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THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT VISITS 1 DWR
General Bray meets the Adjutant, Captain Bray

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS



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The beauty of the Regimental Chapel in the Parish Church has been greatly enhanced by the generosity of the Directors of Crossley's Carpets in presenting a new carpet.

The background colour is blue, which brings out to advantage the blues in the stained glass window behind the altar. The heraldic inaccuracies have been corrected and the badge re-designed in more heraldic colours.

The presentation was made by Jonathan Crossley, one of the Directors and the grandson of Charles Crossley who gave the original carpet, so badly stained by leaks from the roof.

The photograph shows the new carpet with (from right to left) Mr. J. P. Crossley, Canon A. G. Hardie, M.A., Vicar of Halifax, Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., Acting Colonel of the Regiment, and C.S.M. Fitton, M.M.

R.H.Q. NOTES—continued

Two chairs in memory of 'Scottie,' Major R. A. Scott, have also been given to the chapel; one from his wife and the other from his sisters and relatives, who include Major John Greenway, his great-nephew.

The Duke of Wellington has very graciously loaned the first Duke's mantle of the Order of the Bath for display in the Regimental Museum. An eye-catching colour, it is on show in the ante-room of the Museum, where we already have six each of the dessert set of Sevres plates and the Saxon Meissen plates on loan from the Apsley House Museum, together with three of the Duke's many foreign orders.

Visitors to R.H.Q. since our last notes have included Major and Mrs. John Milligan, Capt. and Mrs. Charles Ivey and Mr. Musgrave-Wood, who gave us a colour photograph of the illuminated address he designed and which was presented to the Mayor of Halifax on the hand-over of Wellesley Barracks.

DINNERS**The Regimental Association**

The annual reunion dinner of the **London and Home Counties Branch** of the O.C.A. and Regimental Association will be held this year on **Saturday, May 14**, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

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

Applications for tickets, price 13s., should be made to **Mr. R. H. Temple, Secretary and Treasurer, 59 Burnfoot Avenue, London, S.W.6.**

Note.—This year the date of the dinner does NOT coincide with the Rugby League Cup Final. It was not possible to book the hall for that date.

The Officers' Dinner Club

The annual luncheon and dinner will be held in London at the Hyde Park Hotel, on **Thursday, June 9.** Details have been notified to members by the secretary.

Note that this, also, is an unusual date and day of the week.

BINDING OF THE IRON DUKE

The cost of binding THE IRON DUKE into volumes in maroon cloth, lettered on the spine in gold, with eight numbers to a volume is about £2 10s. 0d. per volume.

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THE EMPIRE FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Once again, as in past years, Mr. R. H. Temple, London Branch Secretary, saw to the layout and planting of Remembrance Crosses, at our Regimental Plot at Westminster Abbey, for the Annual Service of Remembrance, on Sunday, November 14, 1965. Those attending, in addition to Mr. Temple, included Lt.-Colonel J. H. Dalrymple, O.B.E., Lt.-Colonel R. G. Collins, M.B.E., and son, Mr. W. Hammond, Mr. G. Guy, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith and daughter.

Whilst we are grateful to those who attend the London Remembrance Ceremony year after year, we feel there are many more "Dukes" living in or near London who could make an effort once in a while to be present at our Regimental Plot as an act of remembrance and thanksgiving to the fallen of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

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The Regimental Council

The Colonel of the Regiment, General Bray, has formed his Regimental Council which, under him, is composed as follows:—

The Acting Colonel: Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C.

*Major-General W. M. Ozanne, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Col. J. Davidson (Brigade Colonel).

Ex Officio:

O.C. 1 DWR—Lt.-Col. D. E. Isles.

O.C. The West Riding Battalion—Lt.-Col. J. C. Moncrieff, T.D.

Hon. Colonel, The West Riding Battalion—

Col. J. B. Sugden, T.D., D.L., J.P.

Secretary: Major J. H. Davis.

Readers may like to be reminded that the Regimental Council had its inception in the series of meetings of senior serving and retired officers held by the then Colonel of the Regiment, Col. C. J.

*The sad death of General Ozanne has since robbed the Council of his services.

Pickering, after the last war. At these meetings plans were worked out to resume the Regiment's peace-time functions and activities, many of which had been in abeyance during the war.

In 1950 General Sir Philip Christison formed the Regimental Council as a body to advise him on regimental affairs and to undertake duties on behalf of the Regiment.

The Council is an advisory body to the Colonel with whom the responsibility and authority remain. The Council meets annually, on the day of the Regimental Dinner, in the Iron Duke's study at Apsley House. Supplementary meetings may be held in Halifax at the time of the Old Comrades' reunion.

The privilege of meeting at Apsley House, by permission of His Grace the Duke of Wellington, is greatly appreciated by the Regiment.

If at any time, members of the Regiment, serving or retired, have any ideas which they think may be conducive to the well being of Regimental affairs, they should send such suggestions to the Regimental Secretary, Major J. H. Davis. These proposals can then be considered by the Council.

The Regimental Chapel in York Minster

The annual service was held in the Regimental Chapel on Friday, October 29.

The Bishop of Pontefract, the Chaplain to the Regiment, gave an address and the Blessing. The Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. R. J. Matthews (Chaplain to the West Riding Bn.) who read the prayers. We were particularly pleased to welcome Dr. Richardson, The Dean of York, who took a major part in the service.

Brigadier Tony Firth, in the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, read the lesson.

The main theme of the Bishop's address, was tradition and its value to a regiment. Tradition is important to a regiment, because it means amongst other things—experience. The Bishop explained that tradition also has an important place in life today, we must preserve the best, but we must be careful not to allow tradition to become our master, neither must we allow it to interfere with new ideas.

We had the traditional white roses on the altar but a new idea was a most artistic display of flowers designed to blend with the gold of the altar cloth and the altar ornaments. This was placed at the entrance of the Chapel and was arranged by Mrs. Richardson—the Dean's wife. It was presented by the Minster to the Regiment—a very nice gesture indeed.

There was as good a congregation as any that we have had. Practically all the local serving and retired officers and their wives were there. From the Halifax/Huddersfield area, there came Colonel J. B. Sugden, Hon. Colonel of The West Riding

Bn. and Mrs. Sugden, Colonel and Mrs. Trevor Bentley, Colonel and Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Treacy, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Bairstow, Major and Mrs. Davis and Lt.-Colonel Walter Skelsey. From further afield Brigadier and Mrs. Firth from Cheshire, Major Douglas Jones-Stamp from Nottingham and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith from Scarborough.

After the service, the officers and their wives went to the Brigade Depot Mess where a cocktail party was held. It was successful as usual and we are very grateful to the Depot officers for allowing us to use their mess and for making all the arrangements. There followed various luncheon parties, one of which ended with a convincing exhibition of water-divining by Colonel George Taylor (we feel that there is a moral in this somewhere, but are not sure what it is).

There was a goodly representation of serving warrant officers and N.C.O.s with a party of young soldiers from the Brigade Depot, together with the P.S.I.s of the West Riding Battalion.

A party of approximately 30 Old Comrades, led by Mr. Code and his wife came from the Halifax/Huddersfield area. Amongst the party, was Mr. C. H. Robinson who, we believe, was on the 1st Bn. Parade in York in 1905, Mr. Dennett, Jackie Horne and Topper Browne. After the service the party was entertained to lunch by R.S.M. France and the W.O.s and Sergeants of the Yorkshire Bde. Depot. All got home safe and sound at about 9.15 p.m., having seen most of the North and West Ridings.

Amongst the local Old Comrades, there were Inspector Scott, of the York Constabulary (promoted since last year), accompanied by Mrs. Scott. Jim Jackson, a clerical officer at Records, and Mr. Atkinson of Haxby, a stalwart of the 1914-18 6th Battalion.

The late Colonel of the Regiment suggested that the crests of our "Freedom Boroughs" should be placed in the Chapel. This proposal is being examined by the Chapel Committee in conjunction with the Dean.

Readers, will have heard—no doubt with disgust—about the visit which vandals paid to The Minster. No damage was done in our chapel and the paint has been removed from the lectern and the Archbishop's chair, but the frontal of the nave altar was damaged beyond repair.

A very handsome old visitors' Book for our Chapel has come to light. It contains many illustrious names including those of the late Princess Royal and Lord Lascelles, an Archbishop of York, a Duke of Wellington and two Deans. In addition, there are the names of several well known Regimental personalities. In some cases, the name of a relative of a dead officer or soldier appears. There are one and a half pages of German names and much space is taken up by obvious W.I. or M.U. outings. The last entry, is undated but is probably December, 1930, when evidently, a party of recruits (with Sgt. Simcox, L/Sgt. Mountain and L/Sgt. Beadnell—as instructors?) from the Halifax Depot visited York. Amongst the recruits in the party we noticed the names of O'Shea, Jickells, Gelder and Barraclough. Consideration is being given to the future use of this book.

A.H.G.W.

Commonwealth Memorial, Korea

The Dedication Ceremony of the Commonwealth Memorial in the United Nations' Memorial Cemetery, Pusan, Korea, took place on May 24, 1965.

It is the intention of The Ministry of Defence to send to the next-of-kin of each man buried or commemorated there a copy of the Order of Service, a photograph of the ceremony and a photograph and negative of the panel on which he is commemorated. In the case of the Regiment, this has been done except for the following casualties whose next-of-kin the Ministry of Defence have been unable to trace.

Number	Name	Recorded Next-of-Kin
22629510	Pte. J. T. Bell	Wife re-married. Now Mrs. Hodgson.
22659591	Pte. J. Hawthorn	Father.
P/423575	2 Lt. E. C. Kirk	Mother.
22772201	Pte. B. Pickles.	Mother.
22646197	Pte. A. Skingsley	Mother.

Will any reader who can give any information which might lead to the tracing of these next-of-kin please write to The Regimental Secretary, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wellesley Park, Halifax.

The Unveiling Ceremony

The Memorial was unveiled by Lt.-General Sir William Pike, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. With his kind permission and that of The Ministry of Defence, his account of the ceremony is reproduced below.

On May 24, 1965, I had the honour to unveil in the Commonwealth section of the United Nations' Cemetery in Pusan a Memorial to the 386 men of the Commonwealth killed in the Korean war but with no known grave. Though small compared with the Korean and American battle casualties, there nevertheless lie buried in this far distant but

hallowed spot nearly 1,600 soldiers, sailors and airmen of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The soldiers are from many famous Regiments and Corps.

The unveiling ceremony, was simple and moving. It was attended by the personal representative of the President of the Republic of Korea, the British and Australian Ambassadors, representatives of the Canadian, New Zealand and South African Governments and of the United Kingdom Defence Council, the Mayor of Pusan, the Custodian of the United Nations' Memorial Cemetery, the Chiefs of Staff of the three Korean armed services, the Commander of the 8th U.S. Army and many other distinguished guests.

The memorial is in Gosford stone from New South Wales. It is rectangular in shape with an altar feature at the front, above which is a bronze panel bearing the inscription. Round the Memorial are other bronze panels bearing the names of the individual men by regiment or service. For the unveiling ceremony it was flanked by detachments from Australia, from the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines and from the Royal Air Force; the Main Guard of Honour was found by the Durham Light Infantry.

After the detachments and the Guard of Honour had been mounted, the chaplains entered in procession and took up their position on the steps leading to the front of the Memorial. The day was perfect with a light breeze from the sea and wisps of sea mist swirling round the distant hills. The whole scene was one of peace and beauty, with the Cemetery standing on high ground overlooking the sea and itself overlooked by the lovely Korean hills clothed in their spring flowers. At one side of the Memorial stood three pipers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers whose Royal Stuart tartan made a glorious splash of colour against the white Australian stone and contrasted with the black and white chaplains' surplices, their folds stirring in the wind.

The service of dedication was performed by the Assistant Chaplain of the Far East Land Forces, aided by the chaplains of all other denominations. It was short with well chosen prayers and hymns perfectly accompanied by the band of the Durham Light Infantry and supported by a mixed choir from the local Presbyterian Church who sang beautifully. The actual unveiling was preceded by the Last Post and followed by Reveille sounded superbly by the buglers of Durham Light Infantry, whilst the pipers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers surpassed themselves in their playing of the lament "Lochaber No More" as the actual unveiling took place, and "Flowers of the Forest" at the later wreath laying.

Present on parade in charge of the wreath laying party was Sgt. William Speakman, v.c. who won his Victoria Cross with the King's Own Scottish Borderers on a battle-torn hill north of the River Imjin on which many of his comrades fell one November day in 1952. The presence of the tall, soldierly figure of the only serving V.C. in the army made a notable contribution to a memorable scene. His thoughts, like mine and those of others present, must have gone back over the years. Each of us had his own memories, similar yet different. Mine were of my batteries which came from all parts of the Commonwealth to support many famous regiments and battalions; and of such friends as a Canadian observation officer who died of his wounds, of a New Zealand forward observation party most of whom never got back, of an Australian air O.P. pilot shot down and killed over the enemy lines, of a young subaltern of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, just commissioned from Sandhurst and killed leading his platoon in his first attack, and of the "lost" platoon of the King's Own Scottish Borderers who like my F.O.P. party went down fighting to the last man to join the select band of the Unknown Dead. Let honour go without stint to such sons of a great Empire and Commonwealth—386 of them are not forgotten on this beautifully simple memorial.

Yet this war and these deeds seem to be largely forgotten here. No mention of the ceremony was made in any of our national newspapers and no word of it came from the B.B.C. Does this mean that these men died in vain, or is it just time and distance that make people forget? It is surely the latter, for these men surely made history. Their fathers and grandfathers, and *their* fathers and grandfathers before them, fought for King and Country and for the British Empire which for all its faults tried to bring peace and justice to the lands it ruled. But these men were the first to give their lives for something greater—the United Nations and the great principles of freedom, justice and peace on which it was founded, and for which it strives so hard under so great difficulties. The campaign changed little geographically, and a country civilized and united for thousands of years still lies wickedly divided. Yet these warriors did not die in vain. They went to fight and to die in the first United Nations' war to show tyrants and aggressors that our hatred of war does not mean that we fear it; and they taught them that the countries who rallied

to the support of the United Nations have the courage to stand and to fight when provoked beyond reasonable endurance. If this lesson has been learnt, the Korean War may well have been a turning point for good in the history of the world.

The guns are now silent in Korea and the storms and controversies of the world elsewhere pass over the graves of our battle comrades. They lie in peace in this hallowed corner of a beautiful country beside their comrades in battle of many other nations; or on a hillside once scarred by battle but now lovely with wild flowers; or they sleep their last long sleep on an ocean bed, their task finished, their tribulation over, their duty done.

*"Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail
Or knock the breast; no weakness, no contempt,
Dispraise or blame; nothing but well and fair
And what may quiet us in a death so noble."*

From the London Gazette

Supplements dated 5th October 1965
to 1st February 1966

General Sir Robert Bray, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, is appointed Aide-de-Camp (General) to the Queen, 21st Sept. 1965, in succession to Gen. Sir Michael West, G.C.B., D.S.O., retired.

INFANTRY D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. P. P. de la H. Moran to be Brig., 30th Aug., 1965.
Maj.-Gen. G. F. Upjohn, C.B.E., retires on retired pay, 1st Nov., 1965.
Capt. D. S. Gilbert-Smith, M.C., to be Maj., 3rd Dec., 1965.
Lt. M. G. L. M. Stacpoole to be Capt., 18th Dec., 1965.
The following 2nd Lts. to be Lt., 31st Jan., 1966:
S. H. Ogram, P. J. Mellor, A. R. Redwood-Davies.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The following, having attained the age limit, cease to belong to the Res. of Offrs.: Maj. R. E. Sugden, 16th Oct., 1965; Capt. (Hon. Maj.) F. J. Reynolds 2nd Jan. 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 2nd Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon Lt.-Col. J. C. Moncrieff, T.D.

Cpl. Donald Jeffrey Hilton to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 27th Sept., 1965.
Capt. K. Buckland, T.D., to be Maj., 25th Nov., 1965.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. E. Duckney, from Active List, to be Lt., 1st Aug., 1965.
Capt. R. J. Gouldsworthy, T.D., from Active List, to be Capt., 21st Nov. 1965.

THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Brigade H.Q.

The 16th Meeting of the Council of Colonels took place on Tuesday, November 16, 1965. Three new Colonels of Regiments attended for the first time—Gen. Sir Robert Bray, Colonel DWR; Maj.-Gen. D. S. Gordon, Colonel Green Howards, and Maj.-Gen. M. C.-K. Halford, Colonel Y & L (although at the meeting he was deputising for Brigadier Denaro, who was ill). Gen. Bray combined this meeting with his first official visit to the Brigade Depot and to York Minster. In the evening the officers mess held a party attended by all serving and retired officers in the York area who could attend.

Battalion Moves

1 PWO moved to Aden towards the end of 1965. Members of the advance party had already been involved in certain incidents including the chase after the assassin of the Chief Justice. The main body of the Battalion, as soon as it touched down, was committed company by company to the very troublesome Crater area. There they were fully occupied for many weeks in what must have been a very trying situation.

The other three battalions have all been involved in large exercises, 1 Y & L in Cyprus, 1 Green Howards in Libya, and 1 DWR in Norway. The Green Howards and Y & L each exchanged a platoon—and the 1 Y & L platoon with the Green Howards had the awful experience, on the first day in Libya, of being blown up in their 3-tonner on a land-mine. Fortunately, with no casualties other than a broken arm.

1 Green Howards are now concentrated at Colchester, in Hyderabad Barracks. In April they move to the Far East on a one year unaccompanied tour. Based in Hong Kong initially, they will be operating in Borneo for the most part. Before they left Libya they were paid a unique honour by United States Air Force based at Tripoli. This included a fly past and the award of a Citation. More details will be published in our next news.

Shooting

The Depot Shooting team has won the Northern Command Minor Units Championship.

In the Command matches the Depot team achieved the following:

Minor Unit Rifle Team ..	1st
Sub Unit Rifle & LMG Team	2nd
SMG Team	1st
Minor Units Championship	1st

In the ARA non-central matches, fired concurrently with the Northern Command Rifle Meeting, the Depot Team achieved the following:

The Prince of Wales's Cup ..	1st
The 1st Army Cup	1st (Home series)
The Unit Rifle Match (Minor Units)	1st
The King Edward VII Cup ..	1st

Congratulations

Sgt. W. R. Wilson, Green Howards, at present serving with the 1st Bn, attended the United States Army Ranger Course of two months at the US Army Infantry Fort Benning, Georgia, during the summer of 1965. This is one of the "toughest" courses in the US Services and corresponds closely to our commando courses. He passed out very high and was accorded the distinction of being an "honor graduate."

Pte. J. Manion, DWR, and serving with the 1st Bn, achieved distinction on a recent Clerks Course at the School of Infantry. He attained an "A" Grading and was awarded a Certificate of Merit. Manion enlisted in the Army in February 1965 and is therefore a young soldier. In all his tests on the BIII Course he achieved over 90%. He progressed to the BII Course and on each test achieved over 80%. In the typing tests he achieved one of the highest scores ever recorded for a beginner.

2/Lt. M. V. Garside, PWO, at present serving with 1 PWO, recently attended the Platoon Commanders Course at the School of Infantry. He attained an "A" Grading at the Small Arms Wing at Hythe. This grading is rarely awarded and calls for a very high standard of work and instructional ability. 2/Lt. Garside's achievement has been brought to the personal attention of the Director of Infantry.

Promotions and Appointments

Maj.-Gen. D. S. Gordon succeeded Brigadier G. W. Eden as Colonel The Green Howards on November 1, 1965.

Maj.-Gen. M. C. K. Halford succeeded Brigadier G. T. Denaro as Colonel Y & L on January 1, 1966.

The following Colonels (T/Brigadiers) have been promoted to the rank of Brigadier:

P. P. de la H. Moran, late DWR
A. W. Cowper, late PWO
A. D. R. Saunders, late Y & L

Col. J. P. Hunt has succeeded Col. Sir Douglas Branson as Honorary Colonel The Hallamshire Bn, Y&L (TA).

Lt.-Col. J. R. Pattison, Y&L, has succeeded Lt.-Col. W. A. R. Hutton as CO The Hallamshire Bn, Y&L (TA).

Lt.-Col. G. H. H. Coles, PWO, has been appointed Assistant Director of Public Relations in Joint PR Services at HQ Middle East.

Major P. A. Winter, RUR, at present on the Staff at MS (SB) at the Ministry of Defence, has been selected to succeed Lt.-Col. J. L. Collard, in command of 1 Y&L in September 1966.

The following appointments and promotions have also taken place:

Major P. G. T. Bates, PWO, from HQ BAOR to G.S.O.1, 21 Liaison Gp HQ BAOR.

Major H. M. Tillotson, PWO, from HQ FARELF to 1 PWO.

Major R. A. Sherratt, PWO, from 1 PWO to OC Trg. Coy Bde Depot in relief of Major J. D. P. Cowell, DWR.

Major N. C. G. Beach, PWO, from Leeds Rifles (TA) to GSO3 HQ 5 Inf Bde Borneo.

Major H. Ford, PWO, from DAA & QMG Nyasaland to Trg Major Leeds Rifles (TA) in relief Major N. C. G. Beach.

Major J. S. Marchant-Smith, Green Howards, from HQ 2 Div to 1 Green Howards.

Major St. J. E. F. Sevenoaks, Green Howards, from HQ 42 Div/Dist to Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces.

Major J. L. Beynon, Green Howards, on transfer to RAPC now at RPO Brighton.

Major P. C. Monaghan, Green Howards, from RSLMF to Adjt Senelager Training Centre, BAOR.

Major P. P. Pearson, Y&L, from HQ Malta to GSO2 in HQ BAOR.

Major R. W. D. Wynter, Y&L, from HQ 54 Div/Dist to 1 Y&L as UFO.

Major B. Shaw, Y&L, on transfer to RAPC, now at RPO Nottingham.

T/Major D. J. C. Green, Green Howards, from 1 Green Howards to 1 Zambia Rifles.

T/Major D. N. Lowe, Green Howards, from 1 Green Howards to DAQMG at Ministry of Defence.

T/Major J. E. Pell, DWR, from Staff College to GSO2 at HQ Cyprus Dist.

Capt. S. J. Burnip, PWO, from Staff College to GSO3 at HQ Middle East.

Capt. C. M. Robinson, PWO, from RSLMF to 1 PWO.

Capt. E. H. A. Beckett, PWO, from KO Malta Regt to 1 PWO.

Capt. W. C. A. Batey, PWO, from Special Duties to GSO3 at HQ Cyprus Dist.

Capt. R. J. Pickard, PWO, from Kenya Mil Trg School to CBGLO duties.

Capt. J. Hodgson, Green Howards, from 4/5 Bn Green Howards (TA) to 1 Green Howards as UFO.

Capt. B. G. Johnson, Green Howards, from Zambia to 1 Green Howards.

Capt. T. J. Johnson, Green Howards, from GSO3 at MOD to DAAG HQ 48 Div/Dist (TA).

Capt. W. R. Mundell, DWR, from 1 DWR to Instructor at Signals Wing School of Infantry.

Capt. R. Huffam, DWR, from 19th Tptr Sqn RCT, to 1 DWR.

Capt. J. A. Davis, Y&L, from 1 Y&L to Staff Capt "A" HQ 1 Div.

Capt. C. B. Gorton, Y&L, from 1 Y&L, to GSO3 at HQ in Borneo.

Capt. L. R. B. Brook, Y&L, from 1 Y&L to 3 Zambia Rifles.

The following have retired or resigned:

Maj.-Gen. G. F. Upjohn, late DWR.

Major (Q.M.) D. Smyth, Y&L.

Capt. R. N. Mander, Green Howards.

Lt. A. J. Nickell, DWR.

Lt. G. Beazley, Y&L.

Lt. R. F. Stevens, Y&L.

2/Lt. (on probation) C. S. McGarrigle, Green Howards.

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

RMAS

2/Lt. H. A. Robinson, 1 PWO.

2/Lt. D. Birkert, 1 Green Howards

2/Lt. A. E. Gaynor, 1 Green Howards

2/Lt. A. D. Palmer, 1 DWR.

2/Lt. P. T. Hirst, 1 DWR.

2/Lt. D. J. Turner, 1 Y & L.

2/Lt. J. B. Roddy, 1 Y & L.

Mons OCS

2/Lt. R. J. F. Sim, 1 Y & L.

2/Lt. T. N. J. Pemberton-Piggott, 1 Green Howards.

University—Cambridge

2/Lt. (on probation) R. J. S. Rowlands, DWR.

2/Lt. (on probation) A. N. Roberts, DWR.

Titbits

Yes? In answer to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Healey said that — "staff training, including the possibility of establishing a single staff college, is at present under review."

No? No plans for further amalgamations.—Mr. Fred Mulley, former Deputy Secretary of State for Defence and Army Minister, replied "None, Sir," when asked in the House of Commons what plans he had for any further amalgamation of regiments, battalions or units of the Regular Army.

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Kingdom at present. The other eight are spread throughout the world—one in British Guiana, two in Germany, two in Cyprus, one in Hong Kong, one in Aden, and the last in Libya.

Electronics in the Modern British Army—There are now 140 radio sets in every infantry battalion of the British Army, Mr. Fred Mulley, until recently Deputy Secretary of State for Defence and Army Minister, said at Arborfield, Berkshire, on September 15, when he opened a £1 million Army School of Electronic Engineering. "But even this hardly compares to what things will be like in five or six years' time, when the whole range of sophisticated equipment from radio sets to long-range radar and guided weapons will be common to every battalion." After speaking of the vital importance of electronics in the modern Army he stressed: "A highly-trained professional army using well-maintained and forward-looking equipment has proved its worth time and again in recent years."

A Question of Establishment. Included in the report of the SSAFA Annual General Meeting—"The Army has now on its establishment more wives and children than men, and the Royal Air Force is approaching this position."

RECRUITING NEWSLETTER No. 1 Bde Recruiting Team

The team consists at present of:

Major J. C. Herkes, PWO.
CSM Lund, PWO.
Sgt. Covell, Y & L.
Cpl. Martin, DWR.
Pte. Leslie, Y & L—Clerk.
Pte. Turner, Green Howards—Signwriter.
Pte. Bettinson, Y & L—Driver.
Sgt. Laws, Green Howards.
L/Cpl. Sharples, Green Howards.

Special Recruiters

Following the decision to increase our force of Special Recruiters the following deployment, actual and anticipated, now obtains:

- a. SHEFFIELD
 - Sgt. Clarke, Y & L.
 - Sgt. Pickersgill, Y & L.
- b. DARLINGTON
 - Sgt. Mitchell, Green Howards—relief for Sgt. Curran.
 - Sgt. Dodds, Green Howards—increment to arrive early 66.
- c. BRADFORD
 - Sgt. Russel, DWR.
one vacancy.
- d. YORK
 - Sgt. Cook, PWO.
- e. HUDDERSFIELD
 - Sgt. Morris, DWR—at Halifax outstation.
- f. LEEDS
 - Sgt. Reddy, DWR.
 - Sgt. Gardner, Y & L.
- g. HULL
 - Cpl. Neal, PWO.
- h. MIDDLESBROUGH
 - S/Sgt. Woodward, Green Howards.

By early in 1966 the Brigade will have 12 Special Recruiters in our main AIOs. It is intended to place one more in the main office in Huddersfield.

Publicity

The *Yorkshire Evening Post* sent a reporter, Mr. John Wright, to Aden, where he spent two weeks with 1 PWO. This resulted in a considerable number of first-rate articles and photographs over a period of some three weeks. It is hoped that another reporter from the *Hull Daily Mail* will visit Aden in the Spring.

Caravan

The DWR Regimental Display Caravan has been lent to the Brigade Team for recruiting displays. It has been repainted so as to be suitable for Brigade recruiting and to revert to the DWR regimental role without difficulty. In addition to the normal display of infantry support weapons, small arms and other materials, the entire interior of the caravan will be lined with blown up photographs of infantry in action; whenever possible our own Yorkshire Regiments are depicted and identified. These photographs are being produced by the CDC (CRL's Branch Northco).

Caravan Tours

It is planned that the caravan shall be on display in each regimental area at least once a month. Sites have been planned in advance with the advice of the nearest AIO.

Dates are being booked for 1966 to carry out recruiting displays at local shows and similar functions. These will be in conjunction with displays from the Junior Soldiers Company of The

Yorkshire Brigade and general Army Displays sponsored by affiliated AIOs.

In addition to members of the Brigade Recruiting Team the caravan display will be manned by a special recruiter from the local AIO and whenever possible by selected recruits, serving at the Depot, enlisted from the area.

Depot Recruiting

There has been an encouraging response to the talks given to recruits currently under training at the Depot designed to enlist their aid in persuading young men interested in the Army to join The Yorkshire Brigade. A number have brought their friends to visit the Depot to see at first hand what happens; others have introduced friends to their local AIOs.

Recruiting Film

A Yorkshire Brigade recruiting film, sponsored by CRL Northco, is currently being made for audiences which will include Youth Clubs, ACF Units and similar groups. It will tell the story of a local boy from the day he takes the first step towards joining the Army to his departure to join his Battalion overseas.

The recruit selected is Pte. Beckwith from Heslington (York), who has volunteered for the PWO. The initial sequence showing him at the AIO, York, has already been filmed, and the coverage of his recruit training at the Depot is in progress.

The venture has had a certain amount of coverage in both the national and local press. It may serve to dispel some of the doubts young men undoubtedly have about visiting an AIO and the misconceptions widely held about Army life.

THE BRIGADE DEPOT

Rain is falling out of a leaden sky and the water level is rising. The Common is largely inundated and range pond is joined to the ex-swimming pool. The Q.M. is checking the assault boats and the Junior Soldiers are reputed to be building an ark in their hobby evenings. The locals are wagging their heads and muttering that the weather is quite exceptional; a remark to be treated with the contempt it deserves since every soldier knows that the weather in any station is always exceptional that particular year.

The reshaping of the barracks continues; the Nissen Huts at the top end of camp are now flattened, the Brigade Museum (ex-bath house) now has the additional function of a Study Centre, the last barrack block has been modernised, the new N.A.A.F.I. Families Shop is due to start early next month, and any level surface unoccupied by troops has been newly tarmaced.

Training Company numbers dropped rapidly towards the end of 1965 but we are back up to strength again and have yet to see the full results of the pay increases. Lt. Cartwright has now left

for some hard won leave prior to returning to the gentle life of Germany. We miss him and his car (it should be recorded that that car has a jinx upon it. It suffered a series of unfortunate happenings in Yorkshire, like having a handful of fish and chips jammed down its petrol tank by some Ted in York, culminating in being stolen and driven through a hedge.) The following "Dukes" appeared on the prize lists on the pass-out days:

Waterloo VI

Winner Cross Country Pte. Sherratt, C. B.

Alma VI

Winner Cross Country and P.T. Competition
Pte. Backhouse, D.

Waterloo VIII

Best Recruit	}	Pte. Sutton, P.
Winner Cross Country		
Best Shot S.L.R.			Pte. Coates, P.
Winner P.T. Competition		Pte. Kershaw, D.

Both Training and Junior Soldiers Companies entered teams in the Northern Command Night March, a 15-mile cross moorland route for a first prize of £120, but unfortunately some quite exceptionally early snow fell, and that was that.

The Junior Soldiers Company is thriving. They fought their way to the Army Junior Cross Country Final in November and were placed fourth. They hope to field largely the same team this year and we expect great things. We welcome the arrival of W.O.1 Bowyer who takes on the hideous task of shaping boys into musicians.

The Depot sports teams have not been backward. The soccer team lost the Minor Units semi-final to 42 Sqn. R.C.T. and the basket-ball team lost the Minor Units final to 224 Sig. Sqn. (Radio Trg.) whom we also meet in the hockey final next month, when we hope to get our own back. The Depot is lying second equal in the small bore postal league.

We now await the arrival of Lts. Fitzgerald and Mellor, and are reinforcing the Mess against the brunt of the Rugby Team during their stay for the Yorkshire Tour next week.

Ski Course in Norway

January 31 to February 13, 1966

By

J/Cpl. HEY, D.W.R.—(aged 17 years 1 month)

J/L/Cpl. NUTTALL, D.W.R.

(aged 17 years 4 months)

(We understand that the authors were the first junior soldiers from the Yorkshire Brigade to attend this novices ski course in Norway which was organised by the Army Ski Association. The course was not free; the junior soldiers had to contribute £15 each. The camp was near Gol which is very roughly half way between Bergen and Oslo.)

We welcome this account by two junior soldiers and wish other individuals of all ranks would contribute reports of their experiences.—Ed.)

It was Monday morning and we were waiting impatiently to begin our journey to Norway. We drew sleeping bags and anoraks from the stores, collected our pay and, by 1100 hrs., had left the camp on the first leg of our journey.

On the boat train from York to Newcastle we met Lt. Daniels, officer i/c party, who gave us our cabin numbers, travel tickets and labels for our baggage.

At the Tyne Commission Quay we joined up with 19 other junior soldiers who were taking part in the course and, after the procedure of customs, etc., set foot on S.S. *Leda*. We were shown to our cabins and immediately changed into something more casual. The cabins held eight juniors and were situated about water level. A ship's tour was next on the agenda and we found the restaurant, shop, lounge and bar immediately above us.

At 1600 hrs. S.S. *Leda* set off for Bergen where we arrived at 1200 hrs. on Tuesday after a smooth crossing.

Disembarking, we boarded a specially chartered coach which took us through Bergen, all eyes glued to the windows in the hopes of seeing some of the famed Norwegian beauties. Much to our disappointment they were few and far between. At the station we were allowed to look round and have a meal.

The five-hour train journey to Golia was an outstanding one, passing through fjords and the snow-covered plains. After a long but not boring journey we were met by Lt. Potts, one of the instructors, and caught a bus to camp.

On Wednesday we drew our ski equipment and were given an introductory talk by Major Morgan. Following this, to get a feel of the skis, we had an

hour's practice, the majority of us falling many times. The afternoon was spent climbing the mountain and looking over the course which we were expected to pass out on.

The next two days were taken up with learning the different methods of climbing up and down hills. There was a further period of falling but no-one seemed to mind as we were all thoroughly enjoying ourselves. On Saturday morning we had races to see what progress we had made. The course was a 3½ km. track which we were required to travel round twice; it was a good race; Nuttall came in 7th and Hey 14th.

On Sunday morning we went down to Gol, a small town, to help stamp down a slalom course. We readily accepted an invitation to a dance which was held in a large hotel; everyone had a wonderful time and the Norwegian girls were very sociable.

The first part of our last week's training was spent in learning how to snow-plough and doing stem turns. On Thursday morning the course terminated with a 10 km. race; this time Hey finished 11th and Nuttall 16th.

On Thursday evening we packed our kit in preparation for the journey back. This was by the same route as we came except for a stop at Stavanger for three hours, where we had a look round. And so we arrived back in Strensall after a wonderful holiday.

Arthur Sunley

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1st BATTALION

Sub-Editorial

The winter is normally a period of relative quiet in BAOR, but not for this Battalion, which has been extremely active on a variety of tasks.

The principal reason for all this activity has been the long awaited arrival of the new APC's, namely the 432. Their arrival in November was the signal for an intensive programme of training for vehicle commanders, drivers, and signallers, with tactical exercises designed to make us proficient in all the aspects of this sophisticated vehicle. The intensity in this training has been necessary because the aim is for the Battalion to be operational in this role by March 1, which has not left us a great deal of time.

We have also trained a Vigilant Platoon, which has successfully taken part in siting trials, and there have been the normal cadres like junior N.C.O.s and support weapons which have gone over the lessons of last year, and prepared for the future.

Besides all this the Battalion received another excellent report on the Annual Administration Inspection in November and, just after Christmas, the CIV Inspection was the subject of another good report.

General Sir Robert Bray, visited the Regiment in October for three days, his first visit as Colonel of the Regiment. General Bray spoke to all ranks about the future of the Regiment and his views have been very re-assuring to us all. The visit ended with a spectacular "*Son et Lumiere*" which consisted of a "*Feu de Joie*," Beating Retreat, and the presentation of new drums, by General Bray. Finally, a memorable evening ended with an excellent buffet dance.

Sport has been much to the fore again, with rugby as successful as last year. We now await the final on March 30. The soccer XI has done much better than of late, reaching the 3rd Round of the Army Cup. Skiing has become even more popular this year, and our hut was well patronised. The results in the B.A.O.R. Ski Championships were very encouraging indeed.

Turning to the future, the training season is almost upon us, and there is every hope that the Battalion will perform as well as ever. There are



General Bray speaking to L/Cpl. Tolley, a member of the Quarter guard

many problems, but there will be plenty of opportunity in a series of varied and interesting exercises for us to become a well trained and competent 432 Battalion. Old "Dukes" may fear that we may be immersing ourselves in a welter of machinery, and will lose the use of our feet. I rather doubt it!

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS MESS

Changes, changes, changes have been the order of the day. Since October new faces have appeared, and others have departed, and the Mess itself is now undergoing a welcome renovation.

David and "Bubbles" Cowell have arrived and David has taken over as P.M.C. from Peter Mitchell. Peter and Di are off to the Hague. Bob and Nancy Huffam are here, too; Bob is Mess Secretary, and

his influence is very noticeable. Other arrivals are David and Ann Pugh, Ian and Merle Reid, Peter and Anne Andrews, and two new subalterns Toby Hirst, and Donald Palmer, also Ian Cameron on attachment from the R.M.P. We are also sorry to see Peter and Audrey Hoppe go, and hope they enjoy their stay in Malaya.

Functions in the Mess have been relatively few, this quarter, but the outstanding one was on the

night of October 30. After the presentation of new drums (described on page 30) there was a dance and buffet in the Mess. The evening was the culmination of General Bray's visit, and the floodlit spectacular with fortifications, scarlet uniforms and, luckily, a fine night made a memorable climax to his visit.

Other functions included a guest night with members of Staff College on a visit to B.A.O.R., and this ended up with a gigantic session of "Fizzing" and "Buzzing" with a certain Australian Lt.-Colonel showing superb form. A ladies guest night was held on the night of December 29; this too was a very successful evening but it was a pity that so many people were away at the time.

Christmas itself was hectic as usual with "gun-fire," the visit to the Sergeants' Mess, serving of lunch in the cookhouse, and the officers and sergeants football match. I think everyone was quite relieved when January finally arrived.

We are now in the throes of redecorating of the Mess and this has curtailed our activities considerably. At least the Mess will be a better place to live in, and it is not before time.

Finally a work of thanks to Sgt. Wallace and the patient mess staff who have had their hands full. Their's is a difficult job, and their efforts are much appreciated.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Having survived the wintry blasts of Norway we



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were able to hold the usual social events of the Christmas period.

The Ladies Dinner Night was held on December 4 and the biggest problem was to fit everyone in. In the event everything went off very smoothly and a good time was had by all.

The Christmas Draw followed on December 18 at which we were very pleased to welcome the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Isles.

We have had the usual departures and arrivals during the past three months. Bandmaster Bowyer and S/sgt. Garrity have gone off to the Brigade Depot. W.O.1 Wood, our new Bandmaster, joined us in January from the Parachute Regiment and Sgts. Fee, Hartley and Atkinson rejoined the Mess.

Congratulations to S/sgt. McManus on promotion to W.O.2, Sgt. Curling to S/sgt. and Cpl. Carter to Sergeant.

CORPORALS' MESS

Many of our members returned to England for Xmas to spend their leave with their families. Our social evenings have been a success but the cadre was horrible.

This cadre for junior N.C.O.s ran for almost a month and we were worked for three nights each week until 20.00 hrs., with no overtime pay, and the instruction culminated with a three day exercise in the field. The snow was six feet deep and we are sure there were ten degrees of frost and, if readers can visualise C.S.M. Battye hanging out of the door of a helicopter spraying all and sundry with cold tea from a stirrup pump and shouting gas, they will have some idea how rugged life in Germany can be!

We have now been issued with our quota of 432s. To the uninitiated this is a tracked A.F.V. something like a small tank without a gun. It carries a section of men and the section commander controls the vehicle. This machine, valued about £17,000, is a wonderful piece of equipment but it has made life for a junior N.C.O. far too complicated. A corporal these days, on a basic 35/- a day, must now be able to operate a wireless set, read a map, give hand signals for the driver while the added difficulties of giving the driver instructions over the same wireless set only adds to the complications, especially when one tries to do all these things at the same time. Major Hardy gets most upset when he hears, over his company set, Cpl. Smith telling his driver to turn right into the next guest house, or that Sgt. Stewart has lost himself again and is asking his driver where they are. However, this training can be good fun and made very interesting. To date we have not managed to convince the R.S.M. that we should wear fur lined boots and cravats in our company colours, like tank crews, but we live in hope.

The Mess darts team are doing well in the Garrison league and L/Cpl. Barker tops the individual score table in the Garrison. The promotions since our last notes are Cpl. Carter to Sgt., L/Cpl. Donkin, Donaldson, Dooley and Kelly to Cpl. and our new members are L/Cpls. Robinson 83, Hunter, Robinson 74, Winterburn, Minto McClean and Flaherty. We offer them our congratulations. We have said good-bye to L/Cpl. Clay who has left for civilian life.

RUGGER

Bar frost, a succession of cancelled matches, and snow and ice in November interfered with our programme in defence of the Army Cup, but your scribe is happy to relate that the "Dukes" are B.A.O.R. Champions again and now meet 63 Para. Coy. R.C.T. in the final on March 30.

The team is much changed from last year. Capt. Mundell and Sgt. Hall have changed positions in the pack, and the new back row consists of Lt. Westcob, Cpl. Ponijiasi and Capt. Bray. Outside Lts. Newell and Reid are at half back, with Lt. Pettigrew moving to centre. L/Cpl. Robinson is on the wing, and Major Hardy at full back.

The side has always contrived to play open rugby as the scoring potential in the backs is high. The pack, lacking height and weight, has achieved wonders in the tight, and parity in the lineout. But in the loose most of our opponents have been outspeeded, and many chances have been created in this important aspect of the game. The scores, although not generally as high as last year, were quite considerable nevertheless.

The first round against 1 Queens Own Highlanders was won 67-0, and as the score suggests it was an easy game. The team handled well and backed up hard which proved too much for the opposition. The second round against 2 Div. H.Q. and Signal Regt. was won 30-0. Although a comfortable enough win on paper, it was not as convincing as one would have liked, and faults were very noticeable to onlookers. 1 Cheshires were defeated 16-0 in very wet conditions in the third round, and here we were extended fully by a strong destructive side. Only in the last quarter did we exert any real superiority.

The 2 Div Final against 25 Corps Engineers promised to be very hard. In pouring rain the opposition looked as though they could cause an upset, but the 'Dukes' rose to the occasion, and gave an excellent display in atrocious conditions. This was quite the best performance of the season, particularly so as it was only 48 hours after the previous round.

The BAOR Semi Final against 34 Survey Coy RE at Dusseldorf was another good performance after a shaky start. At one stage it was 5 points each, but the experience and knowledge of the 'Dukes' proved irresistible against very courageous opponents, and the final score was 47-5.

Thus we were once again in the BAOR Final, and up against 2 RTR who had lowered our colours a few years back in Northern Ireland. Heavy rain and melting snow washed out the original pitch at Gutersloh, and the game was hastily transferred to 5 Field RA, where the pitch was very small and narrow—much to the liking of the Tanks.

For once we had an excellent start. Capt. Mundell peeled from an early lineout, switched the ball to Lt. Newell who put Lt. Reid over in the corner. After minutes Lt. Reid broke, and Lt. Pettigrew scored in the corner after a strong run. The same player converted the first try, and so we

were 8-0 up before the match had been long underway. A good try by the Tanks just before half-time narrowed the gap.

The second half saw a tremendous challenge from the Tanks in a bid to get on top, and it was a thrilling struggle the whole time. Finally, however, a kick ahead by Lt. Edwards was taken by our forwards and Cpl. Hemmings dived over in the corner, and that ended the scoring. A fine game and much appreciated by the crowd.

Although it is perhaps a little unfair to mention names, one must congratulate Capt. Mundell for his leadership and general play and the rest of the pack for their tremendous efforts. Cpl. Hemmings and Cpl. Ponijiasi have played consistently well and the others have responded equally. Outside, the halfbacks have given the threequarters opportunity to show their paces, which they have done so pretty well.

Lt. Pettigrew's goal kicking has been a priceless asset in mostly very difficult conditions, and a great morale booster. Major Hardy has been calmness itself at fullback, and his experience has been invaluable. Now we keep our fingers crossed for the final.

Team in BAOR Final

Major Hardy, L/Cpl. Robinson, Lt. Edwards, Lt. Pettigrew, Lt. Walker, Lt. Reid, Lt. Newell, Lt. Westcob, Cpl. Ponijiasi, Capt. Bray, L/Cpl. Dickens, Capt. Mundell, Cpl. Hemmings, Lt. Redwood-Davis, Sgt. Hall.

Results

1st Round			
v. 1 Queens Own Highlanders	..	won	67-0
2nd Round			
v. 2 Div HQ and Sig Regt	..	won	30-0
3rd Round			
v. 1 Cheshires	.. ..	won	16-0
4th Round			
v. 25 Corps Engineers	.. ..	won	28-0
BAOR Semi-Final			
v. 34 Survey Coy RE	.. ..	won	47-5
BAOR Final			
v. 2 RTR	.. ..	won	11-3

Late News

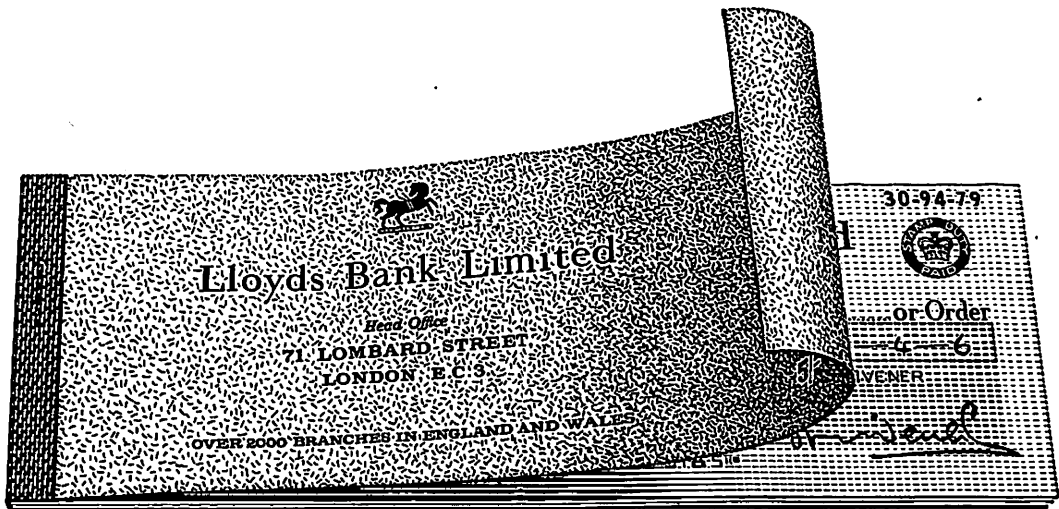
ARMY RUGGER CUP FINAL

1 D.W.R. 9pts. — 63 Para. Sqn., R.C.T. 0

The 1st Battalion won the Army Rugger Cup at Bad Lippspringe, Germany, on March 30.

This is the Battalion's second win in succession and seventh in all. The latter equals the record for the number of times the cup has been won by any one unit.

An account of the match appears on page 36.



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Ski-ing

If you are not familiar with our ski-ing activities in Germany you might like to read the article in the April 1965 IRON DUKE before continuing with this one. The last article set the scene, gave an account of last season's activities and said what we hoped to achieve in the future. This article brings you up to date on the various schemes in Germany and gives a report on the Ski Championships in which we competed with great and somewhat unexpected success.

Training the Teams

This year, we entered our cross-country team for the Divisional, BAOR and the British Army Meetings. We entered our downhill team for the divisional and the BAOR Meetings. We decided this year against sending our cross-country team to train in Norway and instead we found a house in the village of Wertach in Bavaria, which was large enough to accommodate both our teams.

The village of Wertach, which is not far from Oberjoch where the competitions take place, is a pleasant little place well suited to our purposes. It is small enough to enable one to get to know the locals, who are most friendly, but large enough to provide some recreational facilities for leisure hours. Our house, which cost us 1/6d per man per night, lacked some of the facilities which help to make life comfortable and was slightly overcrowded, particularly in the bedrooms, where the man nearest the window got frostbite and the man nearest the fire was asphyxiated by paraffin fumes. Somewhere in between there should have been a happy medium but no-one ever found it.

In the house we had: 2/Lt. Martin Bray to keep the accounts, Sholanke, the GD man, and his dog under control (the latter turned out to be the fittest member of the team), Cpl. Hollis, in charge of the administration and suspected of leading an interesting life on the quiet, Brook, performing wonders as the cook in a medieval kitchen where he had to work stripped to the waist because of the heat, Lord Nuffield Noble and his minibus, various other drivers when Greenwood wasn't bogged, 10 cross-country skiers, 8 downhill skiers, an indifferent flow of hot water, a steady flow of problems, and a continual stream of bad language.

Brief mention should be made of Christmas. We had a break from ski-ing and the less said about most of it the better. However Anne Pugh decided that Christmas Day lunch would be done in style. She transformed her house while everyone was out and we were all very grateful to her for the work she did on our behalf.

We moved down to Wertach at the beginning of December. Unfortunately, the weather behaved badly and it was not until mid-January that we had good ski-ing conditions. Everyone in both teams managed to carry on more or less from where they had left off (as novices) the year before, and by the



Our Patrol Team, left to right: Capt. Bray, Cpl. Kendrew, L/Cpl. Grey, Pte. Ward, drawn up for inspection by the Divisional Commander

time the 2 Div Meeting started on January 20 we were all ready for a crack at some of the experts. Capt. David Pugh, who had been living in the village with his wife Anne, trained and captained the Downhill Team, and Capt. Michael Bray, who had escaped from his office in January, did likewise for the Cross-Country Team.

The Ski Meeting

For many years, both downhill and cross-country ski-ing have been dominated by those regiments which serve in Germany for long periods. The Cavalry, the Gunners and the Engineers have all got several good teams and, although in some cases the regiments may move, the know-how and often the competitors are passed on to their successors. This domination is all the more regrettable because cross-country ski-ing, with its emphasis on ski-ing as a military patrol, carrying packs and rifles, and shooting, should be an Infantry sport. In terms of results, all we expected to achieve were slightly higher places on the results lists. As it turned out, we exceeded our wildest hopes, both in the 2 Div Meeting and later in the Army Meeting. In both meetings our teams beat regiments who are highly

rated in the ski-ing world. In the cross-country events, we were easily the best infantry regiment.

It is good to be able to record that in two seasons we have made The Duke's a force to be reckoned with in a sport which we have never specialised in before.

SKI CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Cross-Country Ski-ing

Patrol Race

28 regimental teams entered. 1 D.W.R. Team, Capt. Bray, Cpl. Kendrew, L/Cpl. Grey, Pte. Robson, came 3rd. This is the highest position achieved by an infantry unit for many years. Last year we were 14th.

4 x 10 km. Relay

26 regimental teams entered. 1 D.W.R. Team, Capt. Bray, Cpl. Kendrew, L/Cpl. Grey, Pte. Robson, came 8th. Last year we were 19th. Capt. Bray's time was 12th fastest out of 104 starters.

15 km. Team Race

27 regimental teams entered. 1 D.W.R. Team, Capt. Bray, Cpl. Kendrew, L/Cpl. Grey, Pte. Booth, came 9th. Last year we were 18th.

15 km. Individual Race

Capt. Bray and Cpl. Kendrew were in the Inf. Team of 4 in the Inter-Corps Race.

Overall Position

1 D.W.R. finished 5th in the Army on combined cross-country events.

Downhill Ski-ing

Giant Slalom

139 starters. 26 regimental teams.

47th Pte. Anderson, 55th Pte. Cook, 60th Pte. Calvert, 75th Capt. Pugh, 83rd L/Cpl. Burridge.

Team position 14th.

Downhill Race

123 starters. 26 regimental teams.

45th Pte. Cook, 46th Capt. Pugh, 54th Pte. Calvert, 56th Pte. Anderson, 75th L/Cpl. Burridge.

Team position 13th.

Overall Position

1 D.W.R. finished 11th in the Army and Combined Downhill Events. Individuals (out of 115 who qualified).

38th Pte. Cook, 43rd Pte. Anderson, 46th Pte. Calvert, 52nd Capt. Pugh.



Pte. Robson (right) handing over to Cpl. Hewson in the Divisional 4 x 10km. Relay Race

Photo: P.R., HQ 2 Div.

At the Championships



Pte. Cook competing in the Slalom



1 DWR Downhill Team preparing the Slalom Course

2 DIV. MEETING

Highlights

Cross-Country

- 15 km. Capt. Bray 21st out of 115
 4 x 10 km. 1 D.W.R. Team 3rd out of 20
 Patrol 1 D.W.R. Team 4th out of 20

Downhill

- Downhill Capt. Pugh 18th out of 86
 1 D.W.R. Team 8th out of 18
 Slalom 1 D.W.R. Team 10th out of 17
 Novices Slalom Pte. Brown 5th out of 30.

The Brigade Scheme

As was the case last year, we took part in the scheme run under the auspices of our Brigade H.Q. By the end of the season, 110 of our men will have been down to Bavaria for a fortnight's ski-ing. For £3 a man gets accommodation, food, ski instruction, his equipment and the use of a ski lift. The accommodation is very cramped and, so far this year, the weather has not been on our side. This year, too, we have had difficulty in finding instructors of the right

calibre, and it must be admitted that not all Yorkshiremen take to skis. However, given a spot of sunshine, most of them are enjoying it, and there are not many opportunities for a break from Osnabruck during the Winter. Special mention should be made of L/Cpl. Healey and Pte. Cobbold, who have done their stuff nobly to keep the skiers well fed.

Silberhutte

We again sent some men to the Corps Winter Training Centre at Silberhutte in the Harz Mountings. This year they came from Alma Coy., with a few drummers thrown in to add a touch of class. At this centre ski-ing is taught with a military bias. Having spent some time learning the basic elements of downhill and cross-country ski-ing, our men did plenty of sledge pulling and finished with a two-day exercise living in the snow.

Conclusion

Men don't join the Army to ski, and sometimes those who do ski as soldiers don't realise how lucky they are to have this sport handed to them on a plate for so small a cost, but opportunities like this do contribute greatly towards making the Army a worthwhile way of life. To ski fast downhill or to



The Novices Downhill Team: left to right, Ptes. Mortimer, Wright, Brown, Sullivan and Coates



Capt. Bray who skied in the Infantry Team and Captained the Battalion Cross Country Team



Cpl. Kendrew who skied in the Infantry Team

race 20 km. cross-country requires courage and determination to a degree that a man is not often required to produce, and certainly not when he is soldiering in Quebec Bks. The experience has noticeably benefited several of our men who are better soldiers and better citizens than they were two years ago.

It is a great pity that the skiing takes place 500 miles from Osnabruck. It tends to relegate the sport to an obscure racket indulged in by a few lucky ones. By the time we left Oberjoch we were so proud of The Duke's that there was only just room for us on the Autobahn. We hope that some of this will rub off on you.

Other Sports

SOCCER

The 1st XI got off to a fine start to the season by winning their first 5 league games and the saying that "a winning team is a popular team" is certainly a true one. After these games it was time to prepare for the Army Cup. Our First Round tie was against 2 Div. Engr. Regt.

Cpl. Lawrence, fresh from a coaching course at Sennelager, was given the job of training the team, but due to military training within the Battalion he very seldom had all the men he wanted at training periods. Those that did turn up though were reasonably fit for the first tie.

On the day we won 2-0, with Penington and Cpl. Lawrence scoring the goals. The 2nd round we won 3-1 against 1 Devon & Dorsets, and for the first time

in 16 years the "Dukes" had reached the 3rd Round! We were drawn against the 1st Bn. The Royal Fusiliers at home. This was a hard, well fought match with both sides giving nothing away and after 90 minutes there was still no score but in extra time the R.F.'s scored 2 goals to dash any hopes of the "Dukes" getting any further this year. The League games continued whilst most of the team were away on leave but we still only lost one game out of three.

We are now second in the League with still half a season to go. The top goal scorers are L/Cpl. Ward and Mathiot each with 14 goals. A word must be said for Ptes. Heron and Pennington for their fine displays throughout the season.

Capt. Thompson has taken over the team from

Major Hoppe and all of the team thank Major Hoppe for all the hard work he put in to try and make this, his last season with "Dukes," a successful one.

Players who have played for the 1st XI this season—L/Cpl. Youdan (goal), Full Backs Cpl. Waite (B), Butterworth (B), Cpl. Lawrence (H.Q.), Half Backs Heron (H.Q.), Hirst (H.Q.). Herberts (B), Anderson (H.Q.), Forwards Ward (H.Q.), Pennington (B), Hayes (H.Q.), Miller (B), Mathiot (A), Higgins (B). These, plus new discoveries not mentioned, will make every endeavour to make next season a more successful one. You can help by coming along to support *your* team.

HOCKEY

Concrete pitches have their advantages, especially in rainy weather, but for the past two months, our square has either been like an ice rink, or covered in snow. Because of this, we have been unable to play as much hockey as we would have liked, but we are hoping that as the weather improves so our fixtures will increase.

We entered the Army Cup this year but unfortunately were beaten in the 1st Round by a team we had defeated four nil the previous week. There was little doubt that we were the better team, but the luck was not with us on the day. With more practice as a team, we have the potential to do well, but with so many other things going on, it was difficult to find the time to get the team together. Next year, we hope that we may do better, as we will still have a lot of good players.

The following have so far played for the Battalion in the few games we have had: Lt.-Col. Isles, Majors Hardy and Mitchell, Capts. Cumberlege, Dodd, Summers, Thompson (REME), Lts. Reid, Pettigrew, Westcob, Long, S/Sgts. Mullins, Beaty, Cpls. Mitchell (LAD), Hart (Sigs), and L/Cpl. Baker. Major Mitchell, Capt. Summers and S/Sgt. Mullins have also played regularly for the garrison side.

LADIES' SHOOTING CLUB

The club is thriving and at the moment we are enthusiastically practising for the Garrison Ladies shoot in March.

Our last session in 1965 ended with a gala shoot just before Christmas. This was an excellent evening with food and drink provided and all members who attended were in high spirits.

We shot for the very nice prizes Mrs. Wappett had kindly purchased, and each member took home a memento of an extremely happy evening. Major Robertson was presented with a tiny bell with which to bring his sometimes very chatty girls to order. It has been rung hard and often this year! Our grateful thanks to him, S/Sgt. Mullins and Sgt. Wappett for their endless patience, encouragement and instruction which has produced scores of eighties and nineties, and a marked improvement in the overall standard of the club.

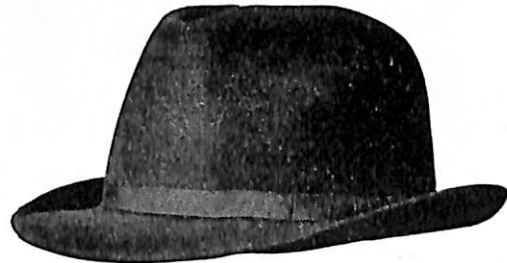
We shall be out to do well in the Garrison Shoot, at least beating our performance of last year, and we could even exceed our own expectations.

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1st BATTALION COMPANY NOTES

ALMA COMPANY

This is the season for extra-mural activities. Let me tell you about a few of them. Pte. Squires went ski-ing and broke his arm. Pte. Sholanke rested in a Bavarian ski hut for three months admiring the winter snow. L/Cpl. Grey returned a few days ago bronzed and tanned by the winter sun and smiling after his successes in the Battalion Ski Team. As this story of the winter sports unfolds the reader may well ask about the other serious activities which have to continue. The answer is not too difficult. Ski-ing has been sandwiched between spells of leave and by now the Alma is beginning to prepare for the forthcoming training season.

To the uninitiated, terms such as "one zero alfa" and "one zero bravo" may sound like captions from a kid's comic—some kid some comic. In fact these letters hide the identity of Ptes. Frith and Barclay at the controls, their faces reflecting the glowing warmth derived from driving in the freezing rain. L/Cpl. Butcher without a watch struggling to send a time check. A whipcord—no two whipcord figures—in their respective vehicles, leading and directing the Alma over the fields and through the houses in and around Achmer. Yes, you've guessed by now that this is about the new A.P.C. Cawley too enjoys a drive and Cpl. Pearson is busy trying to fail the Company drivers on the Battalion cadre to ensure a high standard.

Section Commanders spend their daylight hours struggling to speak to drivers, platoon commanders and sometimes the Company Commander on the "all singing all dancing" C42. Cpl. Howard, Sgt. Wappett (when he doesn't command a vehicle into the ditch), L/Cpl. Robinson, L/Cpl. Hynes and, rumour has it shortly, L/Cpl. Baker all are beginning to master the art of command.

Between bouts of Stand-by, usually twenty days in the month, training continues. Many of the company are still suffering with the after effects of C.S.M. Battye's private recreation—dispensing freely to all and sundry the grenades anti-riot irritant. Dispensing mustard gas from a helicopter using a stirrup pump is fun as well.

Arrivals and departures. Well it is always a pleasure to see men return to the fold even if sometimes it is not of their own free will. Sgt. Fee did well at Netheravon, Sgts. Foster, and Smith go there in April for their courses. We hope they return with A's. Cpl. Donkin has just returned from hospital. Pte. Kirk tried hard to master the typewriter in his absence. The typewriter won. L/Cpl. Clay has left for civilian life—we wish him luck. I gather he rouses the factory workers in his new job "F.O.C."* Ptes. Waterhouse and Hewitt are fathers. Both look happy. Sgt. Cooper, less beard, is with us, so also are Stagg, Carlin, and Boylan. Enjoy the Alma, and mind you know on Barrack Room Inspection the

last four numbers of the Company Accommodation Storeman. Pte. Uttley thrives on his job.

Sgt. Stewart is much in evidence, so is the C/Sgt. The recent annual equipment inspection went well for the company and full marks to all those who worked so hard on it. 2/Lt. Hirst has just joined—Ex. Goose Pimple—what an introduction. Enough said. Lt. Andrews is busy with his four commands and from the above the discerning reader can judge that the Alma is ready and eager to roll when and where it is required—Denmark, Soltau, and Luneberg stand-by.

BURMA COMPANY

Since our last notes, we have had quite a lot of comings and goings. Major Mitchell has now departed for regions as yet unknown, and we welcome in his place Major Cowell from the Yorkshire Bde. Depot. We hope he will enjoy his stay with us. Lt. Reid has taken over as 2I/C, and S/Sgt. Welsh is in the process of handing over the "Q" side to Sgt. Delaney. Lt. Power is back as our support weapons "King," and Sgt. Wakefield departs for U.K. Lt. Westcob is around, Sgt. Collins has been here but is now on a course in U.K. But we would like to see 2/Lt. Bray!

During the past few months we have had the difficult task of getting people away on leave, and yet carrying on with out 432' Cadres, Support Pl. Cadres, and other outside commitments like Munster Guard and border patrols. We have managed to do this quite successfully, and also did well on the Annual Inspection, and Ex. "Forreal." By the way the C.S.M. thought we were very conscientious on "Forreal," everyone was there so early! We expect however to be ready, as always, for the training season in our new 432's, which Mizzi tells us are more expensive than 3-tonners!

Christmas was the usual success, and "Gunfire" was partaken of in reasonable doses. It is possible that the C.S.M. gave the R.S.M. a drop just before lunch!

Ski-ing under 2/Lt. Bray and Capt. Pugh has been one sport which has claimed several enthusiasts from Burma. We have no less than seven in the Bn. Soccer XI, Cpl. Waite, L/Cpls. Youdan and Herberts, Ptes. Miller, Butterworth, Pennington and Harrigan. Lt. Westcob and Lt. Reid are members of the Bn. Rugby XV.

We have purchased a fruit machine which at first didn't pay out! It has made a fine profit, and we have used some of this for the successful Coy. smoker which was held in January, on Major Mitchell's departure. It looks as though we have a source of income for the future!

We have already completed our cadres and we hope to be fit and ready for our future commitments in the training season ahead, and no doubt will be recalling these memories in the next "notes."

Lastly we congratulate Sgt. Delaney and Cpl.

*Factory Olderly Corporal

Carter on their promotion, Ptes. Hanratty and Rochester on their marriages, and proud fathers, Sgt. Delaney, Pte. Tolson and Pte. McDanielson.

CORUNNA COMPANY

Having completed a successful exercise in Norway, Corunna Company returned to Quebec Barracks prepared for a comparatively quiet winter season. This, however, was not the case, and straight away N.C.O.s and men found themselves involved in various cadres and courses, the main ones being the 432 cadres and up to present all commanders and drivers who have completed these have obtained an average or good result. As usual at this time of year many rifle platoon soldiers have been put forward for support platoon training and also some have been posted to the Signal Platoon. Ski-ing is in full swing and Corunna Company have supplied Battalion skiers both for the downhill and langlauf sections. There are soldiers still away in Bavaria where we believe they are having a splendid time.

Corunna Company have had a change of command during this last quarter. Our Company Commander, Major P. B. L. Hoppe, has left for a posting in Malaya. He has been with Corunna Company for the past two years having taken over from Major Fife. He has led us on many interesting exercises and the first that springs to mind is our two week stay in Denmark last year. There, Corunna Company created havoc with all umpires, Directing Staff, and indeed the Brigade Commander himself, by capturing a bridge head—which was not bargained for within the exercise rules. Since then he has led the Company through Vogelsang and also Norway. A party was given in the W.V.S. Room and as many as possible of the Company attended. Major Hoppe made a speech in which he reminded us of both the good and bad times the Company had been through, he then went on to wish us luck in the future. A suitably inscribed tankard was presented to him by Pte. Shaw (15) who also made a very touching speech. All of Corunna Company wish Major and Mrs. Hoppe all the best in the future and hope to see him back with the Battalion again soon.

After the exercise in Norway our C.S.M., W.O.2 Simpson, left us for a posting to Warminster. He has served the Company faithfully for 18 months and we are all very sorry to see him go. We welcome to the Company 2/Lt. Palmer, a recent arrival from Sandhurst, and W.O.2 Todd. Capt. Dodd has taken over the post of Company Commander for a few months until the arrival of Major Huxtable in late March.

HOOK COMPANY

Visitors to the office will see on C.S.M. Fenn's desk a very fine silver cup. This is the new Inter Company Soccer Knock Out Competition Cup generously donated by the Sergeants' Mess. Hook Company are proud to be the first winners of this competition which was played on Boxing Day. We also won the Small Bore League with Messrs.

Robertson, Fife, Fenn, Mullins, Bailes and Hall contributing good scores. We have also been well represented in Battalion rugby, skiing, basket ball and boxing, not to mention ten pin bowling.

In work, as well as in sport, the Company has played its part. The unglamorous job of providing a rifle platoon for standby duties was one of the tasks. The good reports on the annual administration inspection, central inspection of vehicles and arms, all reflect well on the hard work put in by everybody, and the M.T. and Armourers particularly. Worthy of special mention is the success of W.O.2 Quick and his cooks in winning the 2 Division Major Units' Catering Competition. The award is made to the best unit judged over the whole year. A special award was also given for our dining room which is now very attractive with coloured tiling and with plants and pictures adorning the walls.

In the field of art the Company has not been found wanting either. The Signal Platoon Pantomime for the children, with a script by L/Cpl. Preston, was a great success, and an amended version went down well at the Battalion Concert.

Personal events of our gallant three hundred (plus) are too many to relate. However, in Company H.Q. we can at least congratulate "Q" McManus on his promotion to W.O.2, and our clerk, Cpl. Craig, on the fact that he so nearly missed his leave and course that he can consider himself almost indispensable.

SIGNAL PLATOON

"The forgotten platoon" is a possible new name. With the arrival of AFV 432, everyone outside the platoon suddenly realised the importance of signals. Cadre after cadre follow in an unending fashion. "Excuse me could you tell me where the 432 Drivers./Jnr. Comds/Snr. Comds./Aslt. Pnrs./Officers/Sergeants/LAD/Ferret or Classification Cadres are taking place?" The result is instructors are going grey—but difficulty in keeping the platoon busy is evident.

However not all have been idle. The Admin. Inspection and Telecomms. Inspection caused the usual stir in which Sgt. Curling and his storemen pulled us through. Ski-ing—Capt. Mundell, the R.S.O., fell, cracked his head and fled back to Osna-bruck. They say Cpl. Wilkinson used his nose as a third ski. 432's—we are training our own drivers under Cpl. Jackson—Kench with C/S 92 has already smashed an exhaust. Sgt. Booth has produced a simple radio layout in 432's; trouble is no one understands it. A short classification cadre for five new regimental signallers has just finished; Threllfall in his quiet way came top.

Sportwise, L/Cpl. Hirst holds the soccer side together with our new technician L/Cpl. Watson (a good requisition—he plays all games). Ponijiasi and Basu still play everything.

Christmas went with a swing. Sgt. Curling gave the R.S.O. a present so he is now a Colour-Sergeant (congratulations). Stewart crawled away on all fours and appeared four weeks later!!!

L/Cpl. Ryan has got married—our sympathies to his wife. Brooks is next on the list.

L/Cpl. S. Ponijiasi

L/Cpl. Ponijiasi arrived from Fiji in 1961 and started his Army career as a recruit in the Yorkshire Bde. Depot at Strensall. He joined The Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Colchester in 1962, and did continuation training in Alma Company. On the Battalion's move to Barnard Castle he was posted to the Signal Platoon where he has remained ever since.

A quiet, thoughtful, personality who has become a good instructor and a valuable acquisition to the Signals Platoon. He was promoted in February 1965.

He first represented the Battalion at Rugby in 1962 and has since become an outstanding player, gaining an Army Cup Winners' medal in 1965, and has represented BAOR at Rugby in 1965 in all their games. A fine athlete, as well, he holds the 2 Division javelin record, and has been the Battalion first choice since he arrived. We hope that he will continue to be successful in 1966.



RECCE PLATOON

It was quiet and peaceful in the Recce Platoon, but that state of affairs did not last long. All the N.C.O.s were put on junior commanders cadre, Beevers is on a driving cadre, and three others are to go on the next one. Four are still on leave, and so our difficulties are apparent in a platoon only seventeen strong.

Various members of the platoon have been competing in the Battalion sporting activities, notably Cpl. Kendrew who has done so well in the Langlauf team. It is pleasant to see his smiling face once again. How long for this time?

Now that the Battalion is changing to the 432 there has been considerable discussion on which is the correct vehicle for the Recce. There has been a compromise, we have got both! Cpl. Garth, our MT NCO, is now in a flat spin. Five Landrovers were bad enough but now in addition we have five 432's.

Competition is the keyword of the platoon at the moment. We have ladders for different skills

in the platoon. The main one being the top soldier. This includes everyone from Section Commander downwards, fortunately.

Sunray C/S8, who had a shortened leave, rushed back in January to go on a Recce Platoon Commanders course. Unfortunately, but to the amusement of several of the officers, it turned out to be a recce patrol course. He spent the whole of January crawling round in the snow up until three o'clock in the morning, three nights a week! We keep off this subject in the platoon.

We would like to congratulate Hunter on being promoted to lance-corporal again, resilient chap. We also welcome Hogg, Austin and Ward to the fold. We finally managed to get Toulmin back from the missile people; he will be all right soon. One fifth column is still working. Anyone who is intelligent, honest, hardworking, sober, ambitious, enthusiastic, has bags of determination and drive and can use his own initiative may apply.

Finally there is great excitement in the platoon now that the exercise season is drawing near. The

cogs are being oiled and the cobwebs blown away. The newcomers are being put through the mill and we will soon be ready to roll.

VIGILANT PLATOON

With the advent of Vigilant in 1 DWR, the Battalion had something to think of that was completely new to the infantry. But firstly just what is Vigilant? It is a wire-guided anti-tank guided missile, and with its 13 cm. HEAT warhead is capable of defeating the heaviest known tank. Six missiles are grouped within a detachment of three men, a commander, a No. 1 controller and a driver. Ideally, all should be capable of controlling missiles, but it is possible for one man to have six missiles under his own control when they are connected to the sight control unit. This is the piece of equipment through which the missile is guided. Movements left and right, up and down in a thumb cup control will produce the corresponding movement within the missile practically simultaneously. There is a slight drawback to this, when selecting soldiers to be GW controllers. An aptitude is required for this job, and hence for the first few months of 1965 many a soldier was taken down to Sennelager for aptitude testing.

Eventually, a full platoon was gathered from throughout the battalion, much to the annoyance of the company officers. The snag was that although we were being issued with Vigilant there would be no provision for manpower and therefore the men were found from the existing establishment. However, one officer and twenty-four N.C.O.s and soldiers started work in earnest in preparation for the tasks ahead.

There were two important periods in the months ahead for the platoon. Firstly, the Battalion was nominated to do a position trial on the weapon. This was to take place over a period of ten days in

October and a great deal of preparation was required. Secondly, in November the first firings were to be carried out at Sennelager.

Each missile costs a large amount of money, thereby limiting the allocation of live missiles to controllers. In order to counteract this, there is a further piece of expensive equipment, namely the simulator, at Sennelager. This is a good training facility and it enables a soldier to practice controlling missiles under simulated conditions. Each man may spend many hours on the simulator before firing his first live missile.

However, before either the trial or the firings there was the opportunity for the platoon to experience (to a somewhat limited extent) some of the rigours of Arctic warfare in Norway, although it was rather a strain getting off the Land-rovers on occasions!

The November firings did bring great success which was most rewarding, particularly for Cpl. Hewson who spent many hours travelling to and from Sennelager and on the simulator with all the potentially green-fingered aces of the platoon. For the boys this was the climax to the year's training and the majority certainly felt very pleased with themselves. A few had very good reason to be, especially L/Cpl. Burridge, L/Cpl. Dooley, L/Cpl. Parkin and Pte. Rochester. For the latter, his accuracy must surely have given him confidence for the years ahead! They all produced admirable results in their firing, showing that they have the potential to become good G.W. controllers. Cpl. Dooley must also be congratulated on his promotion.

With the live firing completed the time came unfortunately for the platoon to split up and the sections were returned to the rifle companies. This was probably unavoidable as during the winter months approximately half the platoon disappeared to Bavaria to ski, including their "governor"—even if he was a novice!



Cpl. A. Burridge setting up a vigilant missile preparatory to firing

The Band

Once again we are writing an account of some of the many band engagements which have occurred since our last notes. Firstly, one of the most important parades of the year, the Berlin Tattoo. This entailed many hours of rehearsal for the event which was held in the vast Olympic Stadium. We met many old friends among the massed bands and exchanged reminiscences of past engagements. A trip to the East Sector was arranged and the band had a first-hand view of conditions over the "wall". Needless to say, several interesting photographs have appeared, including one showing a group of Russian soldiers "fratting" with the bandsmen.

Another interesting engagement was our trip to Bayeux in Northern France, which coincided with the celebrations of "British Week" at the town. We paraded for the opening of the new post office, played at a church service for the townspeople and, after a parade through the town, gave our usual immaculate Beating of Retreat ceremony. The musical side of the proceedings finished on the final day with a concert by the local town orchestra and ourselves. Mr. Bowyer conducted the orchestra and Monsieur Bodot conducted a march played by the band. We were billeted in an old chateau just outside the town in pleasant surroundings, complete with an old donkey which frightened the life out of the Drum-Major one night. We soon acclimatized ourselves to the French interpretation of English food although we still wonder how on earth eggs can turn out so odd looking after being fried! During our stay at Bayeux we had a tour of the Normandy Beaches and the excellent museum there. We were surprised to learn that this was the first official public appearance of The Duke of Wellington's Band in France since the Battle of Waterloo and the victory celebrations held in France the same year. Be this as it may, we felt we had shown the flag for the Regiment in the best manner we could through our music and bearing which was excellent at all times during our stay in France.

On January 11 we said farewell to our Bandmaster, Mr. B. Bowyer, LRAM, who left us after many years of faithful service to go to the relaxing(?) atmosphere of the Boys Unit at Brigade Depot. The Band members subscribed to a writing set which was presented to Mr. Bowyer at a social held in his honour before his departure. The Band gave a short epic in music to past events and the evening ended with a rendering of 'Danny Boy', Mr. Bowyer's favourite piece of music. It must have put him off for the rest of his service! We all hope that Mr. Bowyer and Joan and family (mumps an' all) have a happy stay in Strensall, and that Mr. Bowyer gets the final part of the elusive P.S.M.

We welcome to the Band, Mr. C. C. Wood who has arrived to take up the baton and prepare us for the dreadful Kneller Hall Inspection on April 21. Mr. Wood, who hails from an obscure district in

the South (Surrey), has successfully completed his Bandmaster's Course at the Royal Military School of Music. We hope that both he and Mrs. Wood will have a pleasant and enjoyable stay with the "Dukes". One of our first jobs will be to induce him to get rid of any southern accent and teach him how to pronounce such words as "bootons" (buttons) and "ee-bah-goom" etc.

We are at the moment taking advantage of a few weeks well earned leave, in preparation for the Kneller Hall Inspection on the horizon and the inevitable 2 Div Massed Bands Display.

On October 11 we played for Gen. Exham's farewell which took the form of 'Beating Retreat'. One bandsman was heard to comment as we marched back to our billet, "How did we manage to get out of that last manoeuvre?" This was due to the new marching display which the Drum-Major and the Band-Sergeant thought out weeks ahead and which the Band and Drums performed successfully, both at this engagement and at the floodlit ceremony which followed later in the month. This last was the presentation of the new drums to the Corps of Drums on October 29 by Gen. Bray. The arena of floodlight, a realistic castle and the scarlet uniforms of the troops on parade made

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this, in the opinion of most of the spectators, the outstanding spectacle of the year. Once again, the hours of hard work put in by the Band and Drums during rehearsals paid off; the precision and musical effect in the half light of the arena made everyone feel that it was worth while.

Among other engagements before the Christmas period was the BAOR Rugby Final at Gutersloh; we would like to think that our music helped our team to win 11 pts to 3. We are looking forward to the Army Final when we shall once again spur the team on to victory.

The Christmas period was unusually quiet for us. The Dance Band had the usual round of dances and helped at the Battalion smoker concert

held in the WVS Room. The only event during Christmas of any note was the difficulty the CO had getting into the Band block to deliver the early morning tea to the Band & Drums. (There has always been a shortage of dustbins in Hook Company!)

The question on everyone's lips is, "Who telephoned a number enquiring about the purchase of a Christmas tree and found to his consternation he had been connected by mistake to the Brigadier?"

Our newly appointed Band Sergeant, Sgt. Alexander, was rushed off to BMH Munster in the early hours of the morning of November 3, with acute appendicitis and languished there for nearly a month worrying himself to death about his entrance exam to Kneller Hall.

The Presentation of New Drums

During the summer of 1965 we decided to launch an appeal to replace our old drums with a set of the new pattern rod-tension drums now in common use in the Army. The response in the Battalion was most gratifying. It is good to know that the Corps of Drums is valued so highly in this nuclear age. Since even the smallest drum cost nearly £35 those who generously presented a drum have been presented with one of the old ones, suitably engraved, as a mark of our appreciation.

The new Drums have been named The Waterloo Drums to mark the 150th Anniversary and they have been engraved accordingly.

We took the opportunity of the Colonel of the Regiment's first official visit to the Battalion to lay on a presentation ceremony. The Adjutant made it his business to produce a show worthy of the occasion. As a prelude to a dance in the Mess the ceremony was based on Beating Retreat. A large fort was constructed, grand stands erected and flood lighting produced by the local Sappers. The battlements were lined with riflemen in scarlet who fired a *feue de joie*. All four Colours were on

parade with the colour parties in ceremonial dress. The General presented the new drums and the Corps of Drums then showed them off with a very fine drumming display. Then followed a most impressive retreat ceremony which ended with a dramatic Last Post sounded from a tower on the fort as the lights faded and the Regimental flag was lowered.

It was a very polished performance in which tradition and theatrical effect combined to produce a ceremony which will not be easily forgotten.

Drums were presented by the following:

Side Drums	..	General Sir Robert Bray and Capt. Bray. Lt.-Col. D. E. Isles. Major E. M. P. Hardy. Capt. J. R. P. Cumberlege. Lt. J. D. Moir. The Officers' Mess.
Tenor Drums	..	The Sergeants' Mess. The Corporals' Mess.
Bass Drum	..	The Sergeants' Mess.

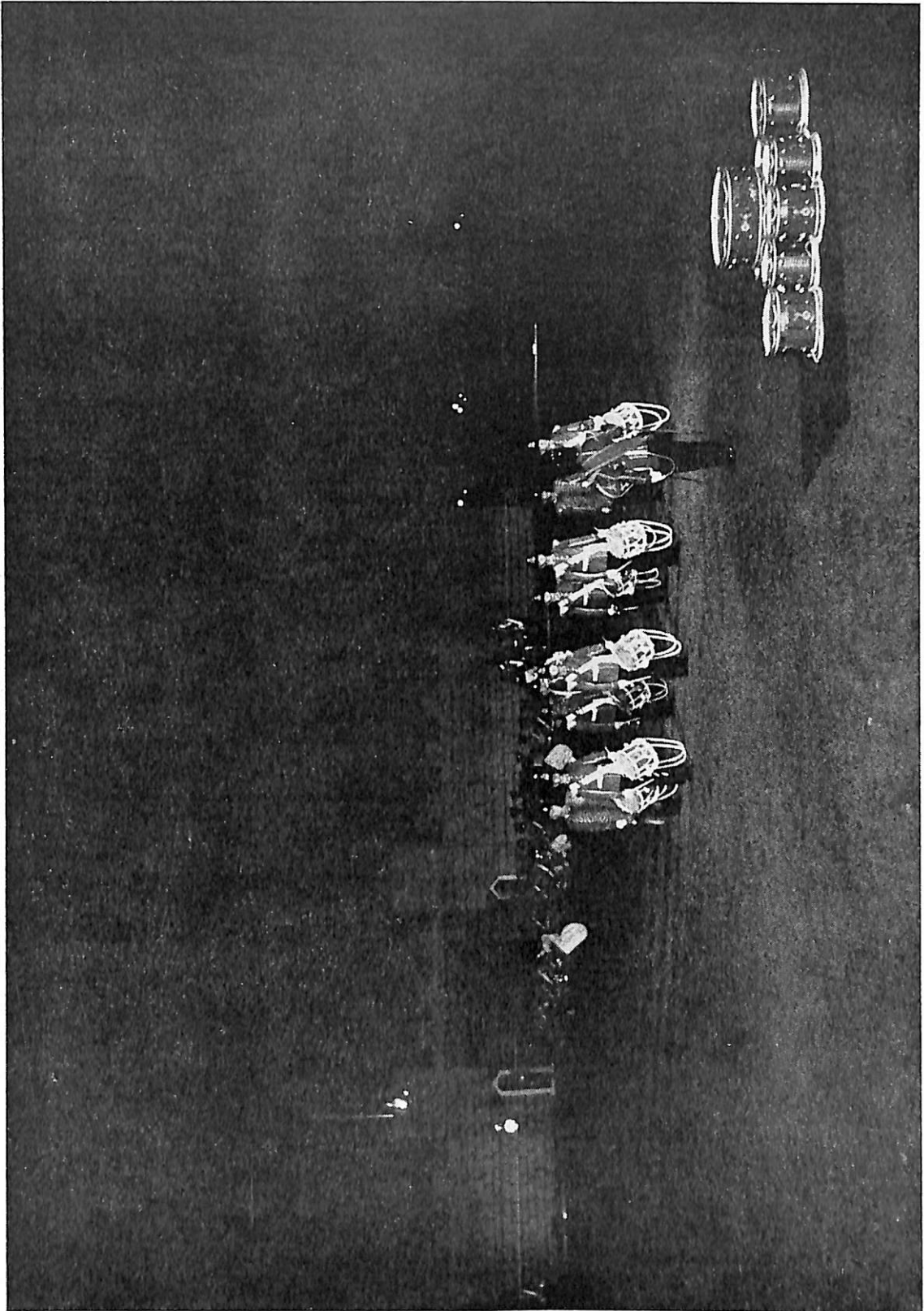
The Retired Officers' Fund

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1965

INCOME				EXPENDITURE				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Credit, 1964 .. ..	.. ..	125	13	2	Regimental H.Q. Entertainments	10	0	0
Defence Bonds Dividend .. ..	.. ..	7	10	0	Hon Colours Fund	15	0	0
Officers' Subscriptions .. ..	.. ..	59	2	6	Iron Duke	15	0	0
					Waterloo Anniversary Expenses, Do- nation	33	6	5
					Wreaths	1	8	6
					Stationery	5	7	2
					Bank Charges		15	6
					Balance Credit	111	8	1
		£192	5	8		£192	5	8

January, 1966

R. K. EXHAM. Major-General



The Presentation of the New Drums

THE WEST RIDING BATTALION T.A.

Sub-Editorial

Our last sub-editorial ended with "Business as Usual" for the West Riding Battalion and this we have tried to carry out in spite of the uncertainty of our future as a battalion.

The usual company Christmas socials and children's parties, as well attended as ever, were followed by the Admin Inspection with Pre-Admin as a dry-run. As usual, all concerned, particularly P.S.I.s and C.Q.M.S.s, worked hard to bring T.A.C.s up to standard for Brigadier Armour's first inspection.

At the beginning of February changes were made in the Orbat of the Battalion. These were necessitated by the resignation, due to business commitments, of Major Brian Farrow and Captain Bob Hawkins. Major Pat Haws, after having commanded "A" Company for four and a half years, has moved to Huddersfield to take over the onerous duties of P.M.C., P.R.I. and Band President. His place at Halifax is taken by Major Philip Knowles who, in turn, hands over the reins of "C" Company to Captain Charles Curry. Captain Henry Crowther, who has for so long and so well looked after the

messing of both officers and soldiers, achieves his ambition to get back to the "sharp end" again and now travels over the mountains to take care of "D" Company at Mossley.

Weather conditions have not been entirely conducive to training outdoors so company training and cadres have been mainly held inside, although officers carried out a movement and signals exercise over the moors above Halifax and "A," "B" and "D" Companies have already put their first shots of the season down the range at Deer Hill.

As to the future, we still have no definite knowledge of what is to happen to the Battalion, but it now seems that there is a likelihood that it will survive, not only as an A.V.R. company but as a unit of three companies with a Home Defence role. Whatever is in store for us, we can at least look forward to annual camp at Tavistock in Devon. We were last there in 1959 and it was then agreed by all ranks that it was one of the better camps with good accommodation, good training areas and good facilities for off-duty hours. By camp, we will have definite information with regard to our future role, and so, it is still "Business as Usual."

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

Officers' Mess

Largely owing to the increase in the number of training weekends for officers the monthly drink parties in the officers' mess have come to a temporary standstill which, in turn, has rather quietened mess life.

However, since our last notes, two parties have been held in the mess, both of which can be said to have been a howling success. "Howling" is the operative word for the West African style party, organised by Brian Webster, where officers, dressed in clothes from the Caribbean to the jungles of Burma, sat cross-legged the full length of the ante-room munching chops.

Our Christmas party was a rather more sedate affair by comparison.

Our New Year's Eve Ball seems to go with a bigger swing every year, with Mr. Wood becoming a top-class diplomat as he tactfully refuses applications for tickets. This year was no exception, and more people were refused tickets than for many a year.

The following have now left the Battalion and have been transferred to TARO: Major Brian Farrow, Capts. Bob Hawkins, Stephen Kaye, and Lt. (Q.M.) John Frier, who has left us for Australia. We shall now also be seeing less of David Sugden who has been posted to Scotland with his firm.

Finally, we had the privilege of entertaining our

new Brigade Commander, Brigadier W. S. G. Armour, M.B.E., in the mess for the first time. Entertaining is perhaps not the right word as he and his headquarters staff were merely stopping for a quick sandwich during the annual administration inspection on January 23. We hope it won't be too long before we can relax properly in his company in the mess.

Sergeants' Mess

As I look back on the past few months I can't help thinking of the number of mess members who are rather conspicuous by their absence.

Our functions in the past have been a great success and reasonably well attended, but if the present feeling of apathy persists we will eventually feel the ill-wind of failure. However, annual camp is now in sight again when, no doubt, the old smiling faces will once more fill the Mess and rededicate themselves to further service and more frequent attendances.

The Christmas Draw, forecast in our last notes, was held, and without any doubt was a great success, due entirely to the efforts of the mess members at Halifax and Sgt. Fitzgerald on the catering side. We shall have another go next year!

Our socials, as mentioned above, are going down well. In addition, we have now started having lunch arranged on one Sunday a month to have

another excuse for getting together. The first of these was held in February when a good time was had by all. Our only difficulty with these events is fitting them in so that they don't clash with our training days. The Brigade S/N.C.O.s' Cadre frequently clashes with our wishes but it is well worth it when one sees the results. Sgt. (Sailor) Birch is progressing so well that he will soon be looking for the position of "Top Soldier" "D" Company. Watch out Sergeant-Major!

Recently, we have lost S/Sgt. (Mick) Reed who has retired. We wish him the best of luck for his future. Sgt. Noon decided to leave at the end of his engagement and Sgt. Greenwood left us to go back to the Gunners.

While on the subject of "goodbyes" we should mention, although it will be in other notes, that Lt. (Q.M.) (Tich) Frier has left us and emigrated to Australia. At the time of writing he is well out on the high seas. All the best, John, we hope you settle in nicely "down-under."

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

"A" COMPANY

Although this has been a relatively quiet period owing to the bad weather conditions, the Company has been actively engaged in keeping its name to the fore in the Battalion.

On the training side, we were very much disappointed when the Divisional Night March was finally cancelled in November, after two postponements. All the team felt this cancellation keenly as they had trained hard and long for the event and all thought "A" Company was "in there with a chance."

We did, however, get a chance to prove ourselves on February 12 and 13, when the Battalion entered a team from the Northern Command Cross Country Championship. Eight out of ten of the team were "A" Company men, and our final placing in the event was fourth. Need we say more?

There were some interesting and gratifying results in the company competition with S/Sgt. Howell taking the trained soldiers .22 shooting prize and Pte. K. Wheatcroft carrying off the recruits' trophy. The best turned-out soldier was Pte. Bailey who was also the drill champion, and L/Cpl. Kehoe was tops for attendance.

Every monthly pay night, the company attends Huddersfield T.A.C. where we are put through our paces by the R.S.M. in readiness for St. George's Day Parade at Halifax, in which the whole Battalion is joining. On Tuesday, February 15, it was pleasing to note that over half the parade consisted of "A" Company men. Of course, there was the added attraction of being able to watch the champion darts player, Joe Hitchcock, perform some seemingly miraculous feats after the parade that evening. (He even knocked a pearl button off the C.S.M.'s tongue with a four-inch nail.)

Apart from the children's party at Christmas this has been a quiet quarter socially, although the

S/Sgt. (Joe) Perrin has now moved to "B" Company and it is believed that much speculation is being made in "C" Company as to who will take his place.

We finish up with notes on our P.S.I.s.

Sgt. (Brian) Hartley has disappeared from "B" Company and returned to 1 D.W.R. In his place comes Sgt. (Reg) Broomhead—as yet he hasn't touched a badminton racquet so perhaps their handover/takeover missed "Sports." Sgt. (Roy) Kelly is next to go back to 1 DWR. Both he and Sgt. Hartley put on so much weight here that they profess that even life in the Battalion won't make much difference. We wonder!

S/Sgt. (Tom) Mountcastle is also keeping a close watch on the calendar. Ear plugs will be required by Sergeants' Mess of 1st Battalion in August!

C.S.M. (Con) Sullivan is now all smiles—he completed his 1st Class in O.C.T. and reckons it was easy but he was giving someone else a chance to join him.

company dinner was a noteworthy occasion, for it was then that we said our farewells to S/Sgt. "Mick" Reed who has been with us for nineteen years. The Sergeants' Mess at Halifax presented S/Sgt. Reed with a clock and the company as a whole gave him a silver cigarette box as a mark of the esteem in which we all held him. We wish him a very happy retirement.

Other personalities in the news are: S/Sgt. Howell who was promoted from sergeant and Cpl. Nicholls, promoted to sergeant—Congratulations!

As reported above we have undergone a change of Company Commander: Major P. H. Haws has gone to Huddersfield as P.M.C. and Major P. B. Knowles has taken over at Halifax. The change has meant the loss of a "local" man, but Major Knowles has grasped the reins firmly so that the transition has been virtually painless.

We wish Major Haws every success in his new appointment and thank him for his keen, unflagging interest in the past. Keeping together such a highly individualistic company as ours is no mean feat!

"B" COMPANY

December was the month when the Company "dined out" Sgt. and Mrs. Hartley before they rejoined the Battalion in Germany. They took with them our very best wishes.

Sgt. Broomhead came to us in January just in time for the Annual Inspection (fate is not normally so unkind) and he is now a very active member of the Company.

Who said that the wind of change had blown itself out? The recent Battalion reorganisation has resulted in Lt. I. Fillan being posted to Huddersfield as R.S.O. and Lt. J. P. F. H. Cook also moving to "H.Q." Company to command the Recce Pl. It is not surprising therefore that the O.C., Major

K. Buckland, is still feeling the draught.

C.S.M. Bycroft is the new face behind the bar in the revitalised Sergeants' Mess, the canteen now being in the charge of C.Q.M.S. Perrin.

Pte. (Horace) Housecroft, representing the Territorial Army (Heavyweight Class), did well in the recent T.A. v. Regular Army Boxing Competition in London but lost to his opponent. He has now been selected to fight against Scottish Command in March and we all wish him well.

The Leeds Gunners have benefited by Sgt. Greenwood's transfer to them but fortunately his loss has been partially offset by Sgt. Roberts who is able to give more time to company activities now that he no longer works as a bus driver. He has now left it entirely to the clergy of Huddersfield to put the "Fear of God" into the local population.

"C" COMPANY

We were all very sorry to lose Major Philip Knowles to "A" Company, but our loss is their gain. As a gunner and an infanteer he has served at Skipton and Keighley for many years, and knows all the local worthies. As a finale, he organised one of the best children's parties we have had for many years. However, it can now be said that Charlie company is commanded by a proper Charlie.

The shadow of T.A. reorganisation has had some effect on attendance, but new style training with emphasis on such useful extras as judo is pulling them in. The first of a series of company weekends was held at Strensall, and much was learned. Practical instruction varied from the G.P.M.G. to how to fill in F.M.T. 3 (Lt. Widdop's speciality).

Working backwards, we had a good admin inspection, and an even better Christmas. A good mixed party was held at Keighley and a well attended stag night at Skipton. O/Cadet Bateman did not produce his "speciality dancers" but Captain Gouldsworthy kindly marked his own retirement by presenting a barrel of ale. Only with us for a short while, he made his mark as a thoughtful and kindly officer.

For the future, the motto in "C" Company is to be "work hard and play hard." Training is of paramount importance as this is what recruits join for. Some firm decision from the Government will be welcomed—provided it is the right one—and we shall then be able to offer training with a promised future.

"D" COMPANY

The Mossley O.C.A. now have their monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month at the drill hall. They are under the chairmanship of Major Mort, and the secretary is Mr. E. Dixon. We in the Company are always pleased to see them, and we hope they continue to come.

We lose two of our corporals in April. Cpl. Smith and Cpl. Chadderton leave to join the regular army at Strensall. Eventually they hope to join the 1st Bn. We wish them the best of luck.

Margaret, daughter of our P.S.I. W.O.2 Sullivan (born into the Regiment, we understand), marries a "Duke" on April 2. She is to marry Pte. A. McLean, one of our stalwarts in "D" Coy. We

wish them every happiness. We know that all the friends of W.O.2 Sullivan and his wife in the Regiment, will be pleased to hear of this.

Capt. Hawkins has now left us. He resigned at the beginning of the year as he found that the pressure of business did not leave him sufficient time. Our best wishes go with him, and we hope we shall see him from time to time. Capt. Crowther assumed command on February 1; he says he is delighted to be with us, it is many years now since he has been with the fighting men of Mossley.

HQ COMPANY

The wind of change is by no means a hurricane as far as the re-organisation of the T.A. is concerned, but is barely a mild breeze tending only to disturb rather than destroy the activities within HQ Company. "Business as Usual" is the O.K. phrase and this has proved to be so and with some success. Following the Recce Platoon's effort within the Brigade, the company team did very well in the Northern Command Night March, being placed 17th in the final analysis.

The Band & Drums headed a reasonable attendance of the company on the Remembrance Sunday parade; the Band & Drums worked doubly hard by going to Mirfield in the afternoon.

The Christmas period found the G.P.O. in almost complete command of the TAC but we found time and space to hold a very successful social, with the band playing from what appeared to be a desert island. The Company Commander's "palm trees" certainly wandered from one waste to another—who made the "dates"?

The annual admin inspection had its lighter moment when one stirrup-pump defied inspecting officers, the Q.M., the R.Q.M.S., C.S.M., C.Q.M.S. and Company Commander by refusing to squirt. However, all was well—W.O.2 Fitton finally proving the better at the "water" pump—we really thought he was hoping to see Whitbread's appear.

It is an ill wind and all that jazz—but the R.S.M.'s battalion drill parades in St. Paul's Street are helping to swell the bar takings—and, we think, improving the standard of drill.

One or two notable "old" faces have gone from the company, most notable of these being Sgt. Noon who had been a stalwart with the band for many years. A special word and best wishes for his new life to Lt. John Frier who has emigrated to Australia. He will be more than missed, having been both a very likeable "character" and most surely the hardest working and regular attender in the company.

Welcome to Lt. Fillan and Lt. Cooke, R.S.O., and Recce Platoon Commanders. Their presence is already making its mark.

What of the future? The question-mark is now a little smaller than in May and it would appear that there will be opportunity for HQ Company to "soldier on." We look forward to even bigger attendances on drill nights—classification—weekends at Leek—Recce Pl weekends—M.T. weekends—the Band contest—St George's Day Parade and above all—camp at Tavistock. Plenty to look forward to and write about in the next notes.



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On March 30, 1966, the "Dukes" won the Army Cup Final against 63 Para. Sqdn, R.C.T., by 9-0. This is our second win in succession and the seventh in all, equalling the record for the number of times the Cup has been won by a single unit.

The "Dukes" were perhaps more apprehensive of this match than of any final for a long time. Exercise "Star Turn" had finished at the previous weekend and deplorable weather had curtailed our training. Last but not least Captain J. D. MacDonald, the 63 Sqdn. skipper, has left his mark on "Dukes" rugby when playing for the K.O.S.B., and we could guarantee a very hard match against any side he was in. On the other hand, Captain M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, the new British Lions' XV captain, was available for us which boosted morale a great deal; as events turned out his presence was of incalculable value.

The "Dukes" kicked off in a steady drizzle and the soaked ground and cold conditions were more in favour of the opposition. For the first fifteen minutes play was very hard and tight and confined to mid-field, mainly on the touchlines. Both sides strove hard to make the early score. The "Dukes" aim was to play a tight game until we were well into the opposition's half, and then try and score from there. A tremendous struggle took place up front, but gradually the combination of Captain Campbell-Lamerton's play in lineout and loose, a well-above average performance by all the pack, and excellent hooking by Lt. Redwood-Davies gave us the upper hand.

A strong rush well into 63 Sqdn's. twenty-five was rewarded by a penalty near the posts but this was unfortunately missed. However, undeterred, the "Dukes" still pressed hard and, fifteen minutes before half-time, Captain Campbell-Lamerton broke blind from the scrum right up to the fullback and a good pass enabled L/Cpl. Robinson to score near the right hand corner. The difficult conversion was missed and, after surviving some anxious moments, the "Dukes" turned round with the narrowest of leads, 3-0.

In the second half, the combination of an injury to one of the opposition and our gradual dominance in all phases of the game saw the "Dukes" add two more scores. The pack went from strength to strength, particularly in the lineout and the scrums, and were supported by Lts. Newell and Reid who penned the opposition in their own half for long periods. The second score was a very good try, commenced by Captain Campbell-Lamerton again who, although submerged on the blindside, managed to ensure a quick loose heel; then good passing by the backs enabled Lt. Walker to race over near the left hand corner. Again the kick was missed, but the "Dukes" were in no mood to be denied and, after another period of sustained pressure, a good heel near the posts gave Lt. Reid the opportunity to drop a goal.

63 Sqdn. fought back strongly and for a while the "Dukes" were forced on the defensive. A footrush nearly resulted in a try and a forty yard penalty by Captain MacDonald just missed. The "Dukes" weathered the storm and re-asserted their previous authority on the game by the final whistle.

For the "Dukes" it was a tactical triumph against a fit, strong, destructive side and, although our usual brand of open rugby was missing, it was a very solid workmanlike performance in difficult conditions.

Captain Campbell-Lamerton was a tower of strength in all phases of the game. Lt. Redwood-Davies hooked very well indeed and was ably supported by Sgts. Hemmings and Hall. Captain Mundell and L/Cpl. Ponijiasi played their usual hardworking game and Lt. Westcob and L/Cpl. Dickens had their moments.

Outside, the backs took their limited opportunities well and Lts. Newell and Reid played well to their forwards. Major Hardy hardly put a foot wrong at full back. Lastly a special word of thanks to, first of all, Captain Mundell, who has now led us to two victories in succession, a wonderful reward for a hard working and excellent captain and, secondly, to the tremendous support of the Battalion who have braved some terrible weather throughout the season to give us their own special brand of encouragement and have played a large part in our success.

Team

Major E. M. P. Hardy, L/Cpl. P. Robinson, Lt. C. G. Edwards, Lt. P. A. Pettigrew, Lt. E. J. W. Walker, Lt. I. P. Reid, Lt. D. R. D. Newell, Sgt. Hemmings, Lt. A. Redwood-Davies, Sgt. M. Hall, Captain W. R. Mundell (Capt.), L/Cpl. J. Dickens, L/Cpl. P. Ponijiasi, Captain M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, Lt. A. R. Westcob.

The game was played at Bad Lippspringe. This, as The Times noted, is the district where Hitler used to watch his Panzers practising, and there was a touch of panache about the arrival of three of his former opponents, in the persons of the corps commander and two other generals, who landed just behind the dead-ball line in a helicopter a few minutes before the kick-off—a refreshing example of enterprising expediency.

One enterprising party of regimental supporters from England managed to get to the match. Mr. Stanley Gill took his caravanette and was accompanied by Brigadier George Laing, Major Dick Ince and Mr. R. Owers. We understand that they had a most enjoyable trip.

It is to be hoped that next year we shall have the opportunity of turning out in force to support the team in the final which should be played at Aldershot. The possibility of a third successive win and the record total number of wins by any one unit should be a great incentive.

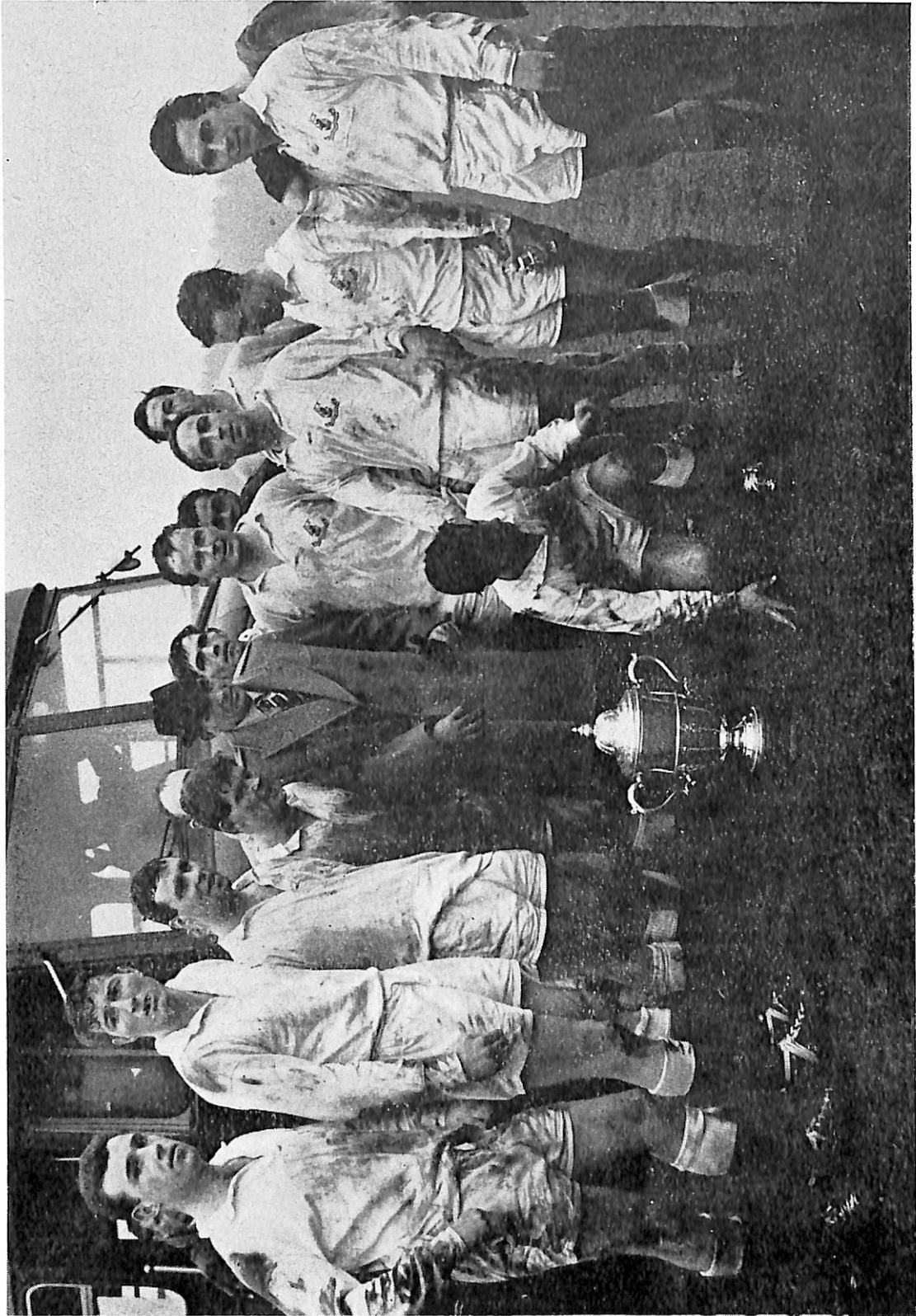


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THE TEAM, AFTER THE MATCH, WITH THE C.O.—AND THE CUP

PERSONALIA

On behalf of the Regiment we offer our warmest congratulations to General Sir Robert Bray on the high distinction of his appointment as a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire. Also to Major-General Gordon Upjohn on his appointment as a Companion of the Bath. Both these appointments were notified in the New Year's Honours List.

Also to be congratulated is Mrs. Howcroft, wife of Colonel Gilbert Howcroft the former Honorary Colonel of the West Riding Battalion, on the award of the British Empire Medal for services to the W.V.S. Mrs. Howcroft has been District Organiser of the W.V.S. for Saddleworth since 1940 and is retiring this year.

Mrs. Howcroft is to be presented with her medal at Saddleworth by the Earl of Scarborough, Lord Lieutenant of the Riding.

Engagements

The engagement is announced between Simon Heslewood Ogram, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mr. D. N. R. Ogram of Muscat and Mrs. K. L. Sawle-Daly of 58 Eccleston Square, London, and Mary Elizabeth, younger

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Staines of 7 Willow Avenue, Rustington, Sussex.

The engagement is announced between John Butler, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Scott of Easter House, Jackton, Lanarkshire, and Sara Veronica, elder daughter of Major and Mrs. C. J. MacLaren of Dunavon, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Many of our readers will already have heard of the appalling and savage attack made on Major Douglas Jones-Stamp by a man to whom he gave a lift in his car. Major Douglas suffered the loss of an eye and severe cuts and bruises about the head and face. Considering the severity of his injuries, he has made a remarkable and typically courageous recovery. At the time of writing he is convalescing at Craigcleuch, his home in Dumfriesshire.

We also regret to announce that Mr. George Beddoe of The Halifax Courier had a heart attack recently and is in the Royal Halifax Infirmary. He too, however, has made a good recovery, we are glad to say, and is reported to be doing very well.



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We congratulate Major P. A. Mitchell on his appointment as Assistant Military Attache (T.S.O. 2), The Hague, which he took up in March of this year.

We also congratulate Lt.-Colonel Gerald Smith, the son of Mr. E. Smith, D.C.M., late R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion, on his appointment as Commanding Officer of 41 Command Workshops R.E.M.E., York, which he took up in March. He will probably be remembered by many of the now veteran members of the Regiment who served in Gibraltar, Gosport, Devonport, Aldershot and Malta.

Mrs. Violet Paton is back home at Church Lane Cottage, Wylie, Warminster, after an adventurous journey behind the Iron Curtain. Mrs. Paton, accompanied by a friend, drove to Rumania in an A40 to visit her son, Angus, who is working on a project at Copsa Mica. The round trip was 3,000 miles and involved passing through ten countries.

We congratulate The Honourable F. F. Fisher, M.C., M.A., on his appointment as Master of Wellington College in succession to Mr. G. H. Stainforth, M.A. Mr. Fisher is a son of Lord Fisher of Lambeth. He was educated at Repton and Clare College, Cambridge. He was commissioned into the Sherwood Foresters in 1940 and served with the 1st Battalion in the Middle East. He was taken prisoner at Tobruk in June, 1942. He escaped from imprisonment in Italy in September, 1943, and

returned to England. For his conduct and for two previous unsuccessful escapes he was awarded the Military Cross. He spent the remainder of the war with the 8th Battalion of his regiment.

Mr. Fisher was appointed to the staff at Repton in 1946, but took a year's leave of absence to return to Cambridge to complete the reading for his degree in History. In this year he gained a hockey blue. At Repton Mr. Fisher was housemaster of The Hall from 1948-1954; he commanded the C.C.F. and was Secretary of the Old Reptonian Society and master in charge of hockey. Mr. Fisher is at present Warden of St. Edwards School, Oxford. He assumes his new appointment in September of this year. We wish him every success and feel sure that the close association between the College and the Regiment will continue to flourish under his leadership.

We were very pleased to receive a most cheerful letter from Major Fred Allsop, who still lives at 31 Hough Lane, Wombwell, Barnsley. He writes:

"I keep pretty fit by working seven days a week; four days at my son-in-law's pig farm and three days at my son's betting office, which fills up all my time. One of these days I keep promising myself a day off. All the family are well and enjoying every day as it arrives. What more do we want?"

Colonel J. Davidson is due to end his tour as Brigade Colonel later this year. His successor is to be Lt.-Colonel J. B. Scott, The Green Howards.



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From Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O.

Brynglas Hall,
Llanfair Caereinion,
Montgomery.
December 29, 1965

Dear Editor,

May I send through **THE IRON DUKE** my grateful thanks to everybody in the Regiment who so generously gave me the magnificent pair of silver pheasants at the end of my time as Colonel.

This very handsome present will always remind me of my old friends and of many happy occasions.

I am most grateful to everybody for thinking about me in this kind way and Joan and I will always count their gift among our most valued personal possessions.

Yours sincerely,
K. G. EXHAM

71 Palace Court,
London, W.2.

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank, through **THE IRON DUKE**, all those in the Regiment who were able to be present at the funeral service of my dear husband "Bonzo."

I was not able to thank them personally and would like them to know how much their presence was appreciated by the family.

So, also, were the beautiful wreaths and the many kind letters which have been a great comfort to us in our sorrow.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET MILES.

PERSONALIA (continued)—

More Congratulations

To Captain Mike Campbell-Lamerton who has crowned a successful rugby season for Scotland with the high distinction of being selected to captain the British Lions' tour of Australia and New Zealand during this coming summer.

Also to Brigadier Geoffrey Wortham who has been appointed Major General, Commanding Stores Organisation, R.A.O.C., with effect from March 1967.

Colonel Pat Cousens has been appointed Secretary of the Army Ski Association and has, we understand, an office next door to Colonel Jack Dalrymple in Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square.

He has joined the commuters and his home address is: Milton Cottage, Church Street, Uckfield, Sussex.

In the January, 1963, issue of **THE IRON DUKE** we published some details of the scholastic successes of Miss Valery Haggie, the daughter of

ex-C.Q.M.S. Haggie. We now offer to her congratulations on further successes. Miss Haggie has taken a First Class Honours Degree in English and Literature at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, and will shortly be taking up a teaching appointment at St. Paul's Girls' School, London.

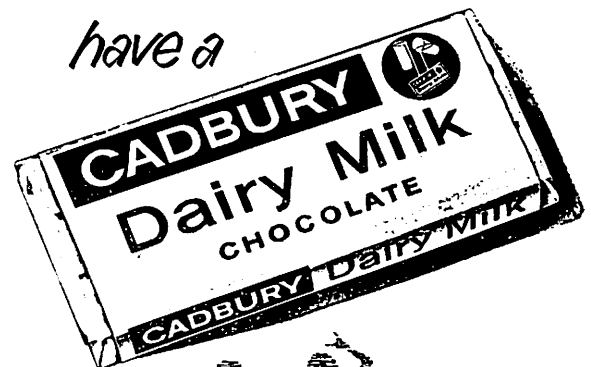
Major J. B. K. Greenway and Captain J. R. P. Cumberlege have passed the qualifying examination for the Staff College.

The wedding took place in November at the Church of St. Peter's by the Strand, Atauhai, Nelson, New Zealand, of Mr. Raymond Pearson of Auckland and Miss Fiona Gregory.

The service was conducted by the bride's father, the Rev. Kenneth Gregory who was gazetted to the Regiment in 1934 and served mainly with the 2nd Battalion in India.

The bride wore a veil to which a pleasant story is attached. During the reign of King George V the pupils at St. Michael's School, Limpsfield, Surrey—a school for the children of missionaries—wrote to Queen Mary to ask whether she and the King wore their crowns for breakfast and telling her of a sale of work planned by the school in aid of missions.

When replying that crowns were not worn for breakfast Queen Mary sent a veil for the sale. But, instead of selling, it, the enterprising children made a considerable amount by charging 6d. a look. Since then the veil has been made available to any old girl of the school for her wedding and has travelled to all parts of the world.



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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. M. F. Browne, M.B.E.

Michael Francis (Topper) Browne died suddenly on January 22 at his home in Leeds. He was 74.

Topper Browne joined the 2nd Battalion in Aldershot in 1921 from The Munster Fusiliers on the disbandment of that regiment. He served with the 2nd Battalion until 1929 when he was posted to the Depot. He remained at the Depot until his discharge in 1936. On the outbreak of the second war he joined The Royal Pioneer Corps in which he was commissioned and became a captain. He served in Mozambique and Africa and for his services was awarded the M.B.E.

He is survived by his son, Edward, who is serving with the R.E.M.E. in Germany, and his daughter, Lynn, who lives in Durban, South Africa.

Lt.-Colonel J. Cooke, D.S.O., M.C.

Major Huffam informs us that he learnt recently that Lt.-Colonel Cooke died in 1958.

James Cooke, universally known as "Cookie," was one of the young men who gained great distinction with the 2nd Battalion in France towards the end of the first world war. Cooke won his M.C. and D.S.O. as a second-lieutenant, acting captain, in command of a company during the final advance. In June, 1918, he was one of the five officers who returned to England with the Battalion Cadre to reform the regular Battalion.

He retired shortly after this but rejoined for the second war and was with the 7th Battalion in Iceland. From 1945 to 1952 he was with the Control Commission in Germany and in 1947 was awarded the Swedish Silver Medal of Merit which was presented to him by the late Count Bernadotte.

At the time of his sudden death in 1958, he was Camp Commandant of Proteus Camp at Ollerton.

Lt.-Colonel Cooke leaves a widow, Hilda, two sons and a daughter. One of his sons, Bill, joined the 1st Battalion at Haifa in 1946, returning to civilian life from Strensall.

Mr. G. Dickens

George Dickens, of 36 Nettleton Road, Dewsbury, died suddenly on November 22, 1965, at Staincliffe General Hospital, Dewsbury, aged 78 years.

At the time of his death he was Corps Sergeant-Major in charge of the Huddersfield Area for the Corps of Commissionaires and had been so for many years.

He joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1906 and, after service in India with the 1st Battalion,

he came home in time to go to Belgium with the 2nd Battalion; he was wounded in one of the earlier battles and taken prisoner. He escaped from prison hospital but was recaptured whilst trying to find his way back to the Allied Lines. He was repatriated in 1918 and invalided out.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

In-Pensioner Sgt. A. H. Hickie

Sgt. Arthur Henry Hickie died on December 28, 1965, as the result of a car accident. He was aged 79 years.

Arthur enlisted into the Regiment on February 29, 1904, and subsequently joined the 1st Battalion, then stationed at York. He served in India with the Battalion until November, 1917, when he transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and remained with them until his discharge in 1921. At the outbreak of the last war he re-joined the Army and served until 1943, when he was discharged on account of his age.

Sgt. Hickie was admitted to the Royal Hospital as an In-Pensioner on October 3, 1960. He held the Delhi Durbar Medal, in addition to the British War and Victory Medals for the 1914/18 War and the War and Defence Medals for the 1939/45 War.

Brigadier H. G. P. Miles

Brigadier "Bonzo" Miles died peacefully at King Edward VII hospital on Sunday, February 17. He had been flown home from Madeira where he was on holiday and where he suffered a further attack of the heart trouble which had been threatening him for the past three years.

Henry George Pearson Miles was born on March 11, 1903, into one of the leading "wine families" of Madeira. He was educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst where he became an under officer. He was destined for the cavalry but preferred rigger to horses and was already strong minded enough to opt for The Duke's in the face of parental opposition.

He was gazetted to the Regiment on January 31, 1924, and joined the 2nd Battalion in Cairo. He soon emerged as a character of marked individuality, stubborn determination and boundless energy. He captained the rigger team in Egypt and Singapore, playing most other games with more vigour than skill.

He was cross-posted from Ahmednagar in 1929 and arrived opportunely in the 1st Battalion to become captain of rigger, a post unhappily vacant owing to the illness of "Horse" Browne and injury of "Bull" Faithful. The Army Cup was an obvious target for "Bonzo's" enthusiasm and driving power and these played an important part in the success achieved by the Battalion in winning the cup in 1931 and 1933.

The latter season saw the end of his active rigger career in the Regiment as he was posted to Barbados as Staff Officer, Local Forces. When he returned the Battalion was in Malta and he went as adjutant to the 7th Battalion. Colonel Howcroft recalls how active he was in the recruiting campaign to double the Territorial Army in 1938 and 1939.

He went to Iceland, still as adjutant, with the 1/7th and, about August 1940, became Brigade Major of 147 Inf. Bgde. After that he had an unlucky war. Outstandingly fitted to lead men in battle he was, except for a short period in command of a young soldier's battalion, kept in staff and instructional jobs, mostly in the Middle East. His friends felt that, with different luck, he might have gained distinction.

He left the Army as soon as he could after the war, though this move was partly dictated by the need to provide for a steadily growing family—and to provide for it on the level to which he had been accustomed.

For that, perhaps, is the characteristic by which "Bonzo" in later years will most be remembered. He had always enjoyed the best of everything and saw no reason to reduce his standards because post-war life was harder and he now had eight children, including his step-daughter. They must have the best of everything too, and so must his many friends as often as they could be collected into his house. He was as forceful a host as he was a rigger player and it sometimes needed determination to resist his pressure. But no-one who experienced it will forget the warmth and hospitality or the exceptionally happy family atmosphere which he and Margaret created in their home.

To help provide for all this he joined the firm of Miles and Rutherford and brought to the business of selling wine his usual tireless energy. He enjoyed the constant travelling which his job entailed as driving powerful cars had always been one of his chief delights.

His death, coming at a comparatively early age to one who until recently had seemed indestructible, is a sad blow to his many friends. One can at least be glad that his last active days were spent in Madeira, a place he loved above all others.

The funeral service, which was held at Golders Green Crematorium, was attended by many members of the Regiment and other friends. Brigadier Firth represented the Colonel of the Regiment.

Mr. F. Taylor

Fred Taylor died on January 13th, 1966, at his home, 81 Hillcrest Road, Queensbury, aged 63 years.

Fred joined the Regiment in June, 1922, and was discharged to pension in late 1945, after service with the 1st, 2nd and 10th Battalions. He will be remembered as a first-class sportsman, who represented the Regiment at rugby, soccer and hockey on many occasions.

He leaves a widow and a son.

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

A report of Mr. O'Kelly's death on November 3, 1965 and a brief record of his long service appeared in the last issue.

An Appreciation

*"For gold the merchant ploughs the main,
The farmer ploughs the manor;
But glory is the sodger's prize,
The sodger's wealth is honour.
The brave poor sodger ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger,
Remember, he's his country's stay,
In day and hour of danger."*

Robert Burns, 1793

In 1948, in his 61st year, Frederick O'Kelly assumed the appointment of Depot Officers' Mess Steward which he was to fill with distinction for twelve years. At the outset of this period, and at its close, when the Depot existed on a care and maintenance basis, O'Kelly embodied in himself a complete mess staff—*pace* Gilbert, he was "cook and Captain bold, and cabin boy so trig..." Between 1951 and 1959, when the Depot flowered into active life, some of his responsibilities lay on other shoulders; when the good days came to an end he turned back without question to the humble necessary administrative chores. Throughout he remained the mess authority on system and procedure, custom and tradition, guiding and advising an ever changing staff and most loyally supporting Sgt. Adams, for so long the Mess Sergeant.

With two active and exacting careers behind him, both honourably fulfilled, and taking into account his status as a survivor of Mons and a Military Medallist, it might have been supposed that O'Kelly would have regarded his appointment as a sinecure justified by his laurels. No such idea could have entered his mind. A typical product of the vintage training years from 1904 to 1914, his philosophy epitomized that of the regular soldier of his day—you did your duty to the best of your ability, you trusted your officer, and you got on with it.

O'Kelly's background made him a truly representative Regimental figure. Born in the Regiment, educated in the regimental school, trained in the regimental cadre, he saw the Regiment as his home and give it his heart and loyalty. He identified himself with it as a forester, game-keeper or craftsman identifies himself with the family and estate he serves. Consequently he had a profound knowledge of regimental events and personalities and he could make an invaluable contribution to any discussion of regimental matters. How often was seen that regimental memory in commission—Mr. Code, Mr. McMahan and Mr. O'Kelly—at work on some question of time, place, event, personality, probably recommending help on behalf of an old comrade.

His spare, trim, active figure belying his years, O'Kelly remains in the mind as the epitome of an honourable, distinguished, gentle and mannered old soldier of the 1914 generation. Few such veterans still survive. At least their lot is happier than that of Burn's "old sodger," whose regiment seldom survived the wars.

D.J.S.

Major-General W. M. Ozanne, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

General William Maingay Ozanne, who died at his home in Barton Mills, Suffolk, on March 24, 1966, after a heart attack, was born on September 15, 1891, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ozanne of Guernsey.

Gazetted to the Regiment on March 4, 1911, he joined the 2nd Battalion in Dublin and went to France with them on the outbreak of war in 1914. As the Battalion's machine gun officer he took part in their first action—on the Mons-Condé Canal. Later in the day he was wounded and was very lucky to escape capture as the walking wounded only got away from St. Ghislain a few minutes before the Germans entered it.

He rejoined the Battalion in April 1915, after the first battle of Hill 60, but in time for the German gas attack of May 5. In this he was again wounded. When passed fit he again returned to the B.E.F. and later served on the staff as a G.S.O. 3 and, in 1918, brigade major.

His services during that war earned him the M.C. and bar.

He continued to serve with the Regiment and in Staff appointments. A keen and expert rifle shot he was an instructor at the Small Arms School, Hythe, from 1924 to 1928 and Chief Instructor from 1933 to 1936.

From the latter appointment he returned to the Regiment to command the 1st Battalion in Malta and instilled in them an enthusiasm for small arms shooting which was lacking before but survives to this day.

In August 1939 he was appointed to command 147 Infantry Brigade and in 1941 was promoted to command the 76th Division. He was awarded the C.B.E. in June 1941. After three years in command of a division he was appointed Major-General, Training, Home Guard and, after their disbandment in December 1944, became G.O.C. East Anglian District.

He retired in September 1946 and was awarded the C.B. in 1947. He settled in Barton Mills where he quickly became involved in voluntary work of every kind. As the vicar said, in a moving tribute at the funeral: "Nothing happened in the village in which he was not actively and helpfully interested."

His dearest relaxation was golf. He played for the Army for ten years in succession from 1923 to 1933 in which year he was captain of the Army Golfing Society. Later he was captain of the Seniors' Golfing Society of Great Britain. His successes on the golf course are too many to record. Latterly he also became an enthusiastic fisherman.

He did everything with enthusiasm and energy; whenever met, he seemed to have just arrived from, or be bustling off to, some distant engagement. He radiated enjoyment of life and his uncomplicated friendliness and interest gained him friends everywhere. He will be sorely missed both in the Regiment, of which there was no prouder servant, and in many other spheres.

His first wife, Dorothy Margaret, daughter of Douglas Osborne of County Meath, died in 1927.

In 1942 he married Suzanna Marguerita, widow of Captain R. G. Kerrison, R.A. She died in 1950. He is survived by his three daughters, Bids (Mrs. Iles), Tish and Jenny.

The funeral service at Barton Mills was limited to the family and close friends but, in fact, the little church was almost full and the masses of flowers showed how well he was loved. Colonel Turner represented the Regiment and wreaths were sent from the Regiment and the Old Comrades. A memorial service is to be held in London at a later date.

Mr. J. B. Slane

John Bernard Slane died on 22nd January, 1966, at Northowram Hall Hospital, aged 71 years.

John served in the Regiment from 1914, when he was called to the Colours from the Special Reserve, until he was discharged to pension in 1936 as a C.S.M. In the First World War he saw service with the 8th Bn. at Gallipoli and in France and Belgium. In 1919 he joined the 1st Bn. in Palestine and served with the Battalion until joining the 2nd Bn. in India in 1934.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he again volunteered and joined the 2/7th Bn., proceeding to France with them in April, 1940, as their R.Q.M.S. He was later evacuated via Dunkirk.

John leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. G. Smith

Mrs. G. Smith, wife of ex-R.S.M. E. Smith, D.C.M., passed peacefully away at her home in Charmouth on February 5, 1966.

Colonel K. Sykes, O.B.E., M.C., T. D., J.P.

The death occurred on December 5, 1965, of Colonel Keith Sykes. He was 77. Colonel Sykes had more than 50 years' association with the 5th Battalion. At the time of his death he was President of the 5th Battalion O.C.A.

He was commissioned into the 5th in 1914 and served with them in France throughout the war. He was adjutant of the battalion from October, 1915, to May, 1919. For his services during the war he was awarded the Military Cross and bar and the French Croix de Guerre with palm. He was twice mentioned in despatches and had a citation in Fifth French Army Orders.

Colonel Sykes continued to serve with the 5th Battalion after the war and in 1932 was appointed Commanding Officer. In 1936 the battalion was converted to 43rd (5th D.W.R.) A.A. Bn. R.E. Colonel Sykes accepted an extension of command for a further two years in order to complete the necessary re-organisation. He finally retired in 1939. During the second war he was Area Commandant of the Home Guard.

The funeral service, which was held at St. Andrew's Church, Thongsbridge, was attended by a large number of Old Comrades. Lt.-Colonel W. Skelsey represented the Colonel of the Regiment.

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Colonel W. A. Hinchcliffe writes:

"It was with a feeling of great sadness that I heard yesterday of the death of my old friend Colonel Keith Sykes.

"I first knew Colonel Keith, as he was affectionately known throughout the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, when I joined the British Expeditionary Force during the First World War. He was at that time a veteran and I was a newcomer and I shall never forget his kindness to me when we crossed over to France together.

"I soldiered with him for very many years when he served with the 5th Bn. and I in the 7th, again for some little time during the Second World War, and when we were both Honorary Colonels of our respective battalions following that war.

"He had at heart the welfare of the Territorial Army in general and of The Duke's in particular, and old soldiers were always very near to his heart. He devoted very many years to their welfare.

"He will long be remembered with affection in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and in the Holme Valley where he had lived all his lifetime."

Books to Note

HORSES AND SADDLERY, by Major G. Tylden (J. A. Allen & Co., in association with the Army Museum's Ogilby Trust. £6 6s. 0d.).

In 1961, before his death, Col. R. J. C. Ogilby, who founded the trust which bears his name, commissioned Major Geoffrey Tylden to write this book. The Colonel felt that unless available information on the subject was committed to paper now it would be too late.

When it is considered that probably the Colonel of the Regiment is our only serving officer who rode a horse "in line of duty" it is obvious that Col. Ogilby's ideas were based on fact.

Major Tylden has carried out his task with deep knowledge and with enthusiasm. He covers not only the horse but all other animals used by the British Army from elephants to dogs. That excellent animal, the mule, receives somewhat scanty tribute in the book which makes one think that the author has had little experience of this hardy and intelligent ally of the British Army.

The chapters on saddlery are necessarily technical but the information in them will be invaluable for research.

The illustrations, over 100 in number, have been well selected and Major Tylden is to be congratulated on what must be the standard work on the subject.

B.W.W.-C.

WELLINGTON AND HIS FRIENDS. Letters of the First Duke, selected and edited by the seventh Duke of Wellington. (Macmillan, 45s.)

Here is a book that should not be missed. It is a selection—to quote the publishers' blurb—from the voluminous correspondence of the great Duke to four ladies: Mrs. Arbuthnot, Lady Wilton, Miss Burdett-Coutts (forty-five years the Duke's junior) and Princess Lieven. Oppressed as he was with official and ceremonial duties, he still felt the need to correspond regularly and privately with ladies whom he could respect and trust.

The selection, to which has been added a minimum of editorial explanation, illustrates the Duke's

mind and quirks of character; such as his dislike of midday luncheon, his interest in theology, his distrust of doctors, and his dislike of the sea.

The letters abound with sidelights on national events, such as Castlereagh's suicide, Catholic emancipation, the repeal of the Corn Laws, the Chartists' Petition. They also give us the personal and social setting of great events. We hear of a royal visit to the Duke's country house, with all the preparation it entails. "Alas, it is but too true", he wrote to Lady Wilton, "the Queen is coming to pay me a visit to Stratfield Saye." And, after it was over, "I thank God the visitation is concluded. I have just now returned from attending Her Majesty on horseback to the Borders of the County".

And here is his account of a *contretemps* during the Queen's visit to Portsmouth, when he escorted her on board some of her ships: "We were going down to the Orlop of the St. Vincent. I preceded Prince Ferdinand of Saxe Cobourg, the Austrian General, who had on a pair of spurs six inches in length! I thought that if I went down the ladder backwards I should have His Spurs in my face. I therefore went down as I should walk downstairs. There was no Man-Rope to the ladder. The Queen had insisted repeatedly upon my wearing my Hat, a large Cocked Hat with feather, and I had besides my Sword. I believe the Sword got entangled in the steps of the ladder, and I was obliged to be nearly double in order to avoid touching the top deck with my Hat. I missed the last step of the ladder and came down upon the Deck. I was not in the least Hurt but the fall made some Noise! The Queen was close to me and expressed great interest, and as usual the Whole World enquired whether I was Hurt. I went on through that day and the next without inconvenience or injury."

The Duke was not writing for posterity. He puts down his thoughts plainly, even bluntly, but always with the charm of kindness and sincerity, and with that massive common-sense which in him amounted to genius.

We should be grateful to His Grace the present Duke of Wellington for giving us these new glimpses of his illustrious great-grandfather.

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