, Y & L,—ADC to Major-General Halford.

R.Q.M.S. Pennington, DWR, promoted W.O.1 and appointed R.S.M. West Riding Battalion TA.

R.S.M. Haywood, PWO, promoted Lt., and appointed to a Short Service Combatant Commission in 1 PWO.

R.S.M. Robins, DWR, promoted Lt. (QM) and appointed QM 1 DWR.

The four officers of the Brigade who were students at the Staff College, have successfully stayed the course and are posted to the following appointments:

Captain R. Glazebrook, PWO, to GSO2 (SD), FRA, Aden, April 1965.

Captain D. J. Holmes, PWO, to GSO3 (Int), Berlin, February 1965.

Captain T. J. Johnson, Green Howards, to GSO3 (MO4) Ministry of Defence, January 1965.

Major J. M. Newton, DWR, to GSO3 (Ops), HQ FARELF, February 1965.

Recruiting

Figures showed a slight improvement in September and August in which months 34 and 37 recruits were enlisted, but fell again to 31 in October and is now in November at a disastrously low level. This is all the more disappointing since recruiting for the Army as a whole at present is not bad. Great efforts are being made by all concerned to improve this state of affairs but December is notoriously a bad month.

Recruiting of junior soldiers continues to be good and there are now 111 in the Junior Soldiers' Company at Strensal and a further 105 in the Junior Leaders' and Junior Tradesmans' Unit making a total of 216 in the Brigade.

Army Youth Teams

The AYT continue to carry out a very full programme which in the winter mostly takes the form of evening assistance to cadets and youth clubs with adventure training excursions at weekends. Also open weekends for about 40 boys at a time are run twice a month at the Brigade Depot by the AYT Leaders and are immensely popular.

Junior Army Association

The Junior Army Association has been formed and the Regiments of the Brigade are sponsors for a number of members. The association is for boys who cannot be accepted into Junior Soldiers' Units but who in time would make useful adult soldiers. On enrolment at the Army Information Office the boy is given a badge, a membership card and a letter from the GOC in C explaining the scheme. A sponsor is appointed who is then responsible for keeping in touch with the boy and stimulating his keenness by writing to him, visiting him, sending him army and regimental literature and inviting him to regimental functions held in battalions, at RHQs or in the Brigade Depot. It is hoped that by this means they will be kept interested and so enlist when they are 17.

YORKSHIRE BRIGADE DEPOT NOTES

Training Company

Readers may have noticed that repetitions in the names of platoons have occurred in these notes over the years. This was inevitable since there are many battle honours of our four Regiments which do not run easily off the tongue, especially when coupled with the word "platoon" to form a cautionary word of command. One day in the summer we noticed that the Q.M. had named each building in the barracks after a battle honour, including training company barrack blocks. Each block bore a name in large white letters on a red ground on the wall giving on to the square. Something had to be done to avoid confusion as we could not have a platoon named after one battle honour living in a block bearing the name of another. We could not overcome this in any other way than by joining it. Consequently it was decided to give each platoon the name of the building it lived in and to add to the platoon's title a number to distinguish it from the ones coming before and after it.

Lts. Moir and Newell have both returned to the 1st Battalion and Lt. Cartwright has joined the Company from Osnabruck.

Cpl. Anderson and Cpl. Gott are the most recent "Duke" arrivals in the Company. The former replaces Cpl. Spearman who will be back with the Battalion in due course.

The following "Duke" recruits figured in the prize lists when their platoons passed out of the Depot.

ALMA I PLATOON—August 13, 1964:

Best Recruit—Pte. B. R. Kirk

Best Shot SLR—Pte. C. Butterfield

Winner PT Competition—Pte. J. A. Cook

QUEBEC I PLATOON—September 3, 1964:

Best Recruit and Best LMG Shot—Pte. M. J. Young

Winner of PT Competition—Pte. J. A. L. Soulsby

Best Shot SLR—Pte. W. A. Wynn

IMPHAL II PLATOON—September 24, 1964:

Winner of Cross Country—Pte. D. Rushworth

ALMA II PLATOON—November 5, 1964:

Winner of Cross Country—Pte. M. Brennan

Major Cowell spent twelve days holiday in Catterick Military Hospital having a hernia repaired. This operation is becoming more fashionable now that Cassius Clay and the Speaker of the House of Commons have both undergone it.

On Remembrance Day Alma II Platoon commanded by Lt. Newell represented the Army in a combined services parade service at the City Memorial Cross in York. Major Cowell commanded the parade. In the evening Quebec II Platoon under Lt. Reid took part in the Festival of Remembrance in Leeds Town Hall.

Junior Soldiers' Company

The Company strength is now up to 116 from the beginning of the winter term.

J. L./Cpl. McArthur DWR is amongst four junior soldiers who have started training at Kneller Hall.

The soccer team has had much success locally and reached the second round of the Army Cup by beating the Light Infantry Brigade 3—2. Unfortunately they lost to the Lancastrian Brigade in the second round 1—3.

On November 1 the Band and Drums played at a CCF and ACF drill competition in Sheffield and ended the day by beating retreat which was much admired.

Buglers of the Company took part in Remembrance Day parades and services in many parts of Yorkshire. In the evening a squad from the new intake gave a display of log exercises to music as part of the Leeds Festival of Remembrance organised by the Leeds Branch of the British Legion in Leeds Town Hall.

The Company is looking forward to a Christmas Carol concert, a dance and the traditional Christmas Dinner before the end of term.

Officers' Mess

At a guest night on July 23 Lt.-Colonel Hugh Le Messurier was dined out before relinquishing command of the Depot. On the same occasion Colonel Jimmy Davidson was dined in having just taken over as Brigade Colonel. Colonel Hugh has very generously presented the Mess with a barometer which now hangs inside the entrance to the Mess thus giving officers emerging a good idea of what extra precautions they should take against the forthcoming weather.

After the Annual Service in York Minster on October 30 there was the usual gathering in the Mess at lunch time of "Dukes" past and present and their wives. The York area is certainly well populated with retired as well as serving officers as was evident at this gathering.

Major Graham Tedd is now well established in office and quarters. Captain Robin Stevens, who seems to have been here for ages but has in fact, on paper, been with the Battalion, has at last come to rest here as adjutant. He has taken over from Captain Ian Kibble (Green Howards) who, when he has taken his staff/promotion exam, gets married and goes to be Staff Captain 'A' Persian Gulf.

On September 17 the Mess was transformed into an oriental edifice. Joss sticks burned everywhere and incense pervaded the atmosphere, Chinese dragons leered from the walls and Chinese music tinkled. The bachelor officers were holding a mandarin party. Dress, food and other "props" were provided by enlisting the aid of the York Repertory Company and the Hong Kong Restaurant.

As the evening wore on the goatee beards and drooping straggling moustaches became more sparse and the music more occidental but all agreed that it had been "velly good party."

At a guest night on November 27, we were glad to welcome Colonel "Boy" Stevens, Robin's father and Lt.-Colonel Walter Skelsey. Colonel and Mrs. Stevens were taking advantage of an opportunity to visit Yorkshire while Robin is stationed here.

Sergeants' Mess

The Annual Mess Rifle Meeting took place on August 23. Teams from the messes of the TA battalions of the Brigade were invited to enter as in previous years. This year however the Depot Mess were on their metal and won both the team and falling plate matches. The individual champion was Sgt. M. Gorse, REME, our armourer; runner up was C.S.M. D. Bowen, Green Howards. The best TA shot of the meeting was Sgt. Patterson of 4/5 Green Howards.

At the end of August three stalwart members left us. C.S.M. Jerry Short (Green Howards) has retired but only as far as Records, York where he takes up a civilian job; S/Sgt. Pitkin (ACC) the man who has been responsible for so many excellent buffets in the mess, has gone into the wholesale greengrocery business; Sgt. Holden (PWO) still serves on but now with I PWO. In their place we welcome C.S.M. Arundel (DWR) from the 1st Bn., who needs no introduction, Sgt. Martin (ACC) who was attached to I Kings in Kenya, and Sgt. Pell (PWO) from I PWO.

The bar surround is fast collecting an array of regimental and corps plaques. The latter have been presented at suitable ceremonies by representatives of the corps attached to the Depot.

The mess was invaded on November 30, by a contingent from the West Riding Battalion led by R.S.M. Pennington and supported by C.S.M.'s Bryan and Sullivan and Sgt. Hartley. They had attended the Annual Service in York Minster.

Corporals' Club

We now have a new club. The move into the new premises was marked by a house warming party to which the officers and sergeants were invited. The evening which included a buffet in the billiard room upstairs gave a memorable start to the club in its new surroundings.

Our next main event is to be a Christmas Ball in the Globe Cinema on December 15.

Cpl. Spearman, having been PMC when the new club opened, has now handed over this office. L/Cpl. Thornton is on the new mess committee.

SPORT

Football

The Depot team have had a series of successes in Division 1 of the York and District Half Holiday League, making a good beginning to the 1964-65 season. To date we have beaten all six teams that we have played in this league. In a friendly game against Barnsley, whose team included some high powered players, we had much stiffer opposition and lost 2-0.

The Depot team includes L/Cpl. Taylor and Lt. Reid; the latter has not however lost all allegiance to the other shaped ball.

Hockey

The fortunes of the hockey side have been mixed. So far this season the team has played nine games of which it won five, lost three and drew one. Lt.-Colonel Le Messurier remains an active member of the team and finds his weekly game of hockey a pleasant change to his language studies.

Shooting

Three events are recorded in our autumn calendar. The first was the Yorkshire XX meeting where we entered two teams of four in the Service Rifle Team match. Our team were placed 3rd and 7th out of the nine teams that entered.

The second event was our annual match against the Black Powder Club. We are glad to report that we retained the trophy, a cup presented first for this match in 1960. Curiously enough we lost the match fired with our own self loading rifles but won that fired with 1860 Enfield muzzle loaders by a sufficient margin to gain an overall victory by 4 points. The team who shot in this match attended on November 25, the annual dinner of the Black Powder Club and after the meal were entertained with films of this and the previous years' meetings between the Club and the Depot. Such familiar faces as those of Captain Jim Pell, Lt. Mike Stacpoole and C.S.M. Simpson appeared in the unfamiliar surroundings of ancient weapons and powder smoke.

The last shots of 1964 have sped down the Strensall ranges as we turn to the quieter and more comfortable atmosphere of the miniature range for our Depot Home .22 League and the Northern Command League.

YORKSHIRE BRIGADE MUSEUM

This Museum will cover the period from the outbreak of war in 1914 to the present time. In spite of a most generous response to the appeal for exhibits last year the Curator would be very grateful for any items of officers' or other ranks' clothing, equipment and accoutrements of the World War I and World War II eras which are no longer of value to their owners. He would also welcome any enemy souvenirs, photographs or maps which might be suitable for the collection.

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AN OLD GROUP

Mr. A. W. Harrison, D.C.M., M.M., of 2 Glenn Avenue, Purley, Surrey, has sent us a number of further identifications for the group of W.O.s and Sergeants of the 2nd Battalion in Lichfield which we published on page 76 of the April 1964 issue.

Mr. Harrison tells us that he joined the Battalion from the Depot on the day that the new Colours shown in the photo were presented. After his distinguished war service in the 1914-18 war he was R.Q.M.S. of the 2nd Battalion in Egypt and

left the Regiment in 1933. We are sorry to hear that he has been suffering for a long time from asthma and bronchitis.

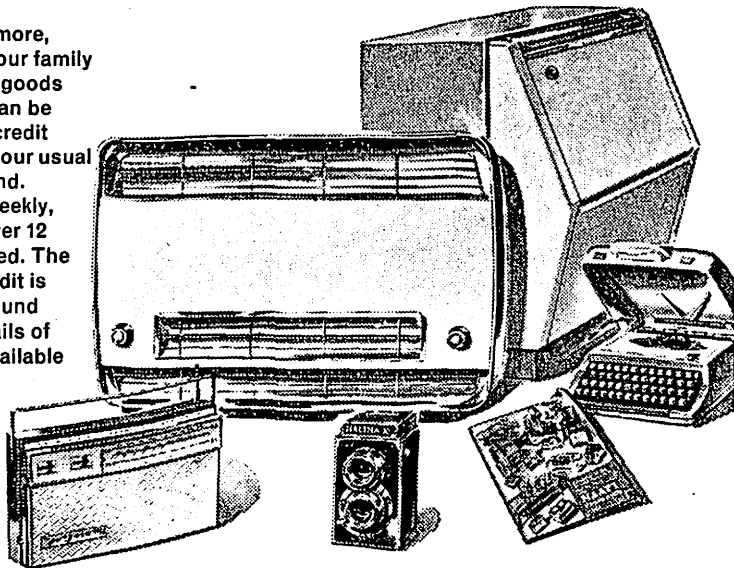
Mr. Harrison disagrees with two of the identifications previously given. He thinks that Sgt. Lister is No. 7 Back Row (not No. 9) and that No. 9 in the 4th Row is Sgt. Northern, not Sgt. Master Tailor Roach who is No. 1 in the front row.

The following is therefore the complete list of identifications received including those of Mr. Harrison which are in *italic*.

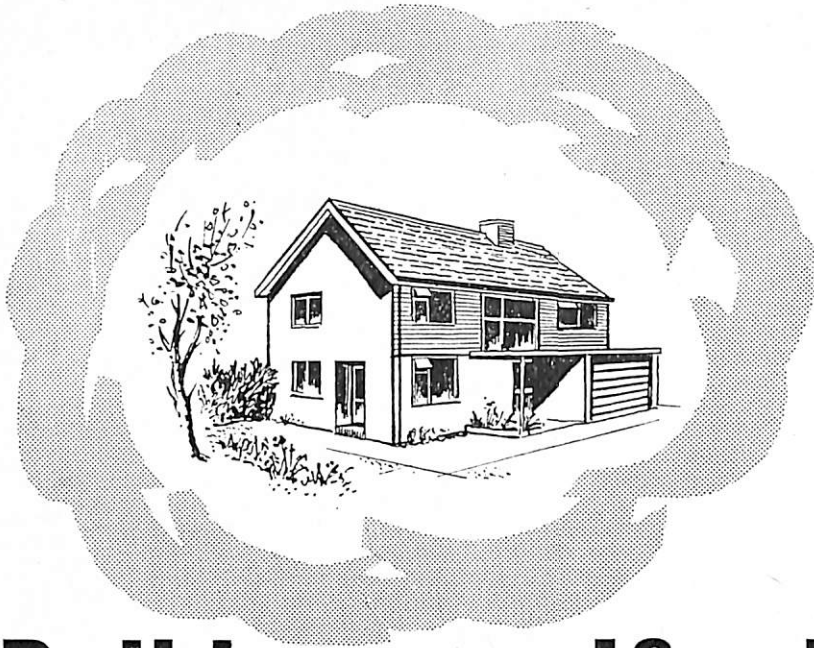
Back Row	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	<i>Sgt. Brooks</i> (Gym)				Drum-Major Foster	<i>Sgt. Naden</i> (Q.M. Stores)	<i>Sgt. Lister</i> (?or at No. 9)			
2nd Row	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	<i>Sgt. Sheridan</i>	<i>Sgt. Parker</i>	<i>Sgt. Cott</i>		<i>Sgt. Taylor</i>	<i>Sgt. Graham</i>				
3rd Row	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<i>C/Sgt. Lister</i>	<i>Sgt. Flarthy</i>	<i>Sgt. Denton</i>	<i>Sgt. Hanna</i> (Cook)	<i>Sgt. Campbell</i>		<i>Sgt. Newroth</i> (Musketry)	<i>Sgt. Morris</i>	<i>Sgt. Moore</i>	<i>C/Sgt. Harte</i>
4th Row	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	<i>O.R.Q.M.S. Naylor</i>	<i>Sgt. Bocock</i> (Sigs.)	<i>B/Sgt. Fricker</i>	<i>Sgt. Simms</i>		<i>C/Sgt. Paling</i>	<i>C/Sgt. Packman</i>	<i>Sgt. Steele</i>	<i>Sgt. Northern</i> (Pioneers)	
Front Row	1	2	3	4	5	6				
	<i>Sgt. Roach</i> (Master Tailor)	<i>B/M. Edwards</i>	<i>Capt. Healing</i> (Adjutant)		<i>R.S.M. Caine</i>	<i>R.Q.M.S. Bennett</i>	<i>Sgt. Stevenson</i>			

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1st BATTALION

Sub-Editorial

Over the past few months life has been very active as we have taken part in brigade exercises, battalion exercises and N.A.T.O. exercises, and some of us have even umpired exercises. This intense activity out of barracks was followed by a period of internal bustle as we prepared for the Annual Administrative Inspection. A great deal of hard work was put into this by everybody and a word of praise must be given to all those who worked in the evenings and at weekends to prepare everything. These were for the most part, as always, the stalwarts in the QM and MT departments; however certain rifle companies also managed to do some overtime.

After the Administrative Inspection the block leave period started and Alma Company were the first to disappear as they had missed Christmas Leave last year while in British Honduras.

On November 26, we had a visit from Lt.-General Sir Robert Bray who travelled down from Norway to see the Battalion in Osnabruck.

As winter approaches continuation training,

cadres and courses are occupying our time as we prepare for next year's training cycle.

Rugby has been overshadowed by the sport of the moment, which is skiing. The Battalion has a ski hut in Bavaria and, every few weeks, a party of "Dukes" goes there for a course of ski instruction. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to ski and our big problem is to find vacancies for all those interested.

The beginning of 1965 sees the departure from the 1st Battalion of Captain Bob Callaby who is leaving to be Quartermaster of the T.A. We shall all miss him and wish him the best of luck in his new job.

The New Year will also bring, we hope, a replacement troop-carrier, namely the 432, to replace our present "pigs." All of us who have had to dig or tow out our present vehicles will certainly not grieve their departure. However, their successors will bring problems as they are so much more complicated.

The New Year has therefore much to offer and we look forward to it with confidence.



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NEWS FROM THE MESSSES

OFFICERS' MESS

The public rooms and corridors in the mess have at last been redecorated and new curtains have been hung in the ante-room and dining-room; therefore at last the mess is really presentable. The Commanding Officer has waited a long time for these improvements so we are now preparing to catch up with the entertaining we have purposely avoided up to now.

However at the beginning of September we were happy that General Wheeler, our Divisional Commander, and Colonel Brockbank and a number of other guests were able to come to dinner. We were particularly pleased to see Rodney Harms who came up from Rheindahlen.

Fortunately the decorators were able to work in the mess whilst we were all under canvas at Soltau for two weeks. There the mess staff worked magnificently and we were particularly pleased about this as we had living with us officers from our affiliated units—C Sqn, 9/12 L, K Bty, 5 RA and 2 Tp, 7 Fd Sqn RE.

The major social event at Soltau was the dinner night at which we entertained the officers from other units, welcomed new subalterns Bray, Ogram, Redwood-Davies and Mellor and said farewell to Graham Tedd.

It is with no apology that we dwell for a moment on the departure of Gwen and Graham. Gwen has always gone out of her way to help anyone who needed help and she has been a source of strength as secretary of the Wives Club. To most of us Graham has been a fountain of knowledge on matters regimental and historical and has never failed to come to our assistance when we have been embarrassed by searching questions about the silver. We are very conscious that his departure leaves us without an authority on these matters. In many other ways he will be missed and both Graham and Gwen take with them our sincere best wishes. Not that the 2IC left quietly as those who were at Soltau between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. on September 23 will testify. Carried aloft and accompanied by the Corps of Drums (some in pyjamas) Sunray Minor was paraded around the battalion lines and given a fitting send-off.

In addition to this party we enjoyed an excellent curry lunch to which we had invited the Brigadier and a large number of officers from all parts of the Brigade Group. Later we were very pleased to entertain our own R.S.M. and warrant officers and colour-sergeants.

It was perhaps on this occasion that the very large battery sergeant-major from K Bty realised that Major Hoppe was the person who had put him down for the count in the second round of a certain boxing competition.

Not only have we said goodbye to Gwen and Graham but welcomed Vera and Sam Robertson in their place while John Greenway has handed

over his duties as adjutant and gone to the Army Outward Bound School in Wales. It would perhaps be wrong here to comment on his performance as adjutant; nevertheless we think he was rather good. It was pleasing to hear the CO confirm this in his farewell remarks. In the Mess John has been a splendid influence. He and Michael Bray gave a super party on the evening of the change-over.

It is also sad to relate that Pte. Barron has left the Army. We occasionally find a jewel and he was one.

To mark the opening of the new gaming room which has been delicately decorated in scarlet and violent blue by living-in members, the bachelor officers asked the married officers and their ladies to a buffet supper and then invited them to try their luck at roulette. It was a highly entertaining evening. Shirley Dennison has added the final professional touches to the decor of the room and all who have seen it are full of admiration.

Jan and Simon Berry leave in a few days for a tour of duty in Malta and they take with them our best wishes. The author is particularly sad that Simon has had to relinquish the appointment of PMC after his long, difficult and successful term of office.

Congratulations to Mo and David Gilbert-Smith on the birth of their first child.

Finally we must record that it really was an extraordinary mess meeting. To our astonishment messing never was overdrawn by £60—on the contrary the account was really that amount in credit.

W.O.s' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

Social life in the mess was very limited in the autumn, but the return of a few old faces, and the end of the "exercise season," made life much gayer.

We welcome back to the mess the following: C.S.M. Rex Webb, C/Sgt. Wilkinson, Sgt. Innes and Sgt. Ingham. Rex is now settled in the "hot seat" as C.S.M., Hook Coy, he still doesn't understand why 60% of the Battalion should be in the same company (does anyone else?). We congratulate C/Sgt. Wilkinson on his promotion; he has now taken over the task of looking after our accommodation from Nobby Crawshaw. Sgt. Ingham is now Provost Sergeant where his firm influence is being felt. We also welcome Sgt. Fell, from the York & Lancaster Regiment, and congratulate Sgt. Miller on his recent promotion.

On October 26 we played hosts to about 20 sergeants from the Danish Army; a very enjoyable evening was had by all; Sgt. Ingham called the tombola numbers a bit quick and so ensured that all the houses were won by our members. At one stage it was thought that the Danes had all gone home but they were eventually found in the buffet

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Captain Bob Callaby, M.B.E., M.M.



Captain Bob Callaby leaves the 1st Battalion in January after many years service with The Dukes.

He first joined the Territorial Army in 1934 and served with the RAMC until 1940 when he transferred to 10 DWR. After his promotion to sergeant in 1942 he joined 1 DWR in Italy and became platoon sergeant of 3 Pl A Coy which he commanded in various actions, including Monte Celso where Pte. Burton was awarded the V.C. For Sgt. Callaby's action in Italy he was awarded the M.M. and promoted to colour sergeant in 1944.

The year 1945 saw him as C.S.M. A Coy and 1946 as R.S.M. 1 DWR; this was also the year he was champion shot of the Battalion. On the posting in of R.S.M. Banks he reverted to C.S.M. and remained in this role until his return from Korea when he became R.S.M. of the Regimental Depot.

In 1957 he was commissioned and posted as Q.M. 2 to 1 DWR and he remained with the 1st Battalion in this post until 1958 except for a period of six months' temporary attachment to Aden in the Air Supply organisation there.

April 1958 saw Captain Callaby as Q.M. 1 to 5/7 Battalion TA and he served with them for a year before rejoining the 1st Battalion in December as Q.M. 1.

In recognition of Bob Callaby's service he was awarded the M.B.E. in the 1964 honours list.

His departure will be a sad loss; as a quartermaster he was never too busy to help anyone. He worked long and hard and coped with the quick moves, such as Kenya, with no fuss or bother. His example and insistence on a very high standard have been responsible for much of the praise given to the Battalion on such points as taking and handing over of barracks.

The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes will particularly miss Bob and Margaret Callaby and the Battalion will be a great deal emptier without them. We wish them and their family all the best in the future and trust they will keep in touch.

Sergeants' Mess—(continued)

trying to finish off the wonderful curry. During the evening they presented a silver ash tray, suitably inscribed, which will be placed on the table at mess dinners in the future.

Cash Ogden still comes down to visit us from time to time and still insists that he has not been posted but is still a "Duke" and only attached to his new unit; therefore he reserves the right to keep his bed for weekends, much to the delight of C/Sgt. McManus.

Cars are the order of the day here in BAOR and by the looks of the new ones among the colour-sergeants, life must be very profitable. The car park in front of the mess looks like the London Motor Show. It should also be mentioned that the Band Master and C.S.M. Batty have been playing some first class games on the snooker table; this can probably be attributed to all the practice they obtain when the Battalion is out on exercise.

CORPORALS' MESS

The highlights of this period have been another visit to our friends at the Osnabruck Brauerei (Brewery) and a week-end entertaining the Danish Army. The Danes we found to be great drinkers and very friendly, and it would seem that they do not have the same kind of mess life in the Danish Army as we have in ours. Our guests turned out to be extremely young, and must have thought that some of our weather-beaten members were part of the Bks Inventory. Their passion for sweets and chocolates, not to mention British cigarettes, left Cpl. Smith 96 in such a confused state as to make him change his vote in the hope that "National Service" would not return to the British Army.

Our turnover of members since our last notes are:— Welcome to L/Cpls. Everard, Soper, Ponijiasi, Donaldson, Kelsey, Emery, Brown and, on today's orders, L/Cpl. Merrin. We wish them success and hope they make the grade. We have to congratulate L/Cpl. Todd. He can now be classed as the "compleat angler" rod and reel, and his trophy is proof of making the grade. No longer will he have the advantage of being classed as a novice; next season he will be up against the Bn. experts, namely Cpls. Cronin, Woolridge, Craigh, Waite, and many others.

SPORT

RUGBY

The Battalion is together again. Alma have returned from Honduras and many eager eyes look towards season 1964/65. At the end of last season the name of the Regiment was spread in winning the Divisional and BAOR Sevens.

Training started early in August under SI. Beaty and many painful hours were spent in the gym. The new laws are still being discussed but on one point there is no discussion—fitness is required.

John Greenway, after two team building years, has handed the towel to Dick Mundell. By mid-September we were fit but no one would play us and, from mid-September to October 24, military exercises occupied most of our time. However such is the rugby spirit that a 2nd and 3rd XV were formed and played under the inspiring leadership of André Dennison and Godfrey Bellamy (off the field). Calling themselves "The Wanderers" they have taken on eleven teams by now and have only been beaten by one—the "Osnabruck Casuals" which contained three of our 1st XV who scored all the points for them. Injuries have of course taken their toll, a broken collar bone, leg and two wrists; the wrists are nearly fit again.

The first XV began wondering if it was going to play before the Army Cup. It has, however, fitted in two games. Sunday, October 25, 1 DWR—25 versus 25 CER—0. A scrappy game, but much talent was apparent. The forwards did well in the tight, and Peter Pettigrew at fly-half showed up well. The opposition could not hold our backs in the last quarter. Saturday, October 31, 1 DWR—19 versus Hamburg Police—14. An excellent game played in Hamburg. The opponents and the referee had much more practical knowledge of the new rules and we learnt much. A great return to the game by David Gilbert-Smith, and the two Fijians, Waqabaca in the centre and L/Cpl. Basu at scrum-half, showed their paces. We were down 10 minutes from the end but a sudden onslaught by the forwards obtained the supremacy the backs required. The game, the hospitality and the evening's entertainment made it a worth-while trip.

Monday, November 2, 1st Round Army Cup—1 DWR—30 versus 1 Br Corps Colm, RASC—0. The opponents were no mean team, and we had to work for our points. A sluggish first half, with the backs being too casual and the centres too selfish. Tony Redwood-Davies hooked well and L/Cpl. Ponijiasi (our third Fijian) did far more than his fair share of work in the forwards. An excellent try by the forwards and the one and only back movement in the last few minutes resulting in a try were the only gleams of light in the first half. Half-time score 11-0. In the second half, the Dukes stormed through; many tries were scored—but many more should have been.

Second Round Army Cup—1 DWR—93 versus 2 Div. Colm RASC—3. This match was played away against a very sporting opposition who, despite the score, never stopped trying. The great difficulty after the game was getting people to believe the score. The Army Cup draw committee when informed refused to believe it was true. We believe this is a record score for an Army Cup round but are open to correction.

Third Round Army Cup—1 DWR—45 versus 25 CER—0.

For the future, holding three consecutive runners-up medals, the Captain is saying nothing; the pack is strong with reserves—even without the Campbell-Lamertons; the backs will miss John Greenway (posted to Towyn) and Waqabaca (to Huddersfield/Wakefield Trinity); but Robin Newell is coming to help out. All we want now is Ian Reid.

2nd XV Results (The Wanderers)

v. 35 CER	.. .. .	W 16—3
v. 12 Infantry Wksp.	.. .. .	W 36—5
v. Osnabruck Casuals	.. .. .	L 13—21
v. Javelins RAOC	.. .. .	W 35—3
v. 25 CER 2nd XV	.. .. .	W 51—0
v. 4 Signal Regt. 2nd XV	.. .. .	W 34—3
v. 1 QOH "A" XV	.. .. .	W 6—0
v. 7 Field Sqn. RE	.. .. .	W 26—16
v. 1 Div. Royal Signals	.. .. .	W 27—3
v. 1 Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers	W 27—11

3rd XV Results

v. 25 CER 2nd XV	D 12—12
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LATE NEWS

We are in the final of the Army Cup again. The results of the last three rounds were:

4th Round v. 5 Fd. Regt. RA	.. .. .	48—0
5th Round v. 34 Fwd. AD RA	.. .. .	25—0
BAOR Final v. 1 SCLI	.. .. .	33—3

The team is based on a small hard working pack with big fast backs. The forwards have nearly always won in the tight and in the loose; but have problems in the line out. There is no big star in the pack, and perhaps for this reason it is the most spirited and hard working pack I have played with the Dukes. Will it hold and beat a Welsh Guard pack?—we shall see!! Mention must be made of Tony Redwood-Davies and Cpl. Hemmings who win the tight head ball so often. David Gilbert-Smith and L/Cpl. Ponijiasi and all in fact are great workers.

The backs have Chris Edwards and Alan Westcob on the wings—there could be none better. Waqabaca going will leave a gap. Jonny Walker in the centre adds smoothness and class to the mid-field play; and Peter Pettigrew marshals the backs from fly half. Edwards and Pettigrew kick goals—neither are reliable though!!

We have our weaknesses—some of our stars are

missing—but the will is there—and where there is a will (and talent) there is a way. We shall find out on Wednesday, March 3, 1965, at Aldershot.

FISHING

The Rod and Reel Club continues to be a great success. The latest member to join is the R.S.M.; perhaps he will now turn a blind eye when he sees members disappearing out of camp with their rods on sports afternoons.

Since our last notes we have had numerous outings and matches, and The Dukes have continued to do well.

One of the best weekends was held at Munchen Gladbach; we had twelve members entered and, although we did not obtain any major prizes, we had a most enjoyable weekend. The next big match was an individual event on the local canal which was well organised by the German Club in Osnabruck; there was an entry of almost 200 anglers and Sgt. Cooper, our Pioneer Sergeant, walked off with a large rose bowl trophy for the largest fish of the day.

We then produced a team and fished against a team of British anglers from Sennelager; this was fished on the River Hunte and we won by a very large margin. We now look forward to the return match, which we hope will be fished in the near future at Sennelager.

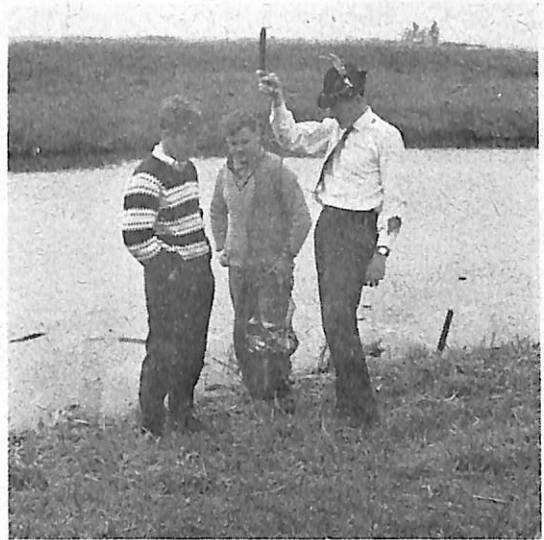
On November 1 there was a Garrison individual match, and here The Dukes really shone; it was won by Sgt. Cooper with 10 lb. 11 ozs., Cpl. Waite was second with 9 lb. 10 ozs., and L/Cpl. Woolridge third with 9 lb. 4 ozs. This was followed in the evening by a social and prize giving. Over 100 people attended, including the Commanding Officer, 2IC and Adjutant of the 9/12 Royal Lancers. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Norman, the wife of our chairman, while Sgt. Cooper received his rose bowl from the chairman of the German Club.

This social was so well organised that one of the guests remarked that it looked more like a Sergeants' Mess Ball—route signs, parking attendants, waiters in full dress, a first class band, club flag flying. We are now waiting with interest for the final bill and we sincerely hope that the club is not bankrupt. We had many enquiries as to how one joins the club; the only qualifications needed are to be keen on fishing and have £6 to enable you to get the fishing rights in and around Osnabruck.

THE EDITOR REQUESTS:

That unit notes and other contributions to the journal should be typed with double spacing and with a good margin on both sides.

And please check the spelling. One contribution to this issue contained three typing errors in the first short paragraph, including "The Duke of Ellington's Regiment."



ON THE RIVER HUNTE

Sgts. Gott, Morris and Cooper admiring the last-named's catch before returning it to the river

Any prospective member can be assured that it is £6 really well spent (providing of course that you are keen on angling). If really interested contact C.S.M. Batty.

P.S.—The R.S.M. almost won the twist competition at the social.

SOCCER

As with all sports in BAOR the start of the soccer season has been interrupted by the autumn exercises. For one reason or another winter sport is governed by major cup competitions which all start in late October.

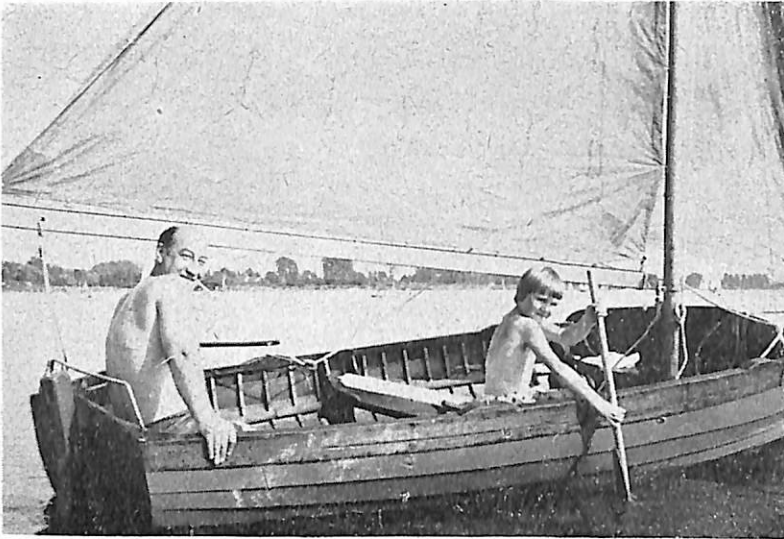
The Battalion 1st XI entered for the Army Cup Competition and were drawn against the 1st Battalion The Royal Fusiliers in the first round. After a close but rather hard game we lost 1—0. Unfortunately we scored the goal for our opponents and, hard though the team tried, we were unable to draw equal.

Apart from the XI's rather good showing in the Army Cup the team have played and won some very good games. Both Army and local German teams have been taken on and our colours have only been lowered once or twice to date.

Both the 1st and 2nd XIs are entered for the Brigade/Garrison major and minor units competition respectively. The first XI's best victory has been in beating The Queen's Own Highlanders 5—1 in the league competition. Our opponents are the local Army Cup winners and they are still competing to date.

Special mention must be made of Sgt. Collins who has done so much for the team in training, organising and playing.

Other team members who have done especially well are Cpl. Wilson, REME, goalkeeper, and Pte.



**ON THE
DUMMERSEE**
Captain Bob Callaby
and daughter

Heron; both have represented the Garrison. Sgt. Read, Ptes. Ward and Burnett also for good all round play.

The Platoon and Company level teams are competing in a Battalion platoon league and companies have entered for the Garrison minor units knockout competition.

SAILING CLUB

Our instructional courses at the Dummersee Yacht Club proved a great success and at our Regimental Regatta in September we managed to produce 14 competent helmsmen and 14 crews without counting any officers. Counting men on leave we now have about 24 reasonable helmsmen which is more than we have had for a very long time.

Cpl. Leachman was the champion soldier followed by Ptes. Bennett, Booth, Stokes, and Clarke. Captain Bray won the officers trophy with Lt. Edwards second and 2 Lt. Bray third. During the day we had seven races in a good breeze. Great credit was due to the helmsmen who kept all the boats upright and undamaged throughout the day.

R.S.M. Nicholls came up for his first attempt and despite being knocked overboard by Captain Bray (for which he received a special prize of a smoked eel) he proved himself an excellent crew.

At Kiel Lt. Edwards has qualified as a Baltic helmsman and Captain Bray as a Baltic skipper. The latter also won the Commodore's Cup for points races at Dummer throughout the season.

(Company Notes are on p. 37)

ST. BARBARA'S CHURCH

Services recommenced on Sunday, October 11, with Harvest Festival. The morning before a host of wives had descended upon the church with arms full of flowers and leaves etc., and husbands

bringing up the rear with sacks of potatoes, vegetable marrow, apples and all the produce associated with harvest. The largest object was a huge pumpkin grown by Major Fife.

After a couple of hours order came out of chaos and the Church looked beautiful. On the holy table were two loaves of bread in the form of sheaves of corn, which were made in the Battalion cook house and in the cook house of the Royal Fusiliers, who shared the service with us.

The service itself included the traditional harvest hymns played by eight members of the Band conducted by S/Sgt Bell.

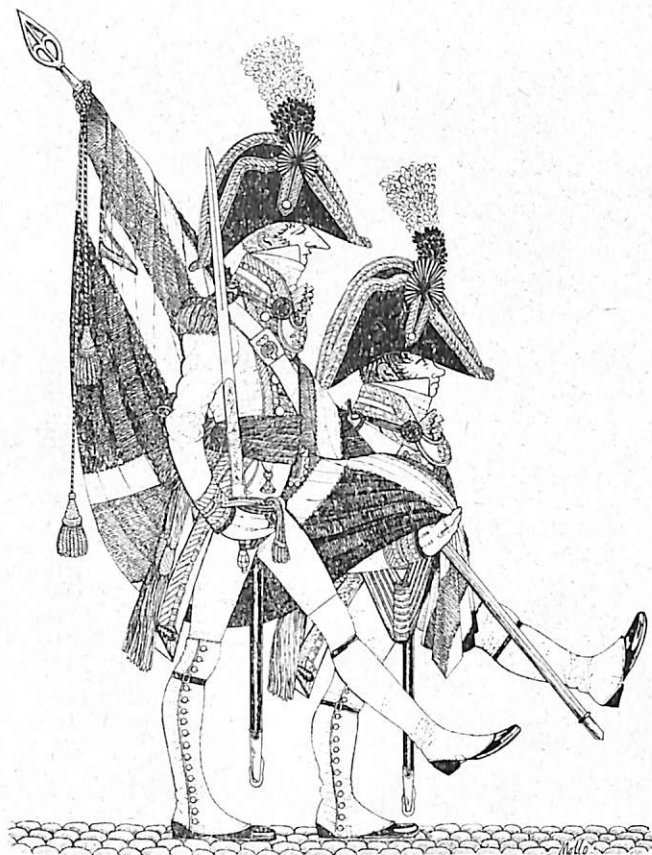
A Sunday School has been commenced at the Garrison Kindergarten and regular services are being held weekly in the church.

EXERCISE PARSONS PLEASURE II

What had Sennelager done to deserve it? Out of the swirling mist they came in "champs" and "land-rovers." Parsons all, the long and the short and the tall (or should I say high, low and middle?) all converging on a certain map reference in the training area.

Why this "Holy Convention?" Local soldiers had visions of endless Padre's Hours and were rapidly thinking up some obscure oriental religion to change to before being got at. Their fears and suspicions however soon turned to a certain amount of amusement as they learned that this 21st day of October was the date for the second BAOR Chaplains Exercise—Parsons Pleasure II.

Imagine the scene: 20—30 parsons of all shapes and sizes dressed in a wide variety of combat kit. Some looking like very old soldiers and some looking like the latest "sprogs." There were the top brass chaplains in brand new kit (I didn't realise that they made combat kit in such large sizes). World War II veterans were dressed in styles reminiscent of the Western Desert. One even had purple gloves. Then there were the younger chaplains like



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**EXERCISE
PARSONS
PLEASURE II**

**The Battalion
Chaplain
negotiating the
hazard driving
course with his
driver,
Pte. Watson,
taking it quite
calmly.**

myself coming hot foot from other exercises with their units, splattered with mud and with blistered feet.

The first obstacle of the exercise was lunch, at which vast quantities of compo roast duck were consumed. After lunch came the hazard driving course. For this the chaplains themselves were driving, their usual drivers sitting beside them furiously saying their prayers or muttering curses as they were hurled round the course. My own driver Pte. Watson, DWR, who can't drive, took it quite calmly, as just one more incident in his nightmarish life of Padre's batman.

After the hazards came the vehicle fault finding. Two REME craftsmen had great fun immobilising a couple of land rovers so that the Padres could try and put them right (which we did).

The exercise proper finished with compass work

and I am happy to say that all the parsons concerned were able to keep more or less on the straight and narrow. So, chaps, you can rely on your chaplain not leading you astray.

On the following day we were given a demonstration of the treatment of battle casualties and the purification of water by the RAMC.

After lunch the party broke up and we all returned to our units pretty well sure that the Church Militant can cope with practically any emergency. Parsons Pleasure II was a great success.

N.B. While the chaplains were at dinner on the night of the 21st their drivers took their vehicles into Sennelager and Schloss Neuhouse; this explains why vehicles with the sign "CHAPLAIN" painted on them were seen parked outside certain notorious Guest Houses. *Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.*

1st Battalion Rugby between the Wars

BY LT.-COLONEL JACK DALRYMPLE

(continued from *The Iron Duke*, No. 131, January 1964)

This instalment is long over-due and for this I am extremely sorry.

Before finally leaving the great "Horsey" Browne era in our regimental rugby saga I should like to make it quite clear that there are many who helped in the making of this story who have found no mention in my account.

Players such as C.S.M. Brown, already a rugged, seasoned old veteran when I joined, L/Cpl. Fahy, the battalion cook, who played in several matches during the early Gosport period, L/Cpl. Hammersley, Pte. Mellor, a thrustful wing three-quarter, Pte. Bill Lyons (now Major Lyons), Cpl. Reid, a clever centre three-quarter, the younger Dowas, Cpl. Barker, a speedy wing three-quarter, L/Cpl. Gummingsall, a dependable full-back, Pte. Glover, L/Cpl. Jones, a most excellent wing forward that many first class clubs would covet today and, last but by no means least, Cecil Orr (Coot), a centre or wing three-quarter who was easily picked out, however foul the conditions, by his shiny bald pate. Space forbids that a full tribute be paid to these fine regimental players but they can rest assured that they played an indispensable part in the making of our rugby traditions.

The "Bonzo" Miles Era

The passing of "Horsey" Browne from the rugby scene on arrival at Aldershot left a gap which seemed unfillable since, as a character and player, he had no equal. Also be it noted that, at exactly the same time that "Horsey" made his exit, so did that other fine player, Charles Faithfull. The 1st Battalion, therefore, on arrival at Aldershot, found itself deprived of the leadership and inspiration which had brought it within an ace of winning the inter-unit challenge cup competition. To make matters worse a change in command was also due: Lt.-Colonel W. C. Wilson, an ex-Leicester, was to succeed Lt.-Colonel Freddy Wellesley.

No-one in this world, however, is indispensable and so it eventually turned out to be in this case. I have already tried to describe, most inadequately, the rare characteristics of Colonel Freddy and his zest and keenness for rugby football. I can only say that Colonel Walter proved himself just as rare a character—albeit in a different way—and just as keen a supporter of rugby football. He also had one great advantage over Colonel Freddy in that he was an ex-international (England) wing three-quarter and Army player.

Walter Wilson joined us from the 2nd Battalion and, as the captain of the 2nd Battalion rugby team, "Bonzo" Miles, was also being posted to the 1st Battalion, Colonel Wilson decided that he need look no further afield to fill the vacancy caused by "Horsey's" illness. A wiser choice could not have been made but before I deal with Bonzo's qualities I should like to add a little to what I have said about Walter Wilson.

A Unique C.O.

He was, indeed, unique. A fine soldier—D.S.O. and M.C. in the first war—and a graduate of the Staff College, Camberley, he was expected to make his mark in the highest ranks of the Army.

However, in addition to his ability as a soldier, he had an inordinate zest for pleasure and living. His week-ends not infrequently lasted from Thursday afternoon until Tuesday morning and were apt to be spent in Paris or the South of France. He was a bachelor and even during the week was seldom to be found in his house after 4 p.m. If one was especially early for breakfast one might be favoured with a glimpse of him passing the mess window on his return from London. His strength and energy knew no bounds. Even battalion exercises did little to restrict his pleasure. I remember so well one battalion night exercise in Aldershot area. About 7 p.m. the C.O. turned to the adjutant, Captain Grimley, and said: "I have an important engagement in London but I shall be back for the dawn attack". That was the last we expected to see of him but no: at about 4.30 a.m. his gigantic figure was to be seen silhouetted against the dawn, walking round the forward posts. An altogether fantastic man who, despite his frequent absences had an altogether remarkable influence on the battalion and its activities. More than once I have seen him shed coat and bowler to take his place in the line-out in order to explain some point.

"Bonzo" Miles

I should like to re-emphasise the point I made earlier that the Colonel could not have made a better choice than Bonzo Miles for the captaincy of the battalion rugby team. Bonzo dedicated himself to any project he undertook. I have never met anyone with such singleminded purpose nor anyone with such boundless enthusiasm. Allied to this enthusiasm was a driving force which had everyone, in a very short space of time, striving might and main to attain the goal on which Bonzo had set his sights, in this case the winning of the Army Cup.

He, too, enjoyed the good things of life and, though it is perhaps not strictly pertinent to rugby, I feel that no account of Bonzo would be complete without mention of his generosity and hospitality which we soon experienced. The more people he could entertain lavishly, the happier he was. I have yet to meet his equal in this respect.

As a player "Bonzo" was an excellent forward and he had already trained and led the 2nd Battalion XV to noteworthy successes overseas. He was a fine captain but I must add and he, I know would agree that he had some fine material and rare personalities to command. We twice won the Army Cup during his tenure as captain and this was no mean feat as there were several high class teams in the U.K. at that period.

New Blood

Luck ordained that several of the best players in the 2nd Battalion were posted to U.K. at the same time as "Bonzo". I am thinking particularly of Joe Annersley and Bill Holt. Other personalities had joined and one of these has already taken me to task as he says he joined before Bob Moran who was mentioned in Part I. This is:

George Laing

And what a very fine footballer he was. On a dry day he had few equals as a wing forward but such was the talent available to the Army at this time that he never gained an army cap. He played some magnificent games for Blackheath and Kent and on one occasion, playing for the Army against Blackheath, he scored a phenomenal number of points. Added to the usual attributes of a wing forward—pace and good hands—he had an uncanny sense of position and was a very good kick with either foot. "Bonzo" was an enthusiast but I doubt if he could out-match George Laing. I wonder George has not burst a blood vessel long ago. He still might because, now he is the reigning commandant of the Duke of York's School, I have never seen any commandant give tongue at a cadets' rigger match as George Laing does. The Duke of York's could not have a better man at the helm than George Laing.

More personalities

Other personalities of this era jostle themselves in the mind: Jimmy Troop, Jack Robinson, Bentley, John Stork and Joe Annersley, already mentioned in passing.

Jimmy Troop

When Jimmy joined from Sandhurst, where he was in the XV, I assessed him as being an averagely good first-class player. Jimmy, however, went from strength to strength and finally finished with four international caps to his credit. Shortly after joining the regiment he started to grow a moustache and as this prospered so, it seemed, did his rugby football. He played many fine games for the 1st Battalion, Hampshire and the Army as well as rendering notable service for England. A robust, courageous back-row forward who never let his service or his country down. Sadly, Jimmy left the Regiment about a year before the war to join the R.A.F. As a pilot officer he rendered distinguished service, finally retiring as a group captain. He is now the director of the R.A.F. Sport Control Board.

Jack Robinson

I have already written in THE IRON DUKE about Jack Robinson who, for a time, was my batman and who later died gallantly in Burma, winning an M.C., as a major. His chief quality was his courage; this allied to his above average intelligence—he had no great natural ability—made him into a very good scrum half. He worked in well with that great player George Townend (see Part I) who at this time was being played by the 1st Battalion as fly half. Jack Robinson's courage saved George Townend many possible grievous knocks.

So I could ramble on as these great personalities come to mind but space is limited, likewise your patience. However, I must mention at least one other player at length and that is:

Joe Annersley

A protégé of Bonzo Miles as he had trained and nurtured him during his period of service with the 2nd Battalion. A fine, rugged character, Joe, who gave one a great feeling of security when he was around. Dick Lonsdale, now Lt.-Colonel Lonsdale, tells me that Joe was the dominating influence among the young soldiers at the time when Lonsdale served in the Battalion at Aldershot as a private soldier. There was no bullying while Joe was around.

A very solid dependable forward who played in the second row with our captain, Bonzo Miles. These two played together for the Army *v.* the French Army and were in no small measure responsible for our successes in the Army Cup.

Joe, as one would expect, did splendidly in the war, gaining an M.B.E. as R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion.

John Stork

I have made mention in passing of John Stork but he deserves greater recognition than this. In his unobtrusive but effective way he served the interests of 1st Battalion rugby splendidly over a period of time. John was an extremely useful back row forward and a good line-out player. I have seen far worse in the Army side since the war. I wonder where John is to-day.

(To be continued)

CORRESPONDENCE

HISTORY OF THE R.W.A.F.F.

DEAR EDITOR,

This History was published on September 30 by Messrs. Gale & Polden of Aldershot and covers the whole record of the R.W.A.F.F. from its inception to the independence of the four former British West African Colonies. It has been written in two parts by Colonel A. Haywood, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Brigadier F. A. S. Clarke, D.S.O., both distinguished and experienced former officers of the Frontier Force.

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As you will have many officers who will have served in the R.W.A.F.F. I would be grateful if you would give the publication of our History publicity in your Journal. Perhaps you would also consider buying copies for your official Libraries.

Yours sincerely,

K. G. EXHAM,

Chairman,

R.W.A.F.F. History Committee.

THE WEST RIDING BATTALION T.A.

Sub-Editorial

During the past quarter Colonel Trevor Bentley has handed over as Honorary Colonel to Colonel John Sugden. Both are very well known in the Regiment, to Regular and TA soldiers alike.

Their military careers have followed a pattern of some similarity. Both started life as TA infantry officers. Both were converted, with their units, to gunners. For both the wheel has come full circle with their return to the infantry. Whilst we know that both served the Royal Regiment with distinction, in a very real sense they have never left The Duke's.

Colonel Bentley goes into retirement with best wishes and thanks from all ranks of the Battalion.

To Colonel Sugden we extend a hearty welcome and best wishes for a most happy tour of duty as Honorary Colonel.

Officers' Mess

On Wednesday, September 2, we dined out Sam Robertson, and dined in David Miller.

Sam Robertson left us almost straight away to go to the 1st Bn. as 2IC. It was suggested by some tactless member that the 1st Bn. would now be re-indoctrinated into the mysteries of "swirl," however, Sam pointed out that there is very little swirl with the SLR. Ah, well! We must thank him and Vera for the beautiful mirror they presented to the mess; this is something we have needed for a long time. We wish both the very best of luck in Germany.

Welcome also to David Miller, who we hope will find his tour with us pleasant and not too frustrating.

On November 6, an occasion both happy and sad, was the dining in and out of our Honorary Colonels. Colonel Trevor Bentley has been our Honorary Colonel for the past three years, we are sorry that he now leaves us; however, we hope and expect to see him on many occasions in the future. We must take this opportunity of thanking him for the beautiful salt, pepper and mustard set which he presented to the Mess. They will have pride of place at all future dinners.

At the same time we welcome into the Mess Colonel Sugden: we know we shall get his help and support in the years to come.

Preparations are now well in hand for our two annual Christmas holiday parties. The pre-Christmas Mess Party and the New Year's Eve Ball. Full reports on these two in the next edition. It is reported, however, that Charles Curry is very happy this year, and that he may soon be offered an honorary position in the catering industry.

It is reported that Henry Crowther and David Sugden lately spent a night in the police cells at Helmsley. They vigorously deny, however, that the police threw away the key; they state that in fact the whole incident was carried out with the

highest patriotic motives, or something of that sort.

Finally, we would like to welcome and congratulate John Frier, who has joined us as Lt. (QM(TA)).

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess

S/Sgt. 'Minty' Mountcastle roaring over the Cresta run to his mission at 'A' Coy Halifax (at present with our old friend Sgt. 'Nobby' Clarke, who is still managing to get in yet another farewell party before his departure for the 1st Bn); Sgt. Brian Hartley (the latest West Riding tycoon) with headquarters at 'B' in Mirfield; Sgt. Roy Kelly the new laird at Skipton, whilst C.S.M. Con Sullivan rules over 'D's' domain vacated by C.S.M. Rex Webb at Mossley. In the control tower at Huddersfield R.S.M. Pennington ploughs through with pen and stick the multitudinous duties required by the TA Bn from it's Regimental Sergeant-Major who must be a Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Solomon, Devil and Angel—all in one. Still in the chair at Huddersfield with HQ Coy sits C.S.M. Jack Bryan but we understand he is shortly to leave us to take up a post with Leeds OTC. In his place, we hear we may expect C.S.M. Bugs Batty (complete with fishing rod and gun).

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Our Permanent Staff Instructors taken care of, our notes continuing from last camp, could take on the theme of shooting, cadres, courses, outdoor training, battles in the fog etc but we do not want to transfer the 'Iron Duke' into the Infantry Training series so belts off and to the Mess for our main social event of the year—The Sergeants' Mess Ball which, this year, was held at Prescott Street, Halifax, on Saturday, November 28, 1964.

Through the tireless efforts of C.S.M. 'Matt' Dillon and loyal crew at Halifax, the success of the R.S.M. in parachute borrowing and the begging, wedding and perhaps a little stealing, Prescott St. Drill Hall took on a new hue. Sgt. Bill Bacon and staff meted out the drinks and to the music of the Dance Section of our Band arranged by Bandmaster Bodsworth and Sgt. Wheelhouse our 300 members and guests danced to the mainly 'square' music which more befitted the smart attire of men in uniform and the galaxy of beautiful gowns and dresses worn by the ladies. A buffet, laid on by our own cooks, headed by that chef-elect, C.S.M. Joe Hannan, was an impressive sight which was more

than justified by the eating. Joe's 'Iron Duke' curries are now becoming a legend. (Whilst in the 'eats' department we welcome back from Scarborough on a temporary attachment, Sgt. Jock Wallace).

Lt.-Colonel J. C. Moncrieff, Mrs. Moncrieff, Major and Mrs. J. Davis were our chief guests and friends too numerous to mention individually from other units, ex-members and OCA members warmed up that cold November night. The high 'spirits' in the 'Dead Hole' would have awakened the dead—but what a party they could have had!

Our newest Sergeant, Sgt. B. Dolan of B Coy, tasted his first social event and knows how mighty are the preparations. A special thank-you.

Christmas festivities, parties and talk of Sergeants' Mess Socials at outlying drill halls are now seasonal mess topics but one hears the occasional mention of next year's camp, or Sgt. Peckett contemplating the forthcoming visit to BAOR. Time flies but, as Omar wrote—

"Unborn Tomorrow, and dead Yesterday,
Why fret about them if To-Day be sweet?"

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

"A" COMPANY

We used to say "It's always a quiet period after camp," but not now. Our activities have been just as great as at any other time in the year. We have participated in three major weekend exercises; the Bn. "March and Shoot" Competition, the Bn. Signals exercise and our own arduous weekend in the Moncrieff country—Heptonstall Moor. Unfortunately, each exercise was dogged by dreadful weather, mainly thick fog. Our own exercise, planned by Sgts. Peckett and Thompson, appeared to the Company Commander to be rather over-ambitious even under normal conditions, but when the fog came down it seemed impossible; however, as usual, the impossible was surmounted, and the section leaders, Cpls. Taylor, Dare and Moore, brought in their men quite safely. The objective was a derelict farmhouse surrounded by trip flares and booby traps which gave ample warning of their arrival.

On Armistice Sunday we joined the ever decreasing parade at Halifax Cenotaph. As the Company Commander was to lay the wreath, the Company was led by C.S.M. Dillon who was rather "chuffed" when asked by the organisers to marshal and control the parade; apparently the Regulars from the RAPC were a bit out of practice so they passed the job on to the TA.

In the morning, before the parade, we held our annual company competition for the smartest soldier on parade and the best at drill. R.S.M. Pennington kindly agreed to judge the competition and, after great deliberation and pencil sucking, awarded the prizes to L/Cpl. Galloway and Pte. Baxter respectively. In the recruits' section, Pte. Burnside R. won both prizes—it had to be a Burnside as three of them have joined us since camp;

originally there were four but one fell by the way-side. These lads were very welcome as they helped to replace the men from the company who recently transferred to paratroops. Apparently our training was not tough enough—they should have been on the "March and Shoot" Competition!

After two years of good and faithful service to "A" Company, our PSI, Sgt. George Clarke, is being returned to the 1st Bn. At a social held in his honour the other night many fine things were said about him and as a positive show of appreciation the Company presented him with a silver cigarette box, and the sergeants of the Company gave him a canteen of cutlery. He was rather at a loss for words at the time, but he made up for it with a fine speech to the Company on Armistice Day. The new PSI is S/Sgt. Mountcastle and we hope he enjoys his tour with us as much as Sgt. Clarke says he has done. "Thank you, Sgt. Clarke—Happy postings."

"B" COMPANY

From the heather of Hartshead Moor, the lowlands of Mirfield, the ginnels of Cleckheaton and the highlands of Huddersfield, the members of "B" Coy. send their readers all best wishes for the New Year.

Our PSI, Sgt. Hartley, is doing very well, and has recently run a junior NCO's class which has proved to be both of great interest and a success, in fact three potential NCO's received their stripes shortly after the course ended.

The officers and sergeants of the Company recently held their annual dinner at the Ship Inn at Mirfield. Present were, Major Farrow, Captain Buckland, Lt. I. Smith (Cadets), CSM Laherty, W.O.2 Ashton (Cadets), C.Q.M.S. Bycroft, Sgts.

Hartley, Richardson, Greenwood, Roberts and Dolan. Councillor Richard Whitfield was the Company Commander's guest, and apologies for absence were received from Major Tom Horsfall (Cadets), Lt. Ian Fillan and the R.S.M.

While a string quartet played in the background, the assembly dined in candlelight. After the loyal toast given by C.S.M. Laherty chairs were drawn back and the band, waiters and Terry, the landlord, were subjected to the most appalling experiences, whilst doing their best to compete in the "Boat Race" and the "Charcoal cats sitting around the Fire"—A Buckland special.

Pte. Housecroft will be boxing for the Battalion on December 4 in York, and we wish him well in the Northern Command Championships.

Our congratulations go to Cpl. B. Dolan, promoted to provisional sergeant, and to Ptes. Murphy, Wraight and Laycock to L/Cpls.

A Recruiting Challenge. Major Farrow promises to pay any reader of THE IRON DUKE who is able to introduce a new recruit to Mirfield Drill Hall (if he is attested) the sum of one pound; in addition he will receive two free tickets to the now famous "B" Coy. Annual All Ranks Dance to be held in March 1965. Now how about that, all you old "Dukes"?

"C" COMPANY

The period immediately after camp is usually the most uneventful of the year. Activities appear to be confined to training cadres and purely local events of little outside interest or importance.

Our paramount aim is that of recruiting, and like other companies, we have to maintain a steady inflow in order to check the natural wastage. We are sorry that 2 Lt. Widdop has been "posted" by his firm to Belfast, where we gather that his local battalion has a waiting list, and all personnel are required to attend with much greater frequency than is possible in areas where overtime is the rule, and where Saturday mornings are similarly occupied with civilian employment. We are also sorry to lose, albeit spasmodically, Officer Cadet Hilton who is now at Oxford University, and where the O.T.C. works the newest equipment in the Regular Army.

We have had several weekends out in the Dales where fortunately we were blessed with good weather instead of the infernal mists and damp which permeate the districts whenever we attend. We must draw a discreet veil over the lack of success of the Company in the Battalion March and Shoot Competition. Our teams, like most of the others, were lost during the night, but somehow they managed to arrive at the base camp by transport at 0300 hrs. to be promptly disqualified!

Our main social event has been the Company Dinner and Prize Giving, which was held on November 21. This event has "escalated" (to use an O.K. phrase) from little more than a pea and pie supper five years ago into a dinner-dance, which, we flatter ourselves, can compare with any similar gathering for sheer enjoyment for everyone. We were very pleased to welcome our new Honorary Colonel and Mrs. Sugden, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Moncrieff, W.O.1 and Mrs. Pennington, O.R.Q.M.S. Wester-

man and Miss Fairclough from the Battalion Orderly Room. The four-course dinner was followed by the prize giving, when Colonel Sugden presented prizes to the following members of the Company.

Best Recruit—Pte. Williams
 Best Trained Soldier—Pte. Falkingham
 Best N.C.O.—Cpl. Wright
 Best Recruit Shot—Pte. Gibb
 Best Trained Soldier Shot—Pte. Purvis
 Best Support Platoon Soldier—Pte. Akrigg, M.
 Best Attendance Prize—L/Cpl. Shaw
 Company Commander's Prize for Admin Work—Cpl. Nutter.

The Company Commander was saved from the embarrassing experience of winning our large wooden spoon which is awarded to the officer or sergeant with the lowest score on Annual Classification by one fortunate point, and Sgt. Tennant had the distinction.

After the prizes had been presented, the rest of the evening and early morning was spent dancing. It was a most successful and enjoyable evening, and we feel that it was some compensation to the wives and girl friends of our members to be entertained as they were. We are now hoping that the wives will try and persuade their friends' husbands and boy friends to join us. A powerful recruiting force on the distaff side will do more good to the TA than a host of posters and a cavalcade of recruiting stalls and demonstrations in market squares.

"D" COMPANY

All has settled down within the company to the various winter cadres and company training.

First the changeover of PSI's was completed within schedule. On his last night in Mossley, W.O.2 R. Webb (now with the 1 D.W.R.) was "wined out" at a nice quiet native pub on the borders of Yorkshire and Lancashire. The choice was rather fortunate as the landlord was celebrating, which helped to make our night a success, even to Rex solving the mystery of the box given to him by the wife of C.Q.M.S. P. Larnder. Also in the party were Sgt. and Mrs. F. Birch, Cpl. and Mrs. J. Lewis and W.O.2 and Mrs. Sullivan who have now taken up residence at Mossley Drill Hall. Later when we had adjourned to the Mess we were joined by Sgt. L. Newton.

At the beginning of October, a company team commanded by Cpl. J. Lewis was entered in the March and Shoot competition (as mentioned elsewhere in these notes). The team are congratulated on the fine effort they made to reach Holme Moss from Mossley via those great hills of the Pennines without the aid of Army vehicles or cadets—enough said in that direction.

Once a month, Captain Pugh and Sgt. Bill Parker of the Army Youth Team, pay us a visit with representatives from the youth centres in the Saddleworth district. On these visits attendances are briskly stepped up: could it be because the Saddleworth Beauty Queen always takes part in the youth team?—we just keep wondering.

A special word of praise must be given to the support platoon. The 3-in. mortar section combined forces with the rest of the Battalion mortar sections to form a team which was entered in the Division

competition at Beckinkham. Those taking part were L/Cpl. H. Morris and Pte. G. Eastwood, and the team reached third place.

"H.Q." COMPANY

"Mine's a pint" exclaimed the Old Lag. "And where the — do you get a pint in here?" moaned the Recruit who had recently succumbed to the intensive high pressure recruiting technique of HQ Coy (which, incidentally, proceeds briskly). The Old Lag pointed a finger aloft and, not without some hint of pride, said "The new canteen—and it's a bitter for me, mate!" The Recruit found it difficult to believe that anywhere as grim as the Drill Hall could boast of a new canteen. Imagine his surprise, sweet reader, when his suspicious gaze lighted upon that temple of conviviality, the new OR's canteen. "How come you've joined?" inquired the Old Lag waiting for a brimming

glass to be thrust into his mits. "Saw a parade one Sunday—Armistice Day or something" the Recruit replied, adding quickly, "Pretty smart, I'd say with a b—— good band" At the precise moment that the Recruit handed over the pint an erect figure strolled confidently into the room. "See him" whispered the Old Lag "Lance Jack Jackson, J. H., wef November 10." With incredulity on his countenance and reverence in his larynx, the Recruit murmured "I've seen him before—in the band!" The Old Lag (not to be outdone) hastily informed his new found brother that *he* was a signaller of no mean aptitude, and began his tale thus: "Rough it's been, mate—in the signals. You should have been at Elvington Air Strip the other weekend. Fog!—let me tell you it was so foggy that even the CO got ———". And here, sweet reader, we leave them, at all events for this month.

WITH THE 76th IN SCOTLAND

R.Q.M.S. Imray has, with the author's permission, sent us the following extract from "The Highland Clearances" by John Prebble.

It describes one of several occasions when the 76th was called out in aid of the civil power in Scotland in 1847 during the food riots which were one of the features of that troublous time.

Actions in aid of the civil power, particularly against one's own countrymen, are not those which a regiment most wishes to commemorate. However, we feel that this account is interesting as, although it is a matter of history that the 76th were in Edinburgh in 1847, there is, so far as we can discover, no report of this incident in any available regimental record.

Moreover, although the task was a thankless one, the 76th seem to have done it well though, as Brigadier Webb-Carter notes, it provides "a good example of the evils of firing over a mob's head—you hurt some poor sucker in the rear."

We are grateful to Mr. Prebble for his permission to reprint the extract.

At Burghead when the "Ceres" was loading meal for Leith, a crowd boarded her and took the cargo ashore again. Constables from Elgin, armed with ash-sticks, beat the crowd from the quay, arrested the ringleaders and lodged them in the Grant Arms. But the mob broke down the doors of the inn and carried away the prisoners. A hundred men of the 76th Regiment came from Edinburgh by steamer, and guarded the "Ceres" with their bayonets until she loaded and sailed.

On the 20th of the month the Sheriff of Caithness asked for soldiers at once saying the mob was threatening to scuttle a grain-ship at Wick.

Two companies of the 76th Regiment, under Capt. Evans Gordon, came promptly by steamer, landing at Ackergill and marching into Wick with drums beating and bayonets fixed. They were in action immediately, for the streets were full of rioting men and women. Gordon put a lieutenant and twenty men on the wharf to guard the ship, and

then marched the rest of his command to the meal store where the carts were being loaded.

From the moment the soldiers were placed on the wharf they were under bitter and sustained assault from the crowd and several of them, including the lieutenant, were injured by stones. Fishermen tried to drag them into the sea by running at them with an extended rope but the soldiers leaped over it and drove the sailors away with the bayonet.

When Gordon brought the carts down to the harbour he was halted by a barricade that kept him from the ship and the twenty men on the wharf. For an hour his men, most of them young recruits, stood by in the open by the carts and under volleys of stones. Women hung from the windows on either side, urging on their men and shouting for bread. At last the Sheriff read the Riot Act and Gordon sent his men forward. They broke into sections and advanced with barking hurrahs, their bayonets down. The struggle was short and ugly. Women beat at the muskets with sticks and one who attacked an officer was knocked to the cobbles by a "pretty sword cut." Many of the crowd were wounded on the arms and legs by the bayonets before they broke and left the harbour to the soldiers.

The ship was loaded and drawn out to the safety of the bay.

The 76th formed ranks and marched back towards their quarters with several prisoners they had taken, and now the mob swarmed down a hill upon them, hurling stones which, said The Courier, "rattled on the soldiers accoutrements like hail." Gordon brought his men into line with their muskets at the present and shouted a warning to the crowd. He was answered with some more stones and he gave the order to fire. The volley was aimed high, but two hundred yards from the redcoat line the falling shots broke a man's wrist and tore a hole in the breast of a young girl.

That night Wick was bloody and bruised, and the grain ship it had hoped to scuttle, lay off Pultneytown waiting for a fair wind that would take it to the south.

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A SHORT SQUARE HARDY LITTLE MAN

SOME NOTES ON SIR JOHN SHERBROOKE Colonel of the 33rd Regiment 1813-1830

BY JAMES HAYES

Through the kindness of Rear-Admiral R. St. V. Sherbrooke, v.c., I was given the opportunity of seeing some family papers relating to the General whose chief appeal for us lies in his close association with the Duke of Wellington during years of regimental service in Flanders and India and, later, as one of his subordinate commanders in the Peninsula.

Much of the material at Oxton has already appeared in print and this note is confined to other papers which concern Sir John and the 33rd. This will produce a rather scrappy note but my aim is to put the material on record for future historians.

Character

The title of this note is part of a description of Sir John by a friend and subordinate who said he was "a short, square, hardy little man with a countenance that told at once the determined fortitude of his nature."

He appears to have had a hot temper. Wellington called him "a very good officer, but the most passionate man I think I ever knew" and went on twice (vide Stanhope's "Conversations with the Duke of Wellington") to describe the terrible rage Sherbrooke got into with a Portuguese interpreter—"about nothing". The papers at Oxton seem to show, however, that this failing, even if it was as marked as the Duke suggests, was eclipsed by other qualities, as a man and an officer, which earned him respect and esteem both in the 33rd and elsewhere.

Commissions

Sherbrooke's parchment commissions as Captain (June 23, 1784) and second Lt.-Colonel (March 1, 1794) in the 33rd have survived at Oxton. In the former the regiment is described as "The 33rd, or the first Yorkshire West Riding, Regiment of Foot", an early instance of the use of the territorial title which appears to have been adopted in 1782.*

The Portrait

The original of the portrait reproduced here was a miniature painting of Sir John dated 1796 when he was second lieutenant colonel of the 33rd. It is therefore almost contemporary with the Hoppner portrait of The Duke as C.O. and with the pencil sketches by Thomas Hickey (I.D. Vol. XXXI of 1955) of Major John Shee and two other officers. It must be unusual for a regiment to have contemporary portraits of five officers of that time, including the three senior officers.

The original miniature, artist unknown, is at



Oxton. It is reproduced here from a photograph by the Cambridge University Library of a monochrome reproduction of the miniature which was published in a Memoir of Sir John by A. Patchett Martin (Longmans Green, 1891). We are grateful to the Cambridge University Library, to the Publishers and to Admiral Sherbrooke for permission to reproduce it.

Seringapatam

Sherbrooke's Indian days are well represented in the papers. There, is a fascinating letter measuring six inches by three or, when folded, one inch by two which he sent to his family from "the Camp before Seringapatam." It is dated May 6, 1799, two days after the storming. Its contents are factual; of himself he says, "I received a spent ball which knocked me down on entering the Breach, but soon recovered, and have got over the Siege without any wound or injury whatever." Explaining the small size of the letter he says, "I send this by the Overland Despatch which will not take Letters of a larger size."

Health

Sherbrooke's general health, however, was far from satisfactory. This is made very clear in a letter from the Duke (then the Honourable Arthur Wesley, a Colonel in the Army and first Lt.-Colonel of the 33rd.) Written in camp, on October 15,

* *Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research*, March 1958, Note 1223.

1799, it shows his good opinion of Sherbrooke at this time. He writes:

"I will not hide from you that I have long thought that your health has been worse in India than I recollect it to have been since I have known you. It is indeed almost true that you have enjoyed scarcely one day's perfect health since you landed in the Country." Advising Sherbrooke to go home immediately, Colonel Arthur writes: "I am now giving you an opinion contrary to my own interests; I know that, if you go, my troubles and anxieties will be twice greater than they are at present, but that consideration has no weight when the health of a man is at stake." He adds that he has written twice to Harris (the Commander-in-Chief) about some provision for Sherbrooke but there has been no reply and he does not know what to think. He then advises Sherbrooke to make quiet preparations to leave so that he can go if his health does not mend and nothing turns up but, if something good happens, "you can stay and nobody will be the wiser"—a typically practical bit of Wellingtonian advice.

Return to England

From Sherbrooke's own diary we know that he left Seringapatam two months later, on December 7, and embarked for England at Madras on January 26, 1800. In the collection at Oton are two letters, both dated Seringapatam, December 5, 1799, evidently an exchange of courtesies on his departure.

The first is from John Shee, the next senior officer with the Regiment at that time (vide IRON DUKE, Vol. XXXI, 1955.) penned on behalf of the officers as the result of a mess meeting. It reads in part: "In compliance with their wishes, and from the strongest motives of personal regard and esteem, I take this method of assuring you in the name of the Corps that their concern for the loss they sustain can be equalled only by their anxiety for the perfect re-establishment of your health."

Sherbrooke's reply is in similar vein: "To a person of so many years' standing in the Army as I am, nothing could be more flattering than the expressions of Regard and Esteem of Men whom I have now been so long in the habit of living with, and whom individually I so much respect. As such I beg you will offer them my most sincere acknowledgments and assure them that as soon as my health is re-established it will be particularly gratifying to me to be able to join the 33rd again."

Letters from Lord Cornwallis

These hopes were not fulfilled. Though Sherbrooke saw active service again later, notably, for us, with Wellington in the Peninsular campaign of 1809, he was unable to rejoin the 33rd in India and had to withdraw from the lieutenant colonelcy of the regiment.

Two letters about this were received by him in the winter of 1802 from Lord Cornwallis who was then 64 years old and had been Colonel of the Regiment for 36 years. In the first, addressed to Sherbrooke at Cheltenham, Cornwallis writes: "It gives me much concern to find that I must at

last lose you as my Lieutenant-Colonel. You may be assured that I will use my endeavours to obtain the succession for Arthur Gore, whom I would be exceedingly glad to serve, not only in conformity with your wishes, but likewise on his own account, and that of his Family."

In Cornwallis's second letter the deed was done and Arthur Gore (killed as a major general at Bergen op Zoom in 1814) had succeeded Sherbrooke, of which the old man wrote: "Since it was necessary that I should lose you, it gave me great pleasure to get the succession for Gore, and I trust that you will encourage him to maintain the old System of the 33rd . . . I am, with much esteem, Dear Sir, etc., etc."

One last letter deserves to be quoted. It is from William McDowall of Blandfield near Edinburgh. McDowall, who retired as a captain from the 82nd Regiment in 1800, had served twelve years in the Army, ten of them in the 33rd under Wesley and Sherbrooke. On November 30, 1809, he wrote to Sherbrooke the following elegant and pithily Scots tribute: "From my first acquaintance with your character it has been my firm persuasion that, if you did not command success in your Military career, you would do more, you would deserve it. That you have both met with and merited it, affords me peculiar satisfaction and when I hear Sir John Sherbrooke named, I have a pride in saying he was my Commanding Officer."

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Remembrance Sunday

The London and Home Counties Branch of the Regimental Association assembled at the Regimental Plot in the Field of Remembrance at Westminster for the Armistice Service held on Remembrance Sunday, November 8, to pay homage to the Nation's Fallen.

Bob Temple (Hon. Sec.) had arranged the lay-out of the plot and all units of the Regiment had a cross planted. There were also many individual crosses.

I'm afraid the turn-out gets less and less as the years go by, which must be expected. Lt.-Colonel Collins led the Branch in silent prayer during the two minutes silence. I was very pleased to see Lt.-Colonel Skelsey from Halifax with us on the day.

Among those present were Lt.-Colonel Collins, Lt.-Colonel Skelsey, Messrs. Temple, Benson, Hartwell, Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Sykes and Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter.

After the service we all watched the departure of the Royal Family, troops and British Legion, and from there to the nearest local for a drink and chat. We all left the local S. and P.D. and look forward to meeting again with many more members at the Branch Dinner at the Victory Club on May 8, 1965.

R. H. TEMPLE.

PERSONALIA

Engagements

The engagement is announced between Martin William Summers, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Brigadier and Mrs. W. H. Summers of Upton Lodge, Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey, and Maria-Christine, only daughter of Commander and Mrs. K. G. L. Southcombe of Woodlands Corner, Ewshott, Farnham, Surrey.

The engagement is announced between James Dalrymple Tindal Faithfull, care of I.C.I. (Export) Ltd., Apartado 10163, Mexico 1, D.F., eldest son of Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. C. K. T. Faithfull, of Appleshaw, Andover, and Anne Carolynne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Garcia-Colin, Country Club Churubusco, Casa No. 4, Mexico 21, D.F.

Wedding

The marriage took place on December 12, at Haddonfield, New Jersey, of Mr. Adrian Joseph Koliba to Sylvia Patricia, daughter of Mrs. Ferris A. King and the late Captain Donald Cunningham, 2nd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Donald Cunningham married Miss Pat Trousdell at Peshawar in 1942; he was killed with the 2nd Battalion near Prome and his widow later married Mr. King who was an American officer. Her address is: 127 Rhoads Avenue, Haddonfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Birth

On December 18, 1964, at St. Mary's, Paddington, to Ann (née Sabine) and Tony Mesquita—a son, Simon Tony.

Major Jim Newton has been appointed G.S.O.3 (Ops.), H.Q. FARELF. He is due to go there in February.

John Reddington is at the University College of North Wales where he is reading History, Archaeology and Philosophy.

Alistair Roberts, the eldest son of Major Derek Roberts, has been appointed head boy of Malvern College. He leaves at the end of the summer term.

Major Derek Wood has retired; at present he is living at 27, Kingston Road, Bridlington.

Another retiree is Colonel Pat Cousens. He has been doing a business management course in London and is due out of the Army on January 25—well timed, he says, to coincide with the increase in the "dole." Colonel and Mrs. Cousens have taken a furnished flat at 50 Harley Street, W.1. (Tel. LANgham 1909). After the school holidays they hope to go abroad for a couple of months before he plunges into the hard world of big business.

We heartily congratulate Colonel Cousens on the award of the CBE in the New Year Honours.

Owing to the Waterloo anniversary celebrations in Brussels the lunch and dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club will now be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Thursday, June 10, 1965, and not as previously announced.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Akrigg have had a very memorable Christmas. On December 23 they celebrated their Silver Wedding and on December 26 their eldest son, Cedric, was married to Miss Barbara Mullany. Mr. Akrigg is the Honorary Secretary of Keighley Branch of the Regimental Association. His son is a lance-corporal in the West Riding Battalion.

Major and Mrs. St. J. T. Faulkner have moved to Cleeve Lawn, 177 Hales Road, Cheltenham.

Mr. Charles Ramsden, who has been a very good friend of the Regiment for many years, is retiring from editorship of the *Halifax Courier*. He will retain an active connection with the paper as Chairman of the Company. His son, Mr. Michael Ramsden, M.A., J.P., succeeds him as editor and, as noted elsewhere, will be the fourth generation of the Ramsden family to hold the editorial chair of the *Courier*.

Two sons of old "Dukes" were in the Wellington College XV last term—both in the pack. They are Lt.-Colonel Dick Collins' son and Brigadier Miles' youngest son, Tim. Tim is following in the footsteps of his four older brothers who all got their colours for Wellington.

The second brother, David Miles, who served in the 1st Battalion as a national service officer and who is now farming in Northamptonshire, was married in October to Miss Gaile Green-Kelly. The honeymoon was spent in Madeira.

The eldest brother, Michael, was unable to get back in time for the wedding from the Far East but got home for Christmas.

Brigadier Miles, himself, has been in hospital as the result of a strained heart muscle but is on the mend.

Also hoping to arrive home on leave from Hong Kong in the spring is James Hayes, the author of the article on page 31. He is in the Consular Service and now has three daughters.

Reverting to Madeira, Colonel and Mrs. Cumberlege spent a holiday there in September. They were lucky to find Brigadier and Mrs. Miles there for the first part of their stay and so had the benefit of his great knowledge of the island.

They also found there Mr. Harold Pickering, elder son of Colonel C. J. Pickering, formerly Colonel of the Regiment. Mr. Pickering has lived in Madeira for some years; we understand that he is a botanist and organizes forays in search of plants for Kew and other gardens. Mr. Pickering and his wife would be delighted to see any other members of the Regiment who may visit Madeira.

Mrs. C. J. Pickering still lives in Alverstoke. Colonel and Mrs. Pickering's younger son, Carey, is what Harold called an "atomic Marine."

Lt.-General Sir Robert Bray has written to say that whilst taking the salute at the British Tattoo in Copenhagen at the end of September he heard that the senior bandmaster, Wing Commander Wallace, was an ex-"Duke."

Unfortunately he went sick and returned to England before General Bray could meet him. General Bray wrote to him to say how sorry he was to have missed him and had the following reply:

From Wing Commander J. L. Wallace,
O.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.
R.A.F., Uxbridge.

DEAR SIR ROBERT,

Thank you for your letter . . . which has just reached me.

I am very sorry that I had to go into hospital on September 24, and was unable to be present at the Tattoo on the 29th when it was honoured by your presence.

Yes, I joined the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment on December 29, 1924. The "Dukes" were then stationed at New Barracks, Gosport. I was a boy of 15½ years and I joined the Band under Mr. Ovington.

In 1927 the Battalion moved to Devonport where it was stationed in North Raglan Barracks. It was in that year that I started man's service and became an acting bandsman.

One of the outstanding memories of the Battalion's stay in Devonport was our annual march to Wilsworthy Camp, a distance of 26 miles or so, when the Band and Drums gave music to the troops all the way there and back.

Another memory which stays with me is the whole Battalion going to Portland to support the rugby team in the Army Rugby Cup semi-final.

They were lovely days when I was very happy and very proud to belong to the Regiment. Indeed, if it were not for my training in the "Dukes," and the assistance of Colonel Ozanne, I would never have made the progress that has been possible.

I am a life member of the Old Comrades' Association, and I hope that one day I shall be able to attend a Regimental reunion.

It would have made me really proud to have been present when you took the salute in Copenhagen and to know that I was saluting the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Northern Europe, with whom I had served in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment so many years ago.

Yours very sincerely,

J. L. WALLACE,
Regimental Number 4607764.

NEWCASTLE HILL CEMETERY, JAMAICA

Captain Charles Cumberlege, while serving with the 1st Battalion The Jamaica Regiment, visited the old cemetery, some 3,750 feet up in the mountains north-east of Kingston, where he discovered the graves of two members of the 2nd Battalion who had died of yellow fever when on detachment in Jamaica from Barbados.

We are grateful to Captain Cumberlege for arranging to have the headstones, which were in disrepair, cleaned and replaced.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., from D.W.R. to be Col., 17th Aug. 1964, with seniority 28th May 1963.

INFANTRY D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. W. F. Charlesworth to be Capt., 2nd Aug. 1964. The following O/Cdts. from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2nd Lts., 31st July 1964: Simon Heslewood Ogram, Peter James Mellor, Anthony Rowland Redwood-Davies.

Short Service Comms.

Martin Peter Campbell Bray, from Mons Officer Cadet School, to be 2nd Lt., 18th July 1964 (Direct Entry).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. W. A. Waller, O.B.E., M.C. (Emp. List 1) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 28th Aug. 1964.

Lt. A. B. Skinner relinquishes his commn., 22nd Sept. 1964.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) John Bairstow Sugden, T.D., J.P., D.L., is appointed Honorary Colonel, West Riding Battalion, D.W.R., T.A., 27th Oct. 1964 in succession to Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) Norman Trevor Bentley, T.D., tenure expired, who retains the hon. rank of Col.

W.O. Cl 1 John Johnson Frier to be Lt. (Q.M.) 29th June, 1964.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon Maj. P. B. Knowles, and to confer clasps to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following: 2nd Clasp, Maj. D. R. Siddall, M.B.E., T.D.; 1st Clasp, Maj. B. N. Webster, T.D.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The following, having attained the age limit, cease to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., retaining their hon. rank: Lt. (Hon. Capt.) F. J. Pearse, 30th Sept. 1964; Lt. (Hon. Capt.) R. L. Bates, 5th Nov. 1964; Capt. (Hon. Maj.) H. H. Firth, 12th Nov. 1964.

Obituary

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

Captain R. H. D. Bolton, O.B.E.

Captain "Bertie" Bolton died in hospital in London on October 3, 1964.

Robert Henry Dundas Bolton was born on January 13, 1893, and was educated at Rossall School.

He was commissioned into the Indian Army Reserve of Officers in November 1914 and was posted to the 101st Bombay Grenadiers in 1915. He earned the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal and Indian General Service Medal with Clasp 1919-21 (Waziristan). He was promoted captain in the Indian Army in 1919 and transferred as a captain to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in November 1921.

After two years with the Regiment he was posted as an instructor to the R.M.C., Sandhurst and remained there until 1927. He was adjutant of the 1st Battalion from 1927 to 1930 and of the 6th Battalion at Skipton from 1931 to 1933.

In that year he transferred to the Police Force under the Trenchard scheme and in 1935 was promoted to police superintendent and appointed to Bow Street. He remained in this "parish" during the difficult first two years of the war and in 1941 was appointed Chief Constable of Northamptonshire where he remained until his retirement in January 1960.

He always retained a close interest in the Regiment and was honorary secretary of the Officers Dinner Club from 1949 to 1958.

Outside his work Bertie's chief love was cricket. He was a member of the M.C.C. and other clubs and had played for Hampshire. In his day he was also good at other games, notably soccer and tennis. He was always ready to help young players in the Regiment and the Police. In 1941 he was presented with a gold medal in recognition of his services to the sports section of the Metropolitan Police at Imber Court.

It was not only in sport that Bertie was ready to help others. A tribute to him in *The Times* by "DHC" recorded how much he had done as Chief Constable to improve the housing conditions and social amenities of the men under him. His many kind acts found no place in what "D.H.C." called the "angler" anecdotes with which he often surprised his friends, noting that "there was always a twinkle in his eye when the catch was proved to be a bit outside."

Captain Bolton married in 1923 Aileen Rivett-Carnac and is survived by his widow and one son.

Mr. T. W. Burrell

Mr. T. W. Burrell died at his home, 107, Church Street, Paddock, Huddersfield, on November 25. He was 76.

Mr. Burrell joined the Regiment in 1904. He served with the 2nd Battalion in France during the First War. After the war he served in Palestine, Egypt and Gibraltar. On discharge in 1925 he joined the 5th Battalion and served until 1941 when he was discharged on medical grounds. On the same day he joined the Home Guard and served with them throughout the war. After the war he rejoined the 5th Battalion and served with them as Chief Clerk until 1953.

Mr. Burrell was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the Territorial Efficiency Medal and the British Empire Medal.

Major R. A. Scott

Major Raymond Aldwin Scott died on December 30, aged 77.

It has not been possible to prepare a full obituary notice for this issue; it will appear in April. We can only say now that by the death of "Scottie" the Regiment has lost one of its staunchest Old Comrades whose large figure will be very greatly missed at all regimental gatherings of which he never missed one if he could possibly help it.

Alderman W. Regan, J.P.

The death occurred at Halifax on August 31, 1964, of Alderman William Regan, J.P., Chairman of Halifax Corporation General Purposes Committee and a former Mayor of Halifax.

Alderman Regan served in the 2/4th Battalion during the First War and was mentioned in despatches. Throughout his long and varied career of public service which followed he retained his interest and pride in the Regiment. He was Mayor of Halifax in 1952-53.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated for him at St. Bernard's Church, Halifax. Lt.-Colonel W. Skelsey attended representing the Regiment.

Mr. P. Sheehan

The death occurred recently of Mr. Paddy Sheehan of 13, Kings Avenue, Tongham. He was 60 and came originally from Sheffield. Mr. Sheehan joined the Regiment when he was 17 and served in Singapore, India and Malta. During World War II he served with the Reconnaissance Corps with the British Expeditionary Force, and in North Africa, Italy and at Anzio. He left the Regular Army on the completion of 24 years' service and joined a Territorial Battalion of The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

He worked as an usher at Tower Bridge and Marylebone Magistrates' Courts and later joined the War Department Police at Aldershot. He was a member of the Surrey Special Constabulary for many years. He leaves a widow.

Mr. T. Smelt

The death occurred in Halifax on August 24 of Mr. Thomas Smelt of 11, Rugby Terrace, Nursery Lane, Ovenden. He was 78. He originally joined the Bedfordshire Regiment. After six years'

service he joined the Regiment and served with it for 18 years. During the First War he was taken prisoner and interned in Germany and Russia. He left the Regiment in 1926 and was employed by the Halifax Corporation. During the Second War he served in the Civil Defence Corps.

Mr. Smelt was a founder-member of the Ovenden Branch of the British Legion and for some years served as Secretary. He leaves a widow and eight sons and daughters and one adopted son.

Mr. Ben Taylor and Mr. Harry Webster attended the funeral representing the Regimental Association.

JUNIORS AT LARGE

Two parties of junior soldiers visited the 1st Battalion last summer. One was a party from the Brigade Depot, led by Lt. Paul Gebhard (PWO) and Drum-Major Hogarth (Green Howards) and included aspirants of all our four regiments. The other was a purely "Dukes" party from the Junior Leaders School, Oswestry, led by Lts. R. D. Campbell-Lamerton and R. Newell.

We have been sent accounts of both these expeditions but they are, unfortunately, too long for us to be able to accept.

The Brigade Depot party spent most of their time with 1 PWO in Berlin but, both going and returning, stopped for two days in Osnabruck. The

"Dukes" in this party were Brook, Harrison, McArthur, Marden and Parker.

The junior leaders party hired a minibus and headed for Osnabruck via Brussels. All went well except when a drunk garage hand filled them up with diesel instead of *essence*. This was noticed at the time but Lt. Newell, who was the expert on "abroad," explained that Diesel was the name of a continental brand of petrol.

Two kilometres proved him wrong and the party suffered some difficulty as no one could understand their French and therefore their plight. However recourse to the British Embassy cleared things up and, after some delay, the party reached Osnabruck safely.

After four happy and instructive days with the 1st Battalion the party explored further and particularly remember a steamer trip on the Rhine, where there was wine, women and song (the women mostly schoolgirls from Southend), the War Memorial at Arnhem and the Wellington Museum at Waterloo—particularly the panorama.

The juniors taking part in this trip were J/L/Cpl. Barnett from Halifax whose brother is in the 1st Battalion and whose father is a strong supporter of the Regiment. He is in his last term at Oswestry and holds both the Junior Army and Shropshire Junior 110 hurdles records. He plays also for the 1st XV.

J/Pte. Bowker from York, also in his last term, is captain of the judo team who are the Junior Army Champions. He holds many personal trophies for the sport.

J/Pte. Arundell, whose father needs no introduction in the "Dukes," is in his fifth term and cycled for the Junior Army team this year. He also plays for the 2nd XV.

J/Pte. Gartside hails from Slaithwaite and is now in his fourth term. He boxes for the battalion team which holds the Junior Army Championship.

J/Pte. Smith from Durham, had just passed out of the Intake Company, and his only claim to fame at the time was that he was too young to be included on the collective passport.

Finally J/C.S.M. (now R.S.M.) Robinson, who expects to join the 1st Battalion when his transfer is complete, comes from Hull. He is a Junior Army Boxing Champion and played with last year's rugby XV—the Junior Army "runners-up."



AT THE WELLINGTON MUSEUM

(left to right) J/Pte. Gartside, J/Pte. Smith,
J/Pte. Arundel, J/Cpl. Barnett,
J/RSM Robinson, J/Pte. Bowker

1st BATTALION COMPANY NOTES

Battalion HQ

A soldier then a clerk! This saying has been put into action more than once during the Autumn Exercise period, and at one stage cam nets were going to be made for the typewriters. On the whole the Exercises were enjoyed by all, especially the lucky ones who stayed back at camp (Base Wallahs!) for there was no question of a queue in the Cook-house, or the NAAFI.

At the beginning of November we said farewell to Captain Greenway and laid out the carpet for Captain Bray. The farewell and christening was done in the form of a football match with the all too famous oval ball, we then retired to the Sports Club for a drink or two, where the Band provided a small element of their Skiffle Group to entertain us. The night was enjoyed by all, but Cpl. Whittaker of the Regimental Police didn't hit the right note with the new Adjutant when he backed into his car, and then in the same breath backed into a tree.

Major Tedd's absence is apparent, but Major Robertson's presence is more apparent, "Dooley" is the word "he never seems to be here when I want him." Major Robertson has just come back

from a Unit Security Course, and already a door bell has appeared on the front door of the Battalion HQ Block, and padlocks all over the place. We think there is call for the saying "New brushes sweep clean."

Staff-Sgt. Smith can be seen these days polishing his new Sunbeam Alpine outside the Sergeants' Mess. His new craving at the moment seems to be milk, but the Doctor had a lot to do with that.

We hope to settle down now and get some work done, but of course we have the Annual Interior Economy Inspection to get over first—who would be a clerk, or come to think of it, who would be an Adjutant ???

ALMA COMPANY

3 Platoon

This was a month when we saw very little of the N.A.A.F.I. or Osnabruck. We had two schemes to contend with. The first being the Brigade then the NATO.

This is the first time most of us have been on exercises this big. We learnt a lot and enjoyed ourselves, up to a certain extent. Maybe the sleepless nights caused us to miss a good deal of the scenery, which was to be enjoyed in the daytime.

The NATO exercise was the more interesting of the two. We did not know what the enemy was going to do (for a change) which proved the downfall of 1 and 2 sections, who were caught.

Even so the Germans were very hospitable. Our men, after receiving a cup of (ground) coffee, and being asked "please can we have your number, rank and name", were allowed to make their way back to Company HQ. The only problem was to do so before being recaptured. After all the Company were only about nine miles away, and in between them the 12 Panzer Brigade.

2 Platoon

In November 2 Platoon completed a tour of two years with almost unchanged personnel. Three-quarters of the Platoon had joined the Army together and in two-and-a-half years of Army life have visited Iceland, Canada, USA, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica, British Honduras, Mexico, Holland, Denmark and Germany.

One has only to look at Rutherford's tattoos to get a Cook's tour of the world.

During the last three months the platoon has exercised all over Germany in numerous foxholes, through countless barrages and in some pretty foul weather. One visit to a RASC Replenishment Point resulted in the arms of every soldier being lengthened by 6 in. and the Platoon Commander trying to write off 19 boxes of Compo! Still "Morale" is always high and you can always find some "Mutton and Peas" on the boil in Block 16.

Numerous soldiers have sailed, climbed, canoed,



**Captain Gilbert-Smith drying out after crossing
R. Diemal**

skied, and been in jail! We are now furiously cleaning for the Annual Interior Economy Inspection, but as Pte. Burton said as he signed his P1954 for an enormous pile of deficiencies "Where's the b— economy."

We have welcomed Sgt Wappett and 2nd-Lt. Ogram to the platoon. The latter having just completed two years training on "brewing up" at a well known Military Academy. Pte. Burton got married in the summer and Pte. Kane produced a pair of feet at BMH Munster which so astounded a specialist that he remarked "I have never seen anything like them before." Various NCOs will agree with him.

Now leave approaches and we are all "Dinky." Several say they are going to get married but I fear that from Thornaby to Bingley there are going to be some broken hearts and sore heads by December 27.

BURMA COMPANY

After testing the temperature by dipping in a tiny toe in the form of a modest Battalion exercise at Soltau, the Company plunged straight into the deep end with a quick strike of exercises embracing much of the NW German country-side from Kassel to Bremen.

One of the more startling events was the night the Danes hit our canteen at Soltau and we sold £108 worth of beer in two hours.

All will recall the night of the very long Battalion night assault across the river when the Company moved in a manner reminiscent of the Roman Phallanx, and Pte. McGrath had a few words to say on the subject of the intelligence brief which described the river as knee-deep. It was pointed out to McGrath that it is hardly Acorn's fault if McGrath's knees are a little lower than most.

There was the day the Company received a rocket from the CO for being much slower than the other assaulting company during a Battalion APC attack. OC the other assaulting company had a good chuckle at this for he knew that he had got a "flyer" some minutes before H hour.

Members of the Company remember the day when the Company Commander dutifully made his way around 5 and 6 Platoons and very seriously congratulated them on the speed and alacrity with which they had crossed certain wire fences during the foot assault across the fields. He was later allowed to join in the joke—the fences were electrified.

Captain Dennison, "king for a day," with complete disregard for personal safety, led a despairing charge round one left flank, followed by his sole surviving APC and about ten boggling umpires all trying to stop him from getting off the "pink."

Such was the Soltau campaign of 1964. It was fun working with tanks and perhaps we are now a little better and wiser than we were before.

We provided umpires on Ex Treble Chance and whenever one tries to elicit information about it all concerned go glassy-eyed and begin to fall asleep. It is understood however that Captain Gilbert-Smith (OC "A" Coy) has now become a most

proficient relay operator as a result of the practice he received when sandwiched between the CO and OC B—both of whom operate on the radio at a fair speed.

"Lowland Fling" was a big disappointment for the Company for in spite of manœuvring hard, patrolling aggressively and volunteering for every thing, we saw few Germans and only managed to get into the battle during the last night of the exercise. However, we had the satisfaction of securing the final crossing over the river and of selecting the best place for the follow-up troops to cross. We must apologise to these follow-up troops for not remembering that there was a much shallower part a little to the right! There were two moments which will not be forgotten. The helicopter-borne deep penetration patrol which Lt. Westcob led behind the enemy lines and the long withdrawal "at the double" which the Company carried out when a nuclear threat was imminent at a particular place.

To round off our 1964 training season it must be reported that our Regimental Signallers (Cpl. Wilkinson, L/Cpl. Donaldson, Ptes. Minto and Wright) have been first class and have successfully overcome every difficulty. In addition our MT staff Cpl. Waite and L/Cpl. Cottrell, have worked hard throughout the year. They can look back with satisfaction for over the months they have kept their vehicles on the road and the state of our vehicles has never been a major worry. Whenever we have left barracks L/Cpl. Hinde has remained behind to look after his stores and guard our belongings. He has missed much of the fun of the exercises and has a hard time when we are back. He too, however, has the satisfaction of knowing that he prepares the Company well and all rely upon his excellent store-keeping.

On return from the last exercise we heard that Pte. Murphy of 5 Platoon, who had gone into Hospital the day before we finished, was very seriously ill. Two days later we were shocked to receive news that he had died. A large number of the company were present at Hannover Military Cemetery when a few days later he was laid to rest. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy came from Leeds and they know from meeting those who were there how deeply we regret the passing of our comrade, their son.

CORUNNA COMPANY

The Company has a new flag thanks to Captain Berry. The responsibility for raising and lowering the flag when we are at home falls upon the shoulders of our Company runner, Pte. Wilson 45. The flag is a white letter C on a dark blue background. Pte. Wilson has succeeded, and this must be a record, in raising the flag the wrong way round 16 times to date. Still he remains very cheerful and performs his running duties very well and speedily.

A point of interest the Company Sergeant Major noted when checking birth certificates recently was that Cpl. Pollard has an AF 42 B certificate signed and witnessed by Lt.-Colonel Rusbridger CO of the 1st Battalion in Malta in 1935. Cpl. Pollard's

father was a drummer in the 1st Battalion at that time.

The Company are now looking forward to winter training and leave. Our leave period is from the end of January to the end of February and so we hope to make the best of both worlds with Christmas and New Year in Osnabruck followed by a month's leave at home.

There are two ski courses being run for this at the Brigade Ski Centre in Bavaria and volunteers are already more than subscribing vacancies. Three of the Company are already training for the Battalion Langlauf team booked to go to Norway in December, namely Cpl. Lindsay, Pte Robson and Wilson 72. We are also sending an officer, a sergeant and 16 men to the 1 British Corps Winter Warfare centre in the Harz mountains in early February. With Dettingen Company running all the courses and cadres the Company will not be at full strength again until early March 1965. As usual at this time there have inevitably been a number of changes and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those leaving us for their efforts at work and play. Lt. Pettigrew leaves the Company and joins the KREMLIN as Assistant Adjutant. The Support Platoon soccer team will be hard put to find a replacement for him. 2 Lt. Evans hands over command of 10 Platoon and joins the staff of Dettingen Company and Lt. Edwards leaves 9 Platoon to go and do his course at Hythe and Warminster.

To Cpl. Tetlow RAPC a word of thanks for "Credits" given and not forgetting Pte. Barret 91 who has left the Company to join the Butchering staff. Also we must include a word of thanks and farewell to the umpteen good men who left the Company recently bound to the Signal Platoon and MT Platoons.

In their place we welcome 2 Lt. Mellor and 2 Lt. Redwood-Davies to Command 9 and 10 Platoons respectively and Cpl. Reeve RAPC who takes over in the Pay Office.

HOOK COMPANY

After two and a half years first as C.Q.M.S. and then as C.S.M., W.O.2 Sullivan left in August for the T.A. with many good wishes and some precious momentos. In fact he did a straight swop with C.S.M. Webb, who, much as he would like to stay, will be battling in Dettingen Company as WTWO by February. Sgt. Creighton has also left us to start a new career. He should do well judging by his canteen management at Soltau. There he filled throats with beer and food and the Company funds with Deutsch Marks. He also ran two talent nights which should augur well for Christmas shows. Then the skiffle group of the Band came to play twice and so the canteen was always full, especially when visiting Danish troops discovered that Carlsberg was cheaper than in Denmark.

On exercises in Hessen, that is the area between Paderborn and Kassel, friendly relations were quickly established between ourselves and the locals. Main HQ in Leitmar and Echelon in Gembeck were able to get all their vehicles tucked into barns,

and in many cases, feet tucked under tables. Ptes. Sellars and Smith 79 are two amongst several with open invitations to return for a holiday.

Signal Platoon

Life in the Signal Platoon is now back to normal after those exercises. The RSO thought he would miss Ex Treble Chance only to find a note pinned to his pillow one evening, after returning from the Crystal Palace (a shady nightclub) "Report to GR 809123." On the final NATO exercise, Cpl. Pickles succeeded in jamming the Battalion net, L/Cpl. Taylor in misplacing an A 41 for a few days, and the C.S.M. established a firm link with Pte. Chalk of MT fame and various ditches. We even had to manpack—we will be laying line next if we are not careful. The Commanding Officer has ordered us to change the official proword "waitout." Sunrays are never there when they are wanted anyway.

On November 6, nine of our new signallers classified, Gunn (I'm a driver) came top. A new cadre for 14 started on November 2 and is hoped to finish by January 16, this combined with skiing, driving and classifying the Recce will ensure we have a quiet winter. Thank heavens for leave.

Stop Press: (i) Waqabaca is to leave to play rugby league—best of luck to him.

(ii) L/Cpl. Preston tried to sabotage the "A" side by setting fire to the RSO's Office—one believes he used his ledgers to start it.

Recce Platoon

The months of September and October proved what we suspected for a long time that our present Land Rovers do not stand up to the hard cross country driving which our role demands. We therefore hope to receive Ferrets to replace our present vehicles and this of course would entail a driving cadre in order to master the new driving technique.

The signallers of the platoon are at present doing a classification cadre and the results should soon be known. We await them with optimism.

On the social side we should like to congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. P. M. Garth on the birth of a daughter (Susan Jane) who was christened on Sunday, August 23 at St. Philip's Church, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. At present we have only three married people, Cpl. Garth, Cpl. Blood and Pte. Flaherty but the New Year in England may bring additions to this list according to rumours.

Regimental Band

On Saturday, August 1, "The Cheetas" accepted their first outside engagement at 35 C.E.R. Cpls. Club in Roberts Barracks. With ex-drummer, now potential Bdsm. "Satch" Powell on lead guitar, L/Cpl. "Mugs" Millar on rhythm, Bdsm. "Legs" Barratt on bass guitar, and "Tony" Crag on drums, the group has gone from strength to strength and are very much in demand in Osnabruck although they are naturally eager to extend their horizons. The group has

recently been joined by L/Cpl. Parkinson, piano/tenor sax, which has greatly increased the repertoire.

In early August the Band went on block leave and at the beginning of September once again returned to Grobbendonk, Belgium, this time for the "Liberation of Antwerp" anniversary. September 13, saw the Band in the centre of Germany's wine vineyards where they took part in the Flower and Music Festival at Bad Neunahr. Unfortunately the coach had a "blow-out" on the return trip and a chain of misfortunes resulted in the Band returning to camp at 1300 hours minus Sgts. Cooper and Cherry who eventually got back at 2100 hours after having spent most of the previous night and all that day arranging food and transport for the Band who were stranded on the Autobahn.

Also in September, while the Regiment went on Exercise to Saltau, the band had one pleasant week-end with them and played for various functions which are no doubt recorded elsewhere.

The Band Social Club had their annual trip, this time to Amsterdam where, although late in the year, the weather was most kind and contributed (but was not essential) to the most enjoyable trip to date.

On November 8, in addition to the Regimental Drum Head Service held on the Battalion square the Band also played for 25 C.E.R. Armistice Day Service and after a hurried lunch were on parade outside the guardroom awaiting the arrival of the *Schutzenvereine* from Horst Emscher (see the last notes). Unfortunately they arrived 40 minutes late and the Commanding Officer had left for another engagement by this time and therefore missed the grand entrance.

At 1430 hours after a signal from Sgt. Cherry (our interpreter) to say that the coach was coming down the road, the Band formed up outside the guardroom. After a few minutes everyone began to visualise the coach having broken down

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just outside the camp but a whistle was sounded and a voice shouted, "*Im gleisschritt, marsch,*" and a procession of 40 men followed by approximately 25 women marched through the gate. The men all wearing the green hat and jacket of the *Schutzenvereine*, their jackets covered with medals (including our Regimental collar, hatbadges and buttons). The band struck up with *Präsentier Marsch* and they all marched past, officers saluting the Regimental flag, rank and file giving eyes right, and ladies waving.

Band and Drums and guests all gathered in the Band Social Club Room (Practice Room) and then commenced a social to end all socials which included the showing of a thirty minute film of the *Schutzen Fest* and a great deal of drinking, talking and dancing (in that order) until 9 p.m. when after several false starts our guests departed in their 73 seater, single decker, articulated coach—having invited many members of the Band and Drums to Horts Emscher for Christmas.

The Social continued in a much subdued tone until 10 p.m. when we reluctantly closed up shop, owing to the impending Ex "Foreal" in which the Band had a very active role to perform.

We congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. Dean on the birth of their son, one of many we hope, on October 22.

To close our notes we all wish L/Cpl. Kendrew and Bdsm. Sunderland the very best of luck in "civvy" street and hope they will come to see us when we next perform in Yorkshire.



THE ARRIVAL OF THE SCHUTZENVEREINE

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