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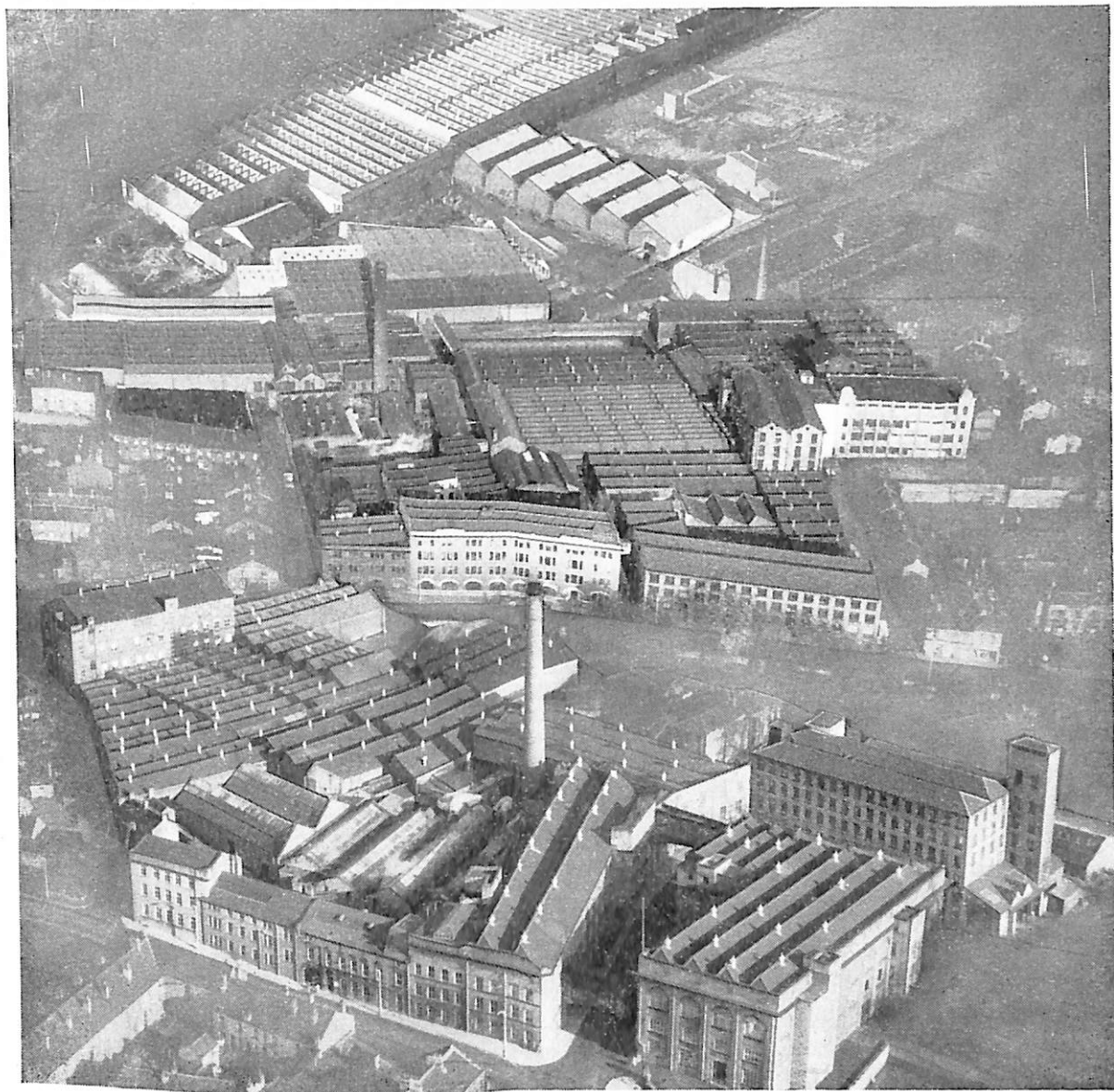
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FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

GENERAL SIR ROBERT BRAY, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

I am very proud to have been appointed Colonel and to be given the opportunity of being closely and officially connected with the Regiment once again. I am delighted that the appointment will give me the opportunity of renewing many old friendships.

With the help of all present and past members of the Regiment I shall endeavour to follow the splendid example set by my predecessor in serving our Regiment and every cause connected with it.

Robert Bray.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

The highlight of this period was the week-end of the O.C.A. Reunion.

The first event was a ceremony in the Halifax Town Hall on Friday, September 24, to unveil the plaque to record the granting of the Freedom of Halifax to the Regiment after the last war.

The ceremony was preceded by a luncheon, at which the Regiment was represented by the following:—

Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O., The Bishop of Pontefract, The Right Reverend Eric Treacy, M.B.E., Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., Col. Sir Alfred Mowat, Bt., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., Lt.-Col. J. C. Moncrieff, T.D., Major J. H. Davis, Lt.-Col. W. Skelsey, M.B.E., Major T. Horsfall, C/Sgt. F. Stephenson, Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., Mr. E. G. Jones, Capt. H. Rowlands, Mr. D. Pinder, Mr. E. Samples.

Councillor Fred Bentley, one of the Borough's representatives, could equally well have had a place in the visiting team.

Sir Dryden Brook, one-time M.P. for Halifax and an old friend of the Regiment, performed the unveiling ceremony of the really magnificent plaque that forms an eye-catching centrepiece on

the north wall of the Victoria Hall.

The O.C.A. Dinner on Saturday, September 25, was preceded as usual by the Annual General Meeting. After the close of official business Brigadier Webb-Carter presented the retiring Colonel with a pair of silver pheasants on behalf of the officers of the Regiment, past and present, and the officers, sergeants and corporals of the 1st Battalion, as a token of appreciation of all that General Exham had done for the Regiment during his period of Colonelcy.

Brigadier Webb-Carter was at pains to point out that the pheasants were a pair, not a brace.

The Dinner was well attended, with a somewhat stronger contingent of officers, both T.A. and regular. A very welcome increase was noticeable in the younger element—such as ex-C.Q.M.S. Dickie, who, until he became speechless, could be seen holding forth to two members of his platoon (8 Platoon of "C" Company) who fought in Korea, Ptes. Baxter and Brooks. The latter was one of the many national servicemen who helped bring the battalion up to strength for the Korean War.

The toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by Mr. T. Dennett, M.S.M., who was General

Exham's platoon sergeant when he first joined the Regiment in Cairo.

Tommy Dennett, discharged from hospital only four days previously, made a most creditable speech, drawing a parallel between the achievements of the Regiment at Waterloo and, more recently, in Korea.

The oldest Duke present was Mr. James Hatton, who had been brought over and was being looked after by the Bradford Branch of the O.C.A. and their wives. Mr. Hatton, although 90, lives alone in his own house in Bradford. He first joined the Regiment in 1903 and is probably the oldest surviving "Duke."

Steve North, his junior by three years, has a longer record of service. Steve joined the 1st Volunteer Bn., The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment in 1893 as a drummer at the age of 14. He fought in the South Africa War as a volunteer attached to the 1st Battalion. He rejoined the Volunteers which, in 1908, became the 4th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment (T.F.), and served throughout the 1914-18 War in various battalions of the 4th, 5th and 7th.

Between the wars he served for 12 years in the Legion of Frontiersmen which, many readers will remember, had an unusual uniform and hat resembling that worn by the "Mounties." He still wears uniform on appropriate occasions as he is a member of the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans' Association, who wear a special blue uniform. Each veteran wears his own parent regiment's badges.

The "150th Anniversary of Waterloo" files seem likely to be kept open for some time still. We intend to build up a scrap-book covering the

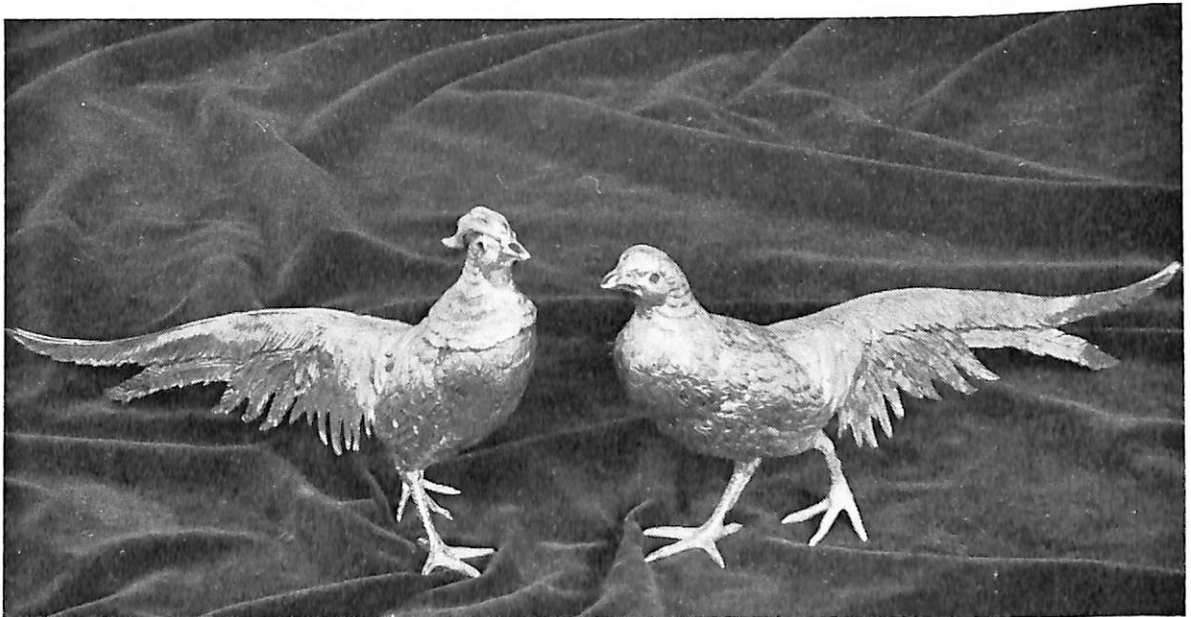
various functions and celebrations and would be grateful if readers would send us any newspaper articles and accounts that you think we may not have.

The 150th Anniversary appears to have caught the attention and interest of the general public. For example, when Mr. Littlewood of Huddersfield, who is in the car business, found a medallion with the effigy of the Duke of Wellington in an old car he took it to S.M. Norman in the Huddersfield Recruiting Office, thinking it might be of interest to the Regiment.

Mr. Hall, of Baldwin and Co., himself an ex-Duke of the 7th Bn., soon identified it as one of a set of 35 designed by the artist Mudie to commemorate various actions or events in the Peninsula Campaign.

Mr. Littlewood's find commemorated the surrender of Pamplona on October 31, 1813. Pamplona, or Pampalune, was being besieged by General Don Carlos of Spain. The French Governor was negotiating surrender, but had mined the fortifications with a view to destroying them before surrender. Wellington regarded this as an attempt to do injury to the Spanish nation, contrary to the laws of civilised war, so he sent strict orders to Don Carlos that if this project were carried out the Governor, all the officers and N.C.O.'s and one tenth of the men of the garrison should be put to death.

Wellington, who hated unnecessary slaughter, was unlikely to have given these orders to someone who would not hesitate to put them into effect, unless he knew the negotiations for surrender were in progress. The threat had the expected effect and the town was surrendered undamaged some ten days later.



PRESENTATION TO THE LATE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

The pair of silver pheasants presented to General Exham, on his relinquishing the Colonelcy, by officers of the Regiment, past and present, and the sergeants and corporals of the 1st Battalion.

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THE "FREEDOM" PLAQUE

THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE

NEWS

Brigade H.Q.

The Brigade Colonel visited 1 D.W.R. in Osnabruck and 1 P.W.O. in Berlin earlier in the year and, in September, visited 1 Green Howards in Tripoli. Later he was to go to Cyprus to 1 Y & L and, finally, when 1 Green Howards are settled in Colchester, a visit there will complete the year's programme of visits to our Battalions.

Waterloo Day

Waterloo Day was celebrated quietly. The Brigade Depot arranged for it to coincide with a pass out parade of one of the training platoons. This was changed into a bigger parade in which the whole unit took part. The Brigade Representative Colonel and Colonel P.W.O., Brigadier G. H. Cree, took the salute, and the Band and Drums of 1 P.W.O. were on parade. In the evening the officers held a Waterloo Ball in the Strensall mess.

Sport

We have no news from battalions of their activities, or of individuals. As our Junior Soldiers Company have had such a successful year in sport, and the Depot itself has done well at shooting, we thought we would confine ourselves to their efforts. The results are given below, some repeated from our last notes, and speak for themselves.

Junior Soldiers Company, Yorkshire Bde. Depot

Army Junior Minor Units Cricket Championship	Winners
Army Junior Swimming Championships	Winners
Army Junior Soldiers Cross Country Championships	Runners-up
Army Junior Inter Unit Team Championships	Fourth

Photographs of the winning cricket and swimming teams are shown in this issue.

The Brigade Depot—and Shooting

	Placing for Minor Unit Championships
Army Championships (1st Stage)	2nd
Worcestershire Cup (LMG) ..	4th
Minor Unit Small Arms Match (Rifle and LMG)	2nd
Para. Regt. Cup (SMG)	5th
Staff and Schools Match (Rifle) ..	6th

and four members of the Team qualified for the Army 100:—

Cpl. Gott, D.W.R.	47th
Major Cowell, D.W.R.	63rd
Cpl. McMennum, P.W.O.	95th
R.S.M. Campey, P.W.O.	98th

T.A. Boxing Championships

We learn that Pte. R. Tighe, 3 P.W.O. (T.A.), won the light heavyweight title in the recent Territorial Army Championships.

TITBITS

Battalion Establishment

The following announcement appeared in the BANEWS service in July:—

“Mr. Fred Mulley, Deputy Secretary of State for Defence and Army Minister, stated in a written Parliamentary answer: “We are removing from the establishment of each infantry battalion the Royal Army Ordnance Corps cobbler and from the establishment of those battalions not equipped with an armoured personnel carrier a craftsman of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Apart from that we are increasing the establishment of infantry battalions in the British Army of the Rhine by seven infantrymen and the establishment of each infantry battalion of the line by a unit married families officer.”

Gun Replacements

The following article appeared in the same issue:—

“Asked in the House of Commons what were the plans for the replacement of the United States M44 155-mm and the British 5.5-in gun-howitzer, Mr. Fred Mulley, Deputy Secretary of State for Defence and Army Minister, replied: “Both guns will be replaced in the close support role by the British Abbot 105-mm self-propelled gun, and the 5.5-in gun in the general support role by the United States M107 175-mm and M109 155-mm guns. Replacement by the Abbot is planned to start towards the end of this year and be completed in 1967, while the M107 will come into service towards the end of this year and the M109 by the end of 1966.”

Regimental Depots

A BANEWS issued in June carried the following:—

“Pontefract Barracks in the West Riding of Yorkshire is to be disposed of by the Army except for a small portion, which may be retained as a regimental museum, and the married quarters. These will still be used. Before World War II the barracks were the home of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, which is now part of the Light Infantry Brigade and shares the Depot at Shrewsbury. The area for disposal includes the playing fields in which Pontefract Town Council showed interest after the final parade was held in April 1963, and which could satisfy a long-standing need by the Town.

At Halifax until two years ago Wellesley Barracks had been the Depot of The Duke of Wellington's

Regiment for more than 80 years. Sold to Halifax Corporation it is being adapted for youth work and the buildings and playing fields are now named Wellesley Park. The rifle range has become an indoor cricket coaching centre.

Alma Barracks, at Richmond, Yorkshire, after four-score years as the Green Howards Depot, is now an approved school."

Promotions and Appointments

Brigadier P. P. de la H. Moran, late D.W.R., is now at the N.A.T.O. Staff College in Fontainbleu.

Brigadier W. S. G. Armour, late P.W.O., is now Commander 146 Infantry Bde. (T.A.), in York.

Lt.-Col. P. P. Steel, P.W.O., is now G.S.O.1 (British) in the Primary Standardisation Office, BAS, Washington.

Lt.-Col. R. W. Nicholson, D.W.R., is now a T.S.O.1 in the Ministry of Defence.

The following appointments and promotions have also taken place:—

Major M. A. Stevenson, P.W.O., to 1 Green Howards.

Major J. C. Herkes, P.W.O., to Strensall as Brigade Recruiting Officer.

Major K. G. Wesley has succeeded Major Pearson as 2IC 1st Bn. The Green Howards.

Major J. V. B. Pearson, Green Howards, from 1st Bn. to M.A. to Chief of Staff, H.Q. A.F.N.E.

Major D. M. D. O'Driscoll, Green Howards, now in U.K., for M.I.O. F.A.R.E.L.F. early 1966.

Major J. S. Milligan, D.W.R., from F.A.R.E.L.F. to 1 P.W.O. as U.F.O. (Unit Families Officer).

Major D. W. Shuttleworth, D.W.R., from 1 D.W.R. to G.S.O.2 Plans, H.Q. Southern Comd.

Major K. F. Brehaut, Y & L, to S.O. Int., H.Q. B.A.O.R.

Major R. D. Ashworth, Y & L, from Canadian Staff College to 1 Y & L.

Capt. P. A. Inge and Capt. I. R. Kibble, both Green Howards, now at R.M.C.S. Shrivenham, for Staff College Camberley, 1966.

Capt. N. A. Hallidie, Green Howards, from 1st Bn., to R.S.O., Adm. Wing, School of Infantry.

Capt. D. S. Gilbert-Smith, D.W.R., from 1 D.W.R. to S.A.S.

Capt. D. M. Pugh, D.W.R., from 10 A.Y.T. (Army Youth Team) to 1 D.W.R.

Capt. D. Marsay, D.W.R., from 1 D.W.R. to 10 A.Y.T.

Capt. M. H. Sharpe, Y & L, from M.O.D., to Def. Services Staff College, India.

Lt. P. J. M. Mead, P.W.O., from 1 P.W.O. to Bde. Depot.

Lt. B. A. Burgess, P.W.O., from 1 P.W.O. to Bde. Depot.

Lt. P. A. Gebhard, P.W.O., from Bde. Depot to 1 P.W.O.

Lt. M. G. L. M. Stacpoole, D.W.R., from 1 D.W.R. to 3 Para.

Lt. I. P. Reid, D.W.R., from Bde. Depot to 1 D.W.R.

Lt. E. B. Wilkins, Y & L, from 1st Bn. to I.J.L.B. Oswestry.

Capt. (Q.M.) J. M. Hall, Y & L, from 1 Y & L to Q.M. Singapore Guard Regt.

W.O.2 I. Applegarth promoted Lt. (Q.M.) and appointed Q.M.2, 1 Y & L, in relief of Capt. (Q.M.) Hall.

W.O.2 R. C. Webb, D.W.R., appointed R.Q.M.S. and posted to 1 Green Howards, in relief of W.O.2 Sheehan.

W.O.2 D. R. Rennard, Y & L, appointed R.Q.M.S. 1 Y & L in relief of W.O.2 Hutchinson.

W.O.2 Hutchinson, Y & L, appointed R.Q.M.S. Bde. Depot in relief of W.O.2 Bools.

W.O.2 J. Lund, 1 P.W.O., appointed W.O. in the Brigade Recruiting Team.

The following officers have been selected to attend the Joint Services Staff College Course from January to July 1966:—

Major J. M. Cubiss, P.W.O.

Major T. F. Hammond, Y & L.

The following newly commissioned officers have been received into the Brigade:—

R.M.A.S.

2/Lt. A. S. Phelan, 1 P.W.O.

2/Lt. P. L. W. Wood, 1 P.W.O.

2/Lt. A. C. Jowett, 1 D.W.R.

University

2/ Lt. C. S. McGarrigle, 1 Green Howards.

Recruiting

Recruiting continued at a low level during June and July, when only 26 and 31 men were enlisted, but rose in August to 38. So far figures for September appear promising.

The Brigade Recruiting Team is now forming. Major J. C. Herkes, P.W.O., has been here for three months and C.S.M. Lund, P.W.O., the W.O. of the team, arrives shortly. He will soon be followed by four sergeants or corporals from other regiments of the Brigade. A clerk is already here and a sign writer is coming soon.

A K.A.P.E. team from 1 D.W.R. will be operating in the Regimental area in October. The team consists of one officer, who will be Capt. Mundell, and 13 soldiers. The object is to bring young soldiers into direct contact with as many potential recruits as possible.

A programme of games, films and display evenings, followed by socials for A.C.F. members and certain youth clubs has been arranged in T.A. drill halls. Static displays will be mounted in most West Riding towns by day. Two open weekends for boys interested in the Army will be held at the Brigade Depot. It is hoped to include the Battalion beat group in the team and, if this can be done, they will play in clubs and selected hotels. We wish the team all success in this enterprising tour.

THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE DEPOT

Queen Elizabeth Barracks has undergone a visible change during the spring and summer; nearly every square yard of ground not covered by building, tarmac or concrete is covered in lush grass which has grown with amazing rapidity with the help of a rather wet summer. The contractors have finished "landscaping" the barracks and the effect is a great improvement in their appearance. The cynic might think that all this grass would bring its own problem but there is also a contractor who is engaged to cut it all twice a year.

Waterloo Day was marked by a Depot Parade at which Brigadier Cree, Colonel of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, inspected and took the salute. The parade was formed of three platoons of Training Company at varying stages of training and a composite platoon and Band and Drums of Junior Soldiers' Company. A ball was held in the Officers' Mess in the evening which was set in motion by Retreat Beating by the Band and Drums.

We have had a fair measure of success in our sporting activities. The Junior Soldiers have won the cricket and swimming competitions organised between their counterparts of all other Brigade

Depots. They were second in the cross country and 4th in the athletics competitions.

It has been a successful shooting season too. The Depot Team won the Services Team Trophy at the Yorkshire "Twenty" Meeting in May. They came second in the Minor Units Championship at Bisley getting four members into the Army Hundred Major Cowell (D.W.R.), R.S.M. Campey (P.W.O.), Cpl. Gott (D.W.R.), and Cpl. McMennum (P.W.O.). Finally at the Northern Command Meeting they won the Minor Units Championship and collected three challenge cups, one half pint tankard and 19 assorted ash trays. (Only half the team smoke!) As the result of an A.R.A. non-central competition in 1964 they were awarded the King Edward VII cup. With due respect to those responsible for its origin this cup is a good example of a useless monstrosity that is both cumbersome and unattractive.

The Depot has been visited by the G.O.C. in C. Northern Command, Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey Musson, on June 25, by his Chief of Staff, Major-General Peter Brind who has recently taken up this appointment, on July 12, and by Major-General Peter Young, The Director of Infantry, on June 3.

There seem to have been more than the usual comings and goings amongst the Depot Staff. R.S.M. France has taken over from R.S.M. Campey. The latter is now R.S.M. of 1 P.W.O. in Aden. Cpls Nash and O'Donnell and their families are now here and Cpl. Burke has left to join the 1st Battalion. Lt. Reid is about to leave to return to the 1st Battalion and his place will be taken by Lt. Fitzgerald who is about to go on his courses at Hythe and Warminster.

The following "Dukes" recruits appeared in the prize lists at "Pass outs" of their platoons:—

ALMA IV PLATOON

Best Recruit	Pte. Wilde, W.
Best Rifle Shot	Pte. Wilde, W.
Winner Cross Country ..	Pte. Hill, J.

QUEBEC IV PLATOON

Best LMG Shot	Pte. Dare, F.
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IMPHAL V PLATOON

Best Rifle Shot	Pte. Brown, W. M.
Winner PT Competition	Pte. Brown, W. M.

WATERLOO V PLATOON

Best Recruit	Pte. Blood, B. S.
Best Rifle Shot	Pte. Blood, B. S.
Winner Cross Country ..	Pte. Kennedy, V. L.
Winner PT Competition	Pte. Kerry, M. D.

IMPHAL VI PLATOON

Winner Cross Country ..	Pte. Mortimer, R.
Winner PT Competition	Pte. Sullivan, D. R.



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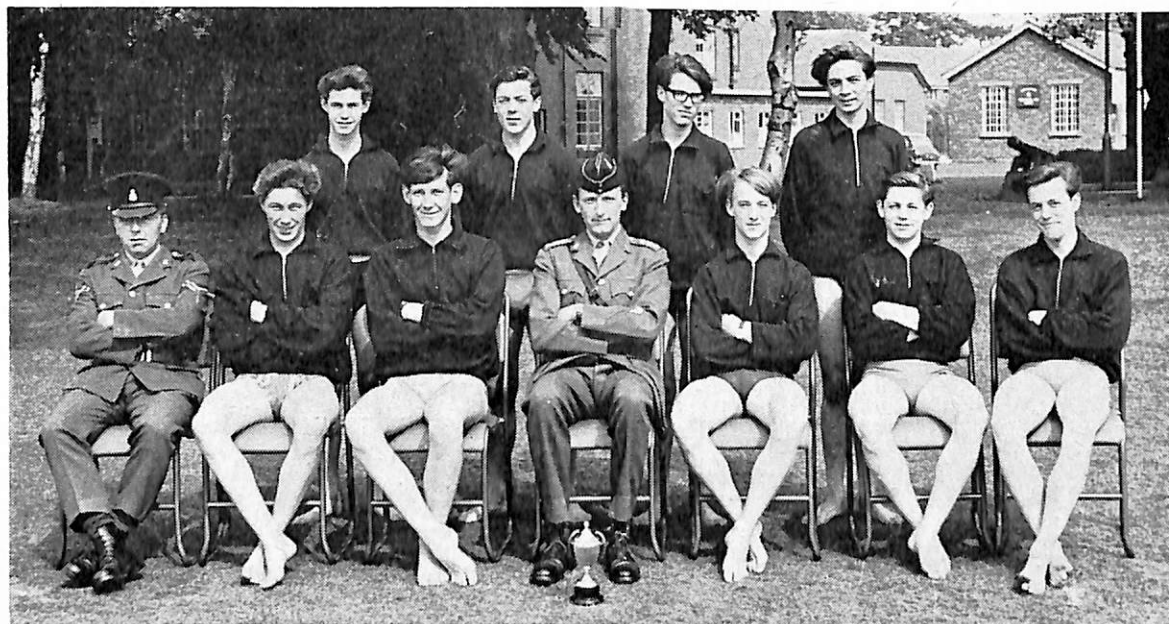
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 (Sitting): J/Bdsm. I. Donkersley (DWR), J/S. W. Nuttall (DWR), J/Sgt. M. Polhill (PWO), Capt. P. A. Inge (Coy. Comd.), J/L/Cpl. K. Walker (DWR), J/Dmr. R. Burrows (Y & L), J/S. P. Knowles (PWO).



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 (Sitting): Cpl. T. Sickling (coach) (Green Howards), J/Sgt. P. Parker (Y & L), J/L/Cpl. J. Wroe (captain) (Y & L), Capt. P. A. Inge (Coy. Comd.), J/S. B. Hey (PWO), J/Bdsm. I. Donkersley (DWR), J/L/Cpl. B. Puckering (Green Howards).

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To retire November 1, 1965.

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DAVIDSON, J., Brigade Colonel, Yorkshire Brigade.
Lieutenant-Colonels

LE MESSURIER, H. S., (local Colonel), M.A.
Belgrade.

ISLES, D. E., Commanding 1 D.W.R.

NICHOLSON, R. W., T.S.O. 1, Ministry of Defence.

Majors

GRIEVE, C. F., S.O.III, P.T., Southern Command.
To Inf. Records, York, (June 1966).

JONES-STAMP, D. S. D., D.A.A. and Q.M.G.,
H.Q. North Midland District and 49 Infantry
Division (T.A.), Nottingham.

INCE, R. H., G.S.O.2 (S.D.), H.Q. Western
Command, Chester.

MILLIGAN, J. S., 1 P.W.O.

KILNER, B. M., D.A.A. and Q.M.G., B.D.L.S.
(A.E.), Canada, and Asst. M.A. to U.K. High
Commissioner.

TEDD, G. C., D.A.A.G., H.Q. Yorkshire Brigade.
BROWN, K. W., G.S.O.2, H.Q. Army Works Study
Group, Guildford.

BLAKEY, W., For Trg. Major, Liverpool University
O.T.C. (December 1965).

ROBERTSON, W. F. C., 2IC 1 D.W.R.

HARDY, E. M. P., 1 D.W.R.

SHUTTLEWORTH, D. W., G.S.O.2 (Plans), H.Q.
Southern Command.

FIFE, M. G., Y & L att. 1 D.W.R.

COWELL, J. D. P., Depot Yorkshire Brigade for
1 D.W.R. (January 1966).

HARMS, R. M., M.C., G.S.O.2 (Int.), H.Q. B.A.O.R.
HOPPE, P. B. L., 1 D.W.R. To Malaysia (March
1966).

NAUGHTON, J. N. H., Royal Military College of
Science.

NEWTON, J. M., G.S.O.3 (Ops.), H.Q.
F.A.R.E.L.F.

HUXTABLE, C. R., M.B.E., G.S.O.2 (Ops.), H.Q.
2 Div. To 1 D.W.R. (March 1966).

DASENT, R. J. H., G.S.O.3 (Ops. and S.D.), Army
Headquarters, Lusaka, Zambia.

MITCHELL, P. A., 1 D.W.R.

MILLER, C. D. d'E., Trg. Major, West Riding Bn.
D.W.R. (T.A.).

Captains

GILBERT-SMITH, D. S., M.C., 22 S.A.S., Hereford.
PELL, J. E., Staff College.

LUPTON, T. D., S.C., P.A.1, Ministry of Defence
(Army). To 1 D.W.R. (May 1966).

BERRY, S. A., G.S.O.3, H.Q. Malta and Libya.

CAMPBELL-LAMERTON, M. J., Royal Military
Academy, Sandhurst. For 3rd Grade Staff
(August 1966).

CUMBERLEGE, J. R. P., 1 D.W.R.

GREENWAY, J. B. K., (T/Major), Chief Instructor,
Army Outward Bound School.

HUFFAM, R., 19 Coy, R.A.S.C. Pending transfer
to R.C.T.

STEVENS, R. L., Adjutant, Yorkshire Brigade
Depot.

IVEY, C. W., Military Training School, (H.Q.
Battken), East Africa. To 1 D.W.R. (April
1966).

BRAY, M. R. N., Adjutant, 1 D.W.R.

MARSAY, D., No. 10 A.Y.T.

PUGH, D. M., 1 D.W.R.

DODD, W. H., P.W.O. att. 1 D.W.R.

CHARLESWORTH, W. F., Adjutant, 22 S.A.S.,
Hereford.

MUNDELL, W. R., 1 D.W.R.

SUMMERS, M. W., 1 D.W.R.

BELLAMY, G. R., 1 D.W.R.

Lieutenants

CUMBERLEGE, C. R. (T/Capt.), Adjutant, West
Riding Bn., D.W.R. (T.A.).

CAMPBELL-LAMERTON, R. D., 1 D.W.R. (Att.
Brigade Depot six months).

STACPOOLE, M. G. L. M., 3rd Bn. Parachute Regt.

MOIR, J. D., 1 D.W.R.

REID, I. P., 1 D.W.R.

ANDREWS, P. D. D. J., 1 D.W.R.

NEWELL, D. R. D., 1 D.W.R.

PETTIGREW, P. A., 1 D.W.R.

BUNBURY, C. N. St. P., A.D.C. to C-in-C A.F.N.E.

CARTWRIGHT, H. de C., Yorkshire Brigade Depot,
for 1 D.W.R. (March 1966).

WALKER, E. J. W., 1 D.W.R.

EDWARDS, C. G., 1 D.W.R.

POWER, J. F. B., 1 D.W.R.

WESTCOB, A. R., 1 D.W.R.

FITZGERALD, C. G., Yorkshire Brigade Depot.

Second-Lieutenants

OGRAM, S. H., 1 D.W.R.

MELLOR, J. F., 1 D.W.R. To Yorkshire Bde.
Depot (February 1966).

REDWOOD-DAVIES, A. R., 1 D.W.R.

BRAY, M. P. C., 1 D.W.R.

JOWETT, A. C., 1 D.W.R.

Quartermasters (Regular)

CALLABY, R., M.B.E., M.M. (Captain), West Riding
Bn., D.W.R. (T.A.).

ROBINS, W. (Lieutenant), 1 D.W.R.

Quartermaster (Short Service)

LONG, G. (Lieutenant), Green Howards att. 1
D.W.R.

Location list of Warrant Officers and Staff Sergeants

As at October 1, 1965

W.O.1

- NICOLLS, F., R.S.M. 1 D.W.R.
- BURKE, W., R.S.M. Hallams Bn., Y & L (T.A.).
- KIRKE, S. H., R.S.M. 1 Y & L.
- PENNINGTON, E., R.S.M. West Riding Bn., D.W.R. (T.A.).
- FRANCE, G., R.S.M. Yorkshire Brigade Depot.

W.O.2—R.Q.M.S.

- O'BRIEN, G. T., P.W.O., R.Q.M.S. 1 D.W.R.
- WEBB, R. C., R.Q.M.S. 1 Green Howards.

W.O.2

- BATTY, R. S., West Riding Bn., D.W.R. (T.A.).
- ARUNDEL, A., Yorkshire Bde. Depot.
- NICHOLSON, G., 1 D.W.R.
- BRYAN, J., Leeds University O.T.C.
- TODD, R., 1 D.W.R.
- WILSON, R., 1 D.W.R.
- SIMPSON, J. C., 1 D.W.R., for C.S.M. Clerks Wing, School of Infantry, November 1965.
- FENN, R. C., 1 D.W.R.
- BATTYE, D., 1 D.W.R.
- SMITH, G. H., Chief Clerk 1 D.W.R., for Trucial Oman Scouts, January 1966.

Staff Sergeants

- ERSWELL, S. H., Acting W.O.2, C.S.M. 1 Y & L.
- SULLIVAN, C., Acting W.O.2, West Riding Bn., D.W.R. (T.A.).
- BELL, C., 1 D.W.R.
- MCMANUS, P., P.W.O., 1 D.W.R.
- WELSH, J. A., 1 D.W.R.
- MOUNTCASTLE, T., West Riding Bn., D.W.R. (T.A.).
- SPRING, A. J., 1 D.W.R.
- SERGEANT, J. E., Acting W.O.2, 1 D.W.R.
- CHILVERS, R. F., Acting W.O.2, 1 D.W.R.
- PRATT, T. A. S., 1 D.W.R.
- GARRITY, T. V., 1 D.W.R., for C.Q.M.S. Yorkshire Brigade Depot, March 1966.
- BRAYSHAW, D., Acting W.O.2, Chief Clerk Trucial Oman Scouts, for Inf. Records Documents Team, May 1966.
- WILKINSON, R., 1 D.W.R.
- SYKES, J., 1 D.W.R., M.T. Sergeant.
- DERBYSHIRE, T., P.W.O., 1 D.W.R.

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THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Captain T. J. Smith 33rd Regiment

This reproduction is of an oil painting recently acquired for the Regimental Museum, with the help of the Ogilby trust. It depicts Captain Thomas Jacob Smith, late of the 33rd Regiment and was painted by J. E. Miles.

Little is known of Captain Smith — rather oddly, he was the only officer of the name of Smith in the Regiment during the 19th century. He purchased his commission as ensign on December 13, 1827, purchased his lieutenantcy on September 10, 1830 and was promoted captain on August 27, 1841. He retired the following year. He saw service at home and in Gibraltar.

It will be noticed that, although Smith holds his sword, he is not wearing a shoulder belt. The artist has sketched in some buttons on his coatee but has left unexplained gaps in their proper arrangement—in pairs. Possibly he intended to put in the shoulder belt later and left gaps in the button design for this.

Nothing is known of J. E. Miles who was probably an itinerant artist. The face is well painted, as is the detail of the sword, but the



epaulettes are quite out of perspective.

The picture makes, however, a pleasing accession to the Regimental collection.

B.W. W-C.

The National Army Museum

An appeal has been launched to raise funds for a new National Army Museum.

It is hoped to establish this in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, the Commissioners of which are prepared to lease an ideal site for 999 years.

The Government will meet the cost of maintaining and staffing the new museum but some

£1,000,000 must be raised by public subscription for the site and the cost of building and equipment. Half of this sum has already been raised.

A donation has been made from Regimental funds but subscriptions from individuals are urgently required. These, or enquiries, should be sent to: National Army Museum Building Appeal, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, W.1.

1st BATTALION

SUB-EDITORIAL

At last Exercise Bar Frost is over and we are now heavily engaged in the winter programme of cadres and courses.

In addition to training hard, the Battalion has also planned, on the leisure side, a full skiing programme. We have this year managed to obtain a ski hut in Bavaria and hope to be able to send off as many people as possible. These fortnightly skiing courses proved extremely popular last year and there is no doubt that they will be equally well supported this year.

If one reads the Company Notes in this issue, it will become apparent that the visit of a contingent of Leeds Rifles (T.A.) produced a very favourable impression. Their enthusiasm and keenness were a tonic and for "part-time" soldiers they showed considerable skill. It was therefore equally pleasant to have Capt. MacDonald from our own West Riding Battalion attached to us for the Bar Frost Exercise period.

It seems a pity that the Territorial Army is to be so drastically reduced as we in the 1st Battalion value greatly our ties with the West Riding and these ties

are helped and fostered by our own T.A. Battalion.

Soon after our return from Norway, General Exham came to visit us before relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment. It is always sad to say farewell, especially to General Exham who has done so much for the Regiment in his tour as Colonel. We all wish him good fortune in the future and know he will still continue to further the Regiment's good name wherever and whenever he can.

There have been many rumours recently concerning the future of county regiments and there has even been a suggestion that a Corps of Infantry may materialize. Such a step would be retrograde as it would mean the disintegration of so much of the Regimental pride and comradeship which is characteristic of regiments like ourselves. It is through these traditions and close ties with the West Riding that so much of our excellent record and *esprit de corps* has been developed and it would be tragic to see all this disappear overnight.

Let us hope, therefore, that in the future there will still be serving somewhere in the British Army a Yorkshire Regiment—called The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS MESS

For the past four months life in the mess has been peaceful as most officers have been away on courses or on leave.

In July, whilst at Vogelsang, we combined with officers of the Royal Fusiliers in giving a curry lunch for the Belgian Range Control Staff. This event did much to improve the moral of all officers who had hitherto endured some rather wet days in the field. It was also an enjoyable get-together with the Fusiliers before our combined Battalion exercise.

Early in September the C.O. decided that it would be a good idea to have a party prior to the Brigade Exercise. By then most officers were back in station after all the various summer "high days and holidays." A film night was decided upon and "The Amorous Prawn" proved an amusing choice. The evening was a great success and a first class buffet supper set the party off to a good start.

As usual during the summer there have been a number of farewells to officers leaving the Battalion.

Dennis and Jean Shuttleworth said goodbye, on departure for Headquarters' Southern Command. They will both be greatly missed from the Battalion and mess life. They depart with all our good

wishes for an enjoyable tour of duty in Salisbury.

André and Shirley Dennison have left for a tour in Malaya. André presented to the mess three silver scabbard tips for the Colour Party, each of which is engraved with the 1st and 2nd Battalion crests. All officers are most grateful to André Dennison for his handsome gift which fills a previously vacant space in our Colour Party's equipment. To them both we wish all good luck for the future.

Everyone was glad to see Danny Marsay again during a three month stay in Osnabruck before taking charge of the Battalion's Army Youth team in Yorkshire.

Other arrivals have been Chris Jowett from Sandhurst, Mike Thompson to run the Battalion's L A D and Padre Ian Strong.

Our married families go from strength to strength and this summer we were delighted to welcome Godfrey Bellamy's wife Kathy, whilst Johnny Walker and his new wife, Sue, seem to have broken the credit squeeze with their little red sports car.

Last, but not least, we were glad to welcome Keith Macdonald, from the West Riding Battalion, who joined the 1st Battalion for our exercise in Norway.

W.O.s AND SERGEANTS MESS

The Training Season is well and truly on us, and the mess seems more crowded than it has been for years. Indeed, at meal times it is almost impossible to get a seat. As well as our own members, our friends from Brigade H.Q. dine with us. There is also a growing number of Corps people, who are here to "launch" us on "Bar Frost."

Nothing of any great importance has happened since our last notes. Perhaps the most noteworthy innovation is the nine-hole putting green on the lawn outside the Mess. This was the brain child of C.Q.M.S. Wilkinson, and has been hugely popular. It even took some lunch-time pressure off the billiard table. There is always the danger of a broken car window, but up to now they are all unscathed. This includes the Provost Sergeant's auto, Sgt. Ingham having joined the long list of mess drivers.

There have been fewer comings and goings than usual, but they still take place. We are sorry to lose Sgt. Lindsay, and wish him all the very best in "civvy-street." On the credit side, we congratulate Sgts. Butterfield and Jackson on their promotion, and welcome W.O.2 Todd back from the Far East. Sgt. Alexander has joined us from 1 P.W.O., and Sgt. F. J. Towey has returned from a long exile in Bavaria. Congratulations also to W.O.2 Chilvers on his promotion.

Finally, welcome to our latest R.E.M.E. additions, W.O.2 Rose and S/Sgt. Avery. They join the A.S.M., S/Sgt. Vickers, Sgt. Watham and S/Sgt. Mullins in a rapidly increasing team. It is rumoured that eventually the L.A.D. will absorb the Battalion but in spite of that we are very pleased to have these gentlemen serving with us.

CORPORALS MESS

Nothing in the entertainment world has happened since our last notes. We have been to Vogelsang and we have all had leave; what is more, we have marched on many route marches, preparing for Exercise "Bar Frost." "Blisters on blisters" are quite common. However, we are now reasonably fit and feel that we are able to take on the Army of Norway with confidence.

The summer months in Germany are very active ones and at no time is all the Battalion in

station together. We do however find most of our new N.C.O.s over this training period and, since our last notes, we have welcomed L/Cpls. Young, Adams, Robinson, Bennett, Butcher, Ryan, Hirst, Inesen, Ibbotson, Wren (again), and Grey.

We have a number of R.E.M.E. members who have joined us to help maintain and service our 432 (when we get them). We wish the R.E.M.E. would get their hair cut before they arrive. The R.S.M. walked into the Documentation Office the other day and saw one of the Orderly Room clerks who had returned from leave the day before. We all know that when on leave one shouldn't have a hair cut; however, a typewriter has nothing in common with a violin. The R.S.M. promptly ordered the clerk to the barber in no uncertain terms. The R.S.M., from the corner of his eye, also noted in the office a very dirty pair of overalls containing a small long-haired individual who, from the size of his spectacles, suffered from myopia and was unfortunate enough to be wearing a R.E.M.E. badge. This wild looking little man was then given the full treatment and ordered to get his body to the barber. Many other heinous crimes were brought to his notice and eventually the R.S.M. asked him how long he had been with the Battalion. "I am not with the Battalion, Sir," he said, "I have come from Munster with a signal." One thing we are most sure of, he will never again bring us a signal; if he does, he will probably tie it to a stone and throw it over the fence.

GENERAL EXHAM'S FAREWELL VISIT

On Thursday, September 30, General Exham flew to Germany in order to visit the 1st Battalion on relinquishment of his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment.

As this was an informal farewell visit, there was no ceremonial parade, although General Exham addressed the entire Battalion on the Friday morning.

On the same evening the Band and Drums performed an excellent Beating of the Retreat. There were many spectators including quite a few guests from 12 Brigade. The front rank of the Corps of Drums now wear 1904 pattern infantry helmets and with the whole Band and Drums in scarlet, it made a most impressive display.

In the evening General Exham was the guest of honour at a guest night held in the Officer's Mess. After dinner General Exham made a farewell speech and thanked the officers for the Regimental present, and also for the additional present of a framed colour photograph of the Colour Party in full dress uniform, presented by the officers of the 1st Battalion.

On the Saturday evening the sergeants invited the Colonel of the Regiment and the officers to an informal supper and dance in the Sergeants' Mess. It was an extremely pleasant evening and formed a fitting climax to the General's visit.

The General left for England on the Monday after what was, we hope, a memorable finale to his term as Colonel of the Regiment.

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1st BATTALION COMPANY NOTES

ALMA COMPANY

Not for nothing is the company known as Alma Panzer throughout the Battalion. Luneburg, Vogelsang and Norway, all three places bear the marks of where the Alma's men have soldiered.

At Luneburg the company enjoyed ten days under canvas. We worked hard by day and by night. A vivid account of the Company's activities is to be found in the local German press, where reporters relate how armoured vehicles swept across the training area with a dash and precision not seen for many a long day. The signal to advance on each occasion was sounded by the Company Commander's bugler over the company wireless net. The climax to the training was the 45 mile route march completed by 60 men in full marching order in two days. Every MI Room within 80 miles of Luneburg was ransacked in order to provide sufficient bandages for C.Q.M.S. Pratt who spent two hours on each night running an improvised MI Room consisting of a six foot table, a pair of large scissors and bottles and bandages.

Back in camp for a week and then on to Vogelsang. Here again the Company spent a fortnight under canvas, during which time the bugle sounded, the men mustered, and "the Alma Rolled." The training culminated in a two days' exercise when the Company became very familiar with valleys and hills. "Happy Valley" stirs the imagination and recalls such sights as Lounds and C.S.M. Battye returning after a five hour recce, soaked to the skin. Then there was the epic sight of the scouts, L/Cpls. Baker, Gill, and Hynes, blazing a trail through the thick undergrowth, demonstrating to all the value of physical fitness coupled with a remarkable display of agility.

Last, but by no means least, Sgt. Stewart homing onto a flashlight, which was being held aloft by the C.S.M., after wandering two and a half hours in the dark trying to reach the Company C.P., a distance of 200 metres from his platoon position. In all truth no man was ever as keen as Sgt. Stewart to "see the light."

Now for Norway. The heavy baggage is packed, and we fly within four days for an exercise 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle. The Company will be at full strength with the addition of the Drums platoon to form a third rifle platoon.

2/Lt. Jowett has joined The Alma; Lt. Fitzgerald has returned to the fold from Norway and is off shortly to England on courses. 2/Lt. Ogram is off on his course together with his rucksack. These notes end with the news that "The Alma" won the inter-company rugby competition by beating Hook 13—6. A triumph for fitness and finesse.

BURMA COMPANY

Burma Coy is now commanded by Major Mitchell and, as S/Sgt. Chilvers has been promoted to W.O.2, S/Sgt. Welsh is looking after the "Q" side.

While the Company was down at Vogelsang in the Eiffel, we had a platoon of the Leeds Rifles (T.A.) attached to us and we were most impressed by their keenness and enthusiasm, especially as the conditions were very wet and muddy.

On our return from Vogelsang we expected to move into new blocks in Roberts Barracks as Quebec Barracks was due for modernisation. Unfortunately the "Credit Squeeze" cancelled this and we look like enduring another winter of coke stoves.

In August Lt. Westcob returned from his courses in the U.K. and took a party down to Bavaria for a fortnight's hill-climbing; this was a very successful and popular venture. Also Cpl. Lofthouse went canoeing in Holland with another group, while 2/Lt. Bray took a sailing course in Kiel.

The soccer season having started, we have Youdon, Butterworth, Robinson and Pennington currently representing the Battalion. In the inter-company rugby competition we lost to Hook Coy in the first round but later on, in the "loser's-final," beat C Coy 11—9 in a close and exciting game.

Still on the sports side a table-tennis set has recently been purchased out of company funds which has proved very popular; in fact it is almost impossible to get a game on it.

Well, life is going well in "Shiny B," especially now that the C.S.M. has found his "Bar Frost" file. Its period of absence for a few days in September caused much trial and tribulation in the company office.

CORUNNA COMPANY

The main events in "C" Company since we last appeared in print have been our trip to Vogelsang and leave. Most of the Company has been able to take some summer leave. The majority went home to England but quite a few ventured elsewhere to Italy, France and all points south. Some were even fortunate enough to find some sun.

Our time in Vogelsang was somewhat centred around water. We were there for 16 days and not one summer's day went by without rain coming our way. The advance party put up tents in a thick misty rain which soon made the camp a quagmire. However, hardly had the main party arrived and settled into its watery tents, than the "call of battle" came. We marched frequently and took part in battles from inter-platoon to inter-company to inter-battalion. 10 Platoon spent rather too long in "Sheep Valley" for its members liking but we learned a great deal about the nocturnal habits of sheep.

The longest march which the Company covered was a wander through the hills of the Eiffel which the Company 2IC had found by accident the day before, when somewhat lost on a map-reading exercise. It seems that he felt that, if he had done

EXERCISE "BAR FROST"



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A final briefing for one of the Companies.



Half way up "Blister Way."
L/Cpl. Wardle, and Pte. Hoy looking cheerful

it, he saw no good reason why the rest of the company should not also do it. Towards the end of this march appeared a hill which resembled the side of a crumbling wall. This became known as "Blister Way" and we include the odd photograph of the Company reaching the top.

It was during our time at Vogelsang that we were reinforced by a platoon from The Leeds Rifles (T.A.). We were all impressed by the way in which these "civilian soldiers" pulled their weight. Their morale, during some very exhausting and uncomfortable times, always remained high.

One particular function in which our T.A. friends played a leading part was in the Company "Smoker" which was held in our marquee.

We go to press hoping that our training will enable us to show the Norwegians, as we showed the Danes earlier this year, that Corunna Company means business.

HOOK COMPANY

The arrival of the previous quarter's Iron Duke coincides with the sub editor's asking for one's next contribution. One wonders if anything at all has happened recently. Flick back the pages of the desk diary and the days of activity spring into the memory, and the task of recording even a small part of the Company's life seems an impossible task. Any day should offer a reasonable cross

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D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Gen. Sir Robert Bray, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., is appointed Col., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding), 1st Oct. 1965, in succession to Maj.-Gen. Kenneth Godfrey Exham, C.B., D.S.O.

The following Capts. to be Maj., 1st Aug. 1965: E. J. H. Dasent, with precedence in the Yorkshire Bde. next below J. H. Marchant-Smith, Green Howards; P. A. Mitchell, next above C. D. de'E Miller; C. D. d'E Miller, next below P. A. Mitchell.

Lt. G. R. Bellamy to be Capt., 25th July 1965.

Major D. E. Isles to be Lt.-Col., 1st May 1965.

Lt. A. J. Nickell resigns his commission on account of disability, 18th Sep. 1965.

Officer Cadet Arthur Christopher Jowett from the R.M.A.S. to be 2nd Lt., 30th July 1965.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) The Hon. J. H. P. Gilbey, having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 4th Aug. 1965, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon Lt. (Hon. Capt.) E. Leach, retired.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The following Lts. from Active List to be Lt.: E. T. Mather, 1st May, 1965; G. C. W. Allan, 21st July 1965.

Maj. J. M. Horsfall, M.C., T.D., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 26th Aug. 1965, retaining the rank of Maj.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) D. F. Horsfall, T.D., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 26th Aug. 1965, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

section of our activities, so let's take Friday, July 9.

At 0810 hrs. a small party of soldiers parade under S/Sgt. Mullins (Armourer Sgt.) to go to Putlos with the support platoons. Pte. Whitehead, as the medical orderly, is going, besides the cooks, craftsmen, and drivers.

At 0830 hrs., (while the remainder have been on Muster Parade) Capt. Bray is debriefing those who have been on Bn. H.Q. exercise. The clerks and storemen of Bn. and Coy H.Q. have had their first taste of acting as a defence platoon ready for Exercise Bar Frost. L/Cpl. Burnet (P.T.I.), Cpl. Wilkinson (Clerk) and L/Cpl. Parkinson (Offrs. Mess) have enjoyed commanding sections for the first time. The Recce Platoon, who acted as

enemy, are kind in their criticisms. R.S.M. Nichols wonders how his defence platoon will make out in Norway. Major Shamin says he is impressed by the whole proceeding.

The O.C. has to answer the C.O.'s letter about all ranks dances. Many men say they cannot relax in uniform. Certainly the movements and contortions of the modern beat dance are not easy in No. 2 Dress.

In the Company Office, W.O.2 Wilson (Acting C.S.M.) and Cpl. Craig are collecting the returns from platoons and departments for Battalion Training at Vogelsang. C.Q.M.S. McManus, amongst his other duties, is today chasing up barrack damage money and also money due from the 30 marrieds who were on the Sennelager parades for the Queen's Visit.

Then the poor soldiers, only one day after pay parade, are being badgered to buy tickets for the Kiel Yacht Club Draw and the Regimental Sweepstake. Little do L/Cpl. Heley, Pte. McGee and Pte. Cobbold know that they are going to be lucky, even if their horses are non-starters.

Cfn. Abbott, R.E.M.E., arrives in the Battalion. He is one of many "A" vehicle mechanics who have arrived recently building the L.A.D. up into a platoon of over 40 strong. All that is now needed are the "A" vehicles. At the moment it's still 432-1-0.

1400 hrs. and the Company are playing Burma at football. Pte. Heron leads the team to a 4-3 victory in which L/Cpls. Sadler (2), Burnet and Ward score the goals.

At 2130 hrs. the Tac H.Q. Party in the Band Practice Room is in full swing. This is even better than crawling around Achmer Training Area. The "Top Cats" are playing, many couples dancing and there are quite a few round the bar.

So ends this day, just a day like any other. This has been the view from Company H.Q. It only touches on some of the departments and platoons of the Company, each of which will have had their own full programme.

RECCE PLATOON

Since our last notes we have been kept reasonably busy.

First of all was our trip to Bavaria on mountain climbing and recce training, i.e. man-packing over a route which was mainly above the snow line (which, by the way, is not too bad for the month of June!). The mountain climbing was a wash-out owing to heavy rains and high winds, one of which completely demolished our tent! On having a show of heads, and other parts of the anatomy, it was found that Pte. Speight was missing. He was found outside in the rain in the "altogether" trying to find his way back into the tent which was still demolished.

As well as Bavaria we have been to Vogelsang where we worked with "Alma Panzers" and set up a record in Hook Company beer bar.

In the sporting line (with Pte. Speight in charge) we have managed to win one cricket match and one rugby match (please note Rugby Challenge Trophy).

We wish to congratulate Cpl. Kendrew on his



RECCE PLATOON INTER-RUGBY CHALLENGE CUP

This valuable work of art is manufactured from the following items, One M.T. Filler-Funnel (Battered), One Compo-Tin (Empty). According to its creator it is priceless!!

outstanding achievements in Norway, and also Cpl. Mollis on his promotion.

Additions to the platoon are one boy and one girl produced by the wives of Cpls. Garth and Lawrence respectively.

Stop Press: It has just come to our notice that Pte. Maynard has been struck by Cupid's arrow.

SIGNAL PLATOON PARTY

Cpl. Coley and L/Cpl. Preston, the technical adviser and director, assembled their casts and props weeks before it happened. All was secret, the Commanding Officer, Company Commanders, Adjutant, R.S.M. and C.S.M.s were invited. Eventually zero hour, free beer and food and then the curtain drew.

First a film by Cpl. Coley—the actors were still in the bar acquiring "Dutch" courage. Next Mr. Bill Ryan miming, ably assisted by Mr. Les Stewart and, only just, by Mr. Gordon Firth. Then our tenor Mr. Dave Sykes wavered onto the stage, he sang (?), wavered again and was carried off to bed. Finally the "O" Group—"The characters bear no resemblance to any living persons"—fortunately our guests had had a few drinks.

The party finished at 5 a.m.—Childs locking up at the end—a memorable evening and all credit to Coley and Preston.

BAND

The first week in May brought all the Bands in the 2nd Division together for the first of many massed bands engagements to be held this year. The Bands assembled in Munster but, throughout the week, the rehearsals and the actual performance were spoiled by bad weather.

In the middle of May the Band and Drums moved to Sennelager to take part in the Queen's Parade on May 26. Immediately after this parade we took part in yet another massed bands' engagement, this time at Coevorden, Holland.

On Tuesday, June 8, we went to Belgium. Our first engagement was to play once again for the Queen's Birthday Parade at Grobbendonk. We were made most welcome and the parade and the reception were a great success; unfortunately we were unable to enjoy the festivities afterwards as we had to dash off to Ostend for a weekend engagement. On Monday, June 14, we travelled to Brussels where we met many other unit bands who were to take part in the Waterloo Celebrations.

The Band returned to Germany on June 21, travelling direct to Hohne for yet another massed bands engagement, the Battle of Waterloo Commemorations in Hanover, after which the Band at last returned to Osnabruck for a well-earned rest.

July 3 found the Band once again in Belgium. We went with a certain amount of trepidation as we were to be the guests of the Belgian Army, although on this occasion all details were arranged by the authorities in Namur, where we were to play. We received a pleasant surprise; the accommodation and messing were excellent and our faith in the Belgian Army restored.

July 12 was the start of a very busy week with rehearsals and performances in Bielefeld, Osnabruck and Bunde, and the August leave came none too soon.

Unfortunately leave had one disastrous result. Bds. Dereck Armitage and Alan Whapham had an accident, whilst riding a motor cycle, which resulted in Dereck losing a leg and Alan having both his legs crushed. Both lads are at present in Leeds Infirmary and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Various comings and goings within the Band include the departure of Bds. "Mugs" Miller and Bds. Willetts to the Corps of Drums. Bds. Jagger has also now left after a very short stay with the Band, while Cpl. Dean is now on the staff of Strensall and we wish him and his wife the best of luck.

The position of Band Sgt., vacated by S/Sgt. Bell, has now been filled by Sgt. Alexander who

comes to us from the P.W.O. We all extend a warm welcome to him, his wife and family, and hope that they will be happy in The Duke's.

We also welcome Bds. Cooper, ex-Royal Fusiliers, Bds. Hanley from Strensall and Bds. Whapham who, as we explained earlier, is incapacitated at the moment.

Congratulations to L/Cpls. Higgins, Parker and Vaughan on their promotions. To Cpl. and Marianne Harrison on the birth of son, Andrew, to Bds. and Barbara Ellwood on the birth of daughter, Claudia, and to Bds. and Brenda Foster on the birth of daughter, Carol Ann.

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Garlick who has now set up house in Osnabruck.

In closing these notes we all wish Bds. Crag, Dillon and McGurty all the best during their forthcoming year at Kneller Hall. We also look forward to seeing back from the School of Music, Bds. Bannister and Bds. McArthur.

THE CORPS OF DRUMS

We have had a very successful year and taken part in a lot of big ceremonies. The highlight was, of course, the Waterloo celebrations. We have managed to increase in size, improve in performance, and greatly improve our ceremonial dress and equipment.

The big event in our re-equipping programme is the acquisition of new drums. These will shortly be presented by the Colonel of the Regiment and an account of the ceremony will appear in the next issue. Our aim now is to fit out the drummers with 1904 pattern infantry helmets which are a great improvement on the present No. 1 Dress hat. Unfortunately they are hard to come by and the Adjutant would be very grateful if any retired "Duke" can produce one from his attic.

Under the Drum-Major's expert tuition all the drummers now read music which means that we can learn new marches in a fraction of the time it used to take.



Drum Major Allerton teaching Drummer Allen and Drummer Earl to play the fife.

BISLEY 1965

After the Garrison rifle meeting we had only a week left for Bisley training; during this week we changed back to the L.M.G. as our results with the G.P.M.G. had not been good, owing to the weapon having many small faults. In spite of newspaper reports to the contrary, the G.P.M.G. did not win at Bisley; the "Worcester," which is the L.M.G. competition, was won by 3 Para with L.M.G.s, despite months of concentrated practice put in by 80 members of the Queens Own Highlanders on the G.P.M.G.

The Highlanders represented the British Army in the Prix L'Eclerc and CENTO shoot in Turkey and for the past two years shooting has been their top priority. Not surprisingly they won the Major Unit Championship at Bisley and the Small Arms

Cup which is half rifle and half L.M.G./G.P.M.G. We came 6th in the Major Unit Championship. Altogether there were 22 major unit teams taking part, including 13 infantry battalions, which is an unusually high number and delighted everybody, as at one time very few infantry battalions went to Bisley.

The following represented the Battalion at Bisley: Major Robertson, Capt. Dennison, W.O.1 Rutherford (R.E.M.E. att.), W.O.2 Fenn, W.O.2 Webb, Sgt. Bailes, Sgt. Foster, L/Cpl. Griffiths, Pte. Larnder, Pte. Staples, Pte. Barnett, Pte. Maynard.

The young soldiers shot very well; all except one got a high enough score to get into the second stage of the Army Championship, which is the Roberts Cup for the top 300.



ENGLISH REGIMENTS													
NAME	DELIBERATE				PRAC	PRAC	PRAC	PRAC	TOTAL				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					
ROBERTSON	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	42	49	44	41	176
COWELL	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	57	57	47	42	163
MILARNEY	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	54	56	43	48	161
COLE	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	42	41	40	32	155
DENNISON	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	42	25	31	23	121
WHEELER	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	42	35	45	48	170
LYNCH	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	55	43	39	48	165
CANN	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	44	34	47	45	170
									318	300	336	327	1281

ENGLISH REGIMENTS TEAM—WINNERS OF THE METHUEN TROPHY

Three "Dukes" were in the team: Major Robertson, holding trophy behind board, Major Cowell, sitting at the side of the board and Capt. Dennison, lying on the ground. (Apparently they were trying to get back to the sort of photos taken in the "good old days.")

Next year we hope to make a better showing by getting in some proper practice, and taking the maximum permissible number of competitors which is 18. We will have lost Capt. Dennison, W.O.2 Webb and Pte. Staples but we will have gained Major Cowell and a year's experience for the young soldiers. There is also a strong hope of our R.E.M.E. attached (now numbering 50) producing some good shots especially with Mr. Rutherford to organise them. Mr. Rutherford himself came 14th in the pistol this year, as well as helping us in the S.M.G. team and also getting into the second stage on the rifle.

The Battalion did not win any particular cup but came in the top seven in all matches. Three of the team got into the top 100—Major Robertson, Capt. Dennison and Pte. Larnder. Pte. Larnder is to be especially congratulated as not only is it his first year at Bisley but, as a young soldier of 17, he came runner-up to the Champion Young Soldier. The Champion Young Soldier wins the Rifle Bde. Cup, but unfortunately the runner-up gets nothing.

The position of the first 12 teams in the Major Unit Championship were as follows:

		60th Cup	
		Number of teams entered—22	
1st	1	Queen's Own Highlanders	
2nd	1	Worcester	
3rd	3	Para	
4th	S.E.M.E., R.E.M.E.		
5th	1	Irish Guards	
(Running Bisley 1965)			
6th	1	D.W.R.	
7th	1	K.S.L.I.	
8th	1	R.H.F.	
9th	1	D. & D.	
10th	1	R. Hamps	
11th	1	Staffords	
12th	R.A.P.C.	Depot	

In the Methuen Cup, the "English Regiments" team won the R.E.M.E. Trophy for the top Army team. Three "Dukes" were in the team: Majors Robertson and Cowell and Capt. Dennison. Major Robertson was the top scorer in the team, and also in the "Army VIII" in the United Services Cup. The Regular Army came 2nd in the U.S. Cup; placings were as follows:

1st	R.N.
2nd	Regular Army
3rd	R.A.F.
4th	Canadian Army
5th	Royal Marines
6th	Territorial Army

In the last practice which was a snap practice at 300 yards, Major Robertson ended up with a possible 10 bulls—50 out of 50—and was presented with the target. He would be interested in any (polite) suggestions as to what to do with it.

The Irish Guards ran Bisley this year and provided plenty of comic relief. Rolls Royce cars were to be seen ploughing across the range, usually where they should not have been; gallon cans of "Pimm's No. 1" were pulled out of car boots, and barked orders were to be heard all over Bisley.

It took some time to discourage "for inspection port Hypes."

They naturally produced a very good, full-sized team well practiced on all the electronic targets and similar "gimmicks," which are now creeping into Bisley. The R.U.R. Cup and Britannia Trophy are now shot on electronic targets (camouflaged over an area) which go down automatically when hit. It all sounds very cunning and "with it" but what happens, in fact, is that a cloud of dust rises and when it all blows away the team with the target left standing has lost. Spectators have no idea who is winning and cannot even see the target without binoculars and so the falling plate competition has completely lost its appeal.

The 1965 Bisley will go down in history as the disqualification year. A certain major in the R.A.P.C. was disqualified for life from the N.R.A. and A.R.A. Competitions for firing extra rounds in the "Queen Mary" Rapid and Snap. For once the papers were full of Bisley; articles even described it as an "Outpost of the Empire."

Next year will see changes: the N.R.A. meeting will be cut severely to save "butt markers," and the three services are to have their meeting together, over a period of nine days. It is rumoured that the Army "Time and motion study team" visited Bisley and had to have a short period of convalescence afterwards. They discovered that all the rounds fired at Bisley could have been fired in, not half the time, but in 1/20th of the time by one single



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G.P.M.G. with an everlasting belt, and that, for considerable periods of time, people were actually enjoying shooting. This report evidently caused consternation at the War Office.

The two officers who produced the report did not stay long at Bisley but probably went on to watch the "Trooping of the Colour" which is always warmly applauded by all the Queen's enemies most of whom are living full and happy lives.

THE LADIES SHOOTING CLUB

At the beginning of the year The Duke's entered a ladies' team in the Garrison Ladies Shooting competition and, after only a few practices, we achieved 4th place out of 12 teams. The team enjoyed it so much that we decided to form a club, meeting once a week on Mondays with about 16 members and a committee of Mrs. Whappet as treasurer and Mrs. Cumberlege as team captain.

We soon began to get very good results with Mrs.

Rawcliffe, Mrs. Whappet, Mrs. Wathan, Mrs. Cumberlege and Mrs. Robertson regularly in the 80s and Mrs. Fenn, Mrs. Claughton, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Blenkinsop, Mrs. O'Conner, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Wilson all making tremendous progress every week and chasing the higher scorers really hard.

We were challenged to a match of skills by the Royal Fusiliers Wives Club and had a lovely evening, capped by the fact that we won the match, and Mrs. Robertson got the highest score of 92 and so won an ashtray, which she has proudly put in pride of place amongst the many other shooting trophies in her house!

We hope to get restarted after our summer break, when the men return from "Bar Frost" at the end of September. Then once again we hope Sgt. Whappet, Sgt. Mullins and Major Robertson, with their usual patience, will coach and help us to achieve a better place in the Garrison Shoot next time.

"BAR FROST"

The culmination of our year's training was Exercise "Bar Frost" when the Brigade went to Norway for a two-weeks' N.A.T.O. exercise with the Norwegian Brigade North.

During the "warm" summer months there had been a light hearted approach to the move to north of the Arctic Circle but, as the last two weeks of September approached, the main topic of conversation became, how to find room in one's kit for another dozen sweaters.

First away was Capt. Summers with the unit transport. Our vehicles were driven to Bremen and from there shipped to Salangverket, which lay conveniently on the south-west edge of the exercise area.

The remainder of the Battalion followed by air a week later and, after shaking out in the base camp at Bardufoss, were up on the start line on September 17.

The exercise was in two parts, over an area about 20 miles long as the crow flies. The first part was an advance to contact by 12 Brigade from the southern edge of the Solbergfjorden to the north edge of the Sagtfjorden, while the Norwegians carried out a withdrawal. The second half of the exercise was a reversal of the roles of the two brigades. During the initial advance, The Duke's formed the reserve, though we had our share of fighting later on. The Norwegians had taken up position rather far to the south which, from an exercise point of view, was unfortunate as we rapidly got ahead of the programme so that the last two days of the exercise were rather uninteresting and very much a case of "filling in time."

Having given a brief outline of the exercise, it would be rather dull to tell of the day-to-day tactical battle. Instead the highlights will perhaps give a more colourful picture.

The weather was dreadful. There was no snow except on the mountain tops, but it rained for most of the exercise, and the rifle companies were quickly soaked, and stayed that way for ten days. On top of this it was bitterly cold at night. Despite everything morale was excellent, and not a single complaint heard. In this respect the Defence Platoon deserves a mention. It was made up of the cooks, clerks and mess staff under R.S.M. Nicholls. "Bar Frost" was a good deal different from their day-to-day work, but they turned out with a will, and we felt that an attack on Battalion H.Q. would have cost the enemy dear. The two "characters" were the silvermen, Ptes. Richardson and Simcock, who kept up a cheerful banter throughout. The only "casualty" was Pte. Denby who, having marched down a particularly wet mountainside, fell during the last few yards into a hole with 5 ft. of water in it. But, as the R.S.M. pointed out, "What is a little bit of water, when you are already soaked?"

During our advance south, the Battalion was lifted by Norwegian Air Force helicopters over the

Captions to photos overleaf

Top Row

Left: Rapid embarkation in a helicopter.

Centre: Pte. S. Walker (left) and Pte. M. Shaw.

Right: Pte. T. Chadwick and L/Cpl. C. Burnett outside the barn where they slept for three nights.

Bottom Row

Left: The Brigade Commander, Brigadier W. B. Thomas with the C.O.

Centre: Sgt. H. Brookes with the medical truck and trailer.

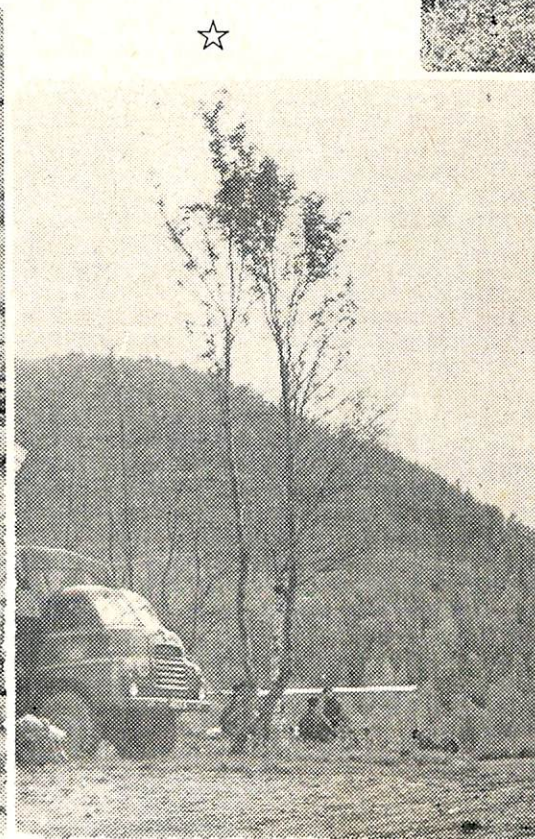
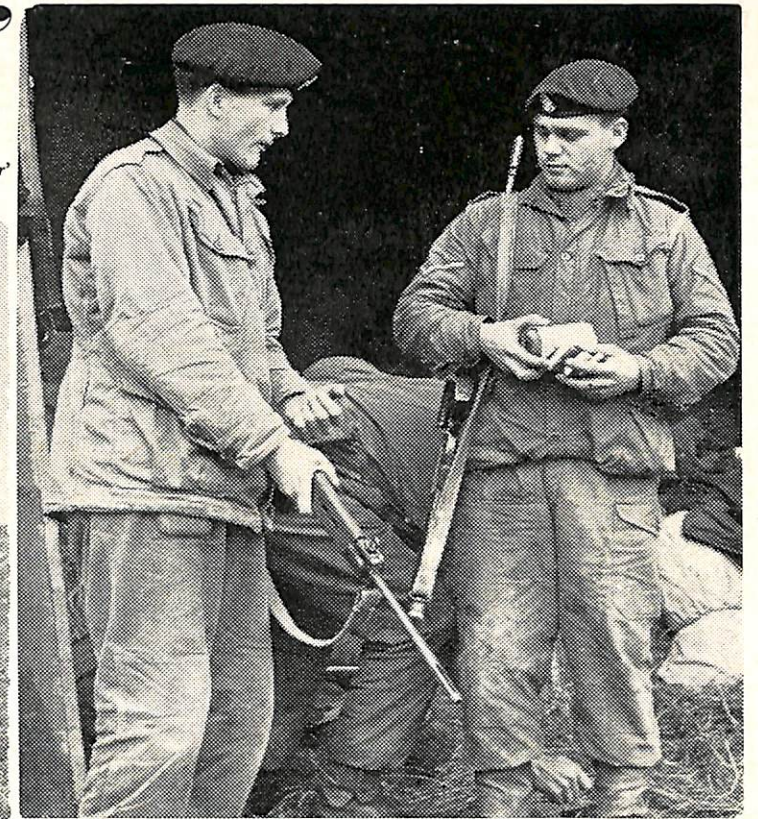
Right: R.S.M. Nicholls (right) ready to march out, with C.S.M. Bob Chilvers.

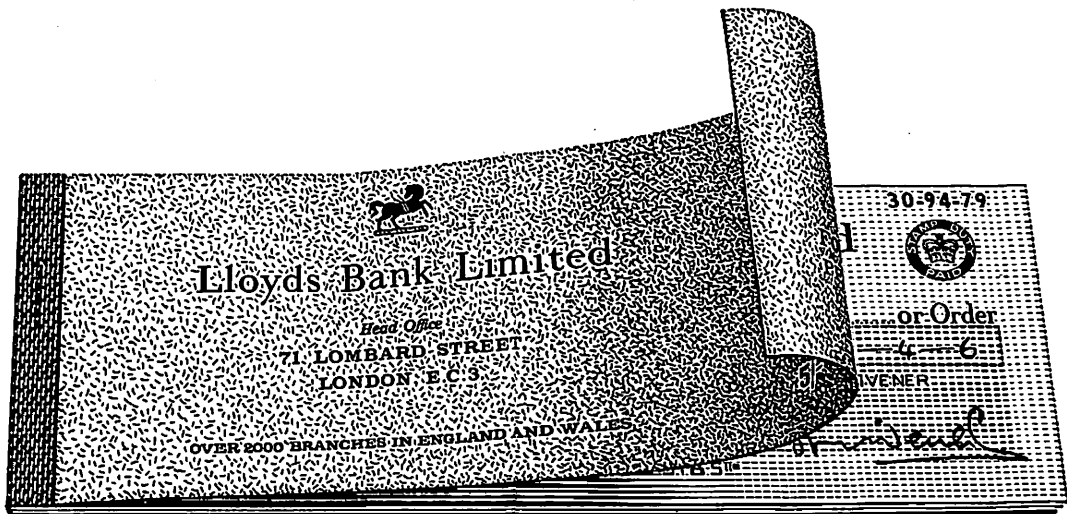


"BR FROST"

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A welcome rum issue after a cold, wet day in the hills.

mountains. This lift consisted of six "choppers" lifting 420 men over 7 miles in 45 minutes. It was a splendid operation and we were immensely impressed. By comparison with these Bell Iriquois helicopters, our own Skeeters seemed only second rate. It was not from lack of trying, but they hardly had the power to take off when loaded with a passenger.

While on the subject of helicopters, it is as well to mention that a very daring raid was made by the R.S.M. and the Orderly Room staff. They landed on the mountain by "chopper" and captured the Norwegians' only radio relay station, thus throwing their communications into disorder for some time.

The Q.M. had rather less warlike experiences with a helicopter when he airlifted the rations. Something must have slipped because, shortly after take off, the echelon area was sprayed with tea!

The Q.M. did, however, have his moment on the Sunday of the exercise, when he looked out of his tent to see a swarm of enemy landing craft heading straight up the fjord at him. He was saved by the two-hour cease fire for church services, and decided to move rather hurriedly. One feels that this would have been an ideal opportunity for a bit of purposeful tea spraying.

Besides helicopters, we also had jet fighter support, and the 2IC took great pains to tell us that it was possible to shoot down the enemy jets with our

small arms. It took a good deal of imagination to do this with an empty magazine, but we persevered. However it became slightly confusing as the planes were used by both sides at once. Going one way they were ours, and going the other way they were the enemy's. In the end we ignored them, and just wished that, if they insisted on staying, they would make less noise about it.

With us on the exercise were Maurice Ford of the *Huddersfield Examiner*, and George Beddoe of the *Halifax Courier*. During the cease fire on Sunday they passed through the enemy lines to see our forward positions. Unfortunately they stayed too long, and, together with the M.O. and the Paymaster, were captured by the Americans who were also enemy. The reporters were allowed to go, but the rest were given the full treatment. The doctor even suffered the indignity of have an American officer sit on his chest so that their photographer could take a picture. Eventually they were handed over to the Norwegians, who ran the P.O.W. camp. There they found S/Sgt. Pratt and Sgt. Ingham. Sgt. Ingham was all ready to make a break for it but, as the Norwegians were making coffee, the Paymaster conveniently remembered an exercise instruction that said prisoners were not to escape!

One should mention that our M.O., Major Colin Boyd, was from the T.A. in N. Ireland. He had

been told that he was to spend two pleasant weeks in Osnabruck, and had duly come with tennis racket and denim jacket. It was a bit of a shock to find himself on "Bar Frost." Being taken prisoner was adding insult to injury. He had his chance to do a bit of doctoring when Major Mitchell had a touch of flu. The doctor prescribed some linctus, but the bottle slipped and the whole lot went down the barrel of Major Mitchell's sterling.

The other Company Commanders provided a good story each. Major Hoppe, when told by an umpire that he must pull back, retorted that Corunna Company did not retreat, and promptly advanced.

Major Hardy was equally heroic when he told his Norwegian liaison officer to lead the way across the hill and Alma Company would follow. The draw-back appeared half an hour later when the Norwegian had disappeared ahead over the horizon. However the odds were levelled later: a shattering explosion came from the Norwegian's tent and it was discovered that he had attempted to boil a tin of compo without puncturing the top.

On Monday, September 20, General Sir Robert Bray flew up to see the exercise, and was able to see Burma and Corunna Companies in the field. He has since written to say that he was very pleased with what he saw. It was a great pleasure for us to see him.

At the end of the exercise 12 Brigade threw a party for the Norwegians. The Brigadier in his welcoming speech said that he wouldn't waste time talking as it would interrupt the drinking. As 78 bottles of whiskey were drunk in five hours everybody must have taken him at his word.

The "Dukes" were last to leave the party, and one feels that by that time they were very definitely "coming up the hill"!

While waiting for the airlift home the platoons went out to make individual camps. It is reported that the best was that of 2/Lt. Bray who happened to find a village which was about to celebrate the opening of a long awaited road. The village contained a fish packing factory employing a 100 girls, and the Platoon went with them to the village ball. It is understood that it was a good party!

The Battalion is now back in Osnabruck, or at least we think it is, as the Aden crisis has resulted in our planes being diverted East.

In conclusion, it was a good exercise, and we learnt a lot. The weather was dreadful, but no one who went to Norway would have missed it for the world.

CRICKET

The cricket "season" consisted of four fixtures. The first against 12 Inf. Bde. Wksp. was exciting although the scores were not high. The Regiment batted first and were bowled out for 33. The opposition were naturally confident that this score could be passed quickly but they did not take into account the truly amazing fielding technique of the team—all 11 fielders within eight yards of the bat and the bowler bowling inspired outswingers. Wickets tumbled like slates from the roof and the opposition were dismissed for 19 runs.

In the Inter-Unit Knock-out competition we beat the 9/12th Lancers and the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, but we were in turn beaten by 2 Signal Regiment, R. Signals. We batted first and in 25 overs scored 140 runs. The opposition beat us in the last over of the game. Lts. Pettigrew and Newell batted well and the bowling of the Regiment's "Senior Professional" was as impeccable as ever.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1964-65 RUGBY SEASON

To commemorate the successful rugby season of the Battalion 1st XV last year, we would like to remind readers of a few of the season's highlights.

May 1964

Captain of Rugby suggests to Colonel that Rugby XV should be excused all duties in preparation for coming winter season. Request not granted.

July 1964

Cricket team play B.A.O.R. Cricket knock-out match, despite opposition from the Rugby Captain on grounds that irreparable damage will be done to rugby pitch.

August 1964

"Casuals" rugby team formed—to foster the social side of rugby. No actual fixtures planned, but beginning of season party well supported.

Rugby Secretary loses list of 1964 fixtures.

Red-Barrel beer introduced into Sports Club.

September 1964

Exercise Lowland Fling interferes with winter rugby fixtures.

October 1964

Rugby team and supporters travel 300 miles to play Varrel Rugby Club—only to find they are a soccer club. Rugby Secretary denies responsibility.

Battalion 1st XV visit—Hamburg—also play a little rugby there.

November 1964

Battalion bonfire held on November 4. Damages one corner of pitch. Rugby Secretary replaced.

December 1964

Battalion 1st XV plays first match. New Rugby Secretary congratulated on organising a match. Casual supporters involved in small fracas with German civilians after B.A.O.R. final over quality of local beer.

January 1965

Christmas and New Year festivities produce some new heavy forwards.

February 1965

Rugby posts chopped down. Certain local cavalry regiment deny all knowledge of affair.

March 1965

Rugby Team return from England with ornate pot. Apparently of sentimental value.

April 1965

New Rugby Secretary appointed.

May 1965

Request for Rugby Team to be excused summer exercise season.

THE WEST RIDING BATTALION T.A.

Sub-editorial

For the past four months the subject uppermost in all our minds has been the announcement of the proposed re-organisation of the Territorial Army. Is the West Riding Battalion really fated for such a short life? For how long will we be able to soldier on? These have been the sort of questions that have been asked and discussed countless times.

This speculation has continued since the battalion went to camp in June when the future of the T.A. was mentioned in the national press, and at which time we began to wonder whether Stanford was to be our last battalion annual camp. Not unnaturally there was anxiety amongst all ranks.

This phase continued until finally the C.O. was briefed on the extent of the reorganisation by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier Armour, this information being classified Secret. The company commanders were duly briefed in turn by the C.O. and given express instructions to withhold all information from the press. This coincided with an announcement by the Duke of Norfolk. The Yorkshire papers immediately

began to work in full swing, gleaned their information from other sources, and within two days there was not a man in Yorkshire who knew not the future organisation of the Territorial Reserve.

As is now well known the present proposal is that a Yorkshire Battalion (T.R.) is to be formed with its Bn. H.Q. in Sheffield, The Duke's providing one company centred on Huddersfield. The cry immediately went up "This cannot happen!" and to this day no one can say with certainty how we really will be reorganised. Many evenings have seen and will see groups of officers and men, beer in hand, discussing this very controversial subject.

When the Adjutant first took over his job he was told not to be too disheartened if the attendance figures dropped suddenly on return from camp. "Just routine, it always happens" he was told. But this time there was speculation as to whether they would rise again to the same standards as before the announcement. "Business as Usual" was the order from the C.O. We can safely and happily say that the figures are back to normal and, no matter what the powers that be have in store for us in the future, it is indeed very much "Business as Usual" for the West Riding Battalion.

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

Officers' Mess

Since our last notes there have been two major social occasions in the Officers' Mess.

The first was at the Battalion rifle meeting on Strensall ranges on Sunday, September 12. A mess tent was erected and run as well as ever by Henry Crowther and a hard worked Sgt. Bacon who was also shooting for his company. The meeting was blessed with fine weather and a good turn up of families enjoyed an excellent lunch. The C.O. had invited (provided they paid for their own drinks!) a number of friends from Halifax, members of the notorious Albany Club. They duly arrived in a magnificent but extremely elderly estate wagon built on to an Albion chassis. Apparently it was built in the 1920's for the Duke of Devonshire.

On Friday, September 24, we dined out the Colonel of the Regiment, General Exham. Guests present were Brigadier Firth, Col. Cumberlege, Col. Howcroft, Col. Bentley, Lt.-Col. Skelsey, Lt.-Col. Gadd, Lt.-Col. Hirst, Major Davis, Major Tedd and Capt. Pugh. We were all sorry to see General Exham go; he has looked after us very well during his term of office. He takes with him the good wishes of all members of the mess, and we hope to be able to entertain him many times in the future.

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess

During the past quarter life has been quiet in the Sergeants' Mess. This mainly is due to the reaction from camp and annual holidays.

We have commenced to hold monthly socials, taking messes in rotation so as to favour none. So far these have been a reasonable success and we hope they will go from strength to strength.

The main sergeants' mess at Huddersfield was re-opened after complete redecoration on September 4, 1965. It now has an inviting air about it; gone are the bare brick walls and steel girders in the roof. The whole has been covered with paneling and the lighting changed to flush ceiling fittings to give the whole place a more modern appearance.

A Christmas Draw is being organised—tickets are going well at 6d. each—and will be held at Halifax Mess on December 18. This way we hope to have a "Sergeants' Mess Christmas" without clashing with the usual celebrations which go on far and wide and prevent members from getting in.

A team from the Mess visited the Brigade Depot to take part in the Sergeants' Mess annual shoot. There are many tales of how they lost but the greatest story is one of thanks for the hospitality



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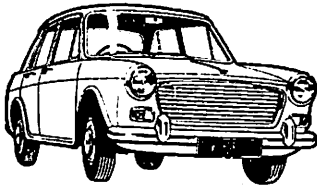
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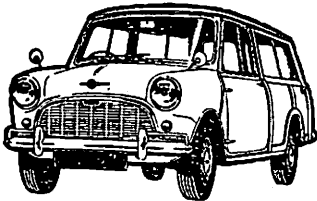
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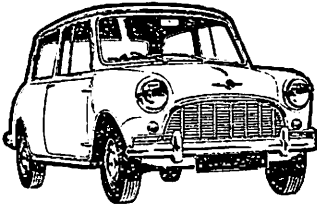
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given, as always, by the Depot Sergeants' Mess.

This year's Battalion Annual Rifle Meeting was held at Strensall. W.O.2 Jack Fitton was the Battalion Champion Shot. Once again the Depot Sergeants offered their mess for our use. Without a doubt that was a "Dukes" night and many old acquaintances were met. The 1st Bn. Sergeants' Mess need have no worries—R.S.M. France is still in fine fettle.

A piece of coal is supposed to be lucky—so the saying goes. However, C.S.M. Dillon of "A" Coy would like to differ; in this case it's lucky

for some but not him. He trod on a piece, over-balanced and broke his leg. Now instead of looking like Dillon he is more like "Chester."

Sgt. Fitzgerald keeps putting an appearance in since he has been temporarily discharged from hospital but he is due to go back out of circulation shortly. Here's hoping he won't be too long away, apart from wishing him well, we require his services.

Bert Bodsworth has retired from the T.A. and taken up residence in Kings Lynn. We hope he settles down well in his new area.

BATTALION NEWS

The battalion returned from camp at the end of June amid, as explained above, much speculation caused by rumours of T.A. demolishment and that the battalion was due to begin firefighting training. However, details of the reorganisation slowly filtered through and the whole battalion slowly recharged itself on the knowledge that there is to be no change for 18 months. Firefighting is off, the battalion is to go to camp as a unit next year and once more the companies are training as hard as ever.

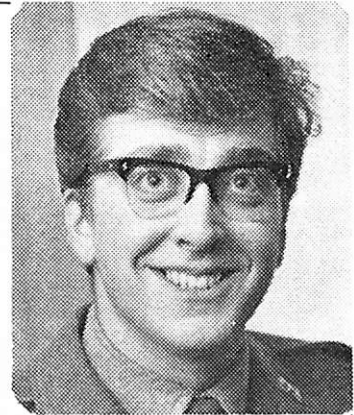
It is indeed a difficult and frustrating time but the following quote from a company commander voices the general thought. "Training has continued at a varied pace, although at the back of our minds has been the question of the purpose of the activity. There have, as always, been the enthusiastic attenders who can be relied upon in all circumstances, and recently we have been receiving recruits of a very high standard indeed . . . to summarise it is fair to say that morale is now definitely on the increase, and attendances are increasing, and we look forward to a winter of purposeful activity . . . and now that everyone is reconciled to the future, we are confident that we shall be able to maintain a smart, enthusiastic unit until the end."

During August we participated in an "Army Week" held in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield. Our band and drums "Beat Retreat" in the park and our band, for the first time in many years, gave a concert from the bandstand. Against the might of the display units of the Regulars—Armoured, Signals, Engineers, Military Police—with their highly trained display teams, electronic gadgets and expensive equipment, our "Iron Dukes" caravan looked like a shy cousin. Nevertheless the interest shown proved that the "County Regiment" was held in high esteem by the people of Huddersfield, and recollections of World Wars I and II, life in India, Africa and Europe, were proudly related by visitors, many wearing the maroon and french grey colours of the Regiment.

The Battalion rifle meeting took place at Strensall in reasonably fine weather. The advance party moved to 27 W.E.T.C. on September 11, under the Q.M. and, thanks to him and a lot of hard work by his party, all was set for the competition

on Sunday, September 12. Congratulations must go to "C" Coy, on winning the inter-company championship, and to the individual winners. Congratulations, particularly to Pte. K. Walker who won the Young Soldiers' Cup and then went on to win the Young Soldiers' Cup at the Divisional rifle meeting at Beckingham the following weekend.

Pte.
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Walker



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Champion Young Soldier Shot of The West Riding Battalion and the 49th Infantry Division (T.A.)

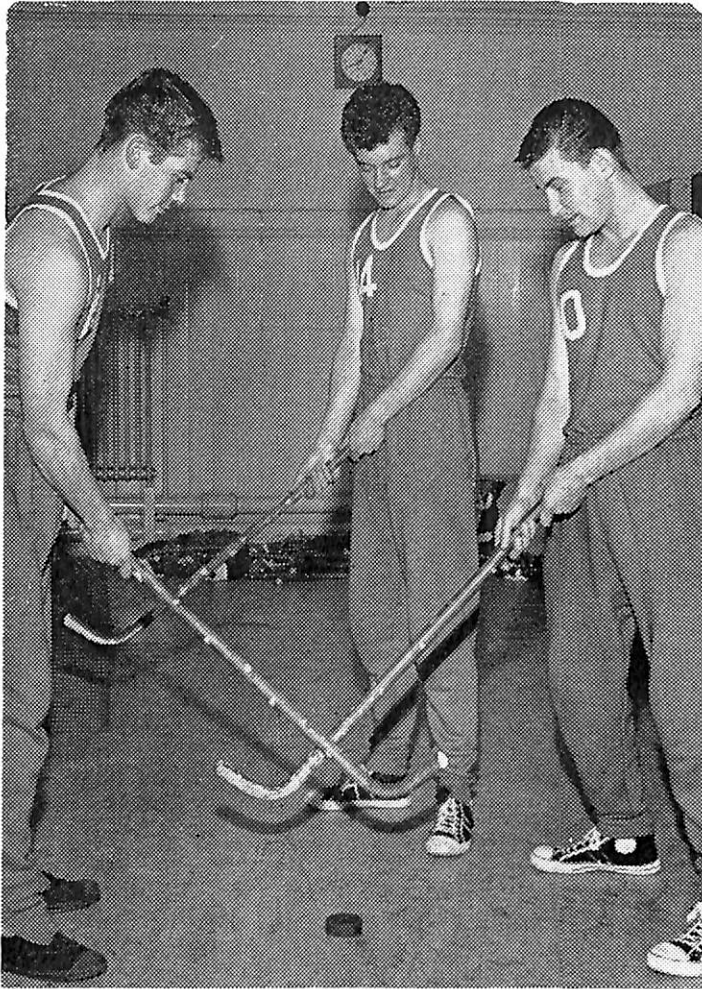
The results of the meeting were as follows:—

L.M.G. pairs	Sgt. W. H. Bacon and Sgt. J. Fossard
Champion Shot	W.O.2 J. Fitton, M.M.
Runner-up	Pte. K. Walker
Class "A"	W.O.2 J. Fitton, M.M.
Class "B"	Pte. K. Walker
Runner-up	Pte. A. Bell
Class "C"	Capt. C. R. Cumberlege
Falling Plate	"A" Coy.
	Runners-up "H.Q." Coy.
S.M.C. Champion Shot	Sgt. B. Howell
China Cup	"C" Coy.
Inter-company team	
championship	"C" Coy.
	Runners-up "H.Q." Coy.

Special praise must go to Capt. K. McDonald. This officer was unable to go to camp with the Battalion in June and so "volunteered" to do his training with the 1st Battalion in Germany. He in fact found himself thrown in at the deep end of Exercise Bar Frost. It is no mean feat to go from sitting comfortably as a civilian in the West Riding to join a fighting-fit regular unit inside the Arctic circle. Many stories have come back as to what happened to him, but it is a somewhat quiet Capt.

cations, etc., was a credit to our team under the leadership of Lt. J. P. F. H. Cook.

Rock climbing under the able direction of Capt. R. C. Wilson, has proved a popular activity in our training since annual camp. Weekends have been spent on the rocks at Widdop and Stanage and in the words of a soldier from Mossley "best b— weekend I've ever spent in my life" seems to sum up the general opinion of those attending. Not that all the time was spent strung out on a rope,



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SHINTY IN HUDDERSFIELD

Huddersfield had what was perhaps its first look at the Irish game of shinty when the 1st Battalion display team gave a demonstration of it in the St. Paul's Street Drill Hall.

Shinty is similar to hockey but it is played with an ice-hockey puck and there are no set rules so that it is virtually a matter of no holds barred.

Seen having a warm up are (from left) L/Cpl. M. Hirst, Pte. G. A. Firth, and Cpl. P. R. Taylor.

McDonald when questioned closely! Perhaps this is not the place for hearsay stories.

Our Recce Platoon routed the rest of the Brigade's entrants in the Recce Platoon Competition held at the Feldon training area on the weekend October 3 and 4, 1965, with a score of 77.3 out of a possible 100. This convincing win in the competition which included an M.T. rally, night compass march, observation and logging exercise, radio communi-

as the strains of music from the local hostelrys on Saturday nights would have vouched.

The thud of gym boots, the bounce of the ball and crack of shinty sticks is at present echoing through our drill halls (and the "beat" of the Top Cats). Our visitors from the 1st Battalion in Germany are certainly livening the place, both in the drill halls and outside, and we hope the resultant publicity will benefit both the Regular Army and ourselves.

Balmy Days

A Memory of Singapore in the Twenties

You, who saw Tanglin Barracks will agree that it was the most picturesque that the 2nd Dukes occupied in our days. The green of the hills and foliage, the white-washed buildings—many on “stilts”—the red-tiled roofs and the brown of new cut and weeded roads in the barrack area.

You remember the hill coming up from Tanglin village, with the police box at the top and turning sharp about to the officers' quarters and their mess. Going on you passed the married quarters on the right and below the road level. On your left were the church, the band room and regimental soccer pitch. Around the bend were the shops—barber, cobbler and Pioneers. On your left the regimental police room, school rooms and the swimming bath with a door which locked but kept no-one out because of the building's “open” structure. Next the Guard Room, Orderly Room, Q.M.'s domain, etc., with on your left the regimental hockey-cum-cricket ground with its lordly sweep of green sward up to No. 1 Company. On that level were the barrack rooms, N.A.A.F.I., “wet” canteen, corporals' and sergeants' messes, the cinema, M.I. Room, dining hall and its necessary companion the cook-house, and finally—and never again to be mentioned—the detention barracks.

It was in these surroundings that I spent my early days in the Regiment as a boy in the band.

Welcome Rain

In retrospect we did not seem to have any bad days. If, by searching in the dim recesses of one's mind, one comes across a few days spent weeding, scrubbing floors, moving the sand-table from A to B and back again under the paternal and patronising gaze of “Crib”—well, such days were incidental, a necessary evil as it were. On the other hand, one does not need to search for good days. Just think how often it poured with rain on Sundays and the “No parades today” sounded from the guard-room verandah. On such Sundays Padre “Bo” had not the task of sorting buttons from the cents and five cents. (I once saw a dollar bill but that was at evensong.) What a grand chap he was and how he understood men and “boys.”

Then there were only three days before the Thursday holiday. Some said Queen Victoria had instituted it for the cleaning up of her soldiers' kit. That may, or may not, be true but what difference did it make so long as we got a “lie-in” that morning. After that the fun started, to wit, the debugging of our beds and mosquito nets and a “dig out” in general.

Really Rich

The more affluent ones burnt their beds over with a blow lamp. One such was “Punch” Meyrick. He also had a motor-bike but then he was really rich and played the flute and piccolo in the Raffles Hotel orchestra—but by one means or another we would manage to “have a go” with his

blow lamp. He was the “old man” of the band, or shared that distinction with Dan Glendenning, and perhaps, having been a boy himself, he had forgotten more tricks than we were likely to know.


Thursday was also the day when those wizened little ladies came around with their needles, wool and cotton. “Sew-sew la,” “Sew-sew la” they would say in their own peculiar, never-to-be-forgotten sing-song voices.

Fire Crackers

Evenings seem to come more easily to memory. Remember the very small village tucked away in the trees behind No. 4 football pitch. Almost every evening, after darkness, the drums and wailing reeds would begin their own weird kind of music, interspersed with staccato fire crackers. The lanterns inside the thatched bamboo shacks were matched on the outside by the myriads of fireflies. Around you was a darkness and stillness which was almost feelable and there was great peacefulness. Yet, the coolies who lived in the shacks were hoping that their music and crackers would keep away evil spirits. What a pity their descendants did not have the same luck with the Japs.

Evenings brought forth other signs of activity, particularly on Fridays. For the “boys” of the

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Battalion this—as today's youth puts it—was “It.” Clean and freshly starched suits of khaki drill, white blanched belts, highly polished boots, regimental cane, one Malayan dollar in our pocket and, “Hey Presto,” Singapore belonged to us.

Answer “Out” at the guard room—and with luck manage to pass scrutiny the first time. From there it was a mad dash to the police box to grab a rickshaw, one between two, and away we went, free. Free of the band sergeant and corporal in charge of the “boys,” free of barracks and fault finding eyes. Free until 1 a.m. Saturday—at the very least a thousand years away.

The favourite starting point was the Union Jack Club and a game of billiards if a table were free. It was always better to play a “man”—win or lose they never would let a “boy” pay, and, in any event, it was part of the fun; we were not allowed to mix with “horrors” over the age of 18 years.

Next we would go around the corner to Tong Hei's for supper—crab cake and eggs. Do you remember it? A pancake made of two eggs, chopped crab, bamboo shoots and other spices and little black things. It was delicious and cost, with roll and butter and tea, 20 cents. One night some-

one said “Johnnie what are these little black things?” and back came the answer, sharp and clear, “Froggie leggee.”

Another rickshaw ride, this time to the Pavilion cinema, along Orchard Road, saw us settled for the rest of the evening. There we could “look around” and see other humans besides soldiers. During the interval we usually had ice-cream with raisins in it and “pop,” and tried to flirt with the Chinese waitress—without success, I may add. She must at some time or another, have met the “grown up” ones.

The films were, in those far off days, silent but how much we did enjoy them. If we were lucky and saw one with some real scrapping in it, how easy it seemed to be able to put C.S.M. Ramsbottom in the shoes of the villain and oneself in place of the hero. Why, in that alone was enough fun and pleasure to carry one through to the next Friday.

How quickly the thousand years had passed and how very little of my dollar was left—enough to buy a packet of cigarettes which I hoped—unavailingly—“Ginger” Rose would never find.

SAX



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THE TOP CATS

The 1st Battalion Beat Group took part in the recruiting tour of the West Riding in September.
 Left to right: Pte. A. Craig, Cpl. L. Taylor, Pte. D. Barrett, Pte. G. Powell and L/Cpl. R. Parkinson.

PERSONALIA

General Sir Robert Bray has been appointed an A.D.C. (General) to H.M. The Queen in succession to General Sir Michael West, G.C.B., D.S.O. (retired).

Major-General Gordon Upjohn retired on November 1. He is taking up a senior administrative appointment in the Automobile Association and is now living at 32 The Mansions, 252 Old Brompton Road, London, S.W.5.

We congratulate Mr. Charlie Renilson, late of the 1st Battalion, on his first international cap for Rugby League Football. He represented Great Britain against New Zealand on September 25, and scored the only try of the match.

Major Bill Blakey is home from Singapore and is going as Training Officer to Liverpool University O.T.C.

Bdsm. Whapham and Armitage of the 1st Battalion had a most unlucky accident while they were on leave in England. They were travelling on a motor scooter together when they ran into a pile of loose earth, which had spilled from a lorry. They both received serious injuries. Armitage is now (end of September) in Ward 21, St. James' Hospital, Leeds, for plastic surgery before going to Chapel Allerton for the fitting of an artificial leg. Whapham is in Ward 16, Leeds General Infirmary, waiting to go to Wakefield Hospital for an operation to replace his knee-cap after his broken leg has re-set properly.

Among their visitors have been Major and Mrs. Davis and Col. Barry Kavanagh. We are very glad to be able to report that, considering the serious nature of their injuries, they are both very cheerful and are making an excellent recovery.

Major Bernard Kilner has joined the British Defence Liaison Staff in Canada. His address is

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Major Graham Tedd has been appointed Secretary of the Army Cricket Umpires Association.

We hear from Col. Haslock that he is shortly moving to New Zealand.

Wedding

On September 9, 1965, at Aldershot, Major Rupert Marett (late D.W.R.) to Laila Coull Stephen, The Kop, Church Crookham, Hants.

On July 24, 1965, quietly in London, Capt. Godfrey Rupert Bellamy, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, to Miss Kathleen Anne Savage Cooper.

Golden Wedding

On September 15, 1915, at Saint Mathias' Church, Richmond, Michael Newell Cox to Beatrice Mary Grant Gordon.

Present address "Teesta," Upper Gordon Road, Camberley.

We congratulate Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Cox. We hear from the former that, unfortunately, Mrs. Cox had to spend the anniversary in the Brompton Hospital, having suffered a stroke on September 2, but that she is making good recovery.

Mr. R. J. S. Rowlands, whose grandfather served in the 4th Battalion, and Mr. Alistair Roberts, eldest son of Major Derek Roberts, have been selected for commissions in the Regiment as University Cadetship entrants. They were at Malvern together and are now both at Cambridge where Mr. Rowlands is reading classics and Mr. Roberts, economics.

Capt. Andrew Laurence is now appearing in "Alibi for a Judge" at the Savoy Theatre, with Andrew Cruickshank. He plays the part of Mr. Hunt, the defendant's solicitor.

The annual Regimental service in York Minster was very well attended this year on October 29. Unfortunately, the account of the service arrived too late for inclusion in this issue.

The C.O. of the 1st Battalion writes that he and Majors Hardy and Mitchell lunched recently in the mess of 39 Missile Regiment, R.A. at Sennelager and were shown the silver bowl presented to 29 Field Battery by the 1st Battalion and inscribed "In gratitude for the support given from the Dyle to Dunkirk." 29 Field Battery is now 78 Missile Battery.

Colonel Isles adds that it was very nice to see this piece of silver inscribed with our regimental crest and, despite the change in name and role of the battery, so obviously still highly prized.

CORRESPONDENCE

Army Outward Bound School,
Morfa Camp,
Towyn,
Merioneth.
September 27, 1965.

SIR,

With reference to your August issue and the excellent account by W. S. (can it be an eyewitness's account?) of the Officers' Mess luncheon party at York on Saturday, June 17, 1905 (*which suggested a resemblance between Captain Greenway and the officer shown entertaining two ladies—Ed.*) *Touché*. but I think he looks like Blakey.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN GREENWAY.

3rd Battalion,
The Parachute Regiment,
Aldershot.
September 15.

DEAR SIR,

I am now on secondment to the 3rd Bn. Parachute Regiment for three years. Shortly after joining the Battalion we were told of an exercise "Sign Post." This was to take place in Kenya from August 3, to August 27.

I was lucky as our company left early, on July 20, as the advance party. Having collected all our stores and vehicles in Nairobi we moved up to a very familiar spot, Ndoldol airstrip, where we set up Battalion Headquarters. Col. Isles, I am sure, will remember the officers of "B" Company, under his gallant leadership, galloping round the area on horses borrowed from the police post there.

Soon after arriving at Ndoldol a dark green landrover drove up to our camp and out stepped Chuck Ivey, now on the staff of BATKEN (British Army Training Team, Kenya). Chuck was running a platoon commanders cadre which was

situated in the exact spot of "B" Company's camp in 1961.

Chuck is now an "adviser" to the Kenya army and from what I saw his advice is very forceful and unambiguous! He very kindly asked me to supper at his camp where we had some very interesting discussions with the platoon commanders who seem to have picked up a catch phrase from Chuck, a phrase which seems to govern their lives. "This is the D.S. solution." The District Commissioner and the District Officer were also there and both made very amusing speeches.

Before I left Kenya Chuck invited me to dine with him in Nairobi where I met Monica and the children. John Pickard (P.W.O.) was also there and some Dukes who served at the Depot will remember him.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL STACPOOLE.

ARMY RUGBY FOOTBALL CUP

We have received the following report on the 1st Battalion's prospects for the 1965-66 season.

General

Our win last year was rather unexpected, as the plan then was to build up a team to win the Cup in the 1965-66 season now in progress.

This Year's Team

Capt. Mundell is again captain of the team. The outsides are stronger than last year. Lt. Newell returns to scrum-half and Lt. Reid to fly-half.

L/Cpl. Robinson, recently joined from the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, is a promising addition. With him Lts. Pettigrew, Edwards and Walker form a very useful three-quarter line.

We will miss Capt. Gilbert-Smith and Lt. Nickell from the scrum and are having the usual problem in finding a second row from amongst our small Yorkshiremen.

Capt. Mike Campbell-Lamerton is allowed to play for us under current rules but, as he is teaching at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, it is unlikely that he will be able to travel over to Germany often. Lt. Robert Campbell-Lamerton is likely to be out of it for the season with injuries.

Results So Far

The first round in B.A.O.R. was played against the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders on November 1, 1965, and resulted in a win 65-0.

(We hear that the second round resulted in a thirty-something point win but have received no official report—Ed.)

Finals

The B.A.O.R. Final is to be played on December 18, 1965.

The Army Cup Final between the winners of the U.K. and B.A.O.R. Finals will be in Germany on March 23, 1966.



Lt. Michael Stacpoole at the entrance to the Samburu Game Park.

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

By the late Lt.-Col. M. V. le P. Trench

(Continued from THE IRON DUKE, No. 136, page 89)

In April, 1902, Lt. Trench left the Battalion at Warmbaths to command a detachment in a blockhouse South of Pienaars at Kilo 76

I was all on my own at Kilo 76, but managed to get in to Pienaars fairly often for cricket and tennis, travelling on a railway bicycle or a trolley used by gangers on the line.

On 1st June, 1902, I went out shooting with Cpl. Kilner. As we approached the blockhouse on our return we saw one of the men on the roof fixing up a flag and, on getting close, were greeted with the news that peace had been signed; it had come through from Headquarters at Warmbaths. A later message came that all work could cease, and I gave each man a bottle of beer from my store and cigarettes to celebrate and they had a sing-song that evening.

The next day I went in to Piennars and during a set of tennis with Strafford and Exham and the doctor a telegram was delivered to Strafford who read out "Lt. Trench and ten men will proceed to Pretoria by train today en route for Cape Town and England to represent the Regiment at the Coronation of King Edward VII."

I borrowed Strafford's horse, rode back to kilo 76, packed my baggage and sent it off by wagon to Pienaars. I galloped back there getting in at dusk. I was woken at 3 a.m. next morning and boarded the train on which were the ten men, all reservists, from Warmbaths. They were: Sgt. W. Seaman, Cpl. J. Menzies, Cpl. A. Myatt, Ptes. W. Earls, J. Atling, J. Milne, C. Leader, W. White, J. Barrett and J. Law (my batman).

At Pretoria I was greeted by Col. Curran, Umfreville and Acworth who had come to see us off. On the platform was the Boer Commandant, Beyers, who spoke good English and was chatting with some officers; he was a fine soldier and a very decent sort.

We reached Cape Town on June 6 and, with many detachments from other regiments who had joined the train en route, embarked on the S.S. *Bavarian*. She was a large ship, but with over 200 officers to be accommodated we were very crowded, and junior officers were four in a normally two-berth cabin. With me were Vesey of the Queens, Hanbury of the Shropshire LI. and a militia captain.

We did about 400 sea miles a day, and passed the Canaries without stopping to coal. Food and drink got very short, in fact I seem to remember that sardines were our chief food, and only champagne was left of the liquors.

We were racing against time and on June 22 ran into a thick fog and had to slow down; we sighted Lands End on 23rd in the evening, but next morning had to anchor in the channel on account of dense fog.

We were getting very anxious about arriving in time, but by 2 p.m. the fog had lifted and we sighted

the Needles. As we passed one of the forts on the island a sailor signalled with a flag in morse and someone near me read the message that the Coronation was postponed. We all thought he was pulling our legs but, as we neared Southampton Docks, a staff officer came on board with the news that the King was ill and was to be operated on that day, which made us all very gloomy. The next morning, June 25, news came that the King had got through his operation all right, and at 10 a.m. we entered the dock.

It was an anti-climax, as we had all looked forward to the ceremony in which we were to have lined the route outside the Abbey so as to be the first troops to greet the newly crowned King.

We were paraded on the dock and inspected by Lord Roberts and Mr. Brodrick, the Secretary of State for War. The former in a speech said how disappointed London would be at not seeing us. We were then dispersed to our homes.

Many officers had returned to their units and most of the men had been discharged when the Coronation actually took place, and so this rather remarkable collection of an officer and ten men from every unit serving in South Africa was never seen by the King or his subjects.

After two months leave I joined our details at Mullingar, where they had moved to from Dublin, and in October took them to York on the arrival there of the Battalion from South Africa.

(Concluded)

THE REGIMENTAL SWEEPSTAKE

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

1st (£100), Provoke—Capt. C. E. Morier, Peshurst, Kent.

2nd (£50), Meadow Court—Lt.-Col. S. A. Moore, R.A.O.C.

3rd (£25), Solstice—Capt. R. A. Hawkins, West Riding Bn.

4th (£10), Ballymarais—"C" Coy, 1 D.W.R.

Runners—£1 each

Convamore—J. R. Heselden, Skipton, Yorkshire. Cambridge—P. A. Cobbold, A.C.C. att. 1 D.W.R.

Donato—H. Kirby, Doncaster, Yorkshire.

As Before—Col. C. R. T. Cumberlege, Terrington, York.

Noble Record—S. R. Arnold, Ardingly, Sussex. Bux Bonus—Major E. S. Stell, Oakworth, Keighley.

Defence—A.C.C. att. 1 D.W.R.

We thank all participants for their support and generosity.

The total profit accruing to the Regimental Funds amounted to £299 3s. 0d., which included a donation of £25 from the winner of the first prize, Capt. C. E. Morier.

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.

Mr. W. H. Brook

Mr. William Henry Brook, an ex-C.S.M. of the 1st Battalion, died on September 30, 1965, at St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield.

Bill Brook enlisted at Halifax in 1909 and, except for a tour of duty with the T.A., served all his time with the 1st Battalion until 1931 when he was discharged to pension. He was the son of a member of the Regiment, Sgt. W. Brook who was school-master at the Depot for some years.

Mr. Brook leaves a widow, two daughters, Sheila and Brenda, and two sons, Bill and Harry. Mrs. Brook lives at 60 Smith's Avenue, Marsh, Huddersfield.

Lt.-Col. J. M. Corbett, E.D.

Lt.-Col. "Don" Corbett, who died in August, was the C.O. of Les Voltigeurs de Québec at the time when our alliance with that regiment was approved by the Queen in 1953. He was the second of only two British Canadian officers who have commanded this French Canadian unit.

He was an officer of great determination and drive with an impressive devotion to his regiment in which he was very popular. In civilian life he was a business man with wide interests.

Col. Corbett leaves a widow and four sons.

Mr. F. O'Kelly, M.M.

The death occurred at Northowram Hal Hospital on November 3, 1965, of Mr. Fred O'Kelly, M.M., 83 Old Lee Bank, Halifax. He was 77.

Mr. O'Kelly's connection with the Regiment goes back to 1871 when his grandfather transferred to the 76th. His father was C/Sgt. George O'Kelly. "Jock," as he was generally known, was born into the Regiment in Bermuda in 1887. He enlisted as a boy in the Regiment in 1904. He served throughout the first war with the 2nd Battalion. He was awarded the Military Medal for his gallantry as a stretcher bearer. He continued to serve with the Regiment after the war until his retirement in 1927.

He joined the G.P.O. and served as a postman for 21 years. He then came back to the Regiment as steward to the Depot Officers' Mess. He finally retired in December 1961.

The funeral service was held at Danecourt Chapel of Rest on November 6. It was attended

by many old comrades, including Major and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Code and Lt.-Col. W. Skelsey.

An appreciation of "Jock" will appear in the next number of The Iron Duke.

Mr. H. Hagger, M.M.

Mr. Harry Hagger died on July 17, 1965, aged 78, at St. James's Hospital, Saffron Walden, Essex, after a long and painful illness.

Mr. Hagger served in the 2nd Battalion from 1911 until 1920. He went to France from Dublin in 1914 and was taken prisoner at Mons.

After retirement he was for some years a commissionaire at a cinema in Cambridge. He then retired to the east Coast and, in the disastrous floods of 1953, he and his wife had a narrow escape from death. Mrs. Hagger survives her husband and now lives at 12 Brookfield Road, Sawston, Cambs.

An Old Comrade, Mr. F. Wombwell, a retired farmer of Folly Farm, Fulwood, attended the funeral on behalf of the O.C.A.

Mr. N. Ramsden

Mr. Norman Ramsden of 1 Town End, Almondbury, Huddersfield, died at his home on October 20. He was 84.

He joined the Regiment in 1900 and served in the Boer War and later worked with the Young-husband Expedition to Tibet. In 1914 he went to France with the 2nd Battalion and served with them throughout the war.

Mr. Ramsden played wing-forward at rugby football for the Regiment and was in the side which won the Army Cup in 1907, the first time it was put up for competition. When the 1st Battalion Army Cup Team played Huddersfield early this year they were presented to Mr. Ramsden before the match. A photograph of the occasion appeared in the April number of The Iron Duke.

A devout churchman all his life he was not confirmed until he was 81, when he was confirmed by the Bishop of Pontefract, Chaplain of the Regiment.

The funeral service was held at Almondbury Parish Church. Representing the Regiment and the Regimental Association at the funeral were Col. G. Taylor, D.S.O., T.D., S.M. W. Norman, Mr. W. Brookes and Mr. J. E. Horne.

Mr. Ramsden leaves a widow and three children.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

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10th Battalion: Mr. E. Lumb, 4 Langlea Terrace, Hipperholme, Halifax

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

50 YEARS AGO

The following extract from the *Huddersfield Examiner* of September 9, 1915, came to us from Lt.-Col. Denys Hirst, late 5 D.W.R., via Major Colin Barnes, 2IC of the West Riding Battalion:—

“A remarkable story of a local youth's visit to the front, where he has taken part in the fighting for some months, has just come to light. Among a recent batch of wounded which arrived in England was Bandmaster H. Leslie Collins, of the 1/7th (Colne Valley) Battalion West Riding Regiment, who has been invalided home, sick, and his seventeen-year-old son, Drummer Leslie M. Collins. The youth has evidently inherited his father's military ardour, for he has lived in the “atmosphere” all his life. Although under military age, Drummer Collins is on the strength of the Colne Valley Battalion, in which he has made himself generally useful. He went into training with the battalion, and had he not been able to accompany them to the front he would have been grievously disappointed.

How the difficulty was overcome it is not the purpose here to explain. Suffice it to say that the youth arrived on French soil with the battalion, having been a stowaway both by train and boat. His father and the majority of the other members of the battalion were amazed to find him there. The youth begged to be allowed to go forward to the fighting line, and eventually he was permitted to do so. Ever since he has been in the thick of the fighting. He was at Ypres for five weeks and there found a German helmet and rifle which he has brought home as souvenirs. His father lost sight of him for five days on one occasion, and it was afterwards found that he had joined an armoured train, upon which he had been helping with the guns. The youth has returned unscathed.”

Lt.-Col. Hirst says that Bandmaster Collins was later commissioned and retired at the end of the 1914-18 War with the rank of captain. He then went to Canada. He is believed to have returned to this country in 1921 but nothing further has been heard of him.

Lt.-Col. Hirst still has Collins's sword and would be delighted to have news of him.

5th BATTALION

On Saturday, April 10, 1965, the 5th Battalion O.C.A. held a “Smoker” at the Drill Hall to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Battalion's going to France on April 15, 1915. The following were amongst those who attended:—

“A” Coy. .. Pte. W. B. Allen, Pte. D. Skeen.
 “B” Coy. .. Pte. H. Hartley, Pte. C. Helliwell, Pte. H. V. Inman.
 “C” Coy. .. Pte. S. Smith.
 “H” Coy. .. Pte. C. Fox.

They all seemed fit and well but perhaps not quite as young as they were in 1915. There was a sprinkling of last war officers but unfortunately none from the 1914-18 War.

10th (SERVICE) BATTALION

Luncheon for Mr. G. R. Goodchild

A unique gathering of former officers of the 10th (Service) Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment took place at the Great Eastern Hotel, London, on Wednesday, July 21, and virtually brought to an end the activities of the Battalion's O.C.A. which was formed in 1933 but fell into a state of desuetude in 1960 when the Honorary Secretary ex-Sgt. G. R. Goodchild) was prevented from continuing his duties because of the loss of his sight.

The gathering took the form of a complimentary lunch to Mr. Goodchild for his work for the O.C.A. The idea originated with Capt. J. R. A. Todhunter, a former M.O. of the Battalion, and the organising of the function was done by Capt. R. Bolton, M.C. Both these officers received enthusiastic support from a number of officers living in the south and things were made convenient for Mr. Goodchild to attend by fixing a date while he was spending a holiday in Southend.

Major J. C. Bull, M.C., presided at the luncheon, and, besides Capt. Bolton, Capt. Todhunter and Mr. Goodchild, there were also present Lt. Sir David L. Evans, Capt. the Rev. L. Norman Phillips, M.C. (former Adjutant), who retired with the rank of Major after commanding the Cadet Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment during the last War—Capt. R. S. S. Ingram, Capt. S. Currington, Capt. the Rev. Hugh Todd, M.C. (former Padre to the Battalion) and Lt. C. W. Wildy. Lady Evans was prevented by indisposition from attending, but the wives of all the other officers present, and Mrs. Goodchild, attended.

Major Bull welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Goodchild and thanked the former for all the work he had done over the years on behalf of the Association. The manner in which that organisation had been supported—particularly at the annual reunions in Bradford—was, he thought, a great tribute to the wonderful *esprit de corps* which had developed among all ranks of the Battalion during the years of the 1914-1918 War. Major Bull was supported by Capt. Phillips.

Returning thanks for the great honour which had been done to him, Mr. Goodchild said that what might be regarded as the last official act of the Association was to defray the cost of an inscribed oak chair for the Regimental Chapel in Halifax Parish Church, and to hand over the balance of the Association's money to the Regimental funds. The Association's Standard was to be housed in the Regimental Museum. The idea of providing a memorial chair, he added, was that of Lt. E. L. M. Lumb of Hipperholme who, with Mrs. Lumb, also attended the handing over and dedication of the chair.

Are you a member of the Regimental Association? If not, it's never too late to join.

The Annual General Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL AND OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT HELD AT HUDDERSFIELD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 1965, AT 17.30 HOURS.

The Colonel of the Regiment being indisposed, the Chair was taken by the Deputy Colonel, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E. He opened the meeting by welcoming the O.C.A. members present, who were approximately 60 in number.

The business of the meeting was as follows:—

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Points Arising

There were no points arising.

3. Secretary's Report

The Secretary read his report, a copy of which appears below.

4. Accounts

The audited accounts of the Old Comrades' and Regimental Associations, as at close of business on March 31, 1965, were circulated for inspection and comment.

There being no observations, the accounts were adopted unanimously on a proposal by Mr. W. Akrigg, seconded by Mr. J. Horne.

5. The following amendments to Regimental Association Rules were proposed by Major J. H. Davis and seconded by Mr. F. J. Deighton:—

(a) Amendment to Rules for the Regulation of the Regimental Association Fund Committee, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The Regimental Secretary informed the meeting that it had been found necessary to increase the number of trustees in order that specialist advice could be obtained to derive full benefit from the new Trustee Act.

Under the authority vested in him in Para. 9 of the Trust Deed, the Colonel directed that Paragraphs 2 and 4 of the

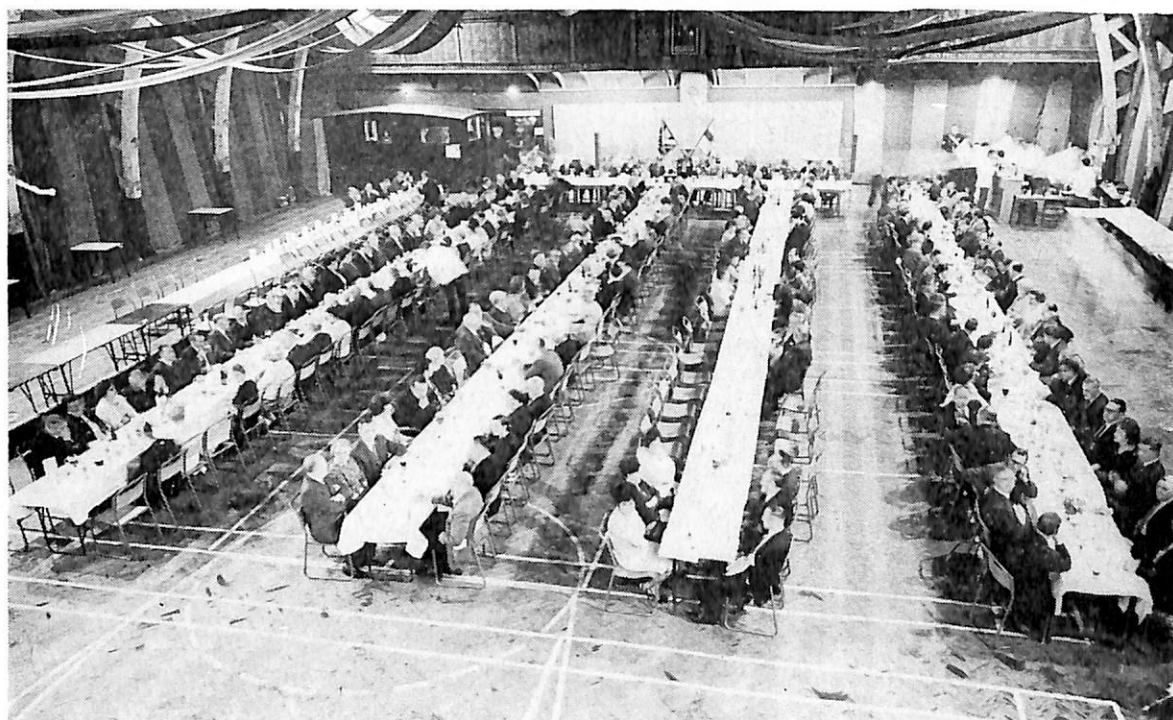


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General View of the O.C.A. Dinner, Huddersfield Drill Hall, Saturday, September 25, 1965

Rules for the Regulation of the Regimental Association Fund Committee, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, at present restricting the number of Trustees to 4, be varied to read "4 or more."

(b) **Amendment to Rules of the Regimental Association of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.**

The Regimental Secretary explained the requirement for a non-benevolent fund for the administrative and other non-benevolent expenditure in running the Regimental Association and Branches of the O.C.A.



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Major Jock Huffam, V.C., hears "a good one" from Chelsea Pensioner, C/Sgt. F. Stephenson.

This used to be called the General Fund. It derived its income from joining subscriptions and donations. When these were insufficient periodic grants from the benevolent funds were made.

The Trustees considered this was unsatisfactory, as the income of the fund varied considerably from year to year.

They therefore decided to make an annual grant from the benevolent funds and that the joining subs. and donations should in future be credited to the appropriate benevolent fund.

The Regimental Secretary asked that the following Rule be incorporated under

the sub-heading "Proceedings of the Management Committee":—

" 24. Management Fund

The Management Committee are responsible for expenditure from the Management Fund, which is a non-benevolent fund for the administration of O.C.A. Branch and Regimental Association affairs."

The above Amendments were carried unanimously.

6. It was proposed by Mr. F. J. Deighton and seconded by Mr. W. Akrigg:—

"That a sub-committee of the Management Committee be appointed to examine the Regimental Association Rules, recommend revision, additions and/or deletions, and that the Management Committee be authorised to approve acceptable alterations and arrange promulgation."

After discussion, the Chairman suggested an amendment to the effect that "any envisaged alterations or amendments to the rules should be submitted to the next Annual General Meeting for approval." The Meeting agreed.

The proposal was then carried as amended.

7. It was proposed by Mr. F. J. Deighton and seconded by Mr. F. Kennedy:—

"That this meeting accept in principle the desirability of setting up a Regimental Association Club, suitably sited, having regard to local branch dispositions in the West Riding area, and that the Management Committee be authorised to examine this project with a view to its early realisation."

After discussion, the Chairman suggested an amendment to the effect that "the Honorary Solicitor should be requested to investigate the legality of using Association Funds for the purpose of financing this project." The Meeting agreed.

The Proposal was then carried as amended.

8. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

The Meeting was closed at 18.15.

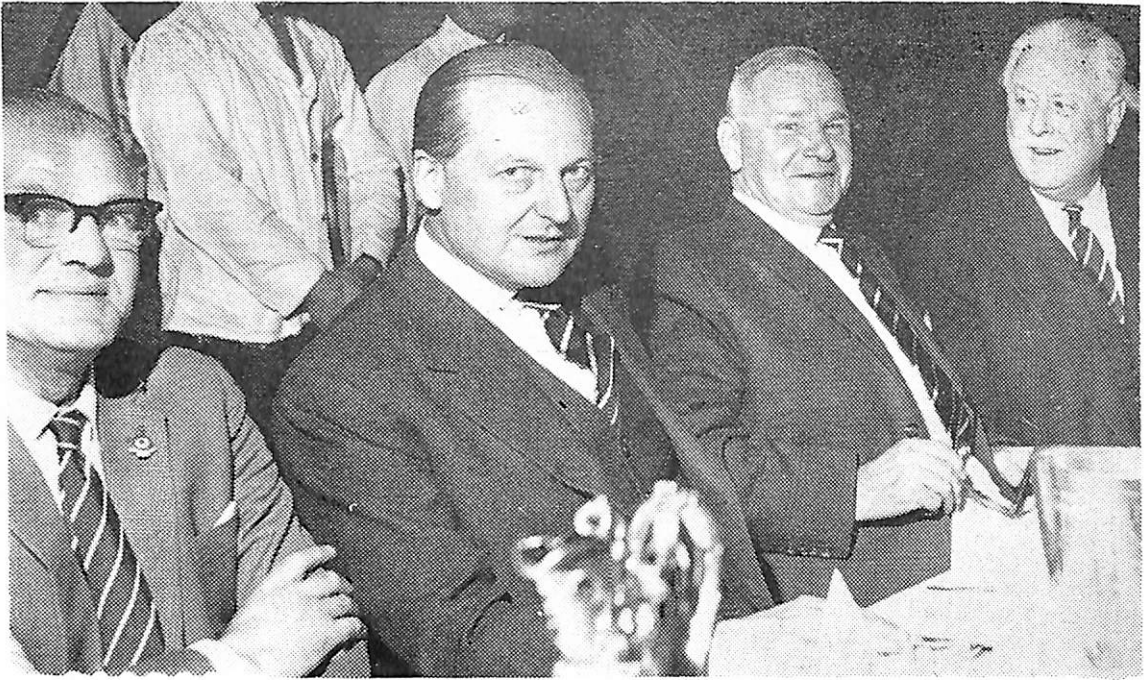
THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Old Comrades,

I now present my report to the Annual General Meeting of the Regimental and Old Comrades' Associations of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment for the period September 1964, to September 1965.

Case Work

Since the last Annual General Meeting the Case Committee have received 112 applications for financial assistance. Of these, 100 cases were considered to be in genuine need and were granted a total of £1,210; an average grant of £12 per



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Left to right: Mr. R. H. Temple (Hon. Secretary the London Branch), Brigadier A. D. Firth, Mr. S. E. Code (The General Secretary), General Exham.

person. The remaining 12 cases were, for one reason or another, not recommended by the investigating body, namely, S.S.A.F.A., Forces Help Society or the British Legion.

A summary of monies disbursed in grants and subscriptions is as follows:—

O.C.A. Fund				£	s.	d.
Five Grants	75	0	0
Iron Duke Subs.	20	0	0
Chelsea Pensioners	16	4	0
Pensions List	422	10	0
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				533	14	0
Regimental Association Funds				£	s.	d.
95 Grants	1,135	0	0
Iron Duke	20	0	0
Local Charities	7	7	0
York Minster Trip	13	0	0
Churchill Fund	20	0	0
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				1,195	7	0
McGuire Bate Bequest				£	s.	d.
Two Grants	98	0	0
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Mitchell Trust Fund				£	s.	d.
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Pensions List

Since the last report there have been two additions to the Pensions List—Mrs. M. McMahon, widow of the late Tom McMahon, and Mr. D. M. Barron of Sheffield. There are now ten names on the list.

At their last meeting in April the Trustees authorised a further increase in pensions grants from 15s. to £1 per week. This means that in a full year our pensions grants will now total £520.

All our pensioners enjoy reasonable health, with the exception of Mrs. Partridge and Mr. Barron. S.S.A.F.A. visit Mrs. Partridge and Mr. Hough, the Sheffield Branch Secretary, looks after Mr. Barron.

Accounts

The accounts of the Old Comrades' Association and the Regimental Association Funds, as at close of business on March 31, 1965, are now being circulated round the meeting and I ask you to formally adopt these audited accounts as a true and correct record of the financial affairs of the various Regimental Association Funds.

As a result of the Trustees' investment policy, I am pleased to be able to report once again an increase in income and capital value of our investments. The income this year totals £2,116 against £1,993 last year, an increase of £123. The market value as at March 31, 1965, was £39,316 against last year's figure of £40,650. This is due to the general unsteadiness of the market during the early part of the year.

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Other Sources of Income

Income from covenants and donations is expected to yield £415 this year.

Day's Pay Scheme

This has not proved as successful as was at first anticipated. However, now that the scheme has the official backing of the Army Council we hope for better results.

Army Benevolent Fund

No application for a supplementary or re-imbursment grant has been made to the A.B.F. this year, as our income was sufficient for our charitable purposes. As an alternative, we elected to adopt Scheme "C," whereby we would only apply to the A.B.F. if a major rehabilitation grant was required.

This year we did, in fact, apply to the A.B.F. under Scheme "C" in the case of an ex-member of the Regiment, now living in Canada, who had incurred debts amounting to \$900 due to family sickness. As a result, the A.B.F. contributed £100, The Commonwealth Ex-Services League £35 and ourselves £15, making a total of £150 (approximately 450 Canadian dollars). The Canadian Legion and the man's employers also co-operated in further reducing the debt.

Sweepstake

This year the St. Leger Sweepstake yielded a profit of £299, which has been proportionately distributed between our Regimental and Charitable Funds.

Regimental Association Membership

We have had 54 new members from the Yorkshire Brigade Depot, 20 from 1 D.W.R. and two from the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, Oswestry. These are very encouraging figures and we hope they will be sustained.

Yorkshire Brigade are now operating a new system, whereby all recruits are encouraged to become members of the Association before leaving the Depot.

Branches

Not much has been evident in the way of inter-branch social activity during the summer months. However, we hope that with the advent of the winter season branches will re-commence their programme of social functions.

We welcome a new branch into the Association, namely the Mossley Branch, which came into being early this year with a nucleus of 30 members. The Chairman is Major E. J. P. Mowat and the Secretary is Mr. E. Dixon.

Conclusion

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the representatives of S.S.A.F.A., The Forces Help Society and the British Legion, and all other voluntary organisations who so kindly undertake the investigation of cases on our behalf. Also, our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Whitham, Smith, Mitchell and Co., our Honorary Solicitor, Major J. E. Driver, and our Honorary Stockbroker, Major H. Coop; all of whom advise us so efficiently on legal or financial matters.

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