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**MAJOR-GENERAL K. G. EXHAM, C.B., D.S.O.**  
Who is relinquishing the Colonelcy of the Regiment in September.

## FAREWELL MESSAGE

from

**MAJOR - GENERAL K. G. EXHAM, C.B., D.S.O.**

Many of you will already know that I shall be giving up the Colonelcy of the Regiment at the end of September this year.

The seven years of my appointment have been very happy and rewarding ones for me and I think it can fairly be said that the Regiment's reputation stands very high and that we have preserved the traditions and standards set for us by our predecessors.

I should like to pay tribute to all those who have worked so generously and unselfishly for the Regiment in both the Regular and Territorial Battalions, at our Regimental Headquarters and among our Old Comrades. I am very conscious of the help they have given me and am most grateful to them all for their unfailing support.

It is a great pleasure to be able to hand over to General Bobby Bray whose family's association with the Regiment is so close.

May I wish all members of the Regiment, past and present, every happiness in the future and I look forward to many future meetings and reunions with you all.

*K G Exham*

### EDITORIAL

We are sure our readers would wish us to express thanks to General Exham for all that he has done for the Regiment during his term of office. No Colonel could have worked harder for the good of the Regiment in a time of constant change and development or taken a keener interest in all ranks and generations of our Regimental family.

Also on behalf of all readers we offer our congratulations to General Sir Robert Bray on his appointment as our next Colonel of the Regiment, the 26th in succession to George, 8th Earl of Huntingdon who, at the behest of Queen Anne, raised the 33rd Foot in 1702.

Eleventh in succession was the then Major-General The Hon. Arthur Wellesley, K.B., whose victory, as the Duke of Wellington, at Waterloo we are commemorating in this issue in a special supplement which begins on page 111.

Regimental Headquarters has a few loose copies of the colour print of the Waterloo medal, reproduced opposite page 112. These can be had on application, price 2s. 6d., on the basis of "first come, first served."

When General Sir Robert Bray takes over, Brigadier Firth will succeed Brigadier Webb-Carter as Deputy Colonel.

### KOREA

#### THE COMMONWEALTH MEMORIAL

In May the Colonel of the Regiment was officially informed that the Commonwealth Memorial in the United Nations Cemetery, Pusan, Korea, had been completed. All the graves were marked with headstones while the names of those whose graves were not known were inscribed on the Memorial.

The dedication ceremony was to take place on Commonwealth Day, May 24, Lt.-General Sir William Pike unveiling the Memorial. The Guard of Honour would be furnished by the 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry with the band and pipers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers from Hong Kong. It was, unfortunately, not possible to arrange for representatives from all the regiments and corps which had served in Korea to attend the ceremony.

The Chaplain General was sending a message to all known next-of-kin before the ceremony. Later it was intended to send them a copy of the order of service with photographs of the ceremony and of the relevant headstone or memorial panel.

# REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

## The Regimental Sweepstake

The annual Regimental Sweepstake will, as usual, be run on the St. Leger. The proceeds will be devoted to the Regimental and Charitable funds of the Regiment.

We have already started to send out books of tickets. If you have received some please sell them and ask for more. If you have not received any please apply to Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., at Regimental Headquarters Wellesley Park, Halifax.

Tickets cost 1s. each, and are in books of ten. The prizes will be the same as last year:—

	£
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## RHQ NOTES

The main RHQ function during the quarter was the St. George's weekend. This has now developed a pattern and usually starts with the first of our two annual cocktail parties. A meeting of the Trustees of the Regimental Association Fund is held and a parade and service on Sunday in the Parish Church, the latter shared with the Halifax Branch of the Royal Society of St. George.

New guests at the cocktail party included Dr. Shirley Summerskill, the Labour MP for Halifax, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson, who are well known to all who have an interest in show jumping. The 1st Battalion have reason to be grateful to him for the Regimental bus, which is doing such useful service in Germany.

The Church Parade on Sunday had to do without the West Riding Battalion Band; so, instead of marching, Old Comrades attending the service met outside the Parish Church for their issue of white roses. A short ceremony was held in the Regimental Chapel, after the service, at which the Vicar, Canon A. G. Hardie, accepted four more chairs in memory of:— Brigadier F. H. Fraser, given by the officers of the Regiment; Tom McMahon, given by the Halifax Branch of the Old Comrades Association; the officers and men of the 10th Service Battalion, DWR, 1914-18, given by the 10th Battalion O.C.A. Branch, now disbanding as time has made such inroads into the remaining survivors.

The fourth was in memory of Mr. Thomas Norman (Old Tom) and his brother, Mr. William Norman (Jock), given by the Norman family.

Recent visitors to RHQ include:—

Dr. Burns Lingard, who was Regimental Medical Officer to the Regiment in 33 PTC days just after the War.

Mr. Lazenby, the Director of the Halifax Parks

Department, well known to TV viewers of the Gardening Club programme.

Major Potts, on leave from Nepal where he recruits gurkhas in some inaccessible Himalayan valley. Major Potts was in the TA before the War, in which he served in the 1st/7th Battalion and later 1 DWR.

Mr. Winter, one of the ever-lessening survivors of the 2nd/6th Battalion of 1914-18, came to enquire how the 2nd/6th Union Flag, now laid up in Skipton Parish Church, could be embellished to show the Battalion number.

A Regimental Secretaries' Convention was held at Wellesley Park. The Retired Officers of the RHQ's of the four Yorkshire Brigade regiments had an interesting exchange of views and procedure and decided it was of sufficient value to be made an annual event, meeting at each RHQ in turn.

Among the many Waterloo anniversary celebrations, the RHQ one may well have been the smallest.

The staff, wives and a few friends gathered outside the building at midday to witness a salute fired by the Headquarters cannon on the front lawn.

The cannon, though small, makes a creditable noise. The first round, fired by Mr. Prince in his new role of master gunner, brought work in the nearby Works Yard to an abrupt halt. The ensuing silence was broken by a broad Yorkshire voice enquiring "What the flippin' hell's going on?"

The remainder of the salute was fired, as far as we know, without subsequent complaint.

## The Officers' Pensions Society

Attention is invited to this Society, whose President is Field-Marshal Sir Francis Festing, and Chairman is General The Lord Bourne. Its objects are to procure improvements and increases in the retired pay and pensions of officers and widows of the three Armed Services, and to promote their interests in every way.

The Society has influenced the award of many improvements and increases in retired pay and pensions, and still has a long way to go.

There are now over 26,000 members, which number is increasing every day. A point which seems not to be generally known is that, although serving officers may not become members of the Society, their wives may. The annual subscription is only £1 for retired officers and serving officers wives, and 5s. for widows. So many useful concessions are available to members that they can save far more than the cost of subscriptions. Full details can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Society at 137 Victoria Street, S.W.1.



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### THE VISIT OF LT.-COLONEL P. DEFOY, C.D.

In June we were very glad to welcome to our Regimental gathering in London Lt.-Colonel Paul Defoy, Commanding Officer of Les Voltigeurs de Québec.

Colonel Defoy landed at London Airport at 0945 on Wednesday, June 9, his first sight of England since the war. He was met by Captain Stevens and taken to the Duke's Hotel, St. James' Place, and then on to lunch at the Army and Navy Club, which had been kind enough to grant him honorary membership during his stay in the U.K. Due to the fact that he had had dinner at home, dinner again in the aircraft, been advanced in time five hours and promptly fed breakfast, with the additional service of a cup of coffee being dumped in his lap by a helpful hostess, Colonel Paul was not eating too well and retired to bed to catch up with those missing hours. In the evening he renewed his acquaintance with General Exham, with whom he dined.

The following day he arrived at Apsley House at 1015 and was welcomed by the Regimental Council. Then the Duke of Wellington was kind enough to give him a personally conducted tour of the Wellington Museum, a most generous gesture which was greatly appreciated by all who were fortunate to be in the party. Colonel Defoy then visited the Waterloo Exhibition on his way to the Regimental Luncheon, and arrived as well steeped in Wellington and Waterloo as most "Dukes." In the evening

he was an honoured guest at the Regimental Dinner, after which he was led away to a certain Cabaret Club.

Friday was intended to be a day for sight-seeing and recuperation. It included lunch at the top of the Hilton, a trip to Madame Tussaud's and an evening in Chelsea with Brigadier and Mrs. Firth, Major Jones Stamp, Major Hall and Captain Stevens—not, perhaps, all that recuperative.

On Saturday he attended the greatest parades of the year, the Trooping of the Colour, and the parade to mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

On the following days Brigadier Firth took him to visit the RMA Sandhurst and then to the West Riding Battalion in camp at Stamford.

It was a great pleasure to us to entertain Colonel Paul and to make his acquaintance.

The Colonel of the Regiment has since received the following letter from Colonel Defoy.

Les Voltigeurs de Quebec,  
Quebec, P.Q.

June 29, 1965.

DEAR GENERAL EXHAM,

I returned home from England safely last Tuesday night and, since, I have met several members of the Regiment and of the Amicale and was able to talk of my wonderful visit to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

I cannot find the words to thank you personally, your charming wife Mrs. Exham, members of the Regimental Council and the officers of the West Riding Battalion, (D.W.R.) T.A., for their generous hospitality and the many kindnesses they have shown.

I have returned with many happy memories of my stay in United Kingdom, particularly of my contacts with past and present members of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and I feel that I have made many new friends among your famous Unit's members.

I would appreciate if you could pass on my most warmest and sincere thanks to Capt. R. L. Stevens who was a perfect A.D.C., Tony Firth and his wife, Lt.-Col. James Moncrieff and all the others who helped to make my visit such a success.

Now, when thinking of our Alliance, I am sure that it has more strength than ever it had and that it is now established on a firm and lasting footing, which should prove to be a great contribution towards friendly relations between the British and Canadian Armies.

Although my wife did not come over with me, she is sending to you and Mrs. Exham her best regards and best wishes, and you can assure Mrs. Exham that I have enjoyed very much her company and I do sincerely hope to have the pleasure of meeting her again one of these days.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Paul Defoy

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## THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE NEWS

### Brigade HQ

The 15th meeting of the Council of Colonels was held on May 11, 1965. The present Colonels of Regiments have sat together in council for almost the last five years—and this was the last time they would do so. Two of the Colonels are retiring from office: Brigadier Eden of the Green Howards, and Major-General Exham of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. To mark the occasion a group photograph, reproduced below, was taken. Their successors have not yet been formally announced.

The eighth Brigade Records Meeting was held on April 23, St. George's Day, attended by representatives from all Battalions. Both the new Commanding Officers—Lt.-Colonel T. R. Birkett, 1 P.W.O., and Lt.-Colonel D. E. Isles, 1 DWR—attended. We were also able to welcome Captain C. Kreyer, Adjutant 1 Green Howards, who had managed to indulge (sic) by plane from Libya.

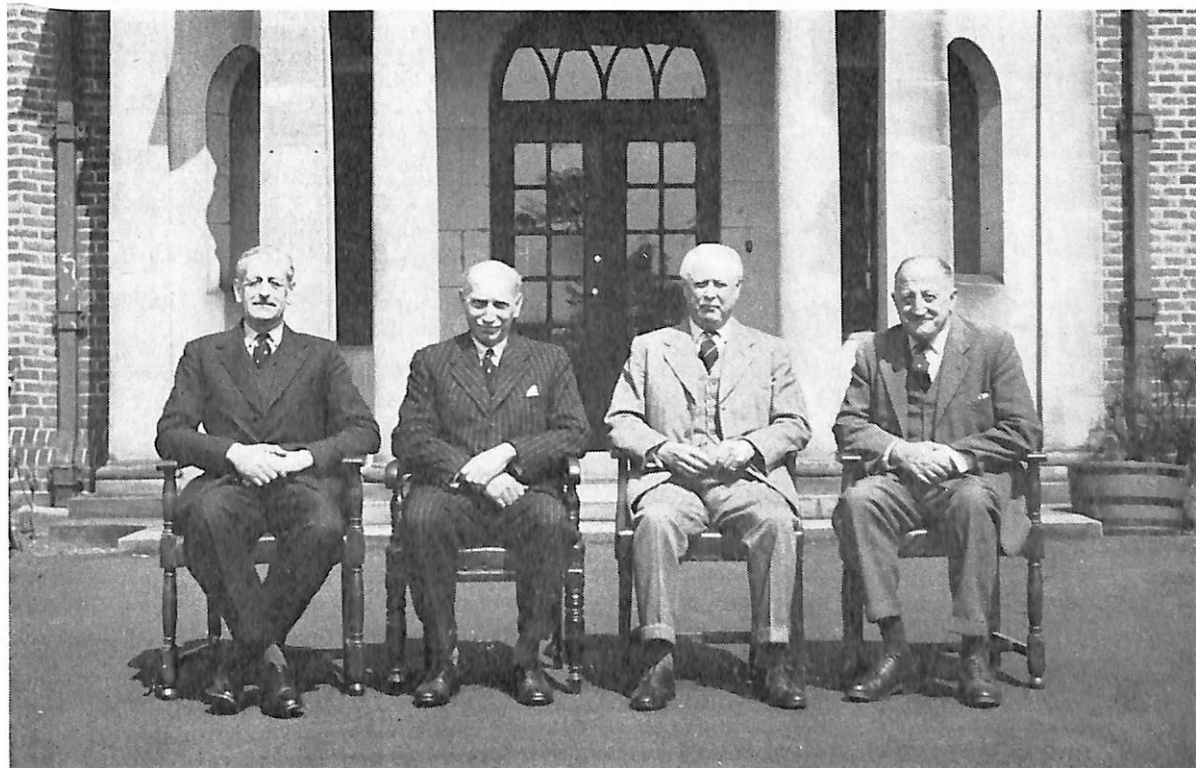
### Battalion Moves

1 PWO are now complete in Colchester, and are preparing for their various summer activities, including a K.A.P.E. tour in Yorkshire in June and July. 1 DWR are also sending over a small K.A.P.E. team from Germany. 1 Green Howards are leaving Libya for U.K. at the end of the year, and will be based in Colchester from January 1966, onwards.

### Green Howards and Norway

The 1st Battalion the Green Howards beat Retreat at Medenine Barracks, Tripoli on May 21, at a special parade to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Norway in which they participated. The Norwegian flag was flown, the national anthem played, and the guest of honour was the Norwegian Consul in Libya, Mr. Finn Sotebergen.

The Green Howards have had strong links with



(Photo by courtesy of Messrs. Massers of Malton)

### THE COUNCIL OF COLONELS, THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE, STRENSALL, MAY 11, 1965

Left to right: Brigadier G. W. Eden, C.B.E., Colonel The Green Howards, Brigadier G. H. Cree, C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (and Brigade Representative Colonel), Maj.-Gen. K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O., Colonel, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Brigadier G. T. Denaro, C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel, The York and Lancaster Regiment.



Norway since World War Two and have an unofficial affiliation with the Kongensgarde—The King's Guards. The late King Haakon of Norway was Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment and his son, the present King Olav, now holds the appointment. Members of the band and corps of drums have recent memories of Norway, for a party gave performances in Bergen during British Week two years ago.

### Sport

1 Y and L report they have won the Cyprus inter-unit basketball competition.

The Brigade Depot "A" Team won the Services Team Challenge Trophy at the Yorkshire XX annual Rifle Meeting. R.S.M. Campey won the Individual Services Rifle Trophy. The Depot Team Scores were: R.S.M. Campey, PWO, 157; Sgt. Gorse, REME, 153; Q.M.S.I. Stephens, SASC, 148; Major Cowell, DWR, 146.

The members of the Brigade were selected for the Combined Services rugger tour of Canada, which ended at Whit weekend: Lt. C. G. Edwards, DWR, Lt. I. P. Reid, DWR.

Finally, congratulations are due to 3 PWO (TA) for winning the 49 Division Cup, and the TA Cup, in the Northern Command Driving Championships. They were the top TA unit in the whole Command.

### Tit Bit

The announcement that the Green Jackets Brigade are to become a Large Regiment on

January 1, 1966, as the Royal Green Jackets, is now known to everybody. What is not known is that the proposed new regimental march, based on the Huntsman's Chorus and an old Italian Melody, has been arranged by the Green Jackets Brigade Bandmaster, W.O.1 Pinckney—who until recently was Bandmaster of 1 PWO.

### Promotions and Appointments

Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E., late E Yorks, late PWO, late Y and L, has been appointed Brigadier AQ, HQ Southern Command, as from June 1, 1965.

The following appointments and promotions have also taken place:—

Lt.-Colonel H. S. LeMessurier, appointed MA Belgrade, with local rank of Colonel.

Lt.-Colonel D. E. Isles succeeded Lt.-Colonel A. B. M. Kavanagh as Commanding Officer, 1 DWR.

Lt.-Colonel T. R. Birkett, succeeded Lt.-Colonel P. E. Taylor as Commanding Officer, 1 PWO

Lt.-Colonel P. E. Taylor, PWO, appointed GSO 1, HQ 42 Div/Dist.

Major W. T. A. Brooks, PWO, relieved Major P. L. Birch as Commanding Officer HQ Company, Brigade Depot.

Major P. L. Birch, PWO, succeeded Major R. M. Johnson, PWO, as PSO in York.

Major R. M. Johnson, PWO, to 1 PWO.

Major J. Halmshaw to Gibraltar as MA/DAMS Fortress HQ Gibraltar.

Major J. P. Durcan remains as 2IC 2 Singapore Inf Regt for a second tour.

Major J. L. Beynon, Green Howards, to HQ and TC RAPC, for transfer to RAPC

Major E. G. Bower, Y and L, succeeded Major R. M. H. Weeks as Training Officer, Hallams.

Major R. M. H. Weeks, Y and L, to Malaysia Rangers.

Major B. Shaw, Y and L, to HQ and TC RAPC for transfer to RAPC.

Captain M. A. N. Dugmore, PWO, from 9 AYT to GSO 3 (Trg), HQ Northern Command.

Captain R. Huffam, DWR, to 19 Company RASC for transfer to RCT.

Captain B. C. Rumble from 1 Y and L to Army Photographic Interpretation Centre.

Captain A. Dennison, Y and L, from 1 DWR to Malaysia Rangers.

Captain G. M. Longdon, Y and L, from Muscat to 1 Y and L.

Captain J. R. P. Cumberlege, DWR, from HQ Yorkshire Dist, to 1 DWR.

Captain M. W. Summers, DWR, from ADC GOC Yorkshire Dist to 1 DWR.

Captain D. Marsay, DWR, from Jamaica Regiment to 1 DWR.

Captain W. B. E. Hart, Y and L, from 12 AYT to 1 Y and L.

T/Captain C. R. Cumberlege, DWR, from Jamaica Regiment to Adjutant, West Riding Battalion, DWR TA.

Lt. J. R. Copestake, PWO, from 1 PWO to ACC Depot, for transfer to ACC.

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Lt. P. A. J. Banbury, Y and L, from 1 Y and L to Brigade Depot.

Lt. I. R. Scott-Lewis, PWO, relieved Captain M. A. N. Dugmore, PWO, as Commanding Officer 9 AYT.

Lt. (QM) N. D. Taylor, PWO, from FRA Aden to 1 PWO as QM2.

W.O.2 G. France, DWR, promoted W.O.1 and appointed R.S.M. Brigade Depot in relief of R.S.M. Campey.

R.S.M. B. Campey, PWO, from Brigade Depot, relieves R.S.M. Wall, PWO, as R.S.M. 1 PWO.

R.S.M. W. H. Wall, PWO, to retire late 1965.

W.O.2 J. G. Simpson, DWR, from 1 DWR to HQ School of Infantry (Clerks Wing).

The following newly commissioned officers have been received into the Brigade since the end of 1964:—

**RMAS**

2 Lt. P. D. Orwin, 1 PWO; 2 Lt. M. V. Garside, 1 PWO; 2 Lt. M. E. Bradley, 1 Green Howards; 2 Lt. G. I. McGlynn, 1 Y and L; 2 Lt. D. W. Wonson, 1 Y and L;

**MONS**

2 Lt. R. G. Woolsey, 1 PWO; 2 Lt. C. F. Alderson-Smith, 1 Green Howards;

**Retirements**

Lt.-Colonel A. B. M. Kavanagh, DWR, has retired. He is now an R.O.I and has taken up the appointment of Chief Recruiting Officer, Northern Command.

**Adult Recruiting**

The slight improvement mentioned in the last notes in January and February continued into March, when there were 41 recruits, but thereafter this improvement was not maintained. There was a sharp drop to 28 in April and 31 in May. A good early part of the year, falling in April, levelling out in May, and starting to rise again slowly in June and July, is the usual pattern in most normal years. Unfortunately the whole graph is at a lower level than any year since 1960. One measure that is being taken amongst others to improve this state of affairs is the formation of a Brigade Recruiting Team which will undertake active direct recruiting in the field in the Brigade area. Members of the team are now being selected and it is hoped that it will soon be in operation. Nevertheless all officers and soldiers, past and present, of all regiments of the Brigade, are once again reminded that if they are interested in getting the regiments up to strength they must personally always do everything they can to help recruiting.

**Junior Soldier Recruiting**

There was a fairly large intake of Juniors to Strensall and to all the Junior Soldiers Training Units to start the new term in May but this did not quite make up for the numbers leaving or coming to man's service. Numbers at the various units are as follows:—

	JSW Strensall	1JLB Oswestry	AAJLB Tonfanau	JTR Troon	JTR Rhyl	Total
PWO	28	8	7	4	0	47
Green Howards	32	10	4	9	0	55
DWR	25	6	2	3	0	36
Y and L	21	7	7	2	1	38
Total	106	31	20	18	1	176



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# 1st BATTALION



the Battalion has certainly made its mark both in the military and sporting field.

We all wish him the best of luck in his new appointment and know he will carry on and insist upon the same high standards that made his tour as C.O. of 1 DWR so successful.



## SUB-EDITORIAL

On May 1, Lt.-Colonel Barry Kavanagh handed over command of the Battalion to Lt.-Colonel Donald Isles.

Lt.-Colonel Kavanagh at the time of his retirement was probably one of the most experienced commanding officers serving in the Army as he had over 26 years commissioned service, a great deal of which had been spent serving with the Regiment.

During the Second World War, he fought with the 7th Battalion DWR and there won an M.C. commanding "D" Company. In 1952-53 in Korea he earned a bar to his M.C. while commanding "C" Company. This company was nicknamed "The Black Dukes," as they served alongside The Black Watch on the Hook.

After commanding the 3rd Nigerian Battalion in the Congo rebellions he returned to Catterick in 1962 to command the 1st Battalion. Here he was faced with the problem of having one company permanently detached in British Honduras, which left behind a very depleted Battalion.

Despite these difficulties Colonel Barry managed to maintain the highest standards and when the Battalion eventually reunited under his command in Germany the benefit was seen in the Brigade exercises, where the Battalion acquitted itself well. At the end of a year under his command in B.A.O.R.



The Commanding Officer says goodbye to R.S.M. Nicholls.

## NEWS FROM THE MESSES

### OFFICERS' MESS

On April 9 the Colonel of the Regiment arrived to spend a few days with the Battalion and during his stay two main mess functions were arranged. Firstly a curry lunch on the Sunday morning for officers and their ladies. This was the first gathering after returning from Sennelager and it was pleasant to be once again assembled together in our own Mess. (The curry turned out to be very hot!)

The second occasion in honour of the Colonel's visit was a Regimental guest night, and a good company of officers sat down to dinner. The singing afterwards went very well; the "Dukes Song" in particular was rendered several times as the Army Cup was up from the Sergeants' Mess for the evening.

The last few months have also been a time of "Hail and Farewell." On Friday, April 3, we dined out our Commanding Officer. Before dinner the Band and Drums beat Retreat on the Battalion parade ground. Afterwards, at dinner in the Mess, Sam Robertson, on behalf of all the officers, presented Colonel Barry with a silver tray suitably inscribed as our token of appreciation. Later in the evening, the Pipes of the Queen's Own Highlanders played around the table; then finally the Commanding Officer was carried from the Mess to his staff car, which was eventually permitted to

leave. The following day Colonel Barry and Sheila entertained all officers and their ladies and their many friends to a farewell cocktail party in the Mess. We all join in wishing Colonel Barry and his wife success and happiness for the future.

A third guest night was held in order to dine out our paymaster, Tony Burnett. He recalled many an amusing incident during his short speech that evening and Tony and Angela will both be missed—Tony not least for his touchline remarks and Angela for the very good parties she arranged. On the same evening we also dined out Andrew Nickell; having to lose such a stalwart both on and off parade is very hard lines. We all wish Tony and Angela, and Andrew and Monica health and happiness in the years ahead.

To replace Tony Burnett we were glad to welcome to the Mess again Richard Sharp, who served with the Battalion during the Cyprus days.

We welcome Michael and Elizabeth Hardy who have rejoined the Battalion after a long spell away. Also John Long and family as our new QM 2 to replace Charles Wiley, who has left for Hong Kong—the posting everyone dreams of.

Finally a rather belated welcome to Martin Summers and his new wife Maggie who have rejoined the Battalion after a spell of duty in Yorkshire.



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**W.O.s' AND SERGEANTS' MESS**

The W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess has seen quite a number of changes, and experienced some very pleasant and entertaining times. Pride of place in the social calendar for the period must be given to the Paardeberg Ball—once again a great success (thanks to C.S.M. Dick Fenn and his committee). The setting was the W.V.S. Centre which had been changed beyond recognition to provide an excellent hall. Dressed again in our "scarlets," with our wives in full plumage, we completed the scene, a fine affair. Among guests present were: The Colonel of the Regiment, General Exham, Brigadier W. B. Thomas, Commander 12 Brigade, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Kavanagh, officers of the Battalion and their ladies, and W.O.s and sergeants and their wives from within the Garrison.

After the Paardeberg Ball the Mess was invited (*en bloc*) to a dance run by the Garrison Sergeants' Mess. This was held in Osnabruck and was a great success. During the evening our darts team was presented with a cup for having won outright the Garrison Darts League Championship; each member of the team also received a small replica. S/Sgt. Derbyshire was presented with a cup for his top-scoring feat of 180, a possible. The team have had a good season and look forward to the next one.

We have held several social evenings during the quarter, and all have been well attended, and enjoyed. We recall two occasions. Firstly our farewell to Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Kavanagh. (Sir, we say again: Sorry to see you both go, and hope you will be happy in your new appointment. Don't forget your promise to have a barrel on tap. Hovingham isn't it?)

We then said hello to Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Isles, our new Commanding Officer and we feel sure they both enjoyed their evening with us. We danced, we sang, we played games, we talked, we drank beer and spent a good night together.

Now for people who dabble in boats. R.S.M. Nichols, C.S.M. Derek Battye, Sgt. Donald Booth and Sgt. Jock Glencross attended a short course of instruction in sailing at the Dummersee near Osnabruck. All was plain sailing, and the crews were catching on well to nautical terms like "left hand down a bit" when up blows a Dummersee Special (a squall) and over go the boats, and into the water go the would be sailors. We are told that the Dummersee is only 3 ft. deep but, according to the R.S.M., 7 ft. would be nearer the mark. However, after spending 45 minutes in the water, our crews were rescued by a German Police Launch, and brought ashore safe and sound, but very wet. Writer believes that there is a write-off somewhere connected with this incident?

"You can't have your sails and your propellor crossed." Do we have any more volunteers for sailing?

We have said goodbye to the following during the quarter:—

Sgt. Tiffy Blackshaw, REME, to 12 Inf. Wksp. R.Q.M.S. Tony Brint to R.S.M., Green Howards (TA).

W.O.2 Benny Benson, ACC, to 50 RA, Menden. S/Sgt. (Big John) Welsh to Sandhurst.

Sgt. Walt Morris to Halifax.

Sgt. John Read and Sgt. Mick Reddy to Depot. Sgt. Bernard Coll to School of Inf., Signals Wing. We wish them and their families good luck for the future.

New arrivals are:—

R.Q.M.S. Tom O'Brien from PWO.

W.O.2 Tug Wilson from Harrogate.

Sgt. Eric Wakefield from Warminster.

Sgt. Tom Delaney from Halifax.

W.O.2 George Quick, ACC, from the School of Catering.

S/Sgt. Cyril Vickers, REME, from Depot REME.

To them and their families we say, "Hello and welcome."

Other arrivals:—

To B/M. and Mrs. Bowyer, a son (Mark).

To Sgt. and Mrs. Milner, a son (Raymond).

Our congratulations to both families.

Future arrivals and departures:—

C.S.M. Geoff France to RSM Depot.

W.O.2 Rex Webb to RQMS Green Howards.

C.S.M. Gordon Simpson to School of Inf., Warminster.

W.O.2 Reg Todd to 1st Battalion.

S/Sgt. Sid Erswell to 1st Battalion.

Promotion:—

Congratulations to S/Sgt. Sergeant on his promotion to W.O.2 and welcome to Sgt. Glencross and Sgt. Wallace.

Footnote:—

Albert had a touch of colic after the Rucker Final but soon recovered.

**CORPORALS' MESS**

The decoration of our Mess is now almost finished. The rooms have been completely re-decorated, new lighting fitted, and we also now possess a first-class TV set. NAAFI have taken an interest and have overhauled the billiard tables.

We held our St. George's Ball, and what a "thumping" success it turned out to be. Our guests were limited, owing to the rooms being rather small, but included the Commanding Officer, Company Commanders, R.S.M., and our C.S.M.s. The Silver, Colours and Drums were on display, and we would like to record our thanks to the other two Messes for allowing us to borrow so much of their equipment. C.S.M. Wilson must be given a special mention for his efforts as chief organiser, likewise the numerous cooks and others who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

Ten-pin bowling has caught the imagination of some of our members, the experts being Cpls. Dowdall, Cartridge, Lockwood and L/Cpl. Ward. A competition was held over a number of weeks, with Cpl. Dowdall winning the cup for the highest score. A small dinner was arranged and the R.S.M. and Mrs. Nichols were invited along to present the cup. Cpl. Cartridge played against the R.S.M. and saved himself the odd guard duty by allowing the R.S.M. to equal his scores, and the game finished a draw. We know this game was fixed, the R.S.M. four times managed to get his fingers stuck in the finger holes in the wood and almost rocketed down the lane.

We would like to congratulate Cpls. Cartridge and Laherty plus wives on the additions to their families; Cpl. Wilkinson on his engagement to Cpl. Jackson's daughter—it would appear that we are in line for a Regimental Wedding.

Promotion prospects are good these days; we

congratulate L/Cpls. Kendrew, Ingham, Wilkinson, Taylor, Lamont, Walker, Jackson 84 and Wood all to full Corporal. Also Ptes. Bowes, Kitson, McGee, Wardle, Warrior, Glasby, Blenkinsop and Dooley to Lance-Corporal. Cpls. Glencross and Wallace have left us by way of the Sergeants' Mess, we wish them luck and hope we soon follow them.

## SHOOTING

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Vorden on May 10 and 11. The weather was unfortunately rather wet and windy; the standard considering the conditions was surprisingly high.

The 2IC, having been hit by a tank transporter, was organising only and gazing wistfully down the range, unable to have a go at another Cox Medal. Burma Company, captained by Captain Dennison, swept the board, with their captain emerging as the individual champion on both Rifle and SMG.

### Results:—

#### SLR

1st ..	Capt. Dennison .. .. .	347
	Champion Shot—Best Officer	
2nd ..	W.O.2 Fenn .. .. .	329
	Best W.O./Sergeant.	
3rd ..	Sgt. Foster .. .. .	305
4th ..	W.O.1 Rutherford .. .. .	290
5th ..	Pte. Maynard .. .. .	276
	Best Private Soldier.	
6th ..	Pte. Williams .. .. .	270
	Best Young Soldier.	
8th ..	Cpl. Stansfield .. .. .	259
	Best Corporal.	

#### GPMG

1st ..	Cpl. Lofthouse, L/Cpl. Griffiths ..	57
2nd ..	Capt. Dennison, W.O.2 Fenn ..	55
3rd ..	W.O.2 Webb, Sgt. Clarke ..	55

#### SMG

1st ..	Capt. Dennison .. .. .	119
2nd ..	Sgt. Wright (R. Sigs) .. .. .	118

Company Team winners of Rifle, GPMG and SMG: Burma Company.

Falling Plate winners: Burma Company.

Runners-up: Hook Company.

After the Battalion Rifle Meeting the team was chosen for the Brigade Rifle Meeting and then went into full time training for three weeks. The results which are shown below were extremely satisfying and we were easily the best team in 12 Brigade.



C.S.M. Fenn (left) receives the Inter-Company Shield, and Pte. Maynard the Cup for the best Private Soldier, from Mrs. Robinson.



The Commanding Officer at the Battalion Rifle Meeting.

### Results of Garrison Rifle Meeting 1965

The Meeting was held at Vorden Ranges on June 9 and 10, 1965. There were six major units taking part in the meeting.

#### Major Unit Championship

1st	..	1 DWR	..	..	38 pts
2nd	..	1 RF	..	..	34 pts
3rd equal	..	1 QOH and 25 CER	..	..	20 pts each

#### Unit Rifle Match

1st	..	1 DWR
2nd	..	1 RF
3rd	..	1 QOH

#### W.O.s' and Sergeants' Match

1st	..	1 DWR
2nd	..	1 RF
3rd	..	9/12 L

#### Officers' Match

1st	..	1 RF
2nd	..	1 DWR
3rd	..	25 CER

#### Young Soldiers' Match

1st	..	1 DWR
2nd	..	1 RF

#### GPMG Team Match

1st	..	1 RF
2nd	..	1 DWR

#### Falling Plate Match

1st	..	1 DWR "A" Team
2nd	..	1 RF "A" Team

#### SMG Team Match

1st	..	1 DWR
2nd	..	1 RF

#### Individual Rifle Championship

1st	..	Sgt. Blackshaw, 12 Inf Wksp REME	381
2nd	..	Maj. Robertson, 1 DWR	.. 375
3rd	..	Maj. Teague, 1 RF	.. 343
4th	..	Pte. Palmer, 1 RF	.. 338
5th	..	Capt. Dennison, 1 DWR	.. 337

#### Other Placings

12th	..	Pte. Larnder, 1 DWR	.. 322
13th	..	L/Cpl. Griffiths, 1 DWR	.. 317
15th	..	W.O.2 Fenn, 1 DWR	.. 314
16th	..	Sgt. Foster, 1 DWR	.. 313
19th	..	Pte. Barnett, 1 DWR	.. 296

#### GPMG Pairs

1st	..	L/Cpl. Griffiths, Sgt. Foster, 1 DWR	125
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## SPORT

### ATHLETICS

The Battalion Athletics Meeting was held under sunny conditions at the Stadium in Roberts Barracks, Osnabruck on Thursday, May 13.

Companies entered three men for each track event and two men for each field event. The scoring was devised on an individual basis, so that the best four in every event scored points for their company. Therefore there were no relays, nor were aggregates taken in field event results. This system definitely established the best performers in every event.

The general standard was not high, through lack of time for preliminary training, but there were many spirited efforts and plenty of excitement because of the close competition. The final result was decided on the last race, the 440 yards. Burma

Company won with 52 points closely followed by Corunna with 50, Hook with 46, and Alma with 42 points.

Pte. Nee 77, of Alma Company did especially well to win the 880 yards and 1 mile (a dead heat) and was awarded the Individual Athletic cup. L/Cpl. Ponijiasi won the javelin convincingly, and Cpl. Dowdall also did well to win both the hammer and discus events.

Since then L/Cpl. Ponijiasi has won the B.A.O.R. Individual javelin event with a throw of 171 ft. 11½ ins. He will be entering the Army Individuals at Aldershot, and is likely to represent the B.A.O.R. team, and perhaps the Army if he does even better.

### 12 Brigade Meeting

The Battalion team did their best in all events





### HUSBANDS AND WIVES THREE-LEGGED RACE

Mr. and Mrs. Nickell following closely behind S/Sgt. and Mrs. Beaty.

at the Brigade Group Athletics Meeting on June 15 and 16, but, through so many of our best athletes being away, we were only able to achieve fourth place out of seven.

Our team won the javelin and came second in the pole vault and shot. Some pleasing individual performances were put up. In the javelin L/Cpl. Ponijiasi threw 178 ft. to win this event. Then Cpl. Dowdall came second in the hammer. Captain Cumberlege (discus), Pte. Wilson 32 (pole vault) and Pte. Grey (3 miles) also did well to come third in their events.

Although the runners did not win their relays they all tried their hardest and special mention is deserved by Cpl. Walker, L/Cpl. Barnett, and Pte. Nee who competed in two events each very creditably. S.S.I. Beaty really did us proud not only in his coaching, but competing in the pole vault and the two sprint events.

(1 DWR Company notes are on page 129)

### RUGBY

After the Army Cup victory the Battalion went on to win the 2 Division and the B.A.O.R. seven-a-side competition. The "A" team won the main competition while the "B" team won the plate! Pte. Hunter in the "B" side deserves special mention for playing such "sparkling" rugby.

In the B.A.O.R. competition many stars were missing, and the early rounds against the SCLI and 25 CER were hard and close games. The final against 5 Signals was an excellent game which the Battalion won 9-5. Lt. Newell and L/Cpl. Ponijiasi perhaps deserved most praise—a fitting climax to a great "Dukes" season!

Teams:—

The "A" side is shown below.

"B" Side. Pte. Barnett, L/Cpl. Basu, Pte. Hunter, Pte. Shadbolt, L/Cpl. Dickens, 2/Lt. Redwood-Davies (Captain), Pte. Rhodes.



The "A" side after winning the B.A.O.R. Seven-a-side Cup.

#### Team

Lt. Edwards, Pte. Robinson, Lt. Walker, Lt. Newell, Capt. Mundell (Captain), Capt. Dennison, L/Cpl. Ponijiasi.

## Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO

### From the Colonel of the Regiment

One hundred and fifty years ago, near the village of Waterloo, the Great Duke fought the final battle against Napoleon. In this decisive engagement British soldiers played the dominant part and the defeat of the French removed the greatest threat to England since the Armada.

It is right that, in this anniversary year, we should specially remember the distinguished part played by our own Regiment at Waterloo. As the 33rd (or 1st Yorkshire West Riding) under Colonel Elphinstone they were heavily engaged and sustained severe casualties among all ranks.

It was with such thoughts that I had the privilege of representing the Regiment on the many parades and official functions in London and Brussels.

The first of these was the Waterloo Anniversary Parade on the Horseguards where our colour party showed an exemplary standard of drill and bearing. They were the only line regiment to wear full dress which greatly distinguished them. Before the parade I attended the Army Dinner in the Whitehall Banqueting Hall at which H.M. The Queen was present. General Bobby Bray and Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter were also there and I took Captain Robin Stevens with me as our second regimental representative. All the colonels of the Waterloo Regiments were invited together with the field-m Marshals and senior serving officers of the Army.

The next week I flew to Brussels where I was met by Colonel Donald Isles who had earlier



The Colonel of the Regiment and Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion laying the Regiment's wreath at our memorial in the Chapelle Royale.

represented us at the Eve of Waterloo ball given by the British Ambassador. At this function Lts. Power and Mellor acted as ADC's to H.E. and the 1st Battalion provided a party of 20 soldiers in full dress. I have since had many messages of appreciation of the way they all helped.

On Waterloo Day itself I was present in the orchard of Hougoumont Farm where the standards, guidons and colours of the Waterloo Regiments were assembled under their escorts. This was a historic and moving ceremony and service of remembrance held in the position defended so gallantly all day and with great cost against the French Army. It was a tribute to the Dukes that the Regimental detachments were marched on to parade by "The Wellesley."

The following day Donald and I visited Mont St. Jean and the Chappelle Royale. In the former some of our 1st Battalion treasures are very attractively displayed in the renovated Wellington Museum. Our regimental memorial in the Chappelle has been cleaned and looks very well. Donald and I laid a wreath from the Regiment to the soldiers who fell in the battle and paid our respects to the Padre.

On the Saturday evening I watched the parade

and display of the massed bands of BAOR in Brussels. This was a magnificent performance at which our Band and Drums well held their own in top company. There was a big crowd to watch and they were given an enthusiastic welcome.

The culmination of the Waterloo Celebrations was the dinner given to the Waterloo Regiments by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at the Guildhall. This I attended with Colonel Donald Isles, Major John Greenway, R.S.M. Nicholls, Mr. (ex R.S.M.) S. E. Code, M.B.E., Sgt. Booth and Cpl. Hodgkinson of the 1st Battalion. It was a memorable evening which we shall remember all our lives. The speeches included one by the Duke of Wellington who talked about the part played by the Great Duke and his soldiers in the battle.

The British Army has made an outstandingly successful effort to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo in a worthy manner and the Waterloo Regiments must be grateful for all that was arranged and for the opportunity to pay proper tribute to our gallant forebears. The soldiers of Waterloo were ordinary men like ourselves and it is our privilege to maintain and foster the traditions on which they set so high a regard.

## THE WATERLOO MEDAL

The Waterloo Medal is of peculiar interest to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Not only does it commemorate our most important battle honour and the greatest victory of the general whose name we have the honour to bear but it is the first medal granted by the Crown to all ranks present at an action. The Dunbar Medal (1650) was granted to all ranks of the Parliamentary army but this was an award by a revolutionary and unconstitutional body.

It was by the recommendation of the Great Duke that the award was given to all ranks. In a letter to the Duke of York, the Commander-in-Chief, written only ten days after the battle he writes: "I would likewise beg leave to suggest to your Royal Highness the expediency of giving to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers, engaged in the battle of Waterloo, a medal. I am convinced it would have the best effect in the army; and, if that battle should settle our concerns, they will well deserve it."

The medal was granted even to those regiments posted at Hal on the day of the battle to guard the Great Duke's line of retreat to Antwerp should things go amiss, even though they were not granted the battle honour.

In the 33rd Regiment different views were held. The medal roll shows that Lt.-Colonel Elphinstone returned no less than 68 medals to the Mint. The reason for each return is stated. These vary. Thus 20 would have gone to "Batman—not in action." Six to men "On Ammunition Guard," and one to a man "sent to the rear with a wounded man on June 16. Did not return."

It would appear that, in the 33rd at any rate, the award of the medal was only made to soldiers who stood in square at Quatre Bras or Waterloo and that the deciding authority was the Commanding Officer. It seems a trifle hard on the 20 batmen, so prudently "Left out of Battle," and even more so on the hapless Cpl. Jervitt of the Regiment who was in charge of the Brigadier's baggage but it enhances the value of the medal immeasurably.

It seems a far cry to the award of campaign stars in the Second World War when the Italy Star, for instance, was granted to persons who spent 24 hours in Naples while the fighting line was on the banks of the Po.

The medal we illustrate opposite is one that is displayed in the Regimental Museum. It was awarded to Lt. Pagan who was seriously wounded on June 18.

Samuel Alexander Pagan joined the 33rd's depot at Hull in 1812 and was absorbed on the Regiment's return from India that year. He retired in 1821 and, taking a medical degree at Edinburgh University, became a celebrated doctor in that city.

He briefly describes his wound in a letter to his mother written the day after the battle, "Yesterday I was not so lucky—a cannon ball having grazed the side of my head and left my ear hanging by a thread. There is not the slightest danger, however, I feel today almost perfectly well and have eaten a capital breakfast.

On that intrepid note, we leave the Waterloo Medal.

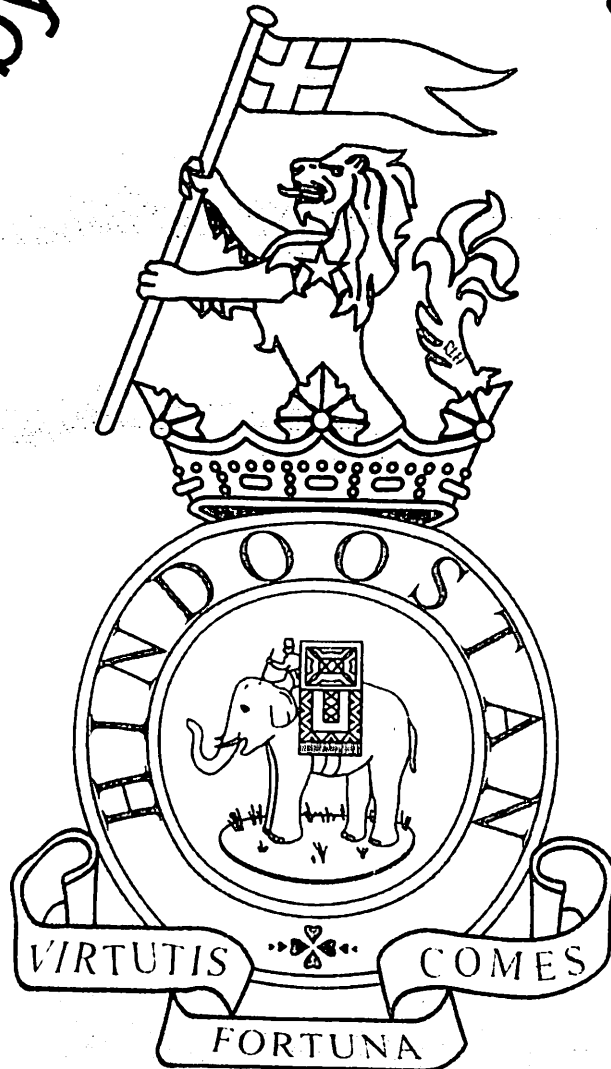
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### The Waterloo Medal

The Medal of Lieutenant S. A. Pagan, 33rd Regiment of Foot  
(now in the Regimental Museum)

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# The Waterloo Roll Call

33rd (OR 1st YORKSHIRE WEST RIDING) REGIMENT OF FOOT

Lt.-Colonel Wm. Keith Elphinstone	
Major Edward Parkinson	Wounded slightly
Captain Wm. McIntyre	Wounded severely
Captain Charles Knight	Wounded slightly
Captain John Haigh	Killed, June 16
Captain J. M. Harty	Wounded slightly
Captain Ralph Gore	
Captain John Longden	
Lt. Thomas Reid	Wounded severely
Lt. Peter Barailler	
Lt. George Barrs	
Lt. Henry Rishton Buck	Killed, June 18
Lt. Arthur Hill Trevor	
Lt. John Boyce	Killed, June 16
Lt. John Hart	Killed, June 18
Lt. James Murkland	Wounded slightly
Lt. Fred. Hope Pattison	
Lt. Arthur Gore	Killed, June 16
Lt. Richard Westmore	Wounded severely
Lt. Thos. D. Haigh	Died of wounds on June 19
Lt. James Gordon Ogle	Wounded severely
Lt. Sam. Alex. Pagan	Wounded severely
Lt. Edward Clabon	
Lt. Joseph Lynam	
Lt. John Archbold	
Lt. John Cameron	Died of wounds on June 19
Ensign Henry Bain	Wounded severely
Ensign James Forlong	Wounded severely
Ensign John Alderson	Wounded severely
Ensign Wm. Bain	Wounded severely
Ensign Jas. Arnot Howard	Wounded slightly
Ensign Wm. Thain, Adjutant	Wounded severely
Ensign Andrew Watson	
Ensign Charles Smith	
Ensign Wm. Hodgson	
Ensign Gerald Blackall	
Ensign George Drury	Wounded severely
Paymaster Edward Stoddart	
Q.M. James Fazarckerley	
Surgeon Robert Leaver	
Assistant Surgeon Wm. D. Fry	
Assistant Surgeon D. Finlayson	

*Reproduced from Appendix E of Lee's History*

## Return of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Killed in Action

Sgt. Thos. Elliott .. ..	June 16	Pte. Mich. Kinn .. ..	June 18
Sgt. Benj. Clark .. ..	June 18	Pte. Benj. Bailey .. ..	June 18
Cpl. Jas. Holroyd .. ..	June 16	Pte. Thos. Beech .. ..	June 18
Cpl. Jas. Bottor .. ..	June 16	Pte. Mich. Beverley .. ..	June 18
Cpl. Jas. Johnson .. ..	June 18	Pte. Wm. Bannison .. ..	June 18
Cpl. Fredk. Nix .. ..	June 18	Pte. Saml. Callard .. ..	June 18
Pte. Geo. Templeton .. ..	June 16	Pte. Josh. Hartley .. ..	June 18
Pte. Jno. Lille .. ..	June 16	Pte. Jas. Tayler .. ..	June 18
Pte. Jas. Lowe .. ..	June 16	Pte. Wm. Tippleton .. ..	June 18
Pte. Saml. Petty .. ..	June 16	Pte. Josh. Webb .. ..	June 18
Pte. Wm. Rose .. ..	June 16	Pte. Geo. Harrison .. ..	June 18
Pte. Jno. Smith .. ..	June 16	Pte. Thos. Horsfall .. ..	June 18
Pte. Wm. Staples .. ..	June 16	Pte. Jno. Kent .. ..	June 18
Pte. Jno. Armitage .. ..	June 16	Pte. Josh. Morse .. ..	June 18
Pte. Chas. Evans .. ..	June 16	Pte. Jas. Hardacre .. ..	June 18
Pte. Jas. Moorhouse .. ..	June 16	Pte. Ralph Mathew .. ..	June 18
Pte. Benj. Gibbons .. ..	June 16	Pte. Samuel Pollard .. ..	June 18
Pte. Geo. Armitage .. ..	June 18	Pte. Jno. Sale .. ..	June 18
Pte. Geo. Burrow .. ..	June 18	Pte. Robt. Herd .. ..	June 18
Pte. Jas. Priggs .. ..	June 18	Pte. Jno. Robson .. ..	June 18
Pte. Eli Carter .. ..	June 18	Pte. Luke Shaw .. ..	June 18
Pte. Wm. Dryden .. ..	June 18	Pte. Henry Patrick .. ..	June 18
Pte. Ralph Marsh .. ..	June 18	Pte. George Ratcliffe .. ..	June 18
Pte. J. Ramsdan .. ..	June 18	Pte. Jno. Rastrick .. ..	June 18

*From the Medal Roll at the War Office*

## A LINE REGIMENT AT WATERLOO

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Privately printed in 1871, "Recollections of Waterloo," by Lt. Frederick Hope Pattison, is an eye-witness account of the part played by the 33rd Foot in the Waterloo campaign. Like many "Recollections" produced in the Victorian era, it is marred by a turgid and ponderous style of writing. Thus the sun never rose for Pattison: instead, "the shooting rays from the east heralded the start of another day."

Pattison, the son of Frederick Pattison of Kelvin-grove, near Glasgow, became an ensign, by purchase, in the 33rd Regiment on March 8, 1810, and joined the Regiment at Seringapatam. He came home with it, was promoted lieutenant on September 24, 1812, served at the siege and abortive assault on Bergen-op-Zoom and on June 15, when his account begins, was commanding a company.

### The Start

The 33rd, with the 2nd/30th, the 2nd/69th and the 2nd/73rd, formed the 5th Brigade, commanded by Major-General Sir Colin Halkett, in Alten's 3rd Division. This was quartered at Soignies and its surrounding hamlets.

During the morning of that June 15, "a report became current that important intelligence had been received at Headquarters of Napoleon's advance with his army upon the frontiers of Belgium." The brigade was concentrated in Soignies itself and "just as the bell of the large cathedral was striking the midnight hour, the drummers began to beat the 'General' preparatory to marching."

The Brigade marched through the night and at about 4 p.m. on the 16th arrived in the vicinity of Quatre Bras. It halted, "intending to devote a couple of hours to rest and refreshment but an express arrived to hurry it on. Before starting, Lt.-Colonel Elphinstone<sup>1</sup>, who commanded the 33rd, called on officers commanding companies to assemble together and requested them to address their men and encourage them by telling them what we and the country expected of them. The oration I made had an electric effect, awakening great enthusiasm amongst my men, evinced by an earnest desire to get into battle. Having performed this gratifying duty, I wheeled my company into line again and left them standing at ease, to rejoin Colonel Elphinstone and the other officers."

Soon, "the command was given to the officers to rejoin their companies immediately. The bugles sounded the advance, the band struck up 'The British Grenadiers' and the Brigade moved off with increasing alacrity, high in spirit and in excellent moral condition to meet the enemy.

It was not long ere the shrill rattle of musketry was distinctly heard and arriving where two roads intersect each other (from which incident the hamlet, now historical, derives its name of Quatre Bras) the battlefield appeared in sight.

"The Brigade having halted to load, a rather singular incident took place. James Gibbons, one of my men, came up to me, and saluting me, said he was sick and wished to go to the rear. The request, on such an occasion, was altogether inadmissible and, had I complied, the consequence might have been dangerous to others as an example. I at once called the surgeon (Dr. Lever) to examine him and give his opinion of him. The doctor felt his pulse and told him there was nothing wrong with him and that he must return to the ranks at once. Gibbons, before he enlisted, was a journeyman hairdresser and became very useful in shaving, haircutting and setting the razors of the officers. Poor fellow! he never shaved a beard, cut hair or set a razor again. He was killed at Quatre Bras."

### Quatre Bras

The Allies were hard pressed by Marshal Ney and Wellington was directing troops, as they arrived, to stop gaps in the line. Ensign Thain, the Adjutant of the 33rd, describes in his diary the arrival of the Regiment on the field: "We again advanced and at half past 5 o'clock we were in the field of action, when the Hanoverian part of the Division immediately left us and the British Brigade advanced into line in column of companies at quarter distance. We were placed in this order in rear of the line and permitted to lay down in the corn but were soon ordered to stand up, for the enemy were making an attempt to turn our right by a wood upon which it was approached. We gave them a most beautiful volley and charged but they ran faster than our troops (already fatigued) could do and we consequently did not touch them with the bayonet."

The 5th Brigade was now ordered to support the Brunswickers and moved up beside the wood (the Bois de Bossu). Here they were charged by French cuirassiers who appeared suddenly out of the standing corn. The 33rd formed square and the cavalry swung round on the 69th. This hapless Regiment had just been ordered out of square into line by the Prince of Orange, the Great Duke's titular 2IC, an excitable young officer who could not have done more to lose the battle for the Allies if he had been a Napoleonic marshal. The 33rd were spectators of the fate of an infantry regiment caught in line as the cuirassiers cut the 69th to pieces and rode off with their King's Colour.

"The 33rd were not left long to indulge the self-complacent feeling of defying cavalry. A far more formidable arm of war was now ready to be employed with fearful vengeance. Two French batteries, which had stealthily advanced at point

<sup>1</sup> Colonel Elphinstone's career was described in THE IRON DUKE No. 100, April 1956.



blank range, opened fire simultaneously on our helpless square, cutting down the men like hay before the scythe of the mower. At this juncture Lt. Arthur Gore<sup>2</sup>, of the Grenadier Company, who was standing close by me (an exceedingly handsome young man), was hit by a cannon ball and his brains bespattered the shakos of the officers near him."

Many casualties occurred before the Regiment could deploy into line. A cry was raised that cavalry were approaching. Doubtless the fate of the 69th had affected the young soldiers but the fact remains that the 33rd retired precipitously into the shelter of the Bois de Bossu and it was some time before Elphinstone could collect his companies. Pattison says, guardedly: "A retrograde movement became imperative." Put bluntly, the 33rd, who had lost ten officers, including the major, and a 100 men had to be got out of the wood and sorted out before resuming battle. It cannot have helped that the Sgt.-Major, James Colbeck<sup>3</sup>, had been taken prisoner in the confusion. General Cooke's Guards Brigade cleared the wood and the 33rd advanced in support. Night was now falling and the battle died away.

### June 17th

Pattison writes that it was late in the morning of June 17, "ere the troops were aroused from their dewy beds to the activities of another day." As he puts it: "the sun had made considerable progress towards the meridian." However, the Adjutant of the 33rd states in his diary: "At daybreak we stood to arms and took up a new position to await the attack of the enemy." This seems more probable. Both, however, are agreed that about 11 o'clock the Brigade marched to the front. "The general impression among the officers was that Wellington contemplated an attack on Marshal Ney's right wing. On reaching a woody covert, our right shoulders were brought forward and, diving into a by-road, we passed the defiles and the bridge of Genappe without molestation from the enemy. This was, as usual with the Duke, an admirable piece of generalship."

Not surprisingly, Pattison lets himself go about the famous thunderstorm that occurred that day. There are a number of resounding clichés about Heaven's artillery, etc. It was nearly sunset when the 33rd reached the chosen position on the fatal ridge of Mont St. Jean. The 5th Brigade was met by General Picton and the 33rd were put on "out-picket." Pattison lay down under the dubious shelter of a hedge with Colonel Elphinstone and Captain Knight, who was to lead the Regiment out of battle the following evening.

As June 18 dawned the rain cleared and the troops of both sides took up their positions. That of the 5th Brigade was in the right centre of the Allied line, with Maitland's Guards Brigade on their right and Count Kielmansege's Hanoverian Brigade on their left. The Brigade deployed into

"contiguous columns of companies at quarter distance" with the 30th and 73rd in front and the 33rd and 69th in the second line and echeloned to the right.

What meal the men of the 33rd had that morning is doubtful. Pattison records: "Our commissary most opportunely arrived with bread and geneva<sup>4</sup>, and we partook of a good breakfast—alas! the last meal for many a brave fellow," while the Adjutant angrily notes in his diary: "Still that rascally commissary did not bring us any provisions."

### The Battle of Waterloo

It is extraordinary that, for a battle about which so many accounts have been written by participants, even the basic fact of the actual time of its commencement is not known for certain. But some time between 11 o'clock and noon the French guns opened.

"Our position, as I have already stated, being on the right centre flank of the army, on rather elevated ground, it afforded us a fine perspective view of what was in front as also the chateau and out-buildings of Hugomont (sic) as far as they could be distinguished among the surrounding foliage, occupied by our troops and forming the appendage of our right wing."

Halkett's men were witnesses first of the attack on Hougoumont and then of d'Erlon's massive assault on the Allied left. "For many hours after the commencement of the battle Sir Colin Halkett's Brigade was placed in the most trying position in which a soldier can find himself. Held in reserve, in complete inaction, except in resisting repeated charges from the French cavalry, which we invariably repulsed, he was yet exposed to the fire of destructive artillery, which ever and anon sent showers of fractured shells and cannon balls into our ranks, occasioning heavy casualties. In order to shelter the men as much as possible in this hazardous situation, orders were given to them to lie down, and thus let the shots pass over them.

It was during this period that Lt. Hart was killed and Lt. Pagan wounded (see page 112 and also Iron Duke No. 131 of January, 1964). The 33rd remained in this position for most of the day.

Pattison proceeds: "The shadows of evening were now rapidly approaching. The battle had raged with terrible and unabated fury for more than nine hours; the slaughter had been frightful; when the Duke, quite alone, mounted on his celebrated charger, with telescope in right hand and reins relaxed in his left, at walking pace, unexpectedly passed near our square. A veteran, who had served with him in India, on observing him, called aloud: "Let us have three cheers for our old Colonel!" The men at once began to give effect to this suggestion when the Duke, holding up his telescope and looking at them with a gratified but commanding aspect, said "Hush, hush, hush."

"In an instant the command was obeyed and perfect silence prevailed. I state this incident as highly honourable to the discipline of the 33rd.

<sup>2</sup> See the Waterloo Roll Call on p. 113.

<sup>3</sup> Sgt./Major Colbeck's Waterloo medal and sash are in the Regimental Museum.

<sup>4</sup> Dutch schnapps.

Immediately afterwards the Duke reined up close to our square which afforded us an admirable opportunity of seeing this remarkable man. His outward apparel was only noticeable for its quiet simplicity, a simplicity, however, which in contrast to his brilliantly attired staff marked him out as a target for the French rifles and might have cost him his life."

At last the crisis of the battle was approaching: the last attack delivered by the Imperial Guard. The battered regiments of the 5th Brigade formed line, the 33rd and 69th moving up in dressing with the 30th and 73rd. Halkett took the Regimental Colour of the 33rd from the dying hands of Lt. Cameron and, resting the pole on his stirrup, took post in front of his Brigade. "When our different regiments met to be united again in brigade, no one could feel indifferent to the sad havoc which had taken place. The 73rd, which had taken its place with a full complement of officers, was now commanded by a junior lieutenant (Lt. Stewart). The 69th, which had suffered so terribly from French sabres at Quatre Bras, had greatly increased its casualties. The 30th had likewise come in for its full share of losses in officers and men and the 33rd had by this time been reduced more than one third; yet, notwithstanding all these depressing circumstances, the Brigade was longing for a more active application of its physical power."

As was usual, the heavy columns of the Guard were preceded by swarms of light troops; and guns, moving between the columns, unlimbered and fired at intervals. Terrible casualties were inflicted on the 5th Brigade. No less than nine officers and about 50 soldiers were shot down in the 33rd alone. The Brigadier, shot through both cheeks, reeled out of the saddle and was borne to the rear.

"The contest soon became fierce and exterminating, men dropping in quick succession all around. My right-hand man, a brave fellow, was at this instant shot through the head. Directly after this my shako shook on my head. I took it off to

ascertain the cause, when I found that a ball had gone right through it, grazing my skull<sup>5</sup>. Although it could not have lasted more than ten or 15 minutes the losses on both sides must have been prodigious. Lts. Buck and Cameron were killed. Lt. Haigh, shot through the neck, died at the village of Waterloo next day. Adjutant Thain, Lts. Bain, Murkland, Westmore and Ogle were shot down. Captains McIntyre and Harty were wounded."

On Halkett's fall, Colonel Elphinstone, as the senior surviving officer, took command of the Brigade. He was on foot. His black mare had been hit earlier; one of her hooves now lies on the mess table of the 1st Battalion. Drawing his sword and waving it over his head, he sprang to the front of the Brigade. "Come on, my brave fellows," he shouted, "let us die like Britons, sword in hand, or conquer."

The response was a British cheer and the Brigade advanced in the teeth of the fire. At this moment the Duke, his horse halted behind Maitland's Guards Brigade, said quietly, "Now, Maitland, now's your time." The Guards, immediately on the right of the 5th Brigade, stood up and fired. To their right again was the veteran 52nd Light Infantry under Sir John Colborne. That officer, on his own initiative, swung out his regiment until they faced the left flank of the attacking Imperial Guard, delivered one tremendous volley and charged. It was enough. The heavy fire on the 5th Brigade suddenly ceased and, as the smoke billowed away, the 33rd could see the backs of the Guard as they ran in disorder down the slope.

"The advance of the Duke's army was now unimpeded and triumphant. As for myself, I felt as the Brigade advanced, my step so elastic and my heart so joyous, that I seemed as if treading on air."

<sup>5</sup> Ensign Howard of the Light Company had a similar experience. His shako is now in the National Army Museum.

## WATERLOO DAY, 1905

The photographs on the following pages illustrate the parade held by the 1st Battalion at York on Saturday, June 17, 1905. I found them in the archives at Regimental Headquarters. There were no captions, but they contain, I think, sufficient internal evidence to establish the occasion.

There are several points of interest in the parade. The fathers of General Sir Robert Bray and Brigadier Firth and the great-great-grandfather of L/Cpl. Soper (Iron Duke No. 136, April, 1965, p. 81) all played prominent parts. I have only traced one Old Comrade still living who was on the parade. He is Mr. C. H. Robinson of 7, Newton Grove, Leeds 7. It would be interesting to learn if there are any more.

It will be noted that the Regiment is still wearing

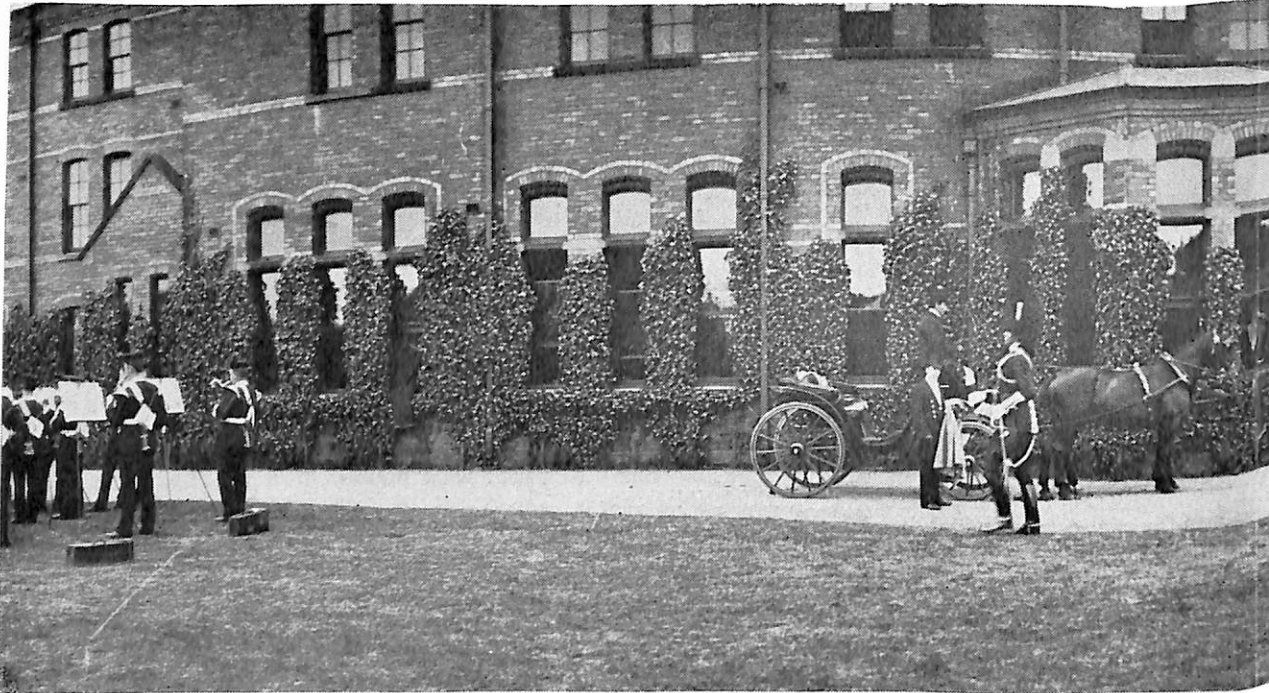
white facings. The scarlet facings were restored by a War Office letter of March, 1905. The administrative business, however, of changing back again must have been considerable and Mr. Robinson confirms that the Regiment had not had time to do so by June, 1905.

The photographs bear no trade name and were probably taken by an amateur; but a talented one. The photographs of the scene outside the Mess convey admirably the atmosphere of the party. In this respect they are advanced for their period when studied poses were so much in fashion. I have supplied captions for the photographs from my own suppositions using the ranks held by the officers at the time of the parade.

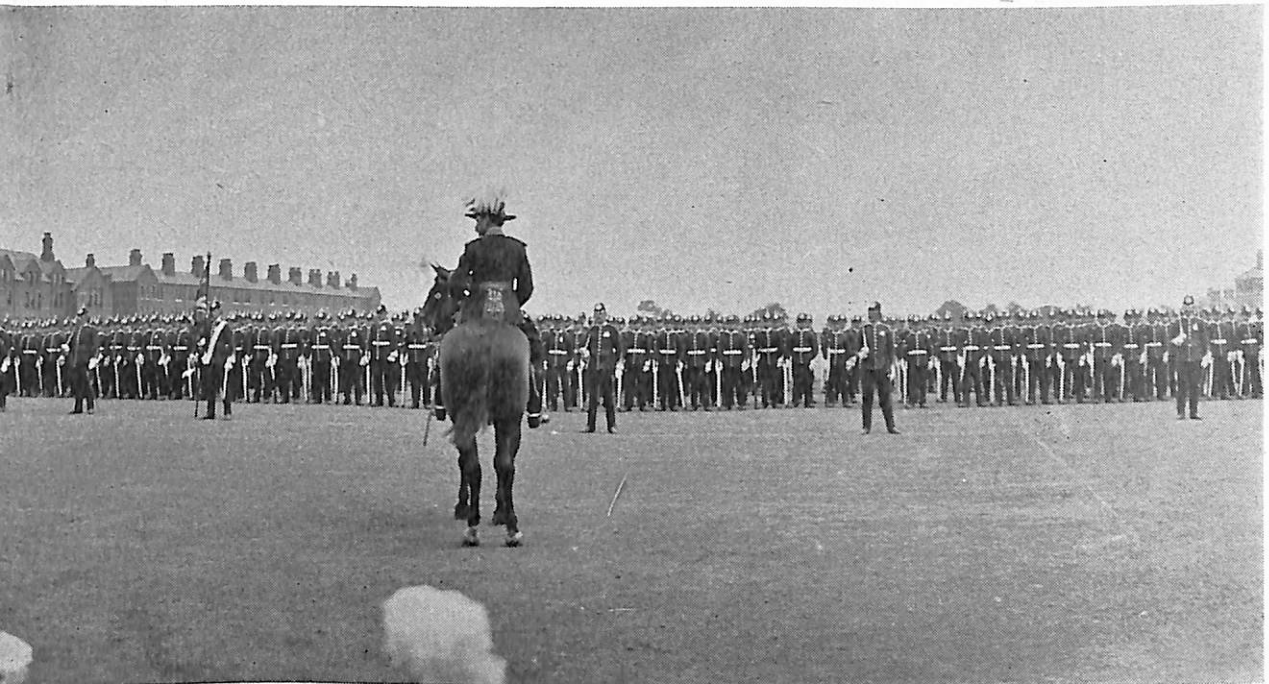
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The Regiment is drawn up in double companies and has advanced to the saluting point. The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Colonel Thorold, is handing to Lady Rundle the South African Honours, which she is about to pin on to the Regimental Colour. The Adjutant, Captain Bray, is standing beside the Commanding



The officer in the centre, smoking a cigarette, is Captain Carter. He was wounded with the 2nd Battalion at Mons and died not long after the first war. Behind Carter and to the right is Sir Leslie Rundle. He is ready to leave. His carriage is waiting. He has just sent his A.D.C., Captain the Honourable G. H. Douglas-Pennant, Grenadier Guards, on some mission—possibly to warn the Bandmaster that the



Officer. The officer kneeling and carrying the Regimental Colour is 2 Lt. Firth. The mounted officer is Lt.-General Sir Leslie Rundle, Commander-in-Chief Northern Command. One of his staff officers is holding up the edge of the Regimental Colour.



General Officer Commanding-in-Chief is about to depart. Immediately to the right of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in the background is the Commanding Officer talking to a Staff Officer. The Hussar in the foreground would be a guest from the 18th who were stationed in York at the time. Immediately to the right of the Hussar's busby one gets a glimpse of the profile of Captain Bray.



The account of the parade, which is reproduced below, first appeared in the second number of "The Havercake Lad" published in York in August, 1905.

"The presentation of our South African honours, namely, the 'Relief of Kimberley,' 'Paardeberg,' and 'South Africa, 1900-02,' took place in Fulford Barracks on Saturday, June 17. Lady Rundle kindly consented to perform the ceremony of fixing the new honours to the Regimental Colour.

No better day could have been desired for the ceremony, which took place from 11.45 a.m. till 1 p.m., and all the arrangements for the crowds which arrived to witness the spectacle were perfect.

Precisely at 12 noon General Rundle, with his staff and escort, rode on to the parade ground, and inspected the line, after which the line formed

double Companies, and advanced to the saluting point. The South African Honours were then pinned on to the Regimental Colour by Lady Rundle, after which the Colour were trooped. The ceremony was brought to a conclusion by Lady Rundle and Mrs. Thorold placing laurel leaves on the Colours, after which the Companies marched off to their private parade grounds, headed by 50 veterans.

Amongst the veterans was Mr. Illingworth, who is 81 years of age. He left the Regiment in 1864, with 23 years' service, and is now the oldest Havercake veteran.

The men's dinners were inspected by Lt.-General Sir Leslie Rundle, who went round every barrack room.

After the ceremony, a large party of guests were entertained at lunch by the Officers of the Regiment."

### The Aftermath

These two cuts from the third photo, which we cannot reproduce in full, illustrate a familiar phase at any Mess Party. The majority of the guests have left. The hard core obstinately remains. The officer seated talking to the two ladies in the small photo has so far eluded identification. I have consulted several of his contemporaries, but the records of service of the candidates put forward do not fit him (in particular his single medal). Captain Michael Bray searched the Officers' Mess photograph album, but could not make a positive identification. He said that the Orderly Room typist thought that the officer looked like Major John Greenway; he certainly has an air of being a bachelor.

W. S.



## SOME OF OUR WATERLOO RELICS

By MR. R. A. INNES, F.M.A., F.R.G.S.

*Director of Halifax Museums*

Of our Waterloo relics, the most poignant are to be found in a small case lined with crimson velvet. These are the two brass spear-heads, brass pole ferrules and a small piece of tattered silk cord and tassel. This is the pole furniture of the Colours carried during the battle. The Colours themselves are now in the Halifax Parish Church; They were presented in 1813 and were carried during the battles of Bergen-Op-Zoom, Quatre Bras and Waterloo. Lt. J. Cameron carrying the Regimental Colour was killed in the final advance and General Halket himself, the Brigade Commander, used one of the Colours to rally the whole brigade at a crisis of the battle. Whatever reverence is paid today to the Colours, we cannot approach the feeling that moved our ancestors when the Colours themselves were the rallying point of all battles and were used as the centre of the square and the spear-head of the advance.

The largest and perhaps the most interesting item in the Museum is the camp bed of the 1st Duke. This is authenticated as the bed used by him in the Waterloo Campaign. It was set up in the farmhouse behind the lines where he spent the night after the battle. He, himself, did not sleep on it that night, having given it up to his close friend, Sir Alexander Gordon, who was wounded and who died during the night. There are also small pans and a knife used to prepare the Duke's frugal breakfast.

All of us who are old enough to remember the Second World War will have personal memories of picking up mementos, either as school boys collecting bomb fragments after an air-raid or as soldiers collecting a German badge or helmet. We tend to think of this being quite a modern idea but two of the items in our Museum show that in 1815 the same feelings motivated the soldiers of that day. One of these is a very worn clothes brush. In itself it is of no significance; it is the sort of thing which is thrown out at spring cleaning and forgotten; but this brush was picked up after the battle. We do not know whether it was French or whether it was English but it attracted the attention of Lt. Pagan of the 33rd. What made him pick it up we do not know but its significance or its position must have been such as to catch the attention of a man who had been wounded in the head earlier in the day so that he took it back to England with him. He made a note on a label and tied it to it and eventually it arrived in the museum. Similarly Captain Hartly saw a French Officer's cockade and took that home. I wonder whether in 150 years time our descendants will still have preserved the Swastika arm band, the Italian sword or the Japanese soldier's "chop" as carefully as the descendants of the Waterloo men preserved their relics.

With relics, as with many museum objects, we

are not always able to be as exact as we should like and therefore we cannot state categorically that Drummer Hellewell's drum was the drum he carried at Waterloo. We know that Drummer Hellewell was at Waterloo and that he was wounded. We also know that his descendants had kept in their possession a large drum of the period which they firmly believed was used by their ancestor during the battle. The drum itself is of the period and may very well be the actual drum used. If it is, then we have indeed a most interesting memento.

In themselves these items are of no value, no antique dealer would offer large sums for them in an auction sale. If they were sold they would fetch only shillings; but to us they are material links with one of the greatest days in the history of the British Army and of the Regiment and, as such, are to be treated with reverence, with respect, and to be shown to recruits and to civilian visitors with pride.

### 150 YEARS AGO

## The Incredible Iron Duke

From THE OBSERVER No. 1222 of June 25, 1815  
(reproduced by kind permission of the editor)

House of Commons, Friday

The Chancellor of the Exchequer (in moving a vote of thanks to the Duke of Wellington) said he had himself received a letter from an officer of high rank, who was on the field of battle, and one well qualified to form a correct judgment, who stated that the personal exertions of the Duke of Wellington were incredible, and threw all his preceding achievements completely into the shade. (Hear, Hear.) At one period of the battle he took possession of a high ridge, from which he declared he would never move, nor did he move, but in triumph. At another, when his position was strongly attacked, he threw himself into the centre of a square of infantry, which was furiously charged by the enemy's cavalry, but which, fortunately for his country and the world, resisted the shock with dauntless intrepidity. "I mention these things," said the officer, "because they are precisely those of which you will not hear a word in his own dispatches (Hear, hear, hear!). Every person around him was either killed or wounded."

### The Other Side of the Hill

All the business of war, and indeed all the business of life, is to endeavour to find out what you don't know by what you do; That's what I call "guessing what was at the other side of the hill."  
—Croker Papers (1885) Vol. III, p. 276.

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## THE WATERLOO MEMORIALS



THE WATERLOO MEMORIAL AT ÈVÈRE

The British dead are commemorated in two places.

### The Memorial

The Waterloo Memorial itself is situated in Evère Cemetery in the suburbs of Brussels. The monument is in the form of a sarcophagus of red sandstone, 28 ft. in length and 13 ft. in width, on which stands the statuary. The statuary consists of helmets, flags and other warlike emblems disposed in masses, as if cast aside, with three lions in various attitudes and, at the top, a more than life-size Britannia kneeling in prayer and holding her casque in one hand and the trident, lowered in sign of mourning and respect, in the other. Two flights of stone steps lead down to the vault under the monument (which contains the remains of some soldiers who were killed at Waterloo) on both sides of the entrance of which are bronze shields bearing the names of the regiments which took part in the battle. Above the entrance there is the following inscription:—

### IN MEMORY

of the British Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men who fell during the Waterloo Campaign in 1815 and whose remains were transferred to this Cemetery in 1889.

This Monument is erected by Her Britannic Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India, and by their Countrymen on a site generously presented by the City of Brussels.

The idea of a memorial was conceived in 1887 when the Municipality of Brussels decided to close certain old cemeteries in the city and transfer remains to the new cemetery at Evère.

Some £2,500 was collected for a national memorial to the soldiers who fought and died at Waterloo. The Municipality of Brussels made a free gift of the site and the sculptor, Count de Lalaing, gave his services free.

The Memorial was unveiled in 1890 by H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge.

By the end of the 1939-45 War the statuary had



deteriorated and the monument was overgrown. In 1958 the decision was taken to renovate the Memorial (except the statuary). The undergrowth was cleared and the whole monument cleaned and repaired.

The hard winter of 1962-63 caused rapid deterioration of the statuary. It was decided to renovate this for the 150th Anniversary of Waterloo. The use of glass fibre and polyester resin restored the statuary to an exact replica of the original and has retained at the same time the attractive dark and light green patina. The restoration was completed in July 1964.

### The Chapelle Royale

The Chapelle Royale in the village of Waterloo contains most of the other memorials, apart from those in old cemeteries in Brussels and elsewhere and two on the battlefield itself: one to Colonel Gordon, who was killed while acting as the Duke of Wellington's A.D.C., and another marking the site where Lord Anglesey's leg was buried after it was amputated on the field of battle. On this monument was written:

*"Here lies the Marquess of Anglesey's leg;  
Pray for the rest of his body we beg".*

The memorial to the officers of the 33rd in the Chapelle Royale is on a stone plaque on the wall and reads as follows:—

To the memory of Capts. John Haig, Henry Rushton Buck. Lts. John Boyce, James Hart, Arthur Gore, Thomas Haigh, John Cameron of the 33rd Regiment of Foot who were killed at the Battles of Quatre Bras and Waterloo.

This stone is erected by their brother officers as a mark of their esteem and regard.

The Chapelle Royale is a fine building dating from the late 17th century and faces the main road down which many units of the Duke of Wellington's Army must have marched on their way to Quatre Bras.

It is in a bad state of repair and the Belgian Commission des Monuments et des Sites is faced with heavy expenditure for its repair.

In September 1964, the Duke of Wellington and others appealed in *The Times* for funds to help restore the building, so that it may once more become worthy of those whom it commemorates.

As a result, the memorials in the Chapelle Royale were cleaned and restored before the 150th Anniversary functions.

## GOD'S HUMBLE INSTRUMENT

Major Owen Price has sent us a copy of the inscription on a stone which stands in the park at Strathfield Saye. It reads as follows:—

HERE LIES

"COPENHAGEN"

THE CHARGER RIDDEN BY  
THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON  
THE ENTIRE DAY AT THE  
BATTLE OF WATERLOO  
BORN 1808 DIED 1836

GOD'S HUMBLE INSTRUMENT THOUGH  
MEANER CLAY SHOULD SHARE THE  
GLORY OF THAT GLORIOUS DAY.

Agreeing with the above sentiment we think this a suitable moment to reproduce a contemporary notice in *The Times* which was published in an earlier IRON DUKE.

Thursday, February 18, 1836, Price 7d.

### Death of a Famous Waterloo Hero

On February 12, died at Strathfieldsaye, of old age, Copenhagen, the horse which carried the Duke of Wellington so nobly on the field of Waterloo. He was foaled about the time of the battle of Copenhagen from which he got his name, and was remarkable for gentleness and spirit united. He lost an eye some time before his death, and has not been used by the noble owner for any purpose during the last ten years. By the orders of his Grace a salute was fired over his grave, and thus he was buried as he had lived, with military honours.

This horse has long been an attraction to strangers, who were accustomed to feed him over the rails with bread, and the Duke himself preserved an especial regard for him, which cannot be wondered at upon considering that he bore him for 16 hours safe through the grandest battle that has occurred in the history of the world. The late amiable Duchess was likewise particularly attached to him, and wore a bracelet made of his hair.—  
*From a Correspondent.*

### Copenhagen and Eclipse

In an article under the above heading in THE IRON DUKE No. 111, of January 1959, Major Dennis Simonds quoted a description on a picture of Copenhagen which said that he "was bred by Eclipse from a mare called Lady Catherine, which mare was the charger of General Grosvenor at the Siege of Copenhagen when in foal of the colt."

We think that this would normally be read to mean that Eclipse, the great race horse, was Copenhagen's sire but, in fact, Eclipse who died in 1789, was his grandsire. This we have on the authority of the present Duke.

We have not had an opportunity to enquire whether Eclipse was the sire of Lady Catherine. The idea of a mare in foal being a general's charger in battle seems to us slightly improbable and the Duke did not acquire Copenhagen at the time of the siege as we (and, we find, more dedicated historians) had imagined and as Guedalla infers in his history of the Duke by saying that "he brought back one trophy in the shape of a likely colt called Copenhagen."

We again have the authority of the present Duke for the fact that Copenhagen was bought from Lord Grosvenor for 400 guineas. This was a very large sum in those days and not one to be given for a colt, however "likely." Lord Grosvenor, moreover, was not the same man as the General Grosvenor of the siege but was a cousin and a noted breeder of thoroughbreds.

It does, therefore, seem somewhat doubtful whether Copenhagen or his dam were ever actually at the siege and the description quoted above from *The Times* that he "was foaled about the time of the Battle of Copenhagen" seems safer ground pending further soundings.

Before we leave the old war-horse again to his

honoured rest we may put on record these further facts about him. Major Simonds in his article speculated whether Copenhagen would have been a Derby winner, had he been raced. He was not a Derby winner but Major G. Tylden, E.D., in an article in *The Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research* on "The First Duke of Wellington as a Horseman" states that his favourite charger, Copenhagen, "had won races." He also mentions that he was a chestnut entire and stood 15 hands. From the present Duke we learn that one of Copenhagen's sons was called Young Copenhagen and was presented by the Duke to Mrs. Arbuthnot.

## THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES

### THE WATERLOO DINNER GIVEN BY THE ARMY BOARD

On Saturday, June 12, the Army Board gave a dinner to mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent, Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy attended, together with more than 50 general officers, and politicians and civic dignitaries, who included Mr. Wilson and the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of London.

The Regiment was represented by General Sir Robert Bray, the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier Webb-Carter and Captain Stevens.

The dinner took place in the Banqueting Hall, Whitehall. Her Majesty's entry was heralded by the State Trumpeters. The string orchestra of the Irish Guards provided music throughout the meal and the Queen's toast was proposed by the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr. Healey.

Afterwards the guests went straight to their seats on Horse Guards for the finale of the Waterloo Commemoration Parade, to be met by the unforgettable sight of some 30 Colour parties in a floodlit, glittering line across the square as they gave the Royal Salute. For the guests of the Army Board, this was a truly historic evening.

### ON THE HORSE GUARDS PARADE

A sky which had loured all day, and rained on the "Trooping" in the morning, spared the evening ceremony of the massed bands, standards, guidons and colours of regiments which took part in the Battle of Waterloo. This was the only public ceremony in London in recognition of the anniversary. (A memorial service proposed for the following day was cancelled "for administrative reasons.")

The bands, pipes, drums, trumpets and bugles of some 22 "Waterloo" regiments were on parade, as were 28 standard, guidon and colour parties.

The musical part of the ceremony was splendid. The split-second timing of entries and of switches from bugles to bagpipes, from riflemen to cavalry,

was impeccable. And, if the grand finale of massed bands, "The Battle of Waterloo" by Eckersberg, seemed rather a long way "after" Chaikovsky's "1812," it was rousing stuff.

All this was so absorbing that it was only afterwards that one wondered whether the colours couldn't have been given a more distinguished part. As it was they marched on, formed line and acted mainly as a "back drop" to the musicians. Could they not have been identified, say, by entering individually to their own regimental marches? They are the "descendants" of the colours which were the rallying point of their regiments in the battle whereas there were, as the programme told us, no bands on the British side at Waterloo; it was only the French who had bands which "played rousing tunes during the battle."

However, it was a memorable ceremony and ended with a touch of genius when, the captains and the kings having departed, one little fife, drummer and fife, marched themselves off through the Horse Guards Arch.

### THE WATERLOO BALL

His Excellency the British Ambassador at Brussels gave a ball on June 15, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ball given by the Duchess of Richmond in 1815 just before the Battle of Waterloo. It was at this ball that the Great Duke first heard the intelligence that Napoleon was advancing not by the road from Mons but by way of Charleroi ("By God! He's humbugged me.").

H.E. had invited some 600 guests to the Embassy. Representatives from all the Waterloo formations and regiments were present and royal guests included the Duke and Duchess of Kent and the Prince of the Belgians and his Princess Paola. His Grace the Duke of Wellington and Brigadier the Marquess of Douro also attended.

It was obviously a colourful scene with the many different uniforms including some guests in period costume. Some very expensive jewellery was much in evidence as were the two statuettes of the Duke, the Elphinstone Hoof and the Duke's Waterloo

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medal, all loaned to H.E. by the 1st Battalion for display on the "royal" table.

Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Isles represented the Regiment at the ball. Lt. Power and 2 Lt. Mellor were in attendance on H.E. as A.D.C.'s and C.S.M. Batty, Sgts. Booth and Blacow ran a squad of 12 "Dukes," all in scarlet, assisting in various ways at the ball.

It was a memorable evening and a fitting start to the ceremonies commemorating the Battle of Waterloo in Brussels.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HOUGOUMONT FARM

On the afternoon of Friday, June 18, some 34 colour parties with their supporting regimental detachments paraded in the orchard behind the Hougoumont farmyard.

This was the most private of all the Waterloo memorial celebrations for only specially invited guests were able to attend and the farmyard was not thrown open to the general public. Nevertheless, the foreign Press were there in force and the French journalists seemed particularly excited about the affair.

Our detachment was commanded by the C.O. who, together with the R.S.M. and 20 soldiers, formed up behind the Regimental colour party.

The parade was marched into the orchard to the strains of "The Wellesley" and formed a hollow square with Colonels of Regiments in the centre. We were particularly lucky in that both the Colonel of the Regiment, General Exham, and the Colonel Designate, General Sir Robert Bray, had flown to Brussels for this very special occasion.

A very simple service was conducted by the Chaplain General of B.A.O.R. and wreaths were laid on the British and French memorials.

Unfortunately, the afternoon was marred by a cloud-burst and everybody became terribly wet and the farmyard even more muddy.

### MASSED BANDS IN BRUSSELS

*(Received in response to our request for an account of the massed bands' display in Brussels, this is not quite what we wanted but is, perhaps, a salutary reminder that ceremonial displays are not merely, to misquote Kipling, a matter of saying "Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the stands.—Ed.)*

On Monday, June 14, we travelled to Brussels where we met the many other unit bands who were to take part in the Waterloo celebrations.

Caserne "Rolin," our home for the week, was similar in many ways to Wellesley Barracks, High-road Well. The living accommodation and offices were in three-storey stone buildings. The rooms, intended to sleep some 12 or 16 soldiers, were now housing about 28 men in double bunking. The landings were used as instrument stores. Washing facilities, in cold water, were adequate but there was only one toilet on each floor and showers were available for one hour each day.

The dining room was large enough to seat everyone but, after the evening meal on our day of arrival, was not used by most of the men—raw fish and horsemeat not being a Yorkshireman's idea of a

"stable" diet. So the men had to tighten their belts every day and, in the evenings, eat what they could get from cafes or the "Chip Shop" which was ideally situated opposite the main gate.

Massed band rehearsals were to take place on a nearby field but, as this turned out to be a piece of waste ground with an uneven surface, the police sports ground was commandeered whenever possible.

The weather interfered with rehearsals but, fortunately, was most pleasant on the Saturday and Sunday when a large audience watched the massed infantry, cavalry and Scottish bands and the massed corps of drums perform.

The week in Brussels was an unforgettable experience for us, but not in the way intended. Many of those who took part feel that it was the French who came out on top this time.

### DINNER GIVEN BY THE LORD MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF LONDON IN HONOUR OF THE WATERLOO REGIMENTS

BY MR. S. E. CODE

Our Regimental party, consisting of the Colonel, Lt.-Colonel D. E. Isles, Major J. B. K. Greenway, R.S.M. Nicholls, Sgt. Booth, Cpl. Hodgkinson and myself, met at the Tower of London, where we were made welcome by the Officer Commanding R.H.Q., The Royal Fusiliers.

On arrival at the Guildhall we were met by a spectacle of colour and pageantry, both past and present, depicted on the one hand by the Guard of Honour formed by the Honourable Artillery Company in their cavalier dress, complete with pikes, halberds, feathered hats, etc., and on the other, by the guests in their multifarious 'mess dress and uniforms. Each guest was welcomed by the Lord Mayor and Corporation to the reception, where champagne was served.

In due course the assembled company were invited to take their seats for the dinner in the historic Guildhall itself. Some 650 guests were served with a sumptuous repast, consisting of scotch salmon with green mayonnaise, baron of beef with green salad and new potatoes, roast half spring chicken, parmentier potatoes and french beans, asparagus with melted butter, cheese, dessert, coffee and mints; each course accompanied by the appropriate wine. During the meal a selection of light music, fitting to the occasion, was played by the Band of the Honourable Artillery Company.

Each guest was given a medallion, commemorating the dinner, a souvenir menu, and a presentation box, bearing the coat-of-arms of the City of London and containing a cigar, two cigarettes and book matches in a red leather case, again embossed, in gold, with the City's coat-of-arms.

The meal was followed by the toasts to H.M. The Queen and other members of the Royal Family, the Waterloo Regiments, and The Lord Mayor and Corporation of London. Then came

speeches made by His Grace The Duke of Wellington, The Lord Mayor, Sir James Miller, and The Right Honourable Fred Mulley, M.P., Deputy Secretary of State for Defence (Army). The main theme of the speeches emphasised the part played in the Battle of Waterloo by the common soldier, which resulted in a great victory and peace in Europe lasting almost 100 years.

Thus a memorable evening drew to a close and we left the Guildhall proud to have had the privilege of attending a unique and unforgettable occasion.

### SPECIAL ORDER

By MAJOR-GENERAL K. G. EXHAM, C.B., D.S.O.

*Colonel, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*

I congratulate the Battalion on the splendid part they have played in the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

The drill and bearing of the Colour Party and Escort, both on the Horseguards Parade and at Hougoumont Farm, earned great praise. The wearing of full dress on this historic occasion made our party outstanding.

I should also like to congratulate those representatives of the Regiment who helped at the Ambassador's Ball in Brussels. What they did greatly contributed to the success of this historic evening.

The performance of our Band and Drums in Brussels was exemplary among the highest company and all were impressed by their turn out, marching and playing before a large and appreciative audience.

Finally I would like to tell you how proud I am to have attended all these ceremonies as Colonel of the Regiment, culminating in the Lord Mayor of London's dinner at the Guildhall to the Waterloo Regiments.

One hundred and fifty years ago the British Army under the Great Duke fought the decisive Battle of Waterloo against Napoleon. The victory on that day cost our Regiment very dear and it is our duty always to remember the courage and steadfastness of our comrades who fell on June 18, 1815.

## Tail Piece

### A FRENCH VIEW

In May, Mrs. K. J. Cameron (former business manager of THE IRON DUKE) encountered in the *toilette* of a small inn in the French Jura a dramatic print depicting a moment in the last stage of the Battle of Waterloo.

According to the caption "The Emperor has drawn his sword to throw himself into the middle of the *mêlée*. His brother, Jerome, hurls himself forward to prevent him. Near Napoleon one sees Marshal Ney, then General Bertrand who restrains the horse by the bridle, and General Calonne, who is on foot, throws himself in front of the horse to prevent the misfortune which could have resulted from Napoleon's action." (Background of guns firing in all directions.)

Below the picture is also an account of the battle—in which the "English" do not appear to have taken much part. The original French grammar does not seem to be very sound but the following is a literal translation.

"On June 18, 1815, the French army began its advance. At midday Napoleon gave the order to Marshal Ney to occupy La Haye Sainte to cut the communications between the English and the Prussians.

"Eighty pieces of artillery sent the Germans on their way; by 4 o'clock the affair would have been decided had not General Bulow seen the opportunity for a diversion with 30,000 men. Nevertheless, by 7 o'clock in the evening the French army was again mistress of the field of battle and Bulow's corps was commencing to retire when the columns of General Blucher appeared. Then everything changed face. He (Blucher) directed himself against La Haye which was being defended by a single French division; this was immediately overrun.

At this moment some traitors raised the funeral cry of "*Sauve-t-il qui peut.*" The enemy cavalry debouched through the resulting gap and inundated the field of battle. Night followed and, with it, a fearful rout which was illuminated only by the fine feat of arms of a general of the Guard who, when pressed to surrender, cried: "The Guard dies and does not surrender."

But then, much of what most of us know about Waterloo isn't very accurate.

That the Great Duke said it was won on the playing fields of Eton, for instance, or that, at the climax of the battle, he cried "Up, Guards and at them!"

The Duke once said that he had been "much exposed to authors." He has, since, been much exposed to misquoters. Most frequently mauled is his account of Waterloo which, as recorded in the Creevey papers, ran "It has been a damned nice thing—the nearest run thing you ever saw in your life . . . By God! I don't think it would have done if I had not been there."

But he was there and saved the battle from first to last. And so we now commemorate him and the victory. In doing so we do not think of it as a victory over the French. It was a victory over Napoleon who seemed to us then a tyrant.

We have no cause to be shy about celebrating a victory over tyranny and it is our duty to remember and honour those who fought and died for it 150 years ago, and hope that their example will help us to do as well if our liberty is again threatened, understanding that liberty is freedom to do, not what you want, but what you think to be right, and not being blind to the cost of fighting for it. There is no dispute about what the Great Duke wrote in his "Dispatch from the field of Waterloo"—or about its truth: "Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won."

## 1st BATTALION COMPANY NOTES

### ALMA COMPANY

Major Hardy is now commanding the company, this making a total of six company commanders in 12 months. C.S.M. France is about to leave to become R.S.M. of the Depot and C.Q.M.S. McManus has gone to Hook Company. The new incumbents are W.O.2 Battye and C.Q.M.S. Wilkinson.

We have had a go at most things in the last few months without, regrettably, any great success. We had two prize winners in the Battalion Rifle Meeting: Pte. Williams won the Young Soldiers and Cpl. Stansfield, whom we welcome back after a long absence, won the Corporals. Major Hardy, despite his own predictions, was not successful. In the Athletics Meeting we came bottom despite winning the 220 yards (Pte. Hull), 1 mile (Pte. Nee), 3 miles (Pte. Grey), long jump (Pte. Oxley-Bates). Nee was awarded the Best Athletics Cup for his win in the mile and a tie with Cpl. Lindsay in the 880 yards.

As both the Company Commander and 2IC are *ptsc*, the company is a "dead cert" for any trials that the Battalion may be called upon to do. We currently house a Vigilant guided weapon platoon and have also trials on new cookers and digging machine.

We had our annual two weeks pilgrimage to Sennelager for field firing in March. This went well and a vast quantity of beer was drunk in the evenings. Pte. Kane distinguished himself by voluntarily digging a six foot deep hole by the refuse bins to catch wild boar. It was not a great success and its only victim was one mangy dog which had attached itself to us from I RF.

2/Lt. Ogram and Cpl. Smith took a party of the company on Exercise Three Nuns over Easter. The object was and still is shrouded in mystery, but apparently involved setting up a base camp five yards from the Dutch border and having a good time.

The future includes leave, adventure training, Exercise Bar Frost in Norway, Waterloo celebrations in London and Belgium and no doubt other little activities of which we have not yet heard.

We congratulate the following:—

Cpl. Hodkinson on his marriage, L/Cpl. Mitchell and Cpl. Lowney on their promotion.

### BURMA COMPANY

Last year we were surprised by the pace of life in Germany. This year we know what to expect, but even so are constantly amazed at the way we manage to meet all demands to perform a variety of activities—mostly at or about the same time and certainly with the same men!

As soon as ski-ing in Bavaria and the Hertz Mountains was finished we were on our way back to Sennelager. Although most of us now know our way around the ranges and training areas it was a joy to have the whole company together again.



Pte. Nee, Champion Athlete, receiving the Cup from Mrs. Isles.

The standard of our shooting was much better than last year, and it also soon became obvious that we have not completely lost the tactical skills we acquired last season. During the fortnight we were at Sennelager we entertained a group of TA soldiers from the DLI. It was a pleasure to report that they fitted in very well, achieved a high standard and were appreciative of everything we did for them.

On returning to base at Osnabruck we spent a number of days on the range classifying on the SLR. Results were good and this period was particularly valuable for it allowed our two experts, Captain Dennison and C.S.M. Fenn, to sort out our shooting team for the Battalion Meeting. This they did to such good effect that, on the day, the company team swept the board. There was just one moment of doubt in the rifle competition but under pressure Pte. Barnett produced one of his best scores. Full results are given elsewhere. A result such as this only happens very occasionally so members of the company may be excused for enjoying every moment; not to be outdone by the shooting team those members of the company in the butts did their part well and almost stole the show with the immaculate and disciplined manner in which they dealt with the falling plates. All in all it was a great day for the company.

Unfortunately we were not so successful in the soccer competitions. Our platoon sides were defeated early, and a strong Hook Company side

was too good for us on the day we met in the company knock-out. However morale was firmly restored at the Battalion Athletics meeting although as the great Duke once said "It was a damn close run thing." Again a Barnett produced a splendid performance at a critical moment. This time it was L/Cpl. Barnett who snatched victory in the last event of the whole competition. None of the company teams had much opportunity to train so it was fortunate that our own competitors all had a real go and produced a first-class team result. This was particularly apparent in the 3-mile event where none of our runners could catch Gray of Alma but we took the next three places.

At short notice we were required to send a platoon to Denmark with Corunna Company. Lt. Power took 6 Platoon, with a little stiffening from 5 Platoon, and a report of their activities is elsewhere. Suffice to say that all who remained behind were very envious, and also that we have heard from Major Hoppe that the platoon did its job well.

Those of us who remained were privileged to take part in the parade at Sennelager for H.M. The Queen. This simple statement covers a deal of cleaning and polishing, and a very long time practising self-control when standing to attention and "at ease." We did not have an enormous part to play on the parade but we had the satisfaction of knowing that we were very well turned out and steady. There was a certain amount of pride apparent when a soldier in the middle rank of the guard noticed that his Commanding Officer was becoming agitated with the turn-out and bearing of the guard from another regiment. In a loud voice the soldier remarked, "How would you like to command that lot in front for a while sir?" It was a day to remember for none of us had previously been on parade with over 6,000 other soldiers.

Sgt. Glencross has come to us on promotion from Corunna. We wish him well and know that the mortar section and company will benefit.

Quite a change-over is taking place in the company hierarchy. Captain Dennison, now replaced by Captain Bellamy, has gone to Bisley and then moves on to his new unit in Malaya. C.S.M. Sargeant has come to take over from C.S.M. Fenn who, after Bisley, goes to Hook Company. Those of us who have served with C.S.M. Fenn know how much he has given to the company and how much of its success is due to him.

At the same time we are due to have a new Commanding Officer. Major Shuttleworth is leaving for a staff tour after two years with the company during which time he has had the pleasure of seeing Burma Company become a little more professional and skilful.

Both Commanding Officer and C.S.M. leave with the satisfaction of knowing that they are handing over a good company to their successors.

### CORUNNA COMPANY IN DENMARK

In December last year the Battalion was told to nominate a rifle company for "Exchange Training" in Denmark. The Commanding Officer's choice fell on Corunna Company.

At the end of April the Company Commander, Major Hoppe, flew to Denmark to arrange details with the Danish host battalion. The Company were to be guests of the Funen Life Regiment stationed at Odense and were to train and live with them on Brigade and Battalion exercises in Jutland and Funen. The Company Commander's trip to Denmark was enjoyable and successful and arrangements were easily settled. The Danish Commanding Officer asked for the Company to be increased to three rifle platoons and thus the Company was augmented by a rifle platoon from Burma Company.

On May 14, Corunna Company group, 130 men and 27 vehicles strong, left Quebec Barracks for Denmark. The road journey, some 360 miles to Odense, was covered in two stages. The first stage was from Osnabruck to Kiel, where the Company stayed overnight with the Advanced Watermanship Training Centre; the following day they completed the journey, crossing into Denmark at Krussa north of Flensburg. The highlight of the journey was following the German Police escort car through the centre of Kiel not long before the afternoon rush hour began. All traffic and pedestrians on the highway were called to give way, as the convoy sped past nose to tail. Those Germans who dared disregard the police car warning had to take swift avoiding action.

The Company's entry into Denmark was easily accomplished with the assistance of the British Frontier Service Officer. Captain Dodd, the Company 2IC, had the hardest task, having to exchange the bulk of our money into Danish kroner. In Denmark by 0900 hours on Saturday morning, the Company was met by our host battalion's liaison officer who helped guide us to Odense. Here the convoy arrived soon after midday. The only vehicles adrift were both belonging to the Colour Sergeant. Fortunately C/Sgt. Pratt and the three-tonner carrying the rations soon arrived. He had turned east instead of west at Kolding but says he soon realised his mistake as he saw he was driving into the sun!

The first weekend in Odense was spent in settling in and realising the enormous price of all alcoholic beverages — including beer — largely caused by a two-week-old brewery strike. Morale sank low and arrangements were soon made to supply NAAFI beer to the Company.

The Company's first military duty was to parade on Monday morning to meet the Danish Regimental Commander, Colonel Danhuus, who commanded all three battalions of the Funen Life Regiment. After a quick inspection and a short address of welcome, Colonel Danhuus handed the Company over to Lt.-Colonel Busch, Commanding the 1st Battalion, with whom we were to train and work.

The remainder of Monday was spent in preparing for our first exercise called Felt 18. This was a five-day brigade exercise set for the Battalion.

The main points of interest on the exercise from the Company's point of view was a deep penetration snatch patrol across a river by Captain Dodd. This mission was very successful and succeeded in capturing a Danish sentry under the noses of his

commanders. Cpl. Lancashire very effectively silenced the prisoner, one Christensen, K. G., by filling his mouth with sand. The patrol finally managed to return to base, in spite of some misunderstanding with the Danish Engineers over handling the assault boats.

On the last morning Lt. Power and his Burma Company boys were able to cut off and capture a large part of the enemy force by infiltrating behind the enemy lines.

During the exercise General Sir Robert Bray visited the Jutland Brigade HQ and inspected the Company during his tour of the exercise area. The Commanding Officer and Adjutant were also expected but, owing to a lack of aeroplanes, had to cancel coming at the last moment.

Throughout most of the time the Burma Platoon was detached to a Danish tank company. In general the exercise was hard work and no one had much sleep. The weather was extremely cold with a biting north wind. At first the exercise was rather dull and slow moving but during the final 24 hours the Company was given plenty to do and was able to open out and cover a good deal of ground.

The next three days over a weekend were a relaxation period. The Company all went over to Danish rations as a change from Compo. Some very long faces were made after the first experience of a Continental breakfast. The remaining meals were in general well liked though the Compo rations were more greatly appreciated when they reappeared on Tuesday morning. By now the Company canteen had plenty of beer which helped relieve many a dry British and Danish throat.

The Company's final exercise in Denmark was one run by the Battalion with Corunna Company acting as enemy.

The Company, split into three independent platoons, had to act as opposition for the three Danish light companies making an advance to the north coast of Funen.

Platoon and section commanders had plenty to do and many a famous last stand was made. When the exercise ended in the evening each platoon joined up with a Danish company for a camp fire evening at a pleasant camp site on the coast. Here, later, a bonfire was made and, fortified with cans of beer, sausages and rolls, Danish and British songs were sung. The two Padres, Reverend Ian Bull and his Danish opposite number, set a good example in getting the singing started. Several platoon commanders were a bit shaky next morning having been entertained to beer and schnapps by their Danish hosts.

The Company's final manouvre was a march into Odense with the Battalion, after the exercise, with their Band and Drums playing. All managed to stay in step despite a slow pace and rubber boots.

The Company played soccer, rugby and cricket versus the Danes. At soccer the Company team lost a very spirited and hard fought game against their full Battalion side, 4—2. Pte. Yuden in goal made many fine saves; after the game our team were all given small Danish Regimental plaques as a memento for the game.



Sgt. Blacow (left) and W.O.2 Simpson before Corunna marched into Odense.

At rugby a rather scratch side played a hard game on a "makeshift" pitch. The opposition were called the Lendoe Rugby Club which was largely a local ship-building workers' club. Several Danish internationals were in their side, but they clearly did not relish a hard tackle, and after some close play Pte. Shadbolt scored under the post, this try being converted by Cpl. Lamont. Towards the end of the game they managed to kick a penalty goal. The final score was thus 5—3 to Corunna Company.

At cricket the leading club in Odense challenged the Company to a game. The game was played in a lovely setting on one of the only permanent cricket fields in Denmark. The Danes proved too strong and scored 209 against 54 for the Company. C/Sgt. Pratt and Pte. Yuden bowled and batted well. A tentative fixture was arranged for the Battalion team.

The Company's return to Osnabruck was accomplished without incident. Final impressions about the fortnight in Denmark are: firstly, the great value obtained from meeting and training together as a NATO Force; secondly, the tremendous hospitality and goodwill of the Danes. With very few exceptions everyone in the Company enjoyed the fortnight's Exchange Training and would like to go again.

### HOOK COMPANY

As always the administration of the Battalion has been carried on efficiently over the last quarter by the company despite people being away in Denmark, and Sennelager or on other activities.

Hook won the inter-company football, won the inter-company seven-a-side rugby and had both finalists in the inter-platoon football competition, in which the Administration team beat the Signals. The Company also won three events in the athletics



but only came third overall. The shooting team came second to Burma, but many of the team are now shooting for the Battalion. Pte. Maynard did well to win, the "Best Private Soldier" cup, and the falling plate "A" team (runners-up) produced the best time of the meeting (31 seconds).

The Recce Platoon went down to Bavaria, starting with two weeks' mountaineering and following up with two weeks of military training. Then seven of the Assault Pioneers have been canoeing for a week in Holland, and some of the Signals will have an opportunity to go sailing at Kiel.

The Band and Drums have also had a full quarter with many engagements. They played at the 2 Division Massed Bands held at Munster in early May, at Sennelager, and are now in Belgium for the Waterloo Celebrations. Besides these big events they played at a combined Belgium and United States Army parade near Paderborn, and have done the normal engagements at parades, dinner nights, and dances within the Garrison. Future events are the Queen's Birthday Parade at Hanover, the Queen Mother's Visit to 9/12 Lancers in Osnabruck, a Berlin tour and paid engagements in Belgium and Denmark. Yet the brightest news from the band is the great success of the beat group, "The Top Cats." L/Cpl. Parkinson, Bds. Powell, Crag and Barratt with Cpl. Taylor (ACC) have formed a really lively group, who have become very popular.

Meanwhile all the company have to start getting fit for the Norwegian mountains, and some lucky ones still have summer leave to come.

### Signal Platoon

The wind of change—only L/Cpl. Preston remains from the Signal Platoon of Kenya and before. In April C.S.M. Batty left for Alma Company and no words can pay enough tribute; he not only ran the platoon for three years but controlled at least two R.S.O.'s as well. Sgt. Coll has also left to instruct at Hythe. In saying farewell to those two, one must welcome Sgt. Curling into the stores (*My Stores!*—being the phrase of the day) and Sgt. Booth to Radio Sergeant. Both left their mark at Hythe on their courses. Cpl. Wilkinson also came back from Hythe, where he came top in the N.C.O.s' class, no mean achievement.

Every spare moment is devoted to HF signalling and sky-wave, which had been forgotten since British Honduras. Also a driving rally was organised; Cpl. Taylor, and Childs disappeared for parts of it and Winterbottom of course found a ditch on the cross-country part; but a lot was learnt and L/Cpl. Donaldson and Butcher won the APC class, with Firth and Bowler winning the Ferret class. We reached the final of the inter-platoon soccer—(R.S.O. was missing, and Hirst, so we were defeated).

We continue to have our fires, L/Cpl. Kelsey and the battery shop this time. Still more have become engaged, Dobson and maybe even Howarth.

In 522 Signal Troop, Woodfruff has left and is replaced by Sgmn. Liddle.

## THE REGIMENTAL LUNCH AND DINNER

The Officers' Regimental Dinner Club held their annual dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel on Thursday, June 10. The original idea of holding it on Waterloo Day had to be abandoned owing to the commemorative events arranged in Brussels for that period.

The Colonel of the Regiment presided at the dinner. Our guests were His Grace, The Duke of Wellington, K.G., The Lord Elphinstone, present head of the family from which came the Commanding Officer of the 33rd at Waterloo, Colonel Paul Defoy, C.D., the Commanding Officer of Les Voltigeurs de Québec, and Lt.-Commander R. O. I. Borradaile, M.B.E., V.R.D., R.N.V.R., Commandant of the Wellington College Cadet Corps.

There was a strong attendance, considering the absence abroad of the 1st Battalion. (The list below shows 70 members at dinner but apparently 72 members paid. If two members have been omitted from the list, therefore, they are asked to accept the apologies of the hon. secretary.)

In the ante-room was arranged a display of some of our most valued Waterloo relics which had been borrowed for the evening from the Waterloo Exhibition in Wellington Barracks. The Elphinstone Hoof was appropriately sited on the dinner table.

Members of the Dinner Club attending the dinner were:—

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General K. G. Exham. The Deputy Colonel, Brigadier Webb-Carter. General Sir Robert Bray. Major-Generals Ozanne and Upjohn. Brigadiers Bunbury, Firth, P. P. de la H. Moran. Colonels Armitage, Davidson, Harvey, Hinchcliffe, Howcroft, Turner, Wathen. Lt.-Colonels Cox, Dalrymple, Isles, Kavanagh, Moncrieff, Peake, Sayers, Skelsey, F. P. A. Woods. Majors Burton, Butterfield, Coop, Cowell, Davis, Driver, Faulkner, Hindley, Hufham, Huskisson, Ince, Jones-Stamp, Lane, Lennon, Lepper, MacLaren, Naughton, Randall, Savory, Sills, Tedd, Wood. Captains Bunbury, Charlesworth, Campbell-Lamerton, Lupton, Middleton-Hands, Pell, Pugh, The Lord Savile, Stevens. Lts. Andrews, Arnold, Barkshire, M. Bray, Bruce-Lowe, Campbell-Lamerton, Cartwright, Edwards, Hayes, Innes, G. A. Reddington, Shenton, Stacpoole, Walker, Westcob.

Captain A. H. P. Laurence and Lts. Mellor and Power joined the gathering after dinner.

### The Lunch

The lunch was, this year, also held at the Hyde Park Hotel and both the room and the lunch were a very great improvement on what we had last year. The number present was smaller than last year but several of those who had intended to come were, in the event, unable to do so.

The Colonel of the Regiment had invited, as guests of the Regiment, Mrs. P. A. Turner and Mrs. M. V. le P. Trench. Mrs. Turner was not able to make the journey but we were very glad to see Mrs. Trench there. Colonel Paul Defoy was also present as a guest.

Those present at the lunch included:—

The Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs. Exham; Colonel Armitage; General Sir Robert and Lady Bray; Mrs. Boutflower; Mrs. Cameroe; Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Chatterton; Major Coop; Colonel and Mrs. Davidson; Major and Mrs. Davis; Major-General and Mrs. R. K. Exham; Major and Mrs. Faulkner; Brigadier and Mrs. Firth; Mrs. Grimley; Colonel Harvey; Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. C. W. G. Ince; Major and Mrs. R. Ince; Lt.-Colonel Isles; Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Kavanagh; Lady Landon; Major and Mrs. MacLaren; Brigadier Miles and Mrs. Naydler; Lt.-Colonel Moncrieff; Mrs. Orr; General Ozanne and Miss Biddy Ozanne; Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Peake; Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Price; Lt.-Colonel Skelsey; Captain Stevens; Colonel J. B. Sugden; Colonel Turner; Brigadier Webb-Carter; General and Mrs. Upjohn.

# THE WEST RIDING BATTALION T.A.

## Battalion Camp

Annual Camp 1965 will surely go down on record as one of the most hard-working camps the Battalion has ever undertaken. Having such ideal training areas as there are at Stanford PTA at our disposal, the aim was to use them to the best advantage. We feel that the aim was achieved.

Settling in on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning went with few hitches, due largely to the efforts of the advance party, and then East Wretham Camp "A" was a sea of "Dukes" signs. At 0700 hours on Monday training proper started with S/Sgt. Collier's usual loosening up session after which everyone (?) was fit (?) and ready to go.

For the first week, the Battalion was split into the usual cadres, Trained Soldiers, Recruits, Signals, Assault Pioneers, 3 in. Mortar—and for the first time, the Recce Platoon.

The Trained Soldiers Cadre trained on fieldcraft and battlecraft up to platoon level with a night firing exercise on Wednesday night and the opportunity to fire all platoon weapons except 3.5 in. RL on Thursday.

Basic weapon training and fieldcraft occupied the recruits together with firing the SLR and LMG on Thursday.

The Signals signalled and the 3 in. Mortar

Platoon mortared under the keen eye of Captain Marsay on loan from the 1st Battalion via Jamaica. C.S.M. Pilkington's Assault Pioneers disappeared each morning at the crack of dawn to mess around in boats under Brigade arrangements. What the Recce Platoon did we don't quite know—they shot out of camp each morning, draped with camouflage nets and vegetation, and one never saw them until tea-time. Lt. Cook assures us that concealment is an important part of their training so we assume they were gainfully employed.

Friday, June 18, 1965—150 years after the Battle. In spite of our heavy training commitments we felt that this day must not go without some form of celebration. The Commanding Officer addressed the Battalion on Muster Parade and the afternoon was given over to the Sports Meeting. The field events were won overall by "D" Company, the relay by "A" Company and the Tug-of-War by "H.Q." Company by a fall-over. The Messing Officer (Captain Crowther) rose to the occasion and produced a first-class evening meal of turkey with all the trimmings and beer. Under the direction of Bandmaster Pollard the Band and Drums (Drum-Major Pickles), who had practised hard all week, beat Retreat in Thetford Market place in front of a large crowd.

The drill competition took place on Saturday



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## THE ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

(Back row) Pte. A. McLean, L/Cpl. R. Brown, Pte. D. Huck, Pte. W. Booth, W.O.2 J. Pilkington; (front row) Pte. G. Brett, Pte. G. L. Jackson, L/Cpl. H. Shaw.

morning under new rules, and was won by "H.Q." Company. The 2IC and Adjutant thought the morning would never end! After an early church parade on Sunday most of the Battalion either retired to bed to recover from a strenuous week or took a coach trip to Great Yarmouth.

For the whole of the second week the Trained Soldiers and Recruits amalgamated and formed two rifle companies; X Company (Major Haws) and Y Company (Major Knowles). The first three days were taken up with field firing exercises on company/platoon level; on two of them Companies were supported by the 3 in. Mortars and a troop of Ferrets from the Yorkshire Yeomanry.

On Wednesday evening the Battalion moved out to a concentration area in readiness for an advance-to-contact exercise set by Brigade. Concealment in the concentration area was very good and we learned that, when the area was buzzed by Hunters of the RAF on Thursday morning, there was not much to be seen. On the advance exercise the

Battalion was again supported by two troops Yorkshire Yeomanry, and companies could call for (and get) air recce or air strike from the RAF. The exercise culminated in an assault river crossing, after which the Pioneer Platoon rafted across our "F" Ech vehicles. Particular praise must go to the pioneers who were very tired men, having assisted two other battalions on their exercises before taking part in ours.

Anyone who thought that camp was just about over on Thursday was sadly mistaken. The rifle platoons (thickened up by all and sundry) were off again on Friday morning at 0600 hours to take part in a Brigade free-for-all exercise.

In retrospect—we were lucky to have such excellent training areas and camp facilities—not so lucky with the weather. All ranks worked hard and at times were very tired and wet, but, as usual with the West Riding Battalion, they came back with their tails up and morale high.

## NEWS FROM THE MESSES

### Officers' Mess

Most of our social activities at this time of the year hinge around our camp period. However, on May 7, we did have our Ladies Dinner Night. This is the one day a year when we try to repay our wives for all their suffering. It is noted that one bachelor from the wilds of Skipton managed to creep in; apparently he had not had a square meal for some time!

Our big night at camp was the guest night on Waterloo Day. However, on the first Monday of camp we were delighted to entertain Brigadier Tony Firth and Lt.-Colonel Paul Defoy, Commanding Officer of the Allied Regiment, Les Voltigeurs de Québec. This was also the night we were introduced to the Candle Game by Bob Callaby and the Cork Game by Charles Cumberland; both games we might add are of the wetter variety!

Our guest list on Waterloo Day was considerable. We were very pleased to welcome General Ozanne, our brigadier, P. P. de la H. Moran, our editor, Colonel Turner, John Streatfield and a number of other guests from units with us at Brigade camp this year.

The Commanding Officer had organised a sand table model of the Battle and our 2IC, Colin Barnes, ably assisted by Brian Webster, set the whole thing up in one corner. Above the battlefield was a reproduction (alas!) of the Duke by Goya, kindly presented by the Commanding Officer.

On the Middle Sunday we had our usual drinks and buffet lunch; this escalated somewhat this year, but nevertheless it was quieter than expected.

We had invited the Sergeants to have a drink with us on Saturday and in return we visited them on the second Monday of camp. They looked after us, as always, extremely well. In particular we enjoyed the appearance of the two well-proportioned "Beauty-Queens."

Our final Friday set the seal to a well-filled fortnight. We had been informed earlier in the fortnight that we would always be welcome at the American Officers' Club at the RAF Lakenheath; in fact a number of us had already visited there. As we dine out on the final Friday to allow our mess staff to clear the mess, we arranged to dine at the aforementioned Officers' Club. When we arrived we found that one of the squadrons was holding a "Shipwreck Party." We were taken over completely. The Commanding Officer was ordered to remove his jacket and tie and in no time at all we found ourselves in a state of respectable undress. The party started very well as our hosts were dispensing a rum punch which can only be described as lethal.

There are too many individual stories to repeat at this time, but it is reported that Mike Turner was sat cross-legged on the floor in front of some lady for more than two hours.

Finally we were entertained by the Squadron Glee Club and they asked us to sing something. Led by Colonel Moncrieff we gave them a powerful rendition of the "Dukes" Rugby Song and it can be said without fear or favour that we were, most certainly, the hit of the evening. Next morning most of us were somewhat fragile.

### W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess

Integration of the Services seems to have been the theme of our annual camps for the last two years: in 1964 our messmates were the crews of H.M. Submarines at Garelochhead—this year, 1965, saw us amongst the airmen of the RAF and USAF whilst doing our annual training at Stanford PTA Norfolk.

First of all we send our very best wishes to Sgt. Fitzgerald, our Cook Sergeant, who we hear is now well on the way to recovery after an accident in a one-tonner returning from week-end shooting at

Rowlston. We hope he will soon be back with us. Sgt. Fitzgerald took over the reins of Cook Sergeant from W.O.2 Hannan who, to our loss, has had to leave the TA because of his civilian commitments.

East Wretham Camp "A" this year offered us the best accommodation we have ever had at annual camp. It was set in really beautiful surroundings with every convenience (except buses) and we set about our fortnight's training with gusto. R.S.M. Pennington at the helm, we encountered every type of "sea," every kind of weather, but taken all round two score of mess members have returned to the West Riding fitter, healthier, tanned, perhaps more tired, and a whole lot wiser.

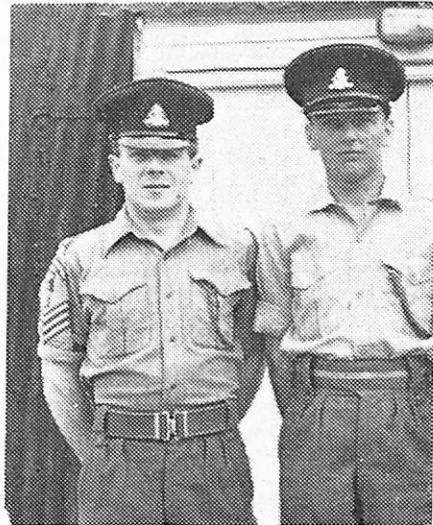
Cadre training for the first week, exercises in the second week had everyone on his toes from dawn till dusk; yet somehow between dusk and dawn a whale of a lot of entertainment of a private nature was carried out. It is even rumoured that we were in direct contact "by air" with the N.C.O.'s Club at the USAF Base at Mildenhall and it is known that two pilots of the RAF Kestrel Squadron are proudly wearing Dukes ties presented to them by a Mess member (in appreciation of their efforts to "lift" our vehicles off the road by the blast from their jets as they attacked us during the Battalion exercise). During a visit to our Mess, to the background music of our own Band and Drums (taped during camp) Jim Reeves, The Beatles, Rolling Stones and Russ Conway, we entertained them royally and they left in the early or approaching dawn hours, their only regret being that they hadn't found us earlier.

The beat of the drums, bugle sounds and martial music were at their loudest ranging from reveille till well after "lights out" and we have just reason to be proud of the Band under the direction of Bandmaster A. Pollard who recently joined us (ex-Regular Royal Marines and RA (TA)) and the Drums under command Drum Major G. Pickles. The acclaim of the crowds who witnessed beating Retreat at Thetford convinced us that our own very high opinion of our Band and Drums was justified.

Our P.S.I.'s, secluded in their own little hut, were kept busy but have no special highlight to report apart from "Bugs" Battye and "Minty" Mountcastle's fishing venture which brought a record catch of 80 in one afternoon, much to the delight of those "professionals." Sgt. Hartley, we noticed, was chaperoned by Mrs. Hartley who had as a companion Mrs. Richardson, wife of Sgt. Richardson, and we were very pleased to see them in the Mess. Mrs. Reed, C/Sgt. Reed's better half, was also a welcome visitor.

Visitors to the Mess included Brigadier A. D. Firth, and Lt.-Colonel Paul Defoy, the Commanding Officer of the Allied Regiment, Les Voltigeurs de Québec.

Some excellent liaison work was done with the USAF, Mildenhall. A daytime recce was made to their N.C.O.'s Open Mess to meet the Secretary and Custodian, M/Sgt. Paul Flemming. When the situation regarding our lightning visit to Norfolk was explained he and his able committee immediately arranged a darts match to take place at



*Block by courtesy of Huddersfield Examiner*  
**Drum-Major Pickles and Bandmaster  
A. Pollard.**

Mildenhall during the week. This evening fostered a firm friendship which blossomed as the fortnight went by. The result of the match was a draw and our darts experts were amazed at the prowess of their adversaries. A Saturday night visit was likened to a visit to a night club. The entertainment was excellent and the lay-out and service of the club sumptuous.

A shooting contest on pistol and rifle was arranged by T/Sgt. "Chuck" Childs for the second week and our best shots mustered. We were warned in a friendly way that the personal weapon of our antagonists was the pistol and that they were fairly good shots on the rifle. The standard of their shooting was extremely high—one firer on the pistol, Sgt. Bill McManus was extremely disgusted with himself because he threw one shot wide into the nine inch. No doubt the 1st Battalion Bisley Bullets will have met him on that hallowed ground by the time these notes are published. The result of this evening was our defeat by 221 points (HPS for a team being 3,200). This we deem to be good as we fired with unfamiliar weapons and against Regulars. On this evening, as we thought our chances of a further visit was rather slim, we made a farewell presentation of an inscribed Regimental plaque to the Mess. We are proud to know that the plaque holds the place of honour being the first ever presented.

We are now waiting for the annual ball to come round again as our friends have promised to visit us on our home ground. Without any doubt whatsoever Anglo American relations could never have been better.

In our Mess, which, by the way, was a large magnificent building and being a "free house" supplied Whitbreads and Watneys (mild and bitter) we had a very successful games evening and the highlight was when we entertained the officers on June 21. The entertainment that evening was

provided by our own "stars" headed by the bathing beauties C.S.M. Harvey and Sgt. Field, a sketch by C.S.M. Fitton and Sgt. Pearce, "Gunga Push" Peckett (with no problems) selling his wares to all. The Medical Officer roared with delight as S/Sgt. Ewart (Hugh Art) A/MO, assisted by Sgt. Pearce, operated on the unwilling S/Sgt. Perrin. S/Sgts. Reed and Bycroft danced the hula-hula and the Bandmaster certainly tied himself in knots with the sousaphone. The MC, comic and singer was our Drum Major and, on his ability, the London Palladium could well be his next appointment. Special thanks too to our welcome and honorary guest Miss Fairclough who provided the costumes. "Edna is now one of us."

Our thanks to Sgt. Tennant for the able way in

which he carried out his duties as Mess Steward and to Sgt. Samson for the excellent food we enjoyed. Special thanks to the Mess Staff especially the cooks who, although understaffed, produced meals that were really first class. The special buffets they provided were really appreciated and enjoyed by all who partook.

We are now back in the West Riding (perhaps appreciating good ale again) getting ready for whatever is in store for us during the coming months and, surprisingly enough, we'll soon be preparing for next year's camp which we hear will be at Devizes where, strange as it may seem, more water than beer will flow.

(How about the Mess member who got bogged down with his camouflage!)

## SHADOW ACROSS THE T.A. CAMP

FROM OUR NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

*The following article appeared in The Times on June 17, when the West Riding Battalion was in camp. It was much spoken of at their Waterloo Guest Night on June 18, and it was decided that we should seek permission from The Times to reproduce it as, although it deals with a Yeomanry unit, it expresses so well the views and feelings of our own Territorials.*

*We are most grateful to the Editor of The Times for permission to reprint.*

It was 3.30 a.m. on the Fantasian frontier. It was pouring with rain, the temperature had slid down during the night, catching everyone by surprise in the middle of their three hours' sleep in two blankets on the damp ground; and now a wind was lashing the rain sideways through scout-car turret flaps and under canvas canopies as the dark shapes of the squadron of vehicles came to life and moved slowly over the hummocks to their first light dispersal points.

The first sound to be heard as the strict silence rules of a night leaguer were relaxed with the coming of dawn was a gust of laughter as the comedian of the leading troop cracked his first joke of the day.

"What in heaven's name," said the squadron commander—who had imposed all this discomfort on his friends and himself and who had just defined Territorial soldiering as the most advanced form of masochism ever invented—"what *do* they find to laugh about?"

He contemplated his little command disappearing behind its camouflage nets to begin another day's soldiering that would not end for at least 14 hours, and added: "It would be madness—just plain bloody madness, to throw this thing out of the window."

Every one of the annual camps of this Yeomanry regiment—which had better remain anonymous as a gesture towards the regulations about conveying information to the press that I have always found

rather hard to comply with—has had a special something about it which has become a label. There was the year of mud at Kirkcudbright, the year of sunburn at Lulworth, the year of insomnia at Castlemartin and so on. This will go down as the year of the shadow of disbandment.

Whatever the outcome of the reorganisation of the TA, which we now know is at least being contemplated, the timing of the leaks which have led to speculative newspaper stories might almost have been designed to hurt—just before the camping season began and with no definite information likely before it is nearly over.

### Many Questions

The questions started, of course, from the moment the officers met with their men. With the latter's usual touching faith in our omniscience they besieged us for the inside information they were sure we must have, for our opinions, our guesses, for anything they could latch on to and pass through the soldiers' normal channels of communication.

We have done our best to satisfy them, though we have no hard facts whatsoever. The Colonel, fearful of a serious drop in nebulous motivation which really makes the whole thing work, has stated his own views verbally and in a letter to every man so that at least they have something to bite on. He has simply said that he cannot conceive that the nation does not get value for money from an organisation which in a very few hours can at the very least roll out a large number of radio-equipped vehicles with crews who can live without civilian support for days at a time, which can be controlled on the move by a complex command organisation, and which could, and would like to, be trained in any job that would assist in anything from riot quelling to emergency midwifery.

Above all, he has pointed out, we are a disciplined body—even though our methods of achieving this might cause surprise in the Brigade of Guards we

are available to do whatever the nation asks of us, without question, without argument, and in an organised manner. We have fairly strong feelings that this alone justifies our continuing existence.

**A Wrong Image**

One thing nagging at the men is a feeling that we have never got our real image across to the public. Why, they ask, do the papers always feature the sergeants' mess parties, the food in the cookhouse, the fatuous "it's as good as a holiday" remarks attributed to overawed young soldiers who have been asked leading questions by reporters. Why, they say, does no one ever record the facts that at an average camp we are living in the field for nine out of the 14 days, sleeping in ditches, working round the clock, that hard, serious training takes precedence over everything else: that we achieve what we do by totally disregarding anything approaching trade union hours; and that if we have parties (we do admit to a fair share) they are conducted in the hours that most people devote to sleeping.

**Employers' Attitude**

We feel that too many employers have the "paid holiday" view of the TA. Our numbers have been sadly reduced this year by employers who have dropped hints on the lines of: "While of course the firm supports the principle of voluntary national service to the hilt, it so happens that your camp coincides with a sales drive and we

are sure that you will decide for yourself where your loyalties lie."

We laud and support the general theory that the TA must be modernised and given a value-for-money call-up commitment. We would like to play a leading part and we would all like to be "ever-readies" if there were absolute protection not just for our jobs but our careers. In our endless discussions how we would reorganise the TA one point emerges on top every time—something positive will have to be done to encourage employers to co-operate.

The Colonel's words have gone a long way to cheer everyone up, and in fact morale seems even higher than usual, which is saying quite a lot. Ironically, our military efficiency seems higher than ever too.

The TA has been accused of being the most expensive youth club in the world. We feel this to be rather unfair, since we regard the leadership and discipline that we teach—a discipline incidentally, which is not backed by any form of punishment—as something of a bonus to the nation which comes from us as a small by-product. In an age where someone, somewhere is saying something every day about the need for youth to be disciplined, and when industry is complaining about the shortage of men with leadership qualities, it seems to us that we are not really cheating the taxpayer.

**The Heartbeat**

Yesterday the annual visit of the warrant officers and sergeants to the officers' mess took place. This rather unusual affair began as usual with our guests marching themselves across the camp, the band sergeants leading and playing the obviously appropriate march.

This year the sun was out so we stood on the terrace drinking together for an hour or so while cameras clicked and whirred and what might be called a high level of repartee developed. It goes without saying that no one ever thought of calling even the newest cadet anything but "sir," even at the peak moments of hilarity.

The guests' departure at an appropriate point was, of course, quietly and unobtrusively organised by the R.S.M. in a manner which many civilian party-goers might do well to emulate. As our 40-odd very close friends marched themselves away in an even more informal manner the Senior Major took a group of officer cadets on one side and said: "Remember what I told you about this whole show running on mutual respect—you have just seen it in action. That was the heart of a good regiment ticking. Remember it."

He then took himself on one side and stared a little mistily at the back of the last file of sergeants who were by now carrying out the sort of movements pioneered by American drum majorettes and was heard to mutter: "They could not—they just could not—throw this out of the window."

*Unhappily, since this was printed, the shadow has grown very dark. Further comment is, however, not possible here—Ed*

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# THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner

It has been found necessary to hold the 1965 Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner at **HUDDERSFIELD** and not as previously announced.

It will be held on Saturday, September 25, at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield.

Annual General Meeting . . . 1730 hours

Dinner . . . . . 2000 hours

Price of tickets 10s. each; obtainable from General Secretary at RHQ or from Branch Secretaries.

## MOSSLEY BRANCH

A new branch of the Regimental Association was formed at Mossley on April 8. The founder members of the branch numbered 30 and the following officials were elected:

*Chairman:* Major E. J. B. Mowat, T.D., Robin Hey, Chew Valley, Greenfield, Oldham, Lancs.

*Secretary:* Mr. E. Dixon, 54 Manchester Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

The Branch will meet at the Drill Hall, Mossley, on the first Thursday of each month.

## REPORT OF REUNION DINNER OF THE LONDON BRANCH

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the London Branch, presided over by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General K. G. Exham, was again held at the Victory Club, on Rugby League Cup Final Night.

Seventy-seven members and their wives and friends sat down to dinner and although the numbers are getting smaller as the years roll by, it is an event that is a must until we all join the 2nd Battalion.

At the commencement of the Dinner, Grace was given by our President, Colonel F. R. Armitage, whilst the toasts of The Queen and The Regiment were ably proposed by the Branch Chairman, Dave Benson. The following message from the Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen was then read out by the Colonel of the Regiment: "Please convey to Members of the London Branch Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association, dining together this evening, the sincere thanks of The Queen for their kind and loyal greetings which Her Majesty greatly appreciates."

The Colonel of the Regiment was then called upon for the speech of the evening and gave an excellent account of the Regiment's activities both in training and sport. We were very sorry to hear him say that this will be his last year as Colonel of the Regiment. We still hope to see him at future dinners. The Colonel also mentioned that our President, Colonel Armitage, is retiring as from this year. I'm sure all members of the Branch will join me in thanking him for what he has done

for us in the past and let me remind him "when you arrive at 65 years of age it is a free dinner ticket."

Thanks very much to the Halifax Branch for turning up in such good numbers. It was nice to have four of our Chelsea Pensioners with us in the persons of F. Stephenson, W. J. Simmonds, G. Shaw and A. H. Hickie; also H. Tandy, v.c., and another V.C. who is always present, namely Major J. Huffam.

In conclusion it is hoped that everybody had an enjoyable evening and you will all be "On Parade" again next year.

Amongst those present were:—

Maj.-Gen. K. G. Exham; Col. F. R. Armitage; D. Benson; F. Crouch; D. R. Coppick and wife; G. Guy; Major J. Huffam, v.c.; D. W. Hammond; Major J. A. Lennon; R. Martin; R. Owers; F. W. S. Richardson; H. Rowlands and party of 36 from Halifax; A. Sykes; Lt.-Col. W. Skelsey; R. E. Smith and wife; R. H. Temple; Col. R. G. Turner; H. Tandy, v.c., and wife and two others; E. S. Watkins; Mrs. W. Woods and grand-daughter; R.Q.M.S. J. Imray; J. McGowan and two others; Lt. W. Butler; Major J. Schofield.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:—

The Reverend H. G. Keet; Maj.-Gen. R. K. Exham; M. H. Murphy; Lt.-Col. C. W. G. Ince; Major J. A. Randall; R. Beales; A. W. Harrison; Major Bruce-Lowe; F. Barker; Lt.-Col. W. A. Woods; A. E. Burton; Lt.-Col. F. P. A. Woods; Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter; Major H. J. T. Sills; Capt. W. Barber; Maj.-Gen. W. M. Ozanne.

## BRADFORD BRANCH

It would seem an unfriendly agency is at work with the avowed object of limiting the membership of the branch, for, no sooner do we obtain a new member, than we find that an existing one has deserted. Consequently, despite all our efforts to make progress in this field of branch activity, our numbers remain more or less static.

Arrested development of the branch resulting from this inability to increase membership has not, however, reduced activity in the social round and during the past few months we have been hosts to all local branches and have in turn been entertained by them.

During our last "at home" social event we were glad to mark the occasion of the wedding of the branch treasurer, Albert Copley, by the presentation of a coffee set, and to welcome his wife, Dorothy, to our midst.

The ladies of the branch continue to promote interest by their excellent catering and, of course, this is a double benefit in that it is done at little cost. It is a source of regret that we could not show

our appreciation by redeeming the promise to include them in the proposed visit to the 1st Battalion in Germany.

Bill Foster's admission to hospital three weeks ago was a great surprise, but we are glad that he now appears to be making a rapid recovery which we hope will be complete by the time these notes appear in print.

Since our last notes we are pleased to welcome three new members—Eddie Hewitson, Tommy Atkins and Bill Rathbone. The last named was delighted to meet Jackie Stead, with whom (or against?) he had played in a 1st Battalion v. 2nd Battalion Rugby match in Ireland.

Finally, and with great regret, I have to record the sudden death on March 10 last, of one of our branch stalwarts, "Dick" Parsons. He had been ill for a few months but few of us thought his complaint to be of such a serious nature. Serving in both 1st and 2nd Battalions during the 1920-30 decade, Dick was a dedicated "Duke" who took a great interest in branch affairs. A hard-working committee member, and branch chairman at the time of his death, his loss to the branch has already been felt and will continue to be so, for some time to come. Our condolence is extended to Mrs. Parsons and family in their sad loss.

### Veterans of 6th DWR at Church

On Sunday, April 11, a church parade and service were held at the Parish Church, Skipton, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the departure of the 1st/6th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment for France.

It was on April 14, 1915, that 31 officers and 1,009 men of other ranks left Doncaster, arriving at Boulogne the following day. They saw their first action at the battle of Aubers Ridge on May 9.

On Sunday more than 80 of them, almost all septuagenarians, paraded. Colonel F. Longden Smith, a second lieutenant when the war broke out and who in the post-war period became Commanding Officer of the Battalion, led the parade and placed a wreath on the war memorial at the top of the High Street. The parade was marshalled by Captain H. J. Lawson, honorary secretary of the OCA, 6th Battalion Branch.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Lister who was a curate there in 1915 and is now living in retirement in the town. The sermon was preached by the Rev. L. A. Wilman, the present curate.

Subsequently the old Territorials were entertained to refreshments at the Drill Hall.

### Seventh DWR Annual Dinner Club

The "Date of the Year," this year, will be Saturday, October 16, 1965, at the Officers' Mess, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield. (By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, West Riding Battalion, Lt.-Colonel J. C. Moncrieff, T.D.)

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### INFANTRY

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#### REGULAR ARMY

Maj. R. W. Nicholson to be Lt.-Col. (Emp. List I), 21st Apr. 1964.

2 Lt. A. J. Nickell to be Lt., 14th Apr. 1965.

Maj. (Q.M.) C. C. Kenchington, M.B.E., having attained retiring age, is placed on retired pay, 19th Apr. 1965.

Lt.-Col. A. B. M. Kavanagh, M.C., to be supernumerary to Establishment, 6th Feb. 1965; retires on retired pay 3rd May 1965.

Lt. (Q.M.) Walter Robins from Short Serv. Commn. to be Lt. (Q.M.) 1st Apr. 1965, with precedence in Infantry next below R. Kitching, K.O.Y.L.I.

2 Lt. C. G. Fitzgerald to be Lt., 20th June 1965.

#### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. (Q.M.) A. Parr, having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 17th Mar. 1965.

#### Class III

The following Lts. from A.E. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt.: J. M. Macaskill, 5th May 1965; J. D. Walker, 5th May 1965; A. C. Jones, 19th May 1965.

#### Short Service Comms.

2 Lt. L. D. P. P. Evans from Active List to be 2 Lt., 14th Apr. 1965.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY

2 Lt. J. P. F. H. Cook from R. War. F. to be 2 Lt. (on probation) 5th Jan. 1965, and is confirmed in his appt. with seniority 28th Jan. 1963. To be Lt., 28th Jan. 1965.

Pte. Howard Patrick Marshall to be 2 Lt. (on probation) 28th Mar. 1965.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. D. R. Siddall, M.B.E., T.D., from Active List to be Maj., 25th Jan. 1965.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) P. D. Green, having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 6th June 1965, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

### Vacancies in the Sheikdom of Qatar Forces

The military section of the Qatar Force is being expanded and present requirements are for three or four officers to be squadron commanders of motorised infantry squadrons. In addition the Force requires a Staff Officer to work under the Chief of Staff at General Headquarters.

Applications for these appointments are invited from retired officers of the British Army. Further details may be obtained from the Regimental Secretary, Regimental Headquarters, Wellesley Park, Halifax.



## PERSONALIA

### Honours

We congratulate Colonel Hinchcliffe and Lt.-Colonel Kavanagh on their awards of the M.B.E. and O.B.E. respectively which were announced in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.

### Birth

We congratulate Major and Mrs. Dasent on the birth of a daughter, Joanna Louise, at Lusaka, Zambia, on May 8. Edward is G.S.O.2 (SD and Trg.) there and is once more a Major.

### Engagements

Two engagements which have been announced are those of:—

Michael John Walter, son of Colonel and Mrs. C. R. T. Cumberlege, to Christabel June Lindsay, daughter of the Reverend H. J. K. and Mrs. Jacques, of Portesham Vicarage, Weymouth, Dorset.

Robin James Cameron Lunt, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, son of Brigadier J. D. Lunt, C.B.E., and Mrs. Lunt, of Hillcrest, Wick Hill Lane, Finchampstead, and Ann Garland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. G. Waters, of Woodpecker Farm, Warren Row, Berkshire.

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### Marriages

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 12, at St. Mary's Hambledon, Buckinghamshire, of Mr. Edward John Worley Walker, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, son of Air Commodore and Mrs. S. G. Walker of 12 Glead Avenue, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, and Miss Susan Vera Anthea Shirley, daughter of Air Vice-Marshal T. U. C. Shirley, of Danesfield, Royal Air Force Medmenham, Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Canon W. E. Watts officiated, assisted by the Reverend J. E. Warner.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Sally Walker, Miss Elizabeth Catlin and Miss Anne Deacon. Mr. C. G. Edwards, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was best man and officers of the Regiment formed a guard of honour.

The marriage took place on June 10, at St. Michael's Chester Square, of Captain Charles Cumberlege and Miss Susan Josephine Shephard, eldest daughter of Major-General and Mrs. J. K. Shephard of Folly Orchard, Copdock, Ipswich, Suffolk. The Rev. C. E. M. Roderick and the Rev. G. Roblin (cousin of the bridegroom) took part in the service.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory tinted satin and a veil of family Honiton lace held in place by a diamond tiara. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and cream roses. She was attended by four children: Marc Cumberlege (son of Captain Jeremy Cumberlege), Paul Carter, Elizabeth Carter and Caroline Bowen-Colthurst, and by Miss Heather and Miss Patricia Shephard (sisters of the bride) and Miss Sally Brown. Mr. Michael Cumberlege (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. Officers from both the 1st and the West Riding Battalion formed a guard of honour.

A reception was held at the Goring Hotel.

### Golden Wedding

Captain and Mrs. Ashworth Greenwood, of 35 Lower Crow Nest Drive, Lightcliffe, celebrated their golden wedding earlier this year. Captain Greenwood joined the Regiment in 1914 and served with the 2nd Battalion in France and Belgium throughout the war. After the war he served on with the 2nd Battalion in Palestine, Cairo, Gibraltar, and Turkey. He left the Army in 1936.

He rejoined in 1940 and served in the Royal Pioneer Corps. He was commissioned in 1946 and, when he retired in 1949, was a company commander at the Royal Army Catering School.

Two additions to the Dukeries at York are Lt.-Colonel Kavanagh and Major Grieve. Colonel Kavanagh is now Chief Recruiting Officer Northern

Command and is living at the Stone House, Hovingham; Major Grieve goes to the Infantry Records Office, York, in June of next year.

R.Q.M.S. Imray has informed us of the presentation of the Imperial Service Medal to Mr. Harold Sellers after 26 years' service with the RAOC Field Stores, Aldershot.

Before that Mr. Sellers served for 21 years in The Duke's and was mobilisation storeman in Malta under the late Major Laverack.

Mr. Sellers lives at 3 Kingsway, Kings Road, Aldershot. He is married and has one son. He is now employed as a skilled worker in the RAOC clothing shop which is in Mandora Barracks. In his spare time he is keenly interested in gardening and woodwork.

The Regiment is being featured in the August number of "Soldier" in their "Your Regiment" series.

The Reverend Hubert Keet, D.S.O., M.C., who is 71 this year, has retired from the active ministry and is now living at 7 Audley Road, Folkestone.

Colonel Le Messurier is now Military Attaché, Belgrade. His address is:—

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Diplomatic Service Administration Office,  
King Charles Street,  
London, S.W.1.

Mr Harry Randall has moved from Sofia to Istanbul. His address is the same as for Colonel Le Messurier except that ISTANBUL should be printed on the envelope instead of BELGRADE.

#### Change of Address

Mrs. S. B. Kington has moved to Greenridge, Ogle, Ponteland, Northumberland.

#### LATE NEWS

##### Sports Flash

The Yorkshire Brigade Junior Soldiers Company beat the Mercian Brigade Junior Soldiers in the final of the Army Junior Cricket Championship by 58 runs.

Batting first, the Yorkshire Juniors made 103 (J/L/Cpl. Walker (D.W.R.) 26, J/S. Nuttall (D.W.R.) 23, J/Sgt. Polhill (P.W.O.) 18, J/S. Donkersley (D.W.R.) 13 not out. The Mercian Brigade made 45 (J/S. Burrows (Y. & L.) 5 for 18, J/S. Knowles (P.W.O.) 4 for 27.

##### Obituary

We regret to report the death on August 6 of Captain William Richard Huxtable, late of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and father of Major Charles Huxtable.

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Major A. C. S. Savory, M.B.E., has moved from Scotland to London. His new address is 42a Lennox Gardens, S.W.1. (Tel. KNI 9899).

Major John Milligan is back from Singapore. After leave he is joining 1 P.W.O. in Colchester.

*In our last number we published a photo of the 1st Battalion Rugby XV being presented to Mr. Norman Ramsden who was a member of the 2nd Battalion team which won the Army Rugger Cup in 1907, the year it was instituted. Later we received the following nice letter from Mr. Ramsden.*

1 Town End,  
Almondbury,  
Huddersfield.

DEAR SIR,

I do appreciate and thank you for sending me THE IRON DUKE. I was thrilled, and seeing my photo interviewing the team was great, and I must thank Lt. Pugh for his kindness to me on that occasion.

"Colonel R. G. Turner" brings back memories. When our team were down to play in the final for the Calcutta Cup, which we won, we were billeted at Dum Dum; "G" Company were on detachment there from Dinapore, and Captain P. A. Turner was Company Officer, 1903-04.

Well, the lads brought it off, and wasn't I pleased.

One piece of interest in THE IRON DUKE is the report of the occasion when Captain Horsfall brought 150 men from the 2nd Battalion and took 150 of us from Warmbaths to Rangoon. I was one of that 150, and enjoyed every minute of the journey—and all my period of service with both 1st and 2nd Battalions. I am proud to have served with the Duke of Wellington's.

Thanking you once again,

Yours very sincerely,

N. RAMSDEN (ex-C.Q.M.S.).

Wing Commander J. L. Wallace, O.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., Organising Director of Music Royal Air Force, recently visited the Duke of York's Royal Military School and was invited by Brigadier Laing to take the salute at Church Parade. Wing



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Commander Wallace served in the Regiment for a number of years and left the 1st Battalion in 1932 to go to Kneller Hall as a student. He graduated as a Bandmaster and served with the Border Regiment for eight years. From there he moved to RMA Sandhurst as Bandmaster. He was then appointed a Director of Music in the Royal Air Force and is now the Principal Director.

A letter from Wing Commander Wallace to General Sir Robert Bray appeared under "PERSONALIA" in our issue of January 1965.

Among the guests at Captain Charles Cumberlege's wedding was Mrs. M. E. Crane—and looking very well, too.

Major and Mrs. Crane live in Weymouth. "Boskey," himself, was not at the wedding as he was shooting at Bisley; he felt he could not miss this year as it is the 60th anniversary of his first appearance on the ranges there in 1905. He is now 75 and Mrs. Crane told us that, on the previous day, he had won an "egg pool" at 600 yds.

In the spring our contemporary, *The Daily Mirror*, learnt that its pages were not permitted reading for the patrons of the three public libraries at Lytham St. Annes—"that very precious Opal of the West, a ninepenny bus ride from Blackpool's Golden Mile."

In its issue of May 10, *The Mirror* devoted a page to fairly scathing comment on Lytham with its "Tory dominated council and, in particular, the Tory acting-chairman of the Libraries Committee, Colonel William Woods, who served in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in Malaya, Egypt and, of course, India."

It must be said that they had some provocation as Colonel Will is reported to have said, among other things, that, in his view, *The Mirror* was a paper for semi-literates and that he, himself, hadn't read it since the age of 12 when he graduated to *The Magnet* and *The Gem*. This, it may be added, in a television broadcast.

We understand, however, that eventually Colonel Will and *The Mirror* ended up quite good friends.

## Obituary

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

### **The Rev. R. E. M. Haines, T.D., M.A., C.F.**

Padre Haines died on November 18 after a short illness. He was curate at Huddersfield Parish Church from 1914 to 1916. He then became a Chaplain to the Forces and served in France.

After the war he was Chaplain to the 5th Battalion and Vicar of Hopton, then of Brighouse, and then Rector of Porlock. He retired about three years ago. He continued to lead an active life and often followed hounds on Dartmoor.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

### **Mrs. Hemblys**

On March 29, Lucy Ada, aged 86, wife of the late R.S.M. Charles Hemblys and mother of Albert Hemblys who now lives in Halifax.

### **Mr. W. A. D. Kingston**

Mr. Kingston, an old regular soldier, died on June 30. The following appreciation of him comes from Captain H. Rowlands, Honorary Secretary of the Halifax Branch of the Regimental Association.

"When a little more than 37 years ago, I first entered the band boy's room of the 2nd "Dukes" in Tanglin Barracks, Singapore, I was hot, sticky and miserable. Yet one of the first things I noticed was a leather suitcase with the initials W.A.D.K. printed in black upon it. I was a "Boy;" I was "broke," but here was a boy who had a leather suitcase. The bed-cot which was allocated to me was next but one to this affluent member of the

Boys' Room society. It is not surprising then that, after a few minutes, I knew that W.A.D.K. was no more and no less than Bert Kingston. I mention the suitcase for no other reason than that it typified to me then—as it still does—the solidity and steadiness of purpose of the chap who owned it.

Bert Kingston was never a "Character" like many one could name. Quiet but never dull; unobtrusive but always there; sincere and no hypocrite; a man but no superman. He was a good soldier, clean and smart; a good musician and represented his Battalion both at hockey and cricket. Above all he was a "good comrade," prepared to "muck-in" and stand his corner regardless of circumstances or conditions.

The many of us who knew and had dealings with him will feel the poorer at his passing but will, I am sure, say to his widow and three sons, "Take heart, you have just cause to be proud."

### **Mrs. C. J. Pickering**

On April 11, 1965, Eileen Rosetta, widow of Colonel C. J. Pickering, C.M.G., D.S.O., who was Colonel of the Regiment from 1938 to 1947.

Mrs. Pickering was the younger daughter of Robert William Cary Reeves, J.P., of Besborough, County Clare. She was married in 1904. Older members of the Regiment will remember her as a kindly and approachable Commanding Officer's wife in Cairo when Colonel Pickering was commanding the 2nd Battalion. Since the last war and Colonel Pickering's death in 1951 she lived in Alverstoke.

She is survived by their two sons, the elder of whom, Major C. H. C. Pickering, lives in Madeira; the younger, Cary, is in the Royal Marines.