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ATTACK !!
Sgt. Hartley, Corunna Company

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

The new G.O.C. Yorkshire District, Major-General R. W. Whitworth, visited us this quarter when doing his initial tour round the scattered units of his "parish."

R.S.M. Nichols and C.S.M. Fenn of 1 DWR appeared on a semi-duty visit and soon found a way of short circuiting a task that could have lasted a day or two.

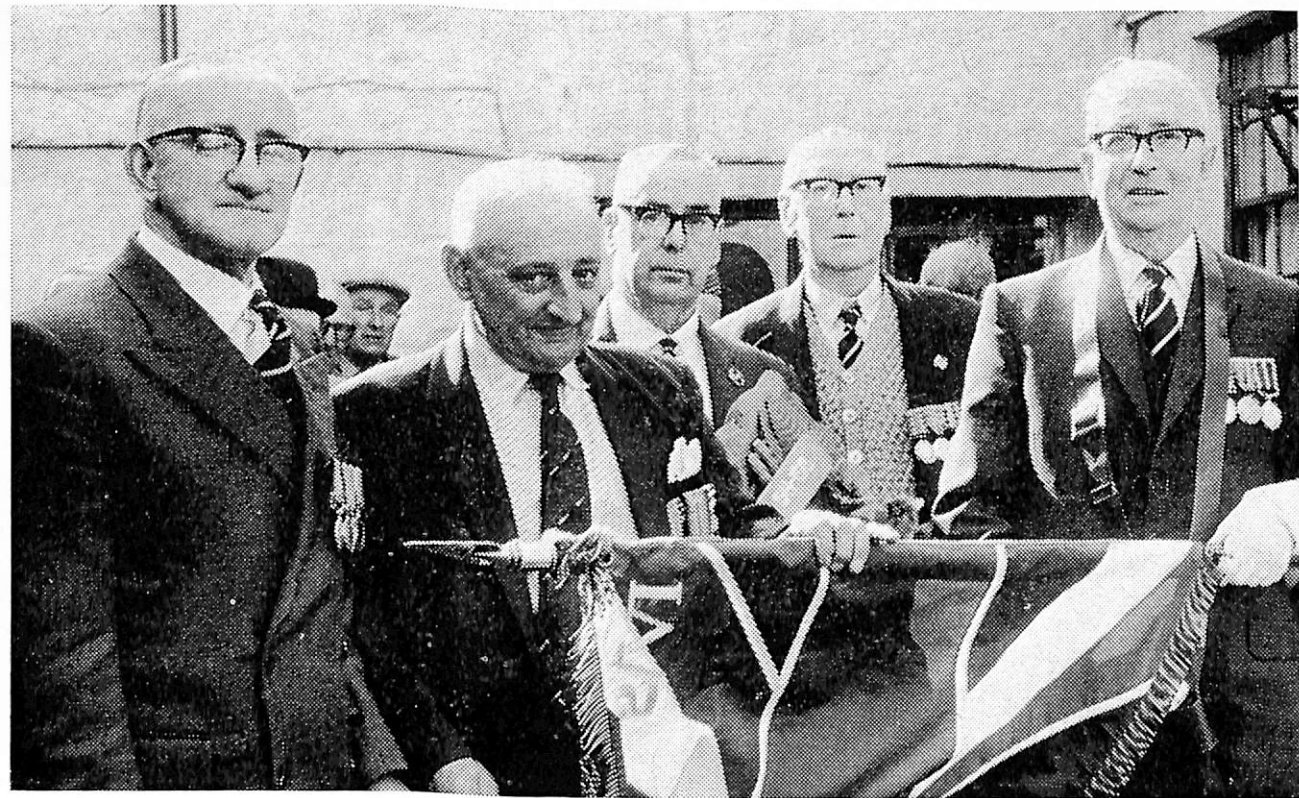
We would like to pay tribute here to the Halifax and Huddersfield Rugby Football Clubs, both of whom produced a team to give the 1st Battalion the sort of practice against opposition the team could not get in Germany. The results of the matches were unflattering to the Battalion but undoubtedly contributed to winning the Army Cup again.

An interesting ceremony took place in Skipton on May 7, when the veterans of the 1914-18 2/6th Battalion replaced their Union Flag in the Parish Church. The flag which had already been replaced once was in poor condition and had no

embellishments to show to which battalion and unit the flag belonged.

Mr. W. A. Winter, a wartime C.Q.M.S. in the 2/6th, was the organiser and responsible for the arrangements. The Vicar, an ex Royal Navy padre, conducted the service of replacement with such unerring sense of the appropriate that one might have thought he had a wealth of experience of similar functions. His address was memorable and those who still remain of the old 2/6th must be pleased to know there is now a visible record of their 1914-18 war service in the Skipton Parish Church.

A deplorable incident was the theft of the Regimental Colour of the 4th Bn from the Parish Church in Halifax. The Colour was recovered a few days later from the bottom of the Salterhebble canal by the combined efforts of the Police and Fire Brigade. Hobson's have netted it and repaired the lion and crown mount but the Colour remains sadly damaged by the act of wanton vandalism.



Laying up the 2nd/6th Battalion Union Flag

Left to right: B. N. Cockerill, R. W. Jolly, J. Pennington (president), J. M. Walker and W. A. Winter (Treasurer and Colour Bearer)

Photo: Courtesy of Craven Herald

REGIMENTAL ALLIANCES

10th Bn THE BALUCH REGIMENT OF PAKISTAN

In April, Her Majesty The Queen was graciously pleased to approve an alliance between The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the 10th Bn The Baluch Regiment of Pakistan.

In 1962 we first heard that the Pakistan Army would welcome the establishment of alliances between Regiments of the British Army and the Pakistan Army. The 10th Baluch Regiment are the direct descendants of the 1st Baluch Regiment of the Bombay Army who fought in the Abyssinian Campaign with the 33rd. This unit later became 127 Q.M.O. Baluch Light Infantry and later the 3rd Bn (Queen Mary's Own) The Baluch Regiment. This pre-partition title has now been changed to its

present title of 10th Bn The Baluch Regiment of Pakistan.

LES VOLTIGEURS DE QUEBEC

In February 1965, Lt.-Col. Paul Defoy, the Commanding Officer, told us that it was planned to amalgamate the two Quebec infantry units of the Canadian Militia. This meant that the Voltigeurs and the Royal Rifles of Canada were to be amalgamated.

We have recently heard that this has now been done. The new unit is called R.C.C.—Les Voltigeurs and Paul Defoy remains as Commanding Officer.

We hope to be able to report in the next issue whether the amalgamation will affect the alliance.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REUNION DINNER

The 1966 annual general meeting and reunion dinner will be held on **Saturday, September 24**, in the **Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax**.

Price of tickets 10s. each, obtainable from the General Secretary at R.H.Q. or from Branch Secretaries.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

The Annual reunion dinner of the London and Home Counties Branch of the Regimental Association was well attended when held at the Victory Club, London, W.1, on Saturday, May 14, 1966.

The presiding officer was The Acting Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., and he was supported by Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple, O.B.E. Our Chairman was Mr. D. P. Benson.

The function was attended by approximately 90 people, 85 of whom sat down to dinner.

Prior to the dinner many old friendships were renewed at the bar, and from the noise one could gather many tales of long ago were being re-told.

Before dinner was served, Grace was said by our Chairman, and at the end of dinner toasts to Her Majesty The Queen and the Regiment were proposed, again by the Chairman.

Brigadier Firth gave an interesting account of the Regiment's activities, also of how the Battalion won the Army Rugby Cup for the second year running.

Secretary Bob Temple was then called upon for his report and said how pleased we were to have the Acting Colonel of the Regiment with us; he also thanked the Yorkshire Branches for supporting us in such good numbers. He mentioned that several

familiar faces were missing, most of whom had sent their apologies (list below).

A special welcome was given to our three Chelsea Pensioners (Fred Stephenson, George Shaw and Bill Simmons), also to Major J. Huffam and Harry Tandy, both holders of the Victoria Cross.

It was nice to see Group Captain Troop who played for the 1st Bn. Rugby Team many years ago.

During the evening a raffle was held in aid of the Branch Funds. The sum raised was £5 2s. 0d. and it is many thanks to Mrs. R. Smith for making it all possible by supplying the home-made cake. It was won by Sam Ambler who kindly handed it to Bill Simmons, one of the Chelsea Pensioners.

In conclusion, I hope everyone had an enjoyable evening and that "God Willing" we shall all meet again next year at the Victory Club.

Among those present were: Brigadiers Firth, Laing; Cols. Armitage, Turner, Cousens; Lt.-Cols. Dalrymple, Skelsey; Group Captain Troop; Majors Huffam, Lennon, Savory, Lyons; Chelsea Pensioners Fred Stephenson, Bill Simmons, George Shaw; Messrs. Richardson, Martin, Temple, Storan, Benson, Guy; Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, J. McGovern, H. Tandy and Mr. and Mrs. Code, Mrs. McMahon and Sax Rowlands with thirty-two from the Yorkshire Branches.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Major-General K. G. Exham, Major-General R. K. Exham, Lt.-Col. F. P. A. Woods, Lt.-Col. W. A. Woods, Brigadier Webb-Carter, Brigadier Summers, Major Sills, Captain Barber, D. Coppack, The Rev. H. Keet, W. Butler and A. E. Burton.

THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE NEWS

The Territorial Army

We have not written about the reorganisation of the TA, and its impact upon the Yorkshire Brigade—for two main reasons. Firstly, we have been restricted on security grounds; secondly many of the details were not firm.

Now that the formation of the new Reserve Force has been announced, and the details of both the Army Volunteer Reserve and the Home Defence Force have been made public, we can give the details as they affect the Yorkshire Brigade.

First, a word about the Reserve as a whole. The present Territorial Army and the Army Emergency Reserve will be reorganised into the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve (T & AVR) with effect from April 1, 1967.

It will be organised into three categories—T & AVR I, II and III.

T & AVR I and II, will be known as "The Volunteers," T & AVR III will be known as "The Territorials." Their roles are as follows:—

T & AVR I —Their role is to reinforce the Regular Army either by individuals or specialist units. T & AVR I units and individuals, at present known as The Ever-Readies but in future to be known as the Special Army Volunteer Reserve, will be liable to be called out for service at any time, at the discretion of the Secretary of State for Defence, for a period of service not above six months. In return they will receive an annual bounty of £150 (taxable).

T & AVR II —Their role is also to reinforce the Regular Army—by formed units or sub-units. T & AVR II will not be called out for warlike operations until full use has been made of Section A of the Regular Reserve, i.e. until all suitable members in the numbers and categories required have been called out. Such volunteers will only be called out by a Queen's Order. In return they will receive an annual bounty of £60 (taxable).

T & AVR III—To be employed in the Home Defence Role. These units will be liable to call-out by Queen's Order, but for home service only.

Qualifications for joining the new T & AVR will be similar to those at present required for the TA. Units in T & AVR I and II will be organised on

similar lines to their Regular Army counterparts. T & AVR III will be composed of standard units. In peace-time, these will have not more than about 270 men each. They will be organised in companies, each about 75 strong, with a small headquarters and reconnaissance, pioneer and signal platoons.

It is expected that both Volunteer and Territorial units will, in a number of cases, contain WRAC personnel.

T & AVR I and II will continue to attend an annual camp of 15 days and carry out further training on a number of weekends and at evening training periods during the rest of the year. T & AVR III units are expected to have a lesser obligation of an eight-day annual camp and fewer training weekends and evening training periods.

T & AVR units will be raised and located so that, as far as possible, the identity, traditions and local affiliations of the present TA units will be preserved. Many will be based at existing TA Drill Halls. For example, in towns where there are at present several TA units, there will be, in many cases, a sub-unit of The Volunteers and a number of sub-units of The Territorials.

How does this affect the Yorkshire Brigade?

Volunteers

The Yorkshire Brigade will have one Volunteer Battalion—T & AVR II. It will be organised as follows:—

Bn HQ—York—raised from 3 PWO.

One Company—York—raised from 3 PWO.

One Company—Middlesborough—raised from 4/5 Green Howards.

One Company—Halifax—raised from the West Riding Bn, DWR.

One Company—Sheffield—raised from the Hallamshire Bn, Y & L.

As for the title of the new unit, it has been proposed that it will be called "The Yorkshire Volunteers (AVR)." We expect the present Regimental link will be carried forward in company titles,—e.g.—C Coy (The Duke of Wellington's), The Yorkshire Volunteers.

Permanent staff will be provided from the regular battalions and initially will consist of some three or four officers, five warrant officers, ten staff sergeants or sergeants and a driver.

Territorials

Territorials will be provided for the most part from existing RAC, RA or Infantry TA regiments. Some of the TA units from other corps will be absorbed into the new T & AVR III units—those that are not absorbed will be disbanded. There are ten of the new units in Yorkshire, five of them

coming from the Yorkshire Brigade. They will be organised as follows:—

From 3 PWO: Unit HQ, Hull; Two Companies, Hull; One Company, York.

From Leeds Rifles: Unit HQ, Leeds; Two Companies, Leeds; One Company, Castleford.

From 4/5 Green Howards: Unit HQ, Middlesbrough; One Company, Middlesbrough; One Company, Guisborough; One Company, Scarborough. (The Company at Scarborough will incorporate the section of 252 GHQ Provost Company (TA).

From West Riding Bn DWR: Unit HQ, Huddersfield; Two Companies, Huddersfield; One Company, Halifax.

From Hallamshire Bn: Unit HQ, Sheffield; One Company, Sheffield; One Company, Rotherham; One Company, Barnsley.

Drill Halls

Unit HQ and/or Companies will be allotted Drill Halls. Those in York, Middlesbrough, Halifax and Sheffield will be shared with the Yorkshire Volunteer Companies. That in Sheffield will also be shared with another "Territorial" unit.

Titles of the "Territorials" have not yet been decided. It is proposed, of course, that present regimental titles will be carried forward in some form or other in the new titles. We at HQ The Yorkshire Brigade are in the process of co-ordinating the views and proposals on this subject, and presenting them to the Ministry of Defence.

BRIGADE NEWS

Battalion Moves

1 Green Howards departed for the Far East in April and are now concentrated in Hong Kong. They move to Singapore/Malaya in July for jungle warfare training, and in September will start operating in Borneo.

1 Y & L have had an "excursion" to Libya for six weeks, whilst 1 DWR, after taking part in a NATO exercise, managed to spend two weeks in Denmark—ostensibly for training.

Sport

1 DWR won the Army Rugby Cup for the second year running by beating 63 Para Sqn RCT in the final, 9 points to nil. The "Dukes" have now won the Cup seven times. The Battalion also won the BAOR "Sevens" for the third season in succession.

Probably the highest honour to come to a rugby footballer has been accorded Capt. Campbell-Lamerton, DWR—the captaincy of the British Lions' touring side—currently touring in Australia.

1 PWO won the MELF Cross Country Championships, and provided half of the Army team in the Command Inter Services Championship.

1 Green Howards managed to reach the final of the Army Cross Country Championships but unfortunately were only placed 8th. They had the individual 2nd place—Cpl. Toole.

3 PWO (TA) won the TA Northern Command Cross Country Championships. They also won the 49 (WR & NM) Div/Dist Championships with Leeds Rifles (TA) as runners up. Individual successes were Pte. F. Puckrin, 3 PWO, who was the overall individual winner, and Pte. D. Jennings, 3 PWO, who was runner-up in the 49 Div/Dist Championships.

1 Y & L have been doing well in sport in Cyprus. They won the Army in Cyprus Soccer Final and are top of the Island League. In addition some of

the Battalion were selected for the Army in Cyprus team. The battalion also won the Army in Cyprus boxing cup—and again most of their boxers represent the Army in Cyprus. Cpl. Bland won the Cyprus Horse Jumping Competition; and Capt. Hart won the Cyprus Squash Championships.

Shooting

The Brigade Depot has been very successful in the recent Northern Command Shoot. Detailed results are as follows—

Team Results

Minor Units Championship	..	..	1st
LMG (Minor Units)	..	..	1st
LMG Pairs (Major or Minor Units)	..	..	1st
Rifle Match (Minor Units)	..	..	3rd
SMG Team (Minor Units)	..	..	1st
Minor Units Championship	..	..	1st

Individuals

Individual Champion Rifle Shot (All units)	..	..	L/Cpl. J. Evans, PWO.
Champion LMG Pairs (All units)	..	..	Q.M.S.I. A. Stephens, SASC. Cpl. J. B. Nash, DWR.
Individual SMG Champion Shot	..	..	Q.M.S.I. A. Stephens, SASC.
Individual Rifle placings	..	..	1st, L/Cpl. J. Evans, PWO. 6th, Cpl. P. Gott, DWR. 8th, Lt. P. J. F. Mead, PWO. 9th, Capt. R. L. Stevens, DWR.

Late News

The Brigade Depot team gained a notable success in coming second in the Minor Units' Championship at Bisley.

Promotions and Appointments

Col. B. R. Garside, late PWO, has been appointed Inspector of PT at the Ministry of Defence (Army Dept).

Lt.-Col. W. A. R. Hutton, Hallams, has been appointed Deputy Commander, 146 Inf Bde (TA) with acting rank of Colonel.

Lt.-Col. J. B. Scott, Green Howards, has been selected as the next Brigade Colonel and will succeed Col. Davidson in September 1966.

The following have also taken place—

Major P. G. T. Bates, PWO, has been appointed GSOI with 21 Liaison Group BAOR as T/Lt.-Col.

Major E. H. Bullen, PWO, appointed DAQMG Kuching Maint Area.

Major P. T. J. Tidman, PWO, from Staff to DADPR HQ 1 Div.

Major C. W. Crossland, PWO, from ERE to 2IC a Battalion of the Zambia Rifles.

Major J. M. Cubiss, PWO, from JSSC to 1 DWR—to be Brigade Recruiting Officer at Strensall.

Major P. W. Wade, PWO, from RMCS Shrivenham to 1 PWO.

Major D. C. Cartmel, Green Howards, to DAQMG (Movements) HQ Southern Comd.

Major C. F. Grieve, DWR from Staff to Inf & GSC Records, York, as Offr IC HQ Sec and 2IC Div I.

Major D. S. D. B. Jones-Stamp, DWR, from Staff to Permanent President Courts Martial HQ Middle East.

Major W. F. C. Robertson, DWR, from 2IC 1 DWR to 2IC Malawi Rifles.

Major E. M. P. Hardy, DWR, appointed 2IC 1 DWR.

Major P. A. Mitchell, DWR, from 1 DWR to Assistant Military Attache (TSO2), The Hague, Holland.

Major J. N. H. Naughton, DWR, from RMCS Shrivenham to 1 DWR.

Major R. M. Harms, DWR, from Staff to 1 DWR.

Major T. F. Hammond, Y & L, from JSSC to 1 Y & L.

Major M. B. Callaghan, Y & L, from Muscat to 1 Y & L.

Major R. W. D. Wynter, Y & L, from Staff to 1 Y & L as Unit Families Officer.

Capt. F. J. W. Filor, PWO, succeeds Capt. A. B. Crowfoot, PWO, as Adjnt 1 PWO in July 1966.

Capt. D. H. Dodd, PWO, from 1 DWR to Staff Capt, Ministry of Defence (AG2(O))—dealing with officers' postings.

Capt. P. A. Gebhard, PWO, from Bde Depot to 1 PWO and thence to Language Duties.

Capt. A. B. Bower, PWO, from 1 Gordons to Brigade Depot on temporary attachment for recruiting duties.

Capt. A. T. Neville, PWO, from 1st Bn to Staff Capt Q in Ministry of Defence.

Capt. J. A. Vickers, PWO, from Bde Depot to 1 PWO.

Capt. I. R. Scott-Lewis, PWO, from 9 AYT to 1 PWO.

Capt. R. M. Weare, Green Howards, from Staff to Brigade Depot as OC Junior Soldiers Company.

Capt. N. D. McIntosh, Green Howards, from 11 AYT to Adjnt 4/5 Bn Green Howards (TA).

Capt. W. B. E. Hart, Y & L, from 1 Y & L to Staff Capt. PR, HQ Middle East Comd.

Capt. C. W. Ivey, DWR, from Kenya to 1 DWR.

Capt. T. D. Lupton, DWR, from Staff to 1 DWR.

Lt. M.C.A. Garbutt, PWO, from 1 PWO to 9 AYT.

Lt. J. P. J. Oliver, Green Howards, from 1st Bn to IJL Bn Oswestry.

2/Lt. C. J. Lacy, Green Howards, from Cambridge University to 1st Bn from June to October 1966, for training.

Lt. F. H. Cotterill, Green Howards, from JTR Troon to 1st Bn.

Lt. C. J. Marchant-Smith, Green Howards, from RMCS Shrivenham to 1st Bn.

2/Lt. K. F. Robbin, Y & L, from 1 Y & L to AAC Pilot Training at Middle Wallop.

W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.) F. Walker, PWO, has been granted a short service commission in the rank of lieutenant, and has been posted to 1 PWO.

W.O.1 (Bandmaster) R. R. Greening, Y & L, has been granted a short service commission and has been posted as Director of Music, on secondment, to the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment.

W.O.2 H. J. Houston has been appointed RQMS 1 PWO vice W.O.2 Walker, commissioned.

The following have retired or resigned—

Major N. C. Beach, PWO.

Major T. H. R. Fetherstonhaugh, PWO.

Capt. R. N. Mander, Green Howards.

Capt. R. Huffam, DWR.

Lt. R. D. Campbell-Lamerton, DWR.

Lt. D. T. Gould, PWO.

Transfers

Two officers have transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps: Major J. L. Beynon from Green Howards, Major B. Shaw from Y & L. Major Shaw is posted to RPO Nottingham, whilst Major Beynon is posted as Paymaster, 2nd Bn Scots Guards at Chelsea Barracks. He is the second officer from the Yorkshire Bde now serving as a paymaster in the Brigade of Guards. Major Burnett, ex Y & L, paymaster with 1 DWR for seven years, is Paymaster 1st Bn The Grenadier Guards at Pirbright.

Staff College

The following officers have been successful in the Staff College entrance exam and have received nominations to attend as shown—

Capt. A. B. Crowfoot, PWO, Capt. R. T. Rockett, Green Howards (passed in 1964 exam), and Capt. J. R. P. Cumberlege, DWR, to attend RMCS Shrivenham October-December 66, and Staff College, Camberley January-December 67.

T/Major J. B. K. Greenway, DWR, provisionally selected to attend for the period October 67-December 68.



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1st BATTALION

Sub-Editorial

Money is not everything, many people say, but it does help to solve quite a number of problems, and we make no apologies in stating a fact that HM Forces have had a pay rise, and a substantial one at that. All ranks have benefited, and it is pleasant to record such an event in the midst of the well-known "Incomes Policy."

However, besides our personal good fortune, how can we use this advantageously for the benefit of the Battalion as a whole? Simply by remembering an activity which is often buried under the priorities and pressures of BAOR, namely recruiting. Up to press the situation is pretty good in IDWR, but it is easy to get lulled into a false sense of security. People are fickle beings, members of HM Forces as much an anyone else, and we must remember that a steady flow of recruits is essential for the well-being of the Regiment.

Public Relations, both within and without the Battalion, KAPE tours, and recruiting teams are all excellent ways by which we contact the potential recruit, but it's the serving member of the Battalion who makes the greatest impression. Summer leave periods are fast approaching, and many of us will be

spending our time in the United Kingdom, some in our recruiting areas. With possibly for all the most interesting period of time spent in BAOR just behind us, and the pay increase, there is every chance that individuals can make an excellent impression on willing ears. Let us try and do so.

Life has been anything but quiet. Allied Training in March, company training in April, and the almost overwhelming hospitality of Denmark, all described in greater detail elsewhere, have given us ample opportunity to demonstrate our versatility. Throughout this time good progress has been made in our efforts to achieve efficiency as an APC Battalion, and the future training programme gives every indication that our hopes in this department will meet with great success.

Sport has been very successful during the winter, with ski-ing and soccer producing very marked improvements, and once again a clean sweep has been made at rugby in BAOR. Cricket prospects are good, even though we are subjected to "sudden death" games here, and a few hardy specimens find time to practise assiduously for the BAOR Athletics.

The "Dukes" are undoubtedly playing a very full role in BAOR, but has not this been the case wherever we go?



L/Cpl. Tolley receiving the Commanding Officer's Bugle from the C.O.

JOINT TRAINING

In March, the Battalion was lucky to be selected for a week's joint training exercise with some of our French and American allies. The training took place at Sennelager and turned out to be a splendid mixture of hectic training, hilarious parties, solemn ceremonial and finally a very useful exercise.

The Battalion Group was a tidy force and included American tanks, French artillery and reconnaissance troops. The Battalion was mounted in the American APC, the M 113, and had American drivers and vehicle commanders. There were many problems in handling a force of this joint nature but by the end of the week they had all been overcome and the last set-piece dawn attack was particularly well done.

In one of his less cautious moments the CO agreed to the use of American radio procedure. "Pronto" nearly threw a fit on the spot, but the damage was done and so the ether around Sennelager reverberated with such cries as "This is Nine," "Affirmative," and "Change to old squelch." And when the RAF joined the net there were even stranger call-signs and clichés. The battalion's radio procedure will never ever be

the same again and obvious permanent harm has been done.

The Band beat Retreat and French General de Division de Rougemont took the salute. "*C'est formidable*" said he; and so it was, because we just managed to slip it in between icy snow showers. The party afterwards which the officers mess gave was even more *formidable* with over 200 guests. We made lots of new friends: US Signals Officer Don Miller was an astonishing character; huge of build, he was a perfect complement to Dick Mundell. Major Elliot, the Logistics Officer, was a quiet Southerner who was a tremendous help to us and who always produced the answer. Commandant Pinelli of the French Artillery, whose 105s had fought in Indo China and Algeria, was a perfect Shelldrake. In fact we were all a jolly nice friendly crowd and allied relations were all the better for our joint training. All this took place when General de Gaulle was just beginning to rock the NATO boat. Perhaps he would realise fully the damage he is doing if he could have watched this particular battalion group on its training.

DENMARK 1966

From May 1-16 The Duke's invaded Denmark, and Copenhagen in particular. The Band and Drums beat Retreat in the Citadel and we marched through the streets of Copenhagen with Colours flying and bayonets fixed, to say nothing of the drums beating. What a super 16 days it was! We visited Carlsberg and Tuborg Breweries and consumed beer by the bottle out of all proportion to our normal consumption and known capabilities. *Scholl* and *schnapps* are forever engraved on our memories and possibly permanently upon our livers and digestive systems.

Our hosts were the Danish Life Regiment and they just could not have been kinder or more helpful. Never have we been better looked after and never shall we forget Denmark and all the friends we have made there. For most of us it was a gastronomic feat running through the whole gamut of compo to open sandwiches, raw eggs, raw meat, herring and other such Danish delicacies . . . and of course the inevitable remorseless drinking of *schnapps*. The philosophy, Danish-wise, of *schnapps*-drinking is that an odd number is never drunk. Odd numbers are dangerous and leave you unbalanced and unsteady. One for the left leg, one for the right leg. That's OK, but a third for a walking stick demands a fourth for another walking stick. A fifth for the right arm . . . and then doom approaches rapidly. The Paymaster reached eight, and on regaining consciousness

made the classic complaint to the CO that "this battalion expects too much of me."

We had parades, the Band played twice at the Tivoli, at the Embassy Ball and at sundry other places. They and the Corps of Drums did much to ensure that Denmark knew that the "Dukes" were in Town.

We had an exercise—believe it or not—with our Danish friends. 1 DWR Gp with under command "C" Sqn. 9/12 L, "K" Bty RA, 5 Flt AAC, and 2 Tp RE took on a numerically equal Danish force in Exercise "Iron Duke." Although compelled by the Exercise DS to withdraw disgracefully quickly we came back in a Rommel-type dawn attack which swept our Danish friends out of their beach-head back into the sea, and honours were even. It was a good exercise and the battalion handled well. The exercise debrief lasted 9 minutes flat and then we got down to the serious business of beer, *schnapps* and speeches.

General Bray had so arranged his programme as to be in Denmark with us and we saw much of him. He came to our drumhead service, to our exercise, to our mess functions and saw a great deal of us. It was very pleasant indeed to have him and Lady Bray with us again.

We could never forget Denmark and we have certainly forged a link between the Danish Life Regiment and The Duke's which will never be broken wherever we each may serve.



Colours on parade at Hovelte Barracks

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS' MESS

From the beginning of March the mess has been the scene of increased activity whether in Osnabruck, Sennelager or Denmark. Happenings to individual officers have been many after a rather quiet winter.

Twelve cadets from RAF College, Cranwell, stayed in the mess for a week and attended a guest night on March 10. On 11th there was the Paardeberg Ball from which many officers motored almost directly to a briefing at Sennelager for an allied exercise. We just had time to pop home to change our clothes.

This allied exercise lasted for a week, and the pace was hot both on the military and social side. We lived in the All Arms Training Centre Visitors' Mess as did officers of the United States and French Armies with whom we exercised. Each nationality gave a party on three successive evenings and, when nothing official was on, spontaneous parties broke out, generally in the bar. We now have two permanent reminders of that week—a wall plaque of unit badges of the US Spearhead Division and a new-found game now commonly known as the "call sign" game which has superseded "fizz buzz" in popularity.

The following week saw us back at Sennelager for the Army Cup Final, this time just for the day. For this event we were delighted to see again in the Mess, Brigadier Tony Firth, Brigadier George Laing, Col. Jack Dalrymple, Col. Jimmy Davidson and Major Dick Ince. It was a pity that they could not all stay for the rest of the week to attend the guest night we held on April 1.

The guests that evening included The Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Mogg, Commander 1 British Corps, Major-General J. A. T. Sharp, G.O.C. 2 Division and Brigadier W. B. Thomas, Commander 12 Brigade. We detained Col. Jimmy in Osnabruck after the rigger so that we could dine him out that evening as it was his last visit to the Battalion as a serving "Duke" and as Brigade Colonel. We also dined out Sam Robertson and Bob Huffam.

The following day we had a buffet lunch which was attended by the Colonel and Lady Bray, Col. Jimmy and Dorothy Davidson and Celia, and to which some of our rigger friends were invited. We arranged this lunch as a prelude to a match against a touring side from Westminster Hospital.

Nothing of note happened in the Mess for the next month as the Battalion spent most of it either

at Sennelager, on Vorden Ranges or on Easter Leave.

On May 1, the Mess moved almost in its entirety to Denmark. Two three tonners conveyed silver, bar stock and other essentials. Our host Battalion 1st Danske Livregiments very kindly made a mess available for us to use, and several rooms for the more senior officers to live in. This must have been the first occasion since Kenya in 1961 when all officers lived together in the mess for a while. The hospitality we received was overwhelming throughout the two weeks visit to Denmark. It began with an enormous supper the evening we arrived and continued to a climax the evening before we left when we were all invited to a dinner and dancing in their mess. It would be invidious to single out individual Danish officers as so many entertained us privately in addition to the entertainment their mess showered upon us, but it is interesting to record that our senior liaison officer, Major Cleus Frost, is well known to many officers of the Green Howards.

For our part, we attempted to repay some of our hosts' hospitality by giving a curry lunch for the Danish officers and their ladies, and holding two guest nights, one for senior and one for junior officers. At the former, which was attended by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major Frost generously presented us with a fine decanter filled with *schnapps*.

Having chronicled the events of the period it falls to the writer to mention some of the personalities who have come and gone. Bob Huffam has left us, and the Army, to set up an antique business in Ireland; we wish him and Nancy all good fortune. Dick Mundell has gone to Signal Wing of the School of Infantry at Hythe to instruct would be "Prontos." Godfrey Bellamy is about to transfer to the R.A.E.C. and is in the process of casting off the cares of Families' Officer and P.R.I.; to him and Cathy we wish success. David and Maureen Dodd, too, are off and we shall miss them both but, since David is going to AG 2, some of our futures may rest in his hands, so this is not so much "good bye" as "*aufwiedersehen*." Sam and Vera Robertson have left for Malawi. Both played a major part in the life of the Battalion. Vera was a great supporter of all forms of regimental activity and never failed to attend rifle meetings and rigger matches. In Germany she was a leading light in the Thrift Shop, Wives Club and Ladies' Small Bore Club. In the latter she was also no mean performer. Sam has served under every commanding officer since 1949 and has only been away from regimental duty once, that being in 1954-55 when he was an instructor at Eaton Hall O.C.S. His greatest achievements have been at shooting. He has represented the Army on more than one occasion and has attended Bisley practically every year since 1956, reaching the Army 100 frequently. In 1958 he won the Army Sub Machine Gun Championship at Bisley. He has boxed for the Army Officers Boxing Association, and represented the Battalion in modern pentathlon as well as being a regular member of the rigger XV as a wing forward in the early

1950s. His knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, shooting have left their mark on the Battalion for some years to come. Sam and Vera will be missed in the Mess and in the Battalion each by different people for a variety of reasons, but we hope to see them both before long and wish them all good fortune in Malawi.

Our losses have been offset by several recent arrivals. Charles and Mary Huxtable have returned; they were only a few miles away before, at 2 Div. H.Q. at Lubbecke, but it is good to have them with us again. Nick and Chris Naughton have returned from Shrivenham, Chuck and Monica Ivey from the wilds of Kenya, Duncan Lupton from the Ministry of Defence (once the War Office), his wife Hilda will be joining him later, and Hugh Cartwright from Strensall. We welcome David Strong (not to be confused with Ian Strong, the Padre) who is the first Royal Signals officer to be permanently attached to the Battalion as assistant signals officer.

We also welcome an addition to the Pettigrew family, a son, born on March 29, and congratulate the parents, Peter and Anne. Congratulations also go to John and Carmel Power on their recent marriage on May 18, at Richmond, Yorks.

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

We are pleased to report that the Mess darts team were successful for the second successive year in winning the Osnabruck Garrison Sergeants' Mess League; our congratulations to the team on their fine achievement. A word of thanks also to the supporters, especially the ladies who, throughout the twenty weeks the season lasts, gave the team very good support. On April 9, all Sergeants' Messes in the Garrison gathered in the Schloss Garten for the presentation of prizes; some forty members and their ladies attended from our mess and saw the team captain receive, on behalf of the Mess, a silver cup and each player a plaque and porcelain mug all suitably inscribed. Then followed wining, dancing and an excellent buffet organised by A/S.M. Wells of 12 Inf Workshops. The following members represented the Mess throughout the season, Sgt. Burton (ACC) Team Captain, who received an additional prize for the highest score (180), W.O.2s Fenn, Wilson, McManus, S/Sgts. Spring, Derbyshire, Delaney, Sgts. Collins, Jackson, Clarke, Blacow and not forgetting W.O.1 (BM) Wood, a good two points BM.

The Paardeberg Ball was the main social event in the quarter. This was held a little later than is usual due to the many commitments in BAOR. The ball was held in the Schloss Garten and there was an attendance of some 250; it was rather unfortunate that some of our officers could not attend due to rugby commitments in UK. The ball was very well organised by W.O.2 Chilvers and S/Sgt. Pratt with S/Sgt. Fee, Sgt. Bales and F.J.T. keeping the bars running smoothly. S.Q.M.S. Quick and his messing staff once again excelled with the buffet; to all who helped to make the ball the success that it was—"Thank you, well done."

Denmark was the next important item on the

agenda and, although the main activities are fully covered elsewhere in the magazine, we feel we cannot let the opportunity go by without thanking our hosts the 1st Danish Life Regiment for the most wonderful hospitality they showed us. At a combined social and dinner the Danes provided an excellent curried dinner and later in the evening the famous Danish *Smorrebot* (open sandwiches), we supplied the drinks and during the course of the evening Regimental plaques were exchanged. The R.S.M., who received the plaque on behalf of the mess, thanked the Danish Life Regiment and said he hoped it would not be too long before we could get together again. And so say all of us. One final word on Denmark, Copenhagen and all that, who is Ernie and Bernie? Answers to Sgt. Butterfield please.

Recent departures are Sgt. F. J. Towey to civvy street on completion of 22 years. Sgt. Alexander to student bandmaster course, Kneller Hall, Sgt. Wakefield to PSI WR Bn, Sgt. Carter to Recruiting, Sgt. Buik REME to Arborfield, and W.O.2 Battyte to Amsterdam (Whitsun only, visiting museums).

Our congratulations to the following on their promotions: Sgt. Delaney and Sgt. Fee to staff-sergeant, Cpls. Wilkinson, Spearman and Lofthouse to sergeant.

CORPORALS' MESS

Once again we are in the middle of the training season and for the next few months most of our time will be spent away from Quebec Barracks.

The highlight since our last notes has been our 16-day exercise in Denmark. This was the hardest 16 days most of us have experienced since we joined the Army. We did the odd exercise against the Danish Army where we were able to catch up on our sleep and Major Hardy, our 2IC, thought morning runs at 0615 was a good idea; thank God it was for two mornings only; however, it did help to move the odd hangover.

The Danish people are very friendly and some of the kindest people we have met. We were able to visit their homes for a meal and meet their families. The hospitality at times became rather overpowering to say the least. Fish would seem to be their main diet and shrimps considered table delicacies. Herring prepared by the Danes and served on brown bread, after a half-a-dozen *schnapps* between each portion, tastes like fresh salmon, and a drink of water next day, mixing with the *schnapps* from the night before, immediately puts you back into square one.

A programme of visits to interesting places was carried out. The two most interesting we found were to Tuborg and Carlsberg breweries. Some bright spark found that it was possible to bottle six bottles of beer per second; that's quicker than even Cpl. Smith can drink them; although he tried hard, the machine eventually beat the man. These trips were very well organised, most interesting and a great deal of trouble was taken by the Danish liaison officers to make our visits a success. This may be the time to record our thanks to these LOs for all the trouble they took upon themselves to make our trip to Denmark a happy one. It is not

in the interest of the Corporals' Mess to write any more on this subject; far too many of our wives read the "Iron Duke." We are certain that most of our members returned with tales of hardship and discomfort and it would not be conducive to the harmony of the Mess in general and many of our members in particular if more is written. The final words must be "It was really rugged."

We have not had time to have many social functions. The Darts team won the Garrison League and we now hold the trophy. We also won the privilege of running the competition next season so this will mean some additional work for our darts players and a few headaches for the R.S.M. We are awaiting a return games night with the Sergeants' Mess (if the PMC reads the Corporals' notes this may remind him), not that we fancy our chances but we did beat them last time we met.

Promotion has slowed down; no longer is it possible to be presented with an AFV 432 and a stripe or two to go with it. However we would like to congratulate Cpls. Wilkinson, Lofthouse and Spearman on promotion to sergeant; it seems that platoons are easier to come by these days. Cpl. Merrin now has pay for his second stripe (we hope he has told his wife) also Cpl. Wardle. Our new members are L/Cpls. Bower, Rochester, Hole, Dare and Ineson, not to be forgotten Cfmn. Abbott (REME); we wish them all luck and remind them that our oldest members are Cpls. Waite and Johnson who will be able to advise them how they have been able to avoid a number of R.S.M.s over the last ten years and survive in the Corporals' Mess.

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Battalion Personality

L/Cpl. K. Hinde

L/Cpl. Hinde first joined the Army as a National Serviceman in 1951, and became a member of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He served in Korea with the Battalion and, besides taking part in several patrols, was present at the action of the Hook.

When the Battalion came out of Korea in 1953, he returned to civilian life, but did not forget the Army altogether, being an active member of the Dukes TA from 1953-56.

In 1961 he rejoined at York, and returned to the Battalion in Colchester, just after Kenya. As a member of "B" Coy he went to British Honduras in 1962, where he was promoted to his present rank. His job there was Company Storeman and has been ever since.

In 1964 L/Cpl. Hinde came out to BAOR with the Battalion, and has been here ever since. His job is unglamorous compared with many others, but vital for the well-being of the company and his hard work is an object lesson to all.



SPORT

RUGBY

Although the Army Cup Final win has been the highlight of the season, the month of April proved to be fairly busy. No less than eight "Dukes" represented BAOR in their matches this year and played no small part in one of the most successful seasons the BAOR XV have had for a number of years. The players were—Capt. I. P. Reid, Lts. Pettigrew, Newell, Walker, Edwards, Westcob, Redwood-Davies, and Sgt. Hemmings. L/Cpl. Robinson was a reserve for the last match.

The 2 Div and BAOR Seven-a-Side competitions took place on April 27 and 30, and for the third year in succession the "Dukes" emerged winners of both. The 2 Div Sevens was the eliminator for the BAOR Sevens, and two sides had been entered

from the Regiment. The "B" Side won through the first round but because of silly mistakes lost narrowly in the second. The "A" Side won comfortably, rarely being extended, and scoring 100 points in the process. The experiment of playing Lt. Edwards at forward was a success and the whole side played a brand of "Sevens" which none could compete with.

The BAOR Competition, three days later, nearly had us all in the depths of despair. After an easy 1st round against 1 Div and Sig Regt, we came up against 7 Sig Regt, who were out to avenge last year's defeat. Bad mistakes, a rattled "Dukes" Seven and some doubtful Signals tackling nearly had us out for the count, but we managed to scrape through narrowly by 10—8.



The Sevens Team.

Standing: L/Cpl. Ponijiasi, Lts. Edwards, Walker and Westcob.

Kneeling: Lt. Newell, Capt. Reid and Lt. Pettigrew

The semi-final against 34 Survey Coy RE saw the "Dukes" regain their poise and we won comfortably by 18-0. This brought us to the final against our old friends 2 RTR. Everything seemed perfect for a repeat battle of the BAOR Cup Final, but it was not to be; after an initial reverse of a goal the "Dukes" played their best "Sevens" of the two days and with bewildering ease reached the total of 23 points. 2 RTR to their credit never gave up, but they were outgunned. Besides this they suffered the loss of a player late in the second half, and were never able to catch up.

The third triumph in succession was solely due to the entire seven grasping the fundamental principle of Seven-a-Sides, the importance of possession. Without this aim any side will lose, no matter how many stars they have, and it would seem that for three years we have kept this aim in mind, and have reaped the benefit.

Team: Lt. Walker, Lt. Pettigrew, Capt. Reid, Lt. Newell, L/Cpl. Ponijiasi, Lt. Westcob, Lt. Edwards.

LADIES SHOOTING CLUB

The resolution we made at the 1965 Osnabruck Ladies Small Bore Shooting Competition, to bring back the Shield in 1966, miraculously came true when our first team triumphantly carried it off on March 16, and the second team did very well by coming 5th. We had a very nice if somewhat tense evening and were grateful to the Colonel and Mrs. Isles and our menfolk who did noble work calming the butterflies we were all suffering from.

A fortnight later we celebrated our win by having a husband and wife shooting match, this was won by the Fenn Combination with the Wathams getting the booby prizes of a rolling pin (suitably inscribed) for her and a bow and arrow for him to try his luck with! Afterwards we all went down to the Wooden Spoon Restaurant in Osnabruck for a chicken and chips dinner. It was a very happy evening, with everyone in great form, but there was a sad note as we had to say

goodbye to Major and Mrs. Robertson. We shall miss their faithful support very much, but wish them lots of luck in Malawi.

We managed to fit in a match against the Sergeants Mess on May 23, between all the exercises. Their team consisted of S.M. Todd, S.S. Mullins, Sgt. Wappett, and Sgt. Bailes, and they managed to beat us (though not too ignominiously) by six points!

Scores in Garrison Competition

1st Team: Mrs. Cumberlege, 89; Mrs. Cloughton, 90; Mrs. Fenn, 87; Mrs. Robertson, 92.

2nd Team: Mrs. Wappett, 89; Mrs. Blenkinsop, 78; Mrs. Robins, 83; Mrs. Watham, 83.



Major Robertson (team coach) bringing the girls to order. *Left to right: Background, Mrs. Cloughton, Mrs. Wappett, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Cumberlege; Foreground, Mrs. Robertson*

1st BATTALION COMPANY NOTES

ALMA COMPANY

The last ten days of March found "The Alma" along with the rest of the battalion at Sennelager for Allied Training. Here we had a good opportunity of comparing the American 113 with our own 432. As the training proceeded it also became a battle of wits and professional pride between our attached American track and tank commanders. The infantry track commander probably won but we never ceased to be amazed at the recovery backing and armoured replacement system of the tank commander. The officers and sergeants also had the opportunity of trying their hand at aerial map reading from one of the two American helicopters.

At the beginning of April we said farewell to Major Hardy who has been appointed 2IC. We hope that the well-known cry of "that is not acceptable" will be pointed in directions other than his old company. We wish him very good luck. Capt. Cumberlege has now taken over command of the company.

Before moving down to Sennelager for three weeks field firing the company reformed into three platoons once more. At Sennelager we were joined in camp by the Assault Pioneers, and thirteen members of the Hallamshires on their annual camp. After the company test exercise we hear of L/Cpl. Basu explaining to the C.S.M. the science of Slidex and wireless security!

Back from Sennelager at the end of April and off to Denmark on May 1. This brings to mind a remark overheard in one of our families left behind in Osnabruck. Mother: "Daddy is coming back from exercise on Thursday." Son: "Oh, is he away?" The visit to Denmark was enjoyed by everyone. The Danish Life Regiment and particularly the 1st Company to whom we were affiliated were most hospitable. We trained with them, visited their castles and homes. However, it was

the tours round Carlsberg and Tuborg that will be remembered most of all in years to come.

1 Platoon

1 Platoon came into being after Star Turn, this making the Alma the first company with three rifle platoons.

Almost the first exercise for the platoon was a trip to Amsterdam for five of the men which ended with them walking all the way back on Easter Monday.

The beginning of May found the platoon encamped in Denmark where we took part in our first exercise as a platoon, resulting in the capture of the platoon commander, and a heroic action by Pte. Douglas when saving the company signal instructions from the enemy's eyes.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Sgt. Cooper who goes to Burma Company and our congratulations go to Sgt. Spearman on his promotion and subsequent posting to Corunna Company. Welcome to Sgt. Hudson and Cpl. Stansfield.

2 Platoon

The re-organised platoon said goodbye to Cpl. (now Sgt., congratulations) Spearman and went up to Denmark with the Battalion. The platoon was never so keen to visit a museum. On enquiry it was found that they had been preceded into Frederiksborg museum by a party of 200 girls from a nearby college. Smith 27 acted as guide. Everybody stayed in a Danish home on All Saints Day.

Congratulations to Pte. Thompson who became the father of a son in May, and to Pte. Sholanke for convincing the Duty Officer that he was a Somali merchant sailor when he was caught returning from Copenhagen after hours.

Ptes. Broadbent, Soulsby, and Thompson are



Tuborg 1966 — Inside and Out

Joint Training

in Sennelager and Denmark



1 One big gun under another!—C.S.M. Todd

2 RECCE on watch—Lt. Bell, Pte. Beevers and Cpl. Garth

3 "Watch it Limey"—L/CWren

4 Pte. Everard and L/Cpl. Ineson—Getting to know you

5 Lt.-Col. Isles and Major Robertson

6 BURMA COY hit another village—C.S.M. Sargent and L/Cpl. Williams





Frederiksborg Castle Museum. Ptes. Rock, Cawley, Smith 27 and S. Holanke

now excellent caddies after helping the platoon commander run clock golf at the Garrison Open Day during British Week. Altogether the platoon is in good fettle for the training (and leave) which is now ahead of them.

3 Platoon

We now think ourselves quite proficient in 3 Platoon and Ptes. Hayes, Cawley and Simmons skid effortlessly round corners at high speed and surmount the most difficult obstacles—most of the time! Meanwhile a harassed platoon commander tries to talk to his company commander on the radio, his driver on the intercom and Cpl. Stansfield in the back, leaving the niceties of high speed navigation to Cpl. Lowney and L/Cpl. Robinson who often can be seen travelling at top speed in the opposite direction, grimly clutching map, rifle and respirator.

Pte. Uttley has left for what he thinks is a better time in Vigilant, Pte. Mathews has broken his arm playing volleyball, Pte. Sullivan is seen fiddling with with the radios in Platoon Headquarter's "track"—all to no avail. At Sennelager Pte. McQuade, after missing his tank, threw away his 84mm and has now adopted the 2-in. Mortar which he fires with deadly accuracy. Pte. Cawley is leaving for civilian life—or so he tells us. Pte. Williams and Pte. Larnder are learning to shoot even straighter before going to Bisley.

After Denmark life seems comparatively quiet and everybody is looking forward to some adventure training in Bavaria.

Support Platoon

The fortnight's field training at Sennelager provided us with the opportunity of demonstrating to the battalion that they can call on us for help! The Mortars have at last received the much talked about 81mm and are now hurriedly converting to the extent of only managing one brewery trip during the two weeks in Denmark. This is the last

time that the Support Platoon will function with the Alma as the mortars and anti-tank sections are concentrating in the other two companies, and only the "twiddly thumbs" (Vigilant) remain.

Lastly we must not forget our Recovery Section from the LAD. We say goodbye to Sgt. Buick and welcome to S.M. Rose. To date "Track 18" has had little professional work to do in the field. However we are a little concerned that, when the time comes, we may find him astray from his station at the end of the column. The last communication with him was the reply to Sunray's request for his location: "1 . . . 8 . . . the . . . map . . . I . . . have . . . got . . . is . . . very . . . old . . ." (he then faded into silence).

BURMA COMPANY

Since our last notes Burma Coy like everyone else has had scarcely any time to breathe. Why? Well look at the list of events over the last couple of months. First of all Allied Training at Sennelager, a brief interlude, and then we returned to Sennelager for Coy Training for a fortnight. Four days later we were off to Denmark, and now we are back in Osnabruck preparing for British Week, and then more Coy Training at Soltau.

It has been one of the most interesting periods since the Battalion arrived in BAOR. The Allied Training was very instructive, working alongside our friends and seeing how each differed in method but arrived at the same answer to various problems. Heavy snow, a disruptive factor during the final exercise, only proved how well everyone fitted in together.

Sennelager—where have we heard that before? The fortnight's Coy Training was an ideal opportunity for us to "shake out," and the company got through the varied tasks finishing up with the CO's Test Exercise in which Burma did pretty well.

Four days later after hectic preparations the



Cpl. Hughes instructing on the 81 mm to Burma Company Mortars, Sennelager

Company entrained with the rest of the Battalion for Denmark. This fortnight has proved to be the highlights of the year so far. Burma managed to get on to all the good trips like Tuborg and Carlsberg breweries, Hillerod Castle, and of course Copenhagen itself. Oh yes, there was an exercise which gave us some time to recover, but just when Burma and Corunna were going to push the Danes into the sea, they stopped the exercise. Probably just as well!

The main memories of Denmark however will undoubtedly be Tivoli, Baachen, where no "Vehicles" go, and those incredible blondes. By the way who said something about a place called Neuhausen?

Now we are back to earth again with British Week and Soltau on the agenda. The Coy Commander and CSM are happy at their desks once

more. The CQMS is worrying everybody by continually counting sheep, and looking very serious indeed, and Pte. Tolson has decided to take the pledge.

Capt. Ivey has arrived to take over 2IC of the Company, and managed to cash in on the Denmark trip. His record is fairly unusual as he has served with Burma all the time since he first joined the Battalion. The wheel has indeed turned a full circle.

Finally congratulations to Lt. Power on his recent marriage and Pte. Cunningham for the same reason. Also Pte. Burke 76 on his recent addition in the family of a daughter.

CORUNNA COMPANY

Corunna Company came out of winter quarters on March 20 to take part in an allied exercise at Sennelager. Since then we have called in briefly at Quebec Barracks once or twice to replenish with canteen stores and stamps before setting off to another part of Northern Europe.

For the allied exercise at Sennelager we were mounted in United States M113's instead of our APC's. The 113's were driven by their United States drivers—somewhat to the consternation and discomfort of the passengers, most drivers seemed to be in training for the Indianapolis 500. For the final exercise of the week Corunna Company, with great originality, spent the first part of the exercise in reserve and it wasn't until it was snowing really hard that the Company took over the lead. We did a small company attack across a stream on foot, which unfortunately involved a brush with the French Reconnaissance forces who were supposed to be on the same side. We then waited for the APC's to come up over a bridge which was to be put down by a tank. Unfortunately the tank ran out of fuel (diesel—or was it petrol?) 600 yards short of the stream. The vehicle bringing fuel for the tank itself ran out of fuel (petrol or was it diesel?) everyone tried to discover which fuel



Father and Son. Cpl. J. W. A. Bowen (right) seen on training with, among others, Pte. J. A. Bowen who has followed his father into the Regiment

was required for which vehicle—this appeared to be very difficult. We spent the night in a very cold leaguer and the exercise culminated the following morning with a Battalion group attack. The exercise gave us plenty of opportunity to think about the handling and use of APC's and got the Company off to a good start for the year. Equally important, we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know some of our allies and made many friends among them.

We had only been home from Sennelager for two weeks before we were back again for field firing. On this occasion we were joined by a number of Territorial soldiers from the Leeds Rifles, some cadets and Capt. John Howarth from the West Riding ACF, and the Signal Platoon. One of the main features of Sennelager was the weather which was bitterly cold at times. However, everyone kept surprisingly cheerful in spite of the mud and snow and we did a great deal of useful training finishing up with a test exercise for the Company in which it was discovered that some people's map reading was not quite as good as they thought it was. We happily had no accidents although one member of the Signal Platoon did his best when he thought that he should count four after releasing the lever on the grenade. Sgt. Gay is getting a lot greyer. The cadets and the TA entered into the training fully and we thoroughly enjoyed having them with us even if there is one member of the Leeds Rifles whose name will be forever engraved on the heart of the CSM!

Another noteworthy aspect of Sennelager was the CSM's campaign to collect empty cases. The "norm" set was that no man could get his lunch on the range before he had collected the same number of empty cases as he had fired rounds during the morning plus one. A similar procedure was followed in the afternoon. The net result—the Company walked around with heads bowed as if in meditation.

Our third expedition of the year was to Denmark an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue. Suffice it to say that everyone enjoyed themselves, exercising with and against the Danish Life Regiment, visiting castles, breweries, the Tivoli and spending money in one of the main shopping streets in Copenhagen known as the "Valking Street vere no vehicles go." The weather, generally speaking, and the population, invariably, were kind and most hospitable. The only disadvantage was the price of beer as one segeant in the Company can bear witness having paid 24 KR, approx 24/-, for three pints of Whitbread.

Capt. Dodd has now left the company and departed for Stanmore. A "visitor" to the Battalion he has done us very well in Corunna and we all wish him and his family the best of luck in the future. His place has been taken by Major Huxtable with Capt. Summers as 2IC of the Company. Lt. Cartwright and Sgt. Hartley have joined as the new management of 10 Platoon. We congratulate Cpl. Wardle and L/Cpls. Shadbolt, Dare, and Ineson on their promotions, and Cpl. Dooley and Pte. Mercer on the birth of their sons

and Cpl. Reeve on the birth of his daughter. Our final congratulatory message is to Cpl. Lamont on his marriage. We hope that he and Mrs. Lamont will enjoy themselves in Osnabruck. We have been sorry to say goodbye to Sgt. Wilson on posting to the Depot, and to Sgt. Towey on completion of 22 years service. Sgt. Towey hopes to resume his service in the Territorial Army; we wish him the best of luck in the future and thank him for his loyal service to the Company.

HOOK COMPANY

The highlights of this quarter are about as easy to select as the priorities within BAOR where everything is a priority with often two or more priorities going on at the same time. And so it has been with the company's activities. March saw a large deployment for an Allied Training Exercise at Sennelager, April was Sennelager again for Field Firing, and in May was Battalion Training in Denmark. Meanwhile the Band, well supported by the Drums, got a "Very Good" on their Kneller Hall Inspection and British Week in Osnabruck got under way. Subsidiary activities such as 432 cadres, education, and classification, not to mention rugby, got squeezed in somehow.

Messrs Newell, Pettigrew and Walker and L/Cpl. Ponijasi were 4/7th of the side which won the BAOR seven-a-side Rugby Cup for the third time in succession. Now they are switching to cricket and athletics. There seems to be a certain rivalry with the skiing/sailing fraternity as to who can legitimately spend the greater time out of barracks! Mr. Long (MTO/Technical QM/Messing Officer) is thinking of taking up a sport, if he gets time.

Before leaving Major Robertson captained our .22 Shooting Team to win the Inter Company Competition, and those who suffered ten days rain at Sennelager soon knew the difference between being in the Army and in the A.A. However the weather has been kinder for the Bisley Team, who have had some lovely May days on the Range training under W.O.2 Fenn.

In Company HQ W.O.2 Wilson has been acting CSM. He has managed in spite of "C.Q.M.W.O." McManus getting his ACE 1st, Cpl. Craig becoming BI Clerk, and Pte. Segal (Arms Storeman) getting married. The Storemen, Ptes. Strike and McGee, have been out on alternate exercises, while Pte. Clarke 66, the other Arms Storeman, has taken up canoeing. What with Pte. Clarke 25 (Runner) going to Brigade HQ Officers Mess, and Sgt. Stanworth (Orderly Sergeant) becoming Sgts Mess Caterer, he's lucky not having a second clerk who might otherwise have moved or something.

Never mind, next quarter will see us all even busier and fitter. The Assault Course, so recently re-annexed from being the Cara-Home site, has been rebuilt by the Assault Pioneers under S.S.I. Beaty. Everyone, twice a week, will be doing the course. Some of the over 35's are wishing Major Hardy wasn't quite so fit.

Recce Platoon

People are forever disappearing and then re-appearing, having been on some course. All the N.C.O.s and drivers went on 432 cadres and returned, I am pleased to say, with a "B" grading.



Recee Platoon worthies on board ship—Left to right: Cpls. Hollis, Garth, Lawrence and Kendrew

The platoon had quite a successful stay at Sennelager with Burma Coy. In the volley ball competition they had two teams in the final, and the "B" side beat the "A." They won the small bore shooting competition, but so far have failed to collect the prize.

The Battalion purchased, through the Nuffield Grant, five fibre glass single-seated canoes; when the covers were taken off, we found inside each canoe a small bottle of champagne. This was definitely the cue to have a proper launching which took place at Dummersee, but I am not sure whether the bottles were cracked against the side or not. Judging by the performances once the canoes had been launched I would venture to say not!

Heron, who joined the platoon in mid April, is spending his first month in Norway at the Outward Bound Centre. According to the news sent back, not from Heron, it was necessary to break the ice in the fjord. There will be some really long stories coming back this time.

We see very little of Maynard these days as he is busy practising for Bisley. His wife will soon be coming out to Germany to join him, and we all wish them the best of luck.

Denmark has been the highlight for the platoon during the past few months though not necessarily from the exercise point of view. On the first day there we met and were introduced to the Recce Platoon of the Danish Life Regiment, and from that day there was no looking back. They were exceedingly kind to us, taking us to their homes and introducing us to Copenhagen.

On one of the days prior to the main exercise the Danish Recce platoon made news that spread all over Denmark. During one of the contacts they let off a smoke bomb, and it is suspected that a spark from the bomb set fire to a house which had a thatched roof!! It quickly became a full scale fire, but the Danes had pulled out before they realised anything had happened. Cpl. Kendrew and L/Cpl. Woodcock, the first on the objective, were confronted with a blazing house. They quickly forgot all about the exercise and started taking out the furniture. They remained doing this almost up to

the time that the roof fell in. It was obviously a tragedy for the owner, but it might have been worse if members of the Recce Platoon had not been on the scene.

The main exercise against the Danes produced the normal amount of amusing stories. In the first phase of the exercise was "Stay-behind." Sections were allotted areas which could cover the whole of the Danish advance in depth. Unfortunately, as tends to happen on these occasions, people get captured. Cpl. Hollis and Pte. Hoyle had been placed in a wood observing the centre of the advance. The wood itself was about two hundred metres long and fifty metres wide, and within two hours of the exercise starting, information started coming back from them. They had put their Land-Rover in a hollow and then stretched the net over it so that it looked as if the ground was flat. Three M113s and two M41s (tanks for the uninitiated) stopped on the edge of the wood, and half an hour later the picture had built up to a company concentration with supporting armour. The Danes were only a matter of yards away. Finally, they moved off much to the relief of the section. Immediately afterwards three jeeps arrived with six men. They then started to erect a camp. One member of the group detached himself from the remainder to commune with nature. Unfortunately instead of picking a tree the used the Land-Rover! The game was up. How unlucky can one get? Fortunately they were returned in the next two hours and able to carry on. Not so, though, with one of the other sections, Cpl. Garth and L/Cpl. Hunter. They had been passing vital information back all day about the enemy build-up. At 2300 hrs. on the first night they were ordered to return to our side, a move that would take them about four hours on foot. They were told to check certain areas for the enemy. Information came back. They had established two company locations. Their last message came back giving their location as five hundred metres from their destination. That was the last we heard or saw of them until three hours after the exercise. They said they had been captured and locked up in a pigsty for twenty-four hours. We all wonder, knowing Denmark and the Danish hospitality!

Cpl. Kendrew and Pte. Toulmin caused a certain amount of amusement to the platoon and certain people of the Battalion Command net. They were given a task by the Colonel to set up an OP on an island in the middle of the fjord. The mission was to give early warning of an intended amphibious crossing by the Danes. That particular night the wind was blowing, it was cold and quite misty. When they had been there for some time a rather plaintive little voice came over the air—"Nothing to report, the mist is thick here, I cannot see anything." A rather gruff voice replied—"Well you ought to be able to, there is a whole Battalion passing you by on either side." All was quiet for a further twenty minutes and then the little voice came up again—"It is very misty here, I cannot see anything. Can I come home now?" They set off back and the last message we heard from the little voice was that their paddle had broken and they were stuck in the middle of the fjord.

Signal Platoon

There has been quite a bit of reorganisation within the Platoon. We have said "Goodbye" to Capt. Mundell and, although we are sorry to see him go, we are glad that he has not been lost to the signal world, and wish him all good fortune in his appointment as an instructor at Hythe. We welcome Lt. Strong, Royal Signals, who has joined us for two years as technical adviser and assistant to Lt. Moir, who has succeeded Capt. Mundell. We congratulate Sgt. Wilkinson on his promotion from corporal but fear he will have to work just as hard as before.

In the Allied Exercise which started the training

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season we had our first run out in the AFV 432. This proved to be an amusing episode, though it has played havoc with our voice procedure, especially among senior members of the Battalion. This exercise was followed by two weeks field-firing at Sennelager.

The Signal Platoon reverted to the role of rifle platoon for this period, when we joined Corunna Company. We repaid their hospitality by showing them, on a couple of occasions, that we can still perform the task of rifleman with aplomb, and at least as well as themselves. It gave us a pleasant break from our normal task, and was enjoyed by all.

The trip to Denmark proved to be a test of stamina more than anything else. The hospitality of the Danes was magnificent, and although there was a little muttering to be heard on our cultural visits, the visits to the breweries were much appreciated—the Platoon shows stamina in the field at any rate. We had a short exercise with the Danes, which because of umpiring difficulties moved a little too fast and concluded somewhat earlier than intended; but it did give us a break from the social round.

We are now looking forward to a full and busy training season, but are confident that our reputation will not be tarnished. We are daily gaining confidence in our new vehicles, and, after the slight disruption of the three "new brooms," are once more the closely knit family we have always been.

The Band

After our well earned rest, namely leave, the band once more has its nose to the grindstone.

The first engagement of importance on the list was at the British Embassy in Paris, where the dance band, after living on French bread and wine, were called forth to issue their melodious sounds.

On April 20, the Chief Inspector of Army Bands, Kneller Hall, came to give us our inspection. This is the most important inspection a military band can have, nothing is left unturned. Hard work was put in by everyone and the result was very good. As someone would say, "He loved us, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah."

Denmark was the next large appointment and everyone seemed to have a thoroughly good time. Living in tents is not the best way of keeping whites etc. clean but somehow we managed. Work in the way of engagements flowed in thick and fast as soon as we arrived. Marching round the Tivoli, recording in the radio studio, and numerous other jobs, we hardly had time to breathe. The Danish Life Regiment band and ourselves got together one afternoon for a social occasion on which we exchanged plaques. Then it was back to cleaning up again ready for the next concert. A most enjoyable time was had in Denmark and judging by the plans for holidays people are making, Cupid did his job well. We all hope that in the near future we will be able to fulfil more engagements in Copenhagen.

At the moment we are engrossed in British week and 2 Div massed bands, with rehearsals morning, noon and night, the final showing being on Saturday night, May 28.

Many engagements have been fulfilled since leave ended and many more are to come. In the near future we are making a return visit to Grobendonk in Belgium where we shall play for the Queen's Birthday parade. This will be our third visit since coming to Germany and the band are looking forward to seeing the old haunts again.

We have said farewell to B/Sgt. Alexander who has gone to Kneller Hall as a student bandmaster after passing his entrance examination successfully. We wish him well. A hearty welcome is extended to the Bandmaster's wife on her arrival to Germany, and congratulations to Bds. Garlic and his wife on the birth of their first child.

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THE WEST RIDING BATTALION T.A.

Sub-Editorial

AVR, HDF, AVR III, SAVR. These are the terms that have been discussed in messes and canteens of the West Riding Battalion for the past six months. Now the news is out and we know what the future holds for us. As we expected we are to raise a company of 5 and 110 with an AVR II commitment which is very similar to our TA one. This company will also include a proportion of SAVR with the same commitment as our present "Ever Readies."

In addition to the AVR II Company we are to provide a battalion of AVR III which, believe it or not, will be known as "Territorials." This battalion, which will have a smaller training commitment than at present, will deploy with Bn HQ and two companies in Huddersfield and one company in Halifax, which will also have the AVR II Company. We are, needless to say, delighted that after all the rumour and speculation of the past twelve months the West Riding Battalion will survive as a unit, keeping, we hope, its name to carry on the traditions of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Territorials in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

In spite of, or perhaps because of, the uncertainty that has been hanging over us we have tried to carry out normal training as usual. Two three-day weekends have been held at Leek WETC. Leek offers a good camp with a useful training area, but it also has weather. Our first weekend was cold and wet but training in fieldcraft, section and platoon battle drills was carried out together with a rehearsal for the St. George's Day Parade. The second weekend would have been ideal for arctic survival training but, unfortunately, this was not on our programme. However, companies had some useful practice in company administration.

All our practices for the St. George's Day parade were hampered by bad weather, but, in spite of this, all ranks behaved creditably on the day. An account of this parade and the prize giving which followed appears as a separate item in these notes.

Classification, this year was carried out at battalion level at Deer Hill where the sun shone for two whole weekends.

Recruiting, which has been something of a headache during our period of uncertainty, has now turned the corner and during the last two months we have enlisted about 30 new members of the Battalion.

Very shortly we shall be in camp at Tavistock and the TACs at the moment resound to the usual activity of packing for the move under the direction of very harrassed CQMSs. During camp all ranks will be asked to choose in which part of the re-organised unit they wish to serve and when we return to TACs we shall start to put the reorganisation into effect.

OFFICERS' MESS

Due to pressure of training at the weekends we still have not been able to resume the Sunday lunch-time drinks parties mentioned in the last notes. However, we are able to report two highly successful, though formal, mess affairs. In March we had the pleasure of entertaining our ladies to dinner in the mess at St. Paul's St., always a pleasant occasion. The mess staff also seem to enjoy this event as the silver always appears to have that little extra shine and the service that little extra smartness. A delightful touch to the occasion was the gift to each lady of a corsage by Col. Jimmy.

Under the direction of our late PMC, Henry Crowther, the mess has developed the reputation of being able to produce the most sumptuous buffet luncheons, and the new PMC, Pat Haws, is following in the master's footsteps quite successfully. The luncheon spread for the guests at the reception on St. George's Day was a pleasure to behold and to eat. The guests, which included the Earl of Scarbrough, the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax, Brigadier Tony Firth, and many others associated with the Regiment, all seemed highly delighted. Again we must mention the mess staff who, under the able guidance of Sgt. Bacon, were largely responsible for the success. The cooks, Sgt. Fitzgerald and Cpl. Hirst, also deserve a great deal of praise as the party was held in the mess at Halifax and every scrap of food had to be prepared in the kitchens at St Paul's St., Huddersfield, and transported across.

Col. Trevor Bentley and Col. Freddie Crossley were among the guests at the reception and both must have felt quite proud that the event should be held in the lovely mess in which they both must have spent so many happy hours.

By the time these notes go to press we shall have completed our Annual Camp and we shall be most disappointed if we cannot report that some of our Honorary Mess Members have been to see us.

SERGEANTS' MESS

These notes start on a "swinging note" with a report on our Sergeants' Mess Ball held on May 7. This year, at Huddersfield, with an attendance of approx. 250, saw the large hall transformed, the bar staffs flat out, the guests treated royally and a truly praiseworthy buffet ably prepared and arranged by Sgt. FitzGerald, Cpls. Hirst and Row and Pte. Barns—our own ACC staff. It was indeed an excellent function with an air of eagerness and activity that is an excellent sign that the spirit of the TA is in no way dimmed by the reports of re-organisation which may mean that our way of life may be slightly altered.

St. George's Day and we exercised the privilege and honour of marching through the streets of

Halifax with Colours flying, Band playing and bayonets fixed to attend Church Service at Halifax Parish Church. Then to the Drill Hall for the Prize Distribution. Congratulations to all those members of the mess who won prizes as listed elsewhere.

The usual "after celebrations" saw the ale flowing freely, eats being devoured and another successful and memorable day to add to our record. (Someone suggested the "Bowling Green"—but it wasn't "woods" that were needed?)

On the PSI "front" CSM Battye and Sgt. Broomhead have done a swap between Huddersfield and Mirfield. ("Bugs" now runs a gleaming "Gazelle".) Sgt. Wakefield, stepping into Sgt. Kelly's shoes, flies the flag at Skipton, whilst Con Sullivan and Minty Mountcastle, nearing "old

stagers," keep Mossley and Halifax to heel.

CSM Fred Harvey has now left us owing to his new civilian duties not offering the time to carry out his TA duties in the manner to which he has been accustomed. Our best wishes to him and Mrs. Harvey and their children for the future.

Annual Camp, this year at Plasterdown, Tavistock, Devon, June 11-25, is being eagerly awaited by all. In some mysterious way a new zest has appeared after all the disturbing news of late and we can see "Tavistock 1966" going on our list of "camp honours."

Three of our members, CSM Dillon, Sgts. Peckett and Nicol (Halifax) may be able to bring our well-wishes personally to the 1st Bn in July as they hope to take a trip to Germany for Reserve Army training in BAOR.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

Sunday, April 24, 1966

The St. George's Day Parade this year was held in Halifax on April 24. The Battalion had the honour of marching past the Earl of Scarborough who kindly presented his certificates and the other prizes at Prescott St. Drill Hall later in the morning.

After much rehearsal, and bad dreams of few soldiers being present, the day can be said to have been a great success. Plenty of soldiers turned up, the march past was of a high standard, prize giving went without a hitch, and a good time was had by all when the time came to relax.

The day began with the Battalion marching to Halifax Parish Church, where it was pleasant to see so many past and serving "Dukes." Special praise must go to the Colour Party who executed their task in the church in a most professional manner. The Colour Party consisted of Lt. Brown, Lt. Cook, W.O.2 Simpson and S/Sgts. Ewart and Howell.

Fortunately the skies decided to burst when the service was in progress so that, although not in perfect weather, the Battalion marched past in at least reasonably dry conditions.

The Battalion then formed up in Prescott St. Drill Hall where, after short speeches by the Earl of Scarborough and the Commanding Officer, the Earl presented prizes to the following members of the Battalion:

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Efficiency Medal (Territorial): Sgt. K. Hurst, and Sgt. W. L. FitzGerald (ACC).

T.A. Sports Award (Boxing): Pte. H. Housecroft.

Prize List

The Beaumont Gold Medal (Champion Shot in the Bn): W.O.2 J. Fitton, M.M.

The Hirst Rifle (Champion Young Soldier Shot in the Bn): Pte. K. Walker.

.22 Competition (Individual Prizes): Winner: R.Q.M.S. G. H. Machen, M.B.E. Runner-up: Sgt. J. Fossard.

Falling Plates: Best Pair: Capt. R. C. Curry and Sgt. J. Dodgson.

The Moncrieff Trophy (Best Coy Transport): Winner: HQ Coy.

The Company Competition

The Naylor Trophy: Classification shooting on the annual range course. Winners: D Coy.

The Sykes Rose Bowl: .22 Shooting. Winners: HQ Coy. Team: R.Q.M.S. G. H. Machen, M.B.E., S/Sgt. W. Parkes, Sgt. J. Fossard, Sgt. P. Berry, L/Cpl. D. Williams, Drm. G. E. Hallam.

The Clough Cup: Best yearly attendance at camp: Winners: "A" Coy.

The Sugden Cup: Best recruiting figures: Winners: HQ Coy.

The Nutter Cup: Best administered coy. Winners: "A" Coy.

The Hirst Rose Bowl: Best coy on evening training: Winners: "A" Coy.

The Davis Challenge Cup: Winning coy at Bn Rifle Meeting. Winners: "C" Coy.

The Bairstow Cup: Inter-Coy Drill Competition at Annual Camp, 1965. Winners: HQ Coy.

The Champion Coy Trophy

The Mellow Shield and Champion Coy Board: Winners: "A" Coy.

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

"A" COMPANY

The most important event of the last three months in Halifax has been the parade on April 24. A full account of this appears elsewhere. It remains only to say that it was the culmination of a lot of hard work and enthusiasm on the part of everyone at Halifax and particular tribute must be paid to the members of the Company who worked behind the scenes on the actual day.

At the Annual Prize Giving, the Company were presented with prizes for the Champion Company, the Best Attendance at Camp, Best Administration, and also the Best Company at Evening Training. Although Major Knowles received the actual prizes, the main credit should go to his predecessor as Company Commander, Major Haws, who handed over command on February 1. It is due to his enthusiasm and hard work that the Company has retained the Champion Company trophy.

News has just been released that Halifax Drill Hall is to be retained as the company headquarters of "C" Company of the Yorkshire Volunteer Battalion under the new re-organisation, and it is also to have a Company of the new T. & A.V.R. III. This is a great improvement on the first unofficial reports and rumours which have been circulating, and it will be a great stimulus to recruiting. In the last fortnight, there has been a welcome influx of young men coming into the Drill Hall asking for information, and we are hoping to have at least fourteen new recruits at camp, none of whom has any form of previous military experience or training. At the same time we are losing at least two members to the Regular Army, and thus we are fulfilling one of our most important and least publicised roles.

Attendance at camp should be at a fairly high level although we may be short of officers because we go during the middle of school terms and so our schoolmasters are unable to attend. In addition we shall be sending about ten "Every-Ready" members of the Company to Germany with the 1st Battalion in lieu of camp, and we anticipate that our collection of beer steins and other trophies will be increased.

This last quarter has not been distinguished for any other major happening which has merited commendation or disapproval. This state of affairs cannot continue. We are bound to distinguish ourselves somehow very soon.

"B" COMPANY

Mirfield Drill Hall is to be closed! Members of the Company are still digesting the implications of this stark statement. The re-organisation of the T.A. and Camp in June are the two foremost thoughts in the minds of "B" Company at this moment.

Even this news, however, could not dampen everyone's elation when it was learned that W.O.2 Batty had temporarily put his hobby of fishing on

one side to succeed in getting his driving licence. His car can now often be seen usurping the Company Commander's parking space and casting its large shadow over its neighbours.

Only a few weeks ago a Rover 2000 was involved in an accident and burst into flames. C.S.Ms. Bycroft and Batty, together with Ptes. Barratt and Barraclough, who were passing at the time, broke into the car and got the driver out. Using the seating of a Land-Rover as a stretcher they made the badly injured civilian comfortable until the ambulance arrived. As C.S.M. Bycroft said afterwards: "Thank God for the Civil Defence Course at Millom—we knew exactly what to do".

News Flashes

Sgt. Peter Lindsey (ex Vigilant Pln. "A" Coy 1st Bn.) has enlisted in this Company and wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

Major B. Farrow plans to marry in the "Fall" (a most appropriate name for the season, don't you think?).

Pte. H. Housecroft was presented with his Boxing Trophy by the Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire West Riding on St. George's Day at Halifax.

The newest recruit now addresses his father as "Sir" and so would you too if W.O.2 Bycroft was your Company Sergeant-Major and you were his son.

Pte. Sharpe, W. (Bn Butcher), has been promoted Lance-Corporal but he still will not leave "B" Coy.

"C" COMPANY

The recent quarter has brought about another change in senior personnel. Sergeant Major Harvey, after 30 years' service in the Regular Army and the TA, had to tender his resignation due to a change in civilian employment. Such service is very creditable and, in thanking him for his loyal help, we all wish both him and Mrs. Harvey well for the future. His tankard was presented to him full (other companies please note).

There was a good turnout by the Coy. for the Lord Lieutenant's Parade in Halifax. A coach party of families came down to watch both the parade and prizegiving, and justice was done to a good spread laid on by the Q.M. Afterwards, Sgt. Kelly was presented with a tankard and an alarm clock (1st Bn. please note). He has proved a likeable P.S.I. and has brought in several recruits in his time.

Welcome to Sgt. Wakefield, who must be a Yorkshireman, and who has quickly got his feet under the P.S.I. desk. A change is as good as a rest, but we doubt much rest from this one.

In order to put the Coy. on a more realistic footing, new platoons have been formed at Skipton and Keighley. The N.C.Os. are being encouraged to bring in recruits for their own sections and to maintain interest and attendance. The company

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competitions are being reorganised on an inter-section basis in order to provide a better element of competition. An immediate result was better attendances at classification. The two shooting weekends at Deer Hill must go down in history in respect of the heatwave conditions. The scores, however, were not so hot.

We congratulate Lt. Brown on the award of his T.D. and Sgt. Hurst for his Long Service Medal. These awards are richly deserved by those who suffer the vicissitudes of the T.A. and its controlling powers for such a lengthy period. However, they have enjoyed their work and we hope this will be an encouragement to younger members.

Camp is now upon us once more. Being early in the year, there will be plenty of training time afterwards for shooting and all the other sundry summer activities. We hope to make our usual trip to the Blackpool T.A.C. in order to train in another country. However, these are but ideas and the actual reports will no doubt make more interesting reading in the next THE IRON DUKE.

A word now about the O.C.A. In Keighley we are pleased to report a revival following efforts made by Mr. Smith, the new secretary. Most of the T.A. soldiers are members and this helps to keep the group alive. The meeting is now held in the Keighley canteen on the second Thursday of the month. We are doing all we can to encourage the O.C.A. in the area and maintain the links. It is a pity that this year's camp is so far away as they had it in mind to visit us. Perhaps the chance will come next year. In return for this interest we hope that older members of the O.C.A. will encourage their sons (and grandsons) to join the T.A.

Well, this year we go to camp with at least one new 2/Lt., a new C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S., and a new Company Commander. Oh, of course, and a new P.S.I.

"D" COMPANY

Since the last notes much has taken place, and one has difficulty in deciding what takes priority. However, a particular mention must be made of L/Cpl. D. Smith and Pte. J. English on their fine efforts in the seven-a-side Rugby team. After a hard day's work they were over the hill to do their training with gusto.

Next, the contingent who represented the company on the St. George's Day Parade in Halifax. The cold weekends in mid Arctic—sorry I mean Leek—were really worth it, even though hard words were said. The break from the rehearsals when small teams braved the blizzards, proved interesting, although the poor C.Q.M.S. forgot to clean the snow off his goggles. Where does that man get his energy?

Then the Brigade Signals exercise; that was really a weekend. One company was commanded by Capt. Curry and the other by our new commander, Major H. Crowther, who, before I forget, has recently been promoted. But, who gave "Radio Silence" at a quarter to ten in the evening? It was rumoured that the Cooper v Clay fight was on at ten.

In the past couple of months we have recruited three more for the Regular Army. Cpl. E. Smith

and Cpl. J. Chadderton have both joined The Duke's at the Bde. Depot, Strensall, and Pte. Harvey was only with us for a few weeks before joining the Royal Artillery. We offer our very best wishes to them wherever they serve.

This company played host to members of "A" and "C" Companies when the annual classification took place at Deer Hill. At least some like to see how we exist in the outback.

A final note must be made of the marriage which took place on Saturday, April 2, between Margaret, eldest daughter of W.O.2 and Mrs. Sullivan, and Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. McLean. Andy is a serving member of this company. Among the many guests were W.O.2 and Mrs. Arundel from Strensall. Cpl. E. Smith performed his last duty with this company before joining the Yorkshire Brigade by being best man. We wish them many years of happiness together, and we can finish by saying that the "Dukes" have tied another matrimonial knot.

"H.Q." COMPANY

After going through and surviving a very quiet period, the company has found new life over the last few weeks, for we welcome twelve new recruits and many "old" faces who have been missing on parades far too long. In fact, recruiting has been so hectic that the cooks are now adept at filling in the numerous attestation forms etc. and on the peak night the Coy. Commander's office had been taken over for form filling.

The company was represented on the two Battalion weekends at Leek when much time was taken up with rehearsals for the St. George's Day parade; but none of the time was wasted, for on the actual day the Battalion produced a first-class parade with the Band and Drums maintaining their usual high standard in spite of the fact that they nearly gave the Adjutant a serious breakdown prior to the day. At the Prize Giving after the parade the company was well represented, so much so, that any innocent bystander would have been excused for thinking that there is only one company in the Battalion! Congratulations to all those members of the Company who won prizes as individuals or team members. A word of praise to the M.T. platoon whose work enabled us to win the Moncrieff Trophy for the best coy. transport. Probably the cup that gives W.O.2 Fitton the most satisfaction is that awarded for winning the Drill Competition at camp. Last, but by no means least, we won the Sugden Cup for the best recruiting figures. Some of these successes enabled the Company to come second in the company competition—a truly great achievement and we are all out for a win next year.

Range classification is now behind us and thanks to some most unusual weather for Deer Hill Ranges most of the company have fired for their bounty in glorious weather.

On Sunday, May 1, the Bn. was represented by two teams in the Bde. Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition. Major Webster, S/Sgt. Collier and Sgt. Berry played in the teams. The first VII won its first round game by 16—0, but ran out of puff in the second round to be beaten by the K.O.Y.L.I.

team by 8—0. The Company Commander is to be congratulated on making such a daring return to the game of rugby, particularly in view of sustained domestic pressure to "be his age".

We welcome to the coy. our new P.S.I., Sgt. Broomhead, who has been cross-posted from "B" Coy. with W.O.2 Batty. We appear to have exchanged a sportsman for a musician as Sgt. Broomhead has been welcomed in the Band, if not in the Company office, for being capable of "blowing his own trumpet". We feel, however, that his stories about the difficult compositions he can play are preferable to W.O.2 Batty's stories about the "fish that got away" or the catch he held at the third attempt.

Congratulations to S/Sgt. Parkes, Sgts. Stott and Whitley and Cpl. Lamb on their recent promotions.

A company social was held on Saturday, May 21, in the canteen. This was voted to be a huge success, and most of this was due to the hard work put in by Pte. Mason, a new recruit, who brought in much needed new talent to the entertainment.

MINSTER SERVICE

The annual Regimental Service in York Minster will be held this year on Saturday, October 29, at 11 a.m.

From the London Gazette

*Supplements dated 4th March, 1966,
to 13th May, 1966*

INFANTRY D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

- Lt. (Q.M.) W. Robins to be Capt. (Q.M.), 1st Apr. 1966.
- 2nd Lt. M. P. C. Bray from Short Service Commission to be 2nd Lt., 25th Feb. 1966, with seniority 13th Jan. 1966.
- Lt. I. P. Reid to be Capt., 29th Apr. 1966.
- Lt. R. D. Campbell-Lamerton retires on account of disability, 10th May 1966.
- Lt. C. R. Cumberlege to be Capt., 3rd May 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

- Lt. A. E. Carter to be Capt., 1st Feb. 1966.
- Lt. I. Fillan to be Capt., 1st Feb. 1966.
- 2nd Lt. D. H. Cole (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2nd Lt., 26th Apr. 1964. To be Lt., 26th Apr. 1966.
- L/Cpl. C. M. B. Bateman to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 27th March 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

- Maj. B. Farrow, T.D., from Active List, to be Maj., 30th Jan. 1966.
- Lt. (Q.M.) J. J. Frier from Active List, to be Lt. (Q.M.), 1st Feb. 1966.

THE REGIMENTAL LUNCH AND DINNER

The Officers' Regimental Dinner Club held their annual dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel on Thursday, June 9. The Colonel of the Regiment presided and our only guest was His Grace the Duke of Wellington, K.G.

Only the C.O., Lt.-Col. Isles, was able to be present from the 1st Battalion. In spite of this there was a strong attendance of 70 members. These were:

The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Robert Bray:

The Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of Pontefract:

Major-Generals K. G. Exham and G. F. Upjohn:

Brigadiers Bunbury, Firth, Webb-Carter and Wortham:

Cols. Armitage, Cousens, Cumberlege, Davidson, Harvey, Hinchcliffe, R. de la H. Moran, Taylor, Turner and Wathen:

Lt.-Cols. Dalrymple, Isles, Kavanagh, Moncrieff, Peake, Price, Sayers, Skelsey and F. P. A. Woods:

Majors Blakey, Brown, Burton, Butterfield, R. A. Burnett, Cartwright, Coop, Davis, Faulkner, Gilbert-Smith, Hindley, Huffam, Huskisson, Ince, Jones-Stamp, Kershaw, Lane, Lennox, MacLaren, McDonald, Randall, Roberts, Savory, Shuttleworth, Sills, Streatfeild, Tedd and Wood:

Cpts. Bunbury, R. D. Campbell-Lamerton, C. R. Cumberlege, Mundell, Stacpoole and Stevens:

Lts. Arnold, Barkshire, Bruce-Lowe, Fitzgerald, Mellor, D. P. Miles, G. A. Reddington, Roberts and Shenton.

The Lunch

The lunch was also held successfully at the Hyde Park Hotel. There was an attendance of 64, a considerable improvement on last year. Those present included:

The Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Bray, Col. and Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Bairstow (nee Ann Henniker), Mrs. Boutflower, Major and Mrs. R. A. Burnett, Mrs. Cameron, Major and Mrs. Cartwright, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Chatterton, Col. and Mrs. Cousens, Col. and Mrs. Cumberlege, Capt. and Mrs. C. R. Cumberlege, Col. and Mrs. Davidson, Major and Mrs. Davis, Major-General and Mrs. K. G. Exham, Major-General and Mrs. R. K. Exham, Major and Mrs. Faulkner, Brigadier and Mrs. Firth who brought Mrs. Michael Birt-whistle (known to members of the 2nd Battalion in Delhi as Miss Glen Craig), Mrs. Grimley, Col. Harvey, Major Huffam, Mrs. C. W. G. Ince, Major and Mrs. R. H. Ince, Lt.-Col. Isles, Mrs. Kirkland, Lady Landon, Major and Mrs. MacLaren and Miss MacLaren, Mrs. Miles, Major and Mrs. Milligan, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Paton, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Peake, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Price, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Sayers, Lt.-Col. Skelsey, Major and Mrs. Streatfeild, Col. and Mrs. G. Taylor, Col. Turner, Col. and Mrs. Wathen, Brigadier Webb-Carter.

(A note on some earlier dinners is on the next page)

At "The Ship and Turtle"

The first annual dinner of the Regimental Dinner Club was held in 1891, but the earliest menu card in our records is dated June 4, 1885. Although some four years had elapsed since the *mariage de convenance* arranged by Lord Cardwell had united

the 33rd and 76th, the card is still defiantly titled "33rd Foot (Duke of Wellington's Regt.)." The dinner was held at The Ship and Turtle Tavern in Leadenhall Street. The menu is, I think, worthy of reproduction in full:—

MENU

4th JUNE, 1885.

HORS d'OEUVRES

Prawns Anchovy Butter Radishes

SOUPS

Thick and Clear Turtle
Green Fat

Wines — Iced Punch

FISH

Salmon, Sauce Genevoise
Turbot à l'eau, Sauce Hollandaise
Whitebait, Plain and Devilled

Wines — Rudesheimer Amontillado

ENTRÉES

Côtelettes d'agneau aux fonds d'Artichauts à la
demi glacé
Filets Mignons aux Laitues Braisées
Petits pâtes de foie gras

Wines — Magnums Boll & Co's Champagne
1878 Vintage

REMOVES

Haunch of Venison York Ham Roast Duckling
Green Peas New Potatoes

ENTREMETS de LEGUMES

Cold Asparagus

GAME

Quails on Toast
Pommes Pailles

Wines — Burgundy Romanée

ENTREMETS SUCRES

Gooseberry Tartlettes
Gelée aux Fraises Pastry

Liqueurs

Brown Bread Ice
Bloater Roes on Toast

DESSERT

Wines — Port (Vintage 1860)
Claret (Chat. Leoville)

Although to modern ears the menu reads like a gastronomic epic, it did not meet with the approval of the unknown diner whose menu card we have. In small neat handwriting he recorded his comments on the card. The turtle soup was "*very indifferent.*" The haunch of venison was "*very tough.*" At the liqueurs stage he noted: "*flowers poor.*" Over his 1860 port he pencilled, in handwriting as elegant and firm as ever, his final judgement: "*dinner altogether indifferent.*"

Another six years passed before the officers of the 33rd and the 76th felt equal to dining with each other. The Club was formed on May 28, 1891. The subscription was fixed at a guinea with a ten-shilling levy. The dinner was held at The Ship and Turtle. Unfortunately, we have no record of the comments of the unknown critic of the 33rd on this occasion. The following entry, however, appears in the record:

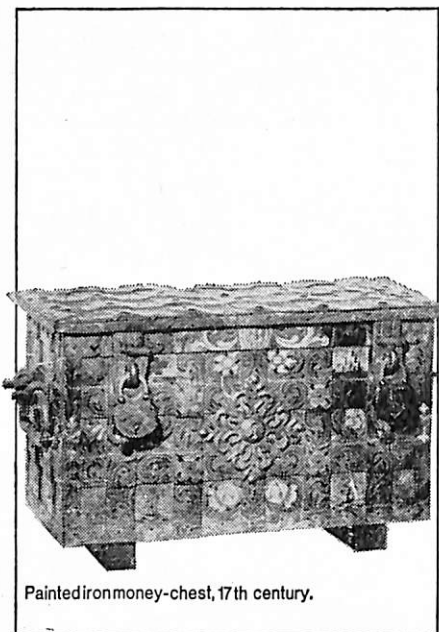
"Proposed by Col. Fanshawe, seconded by Major Conon, *that the thanks of the Club be rendered to the Host of The Ship and Turtle Tavern for the excellent dinner provided that evening.*' Carried unanimously. Exeunt omnes."

At this period The Green Howards also held their regimental dinner at The Ship and Turtle on the same date and it was the pleasant custom for each regiment to drink the health of the other, two officers from each regiment visiting the other's dinner to return thanks.

In 1897 some forward-thinking junior officers proposed that the place of the dinner be changed from The Ship and Turtle "to one of the West End Hotels." This daring proposal was instantly vetoed by the elder statesmen of the Regiment. But the seed had been sown. Seven years later the Club moved to The Trocadero. From then until 1950 the dinner was held in the West End in restaurants, hotels and clubs; The Trocadero, The Carlton, Oddenino's, Prince's, Gatti's, The Royal Adelaide Gallery, The Army and Navy Club, The United Service Club and The Connaught Rooms. In 1950 the dinner was held at The Hyde Park Hotel, where the Club has dined ever since with an agreeable degree of conviviality. It must be admitted, however, with regret that the menus are not of the heroic proportions of those of The Ship and Turtle.

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Two Inspections

It is by chance that these two accounts of inspections which have recently amused me both concern Russians. The 1805 incident might, in essence, have happened in any army at any time. The 1945 episode is, perhaps, more typically Russian; certainly one does not present it as a helpful hint in preparing for the Annual Administrative Inspection. R.G.T.

AUSTRIA 1805

A free and abridged translation from Part II, Chapter 1 of "War and Peace" by Leo Tolstoy.

In October 1805 the Russians and Austrians were in alliance against Napoleon. The Russian Army had moved into Austria and more new regiments were arriving from Russia and, to the discomfort of the local inhabitants, were quartered round the fortress of Braunau which was the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Kutuzov.

On October 11 the latest infantry regiment to arrive was halted half a mile from Braunau awaiting an inspection by the C.-in-C. In spite of its foreign surroundings it looked just like any Russian regiment preparing for an inspection in the middle of Russia.

The previous evening an order had been received that the C.-in-C. would inspect the regiment on the last stage of its march. The wording of the order, however, seemed ambiguous to the regimental commander. Did it mean in marching order or not?

At a conference of battalion commanders it was decided to present the regiment in parade order, on the grounds that it is always better to bow too low than not low enough. So the troops, after a twenty mile march, cleaned and mended all night without a wink of sleep. Adjutants and company officers checked and inspected and by morning the regiment, instead of the straggling, disorderly mob it had been on the last march, appeared a disciplined formation of two thousand men each of whom knew his position and his duties and whose every button and strap was in place and gleaming.

Not only the surface had been put to rights. If the C.-in-C. felt the urge to look under the uniform he would find on every man an identically clean shirt and in every haversack its regulation contents.

There was only one item which no one could be satisfied about. More than half the regiment's boots were falling to bits. This was not the fault of the regimental commander; in spite of incessant demands he had been refused permission to draw from Austrian stores and the regiment had marched 600 miles.

The regimental commander was a middle-aged, red-faced general with greying eyebrows and side-whiskers. He was broader from front to back than across the shoulders. He moved slowly along the front line. It was clear that he was proud of his regiment.

"Well, Mikhail Matrich," he said to one of the

the battalion commanders, "Tough going last night but the Regiment could look worse." The battalion commander understood him and smiled "They wouldn't be sent off the Emperor's ceremonial parade".

At this moment two riders appeared on the road from the town—an A.D.C. with his cossack orderly riding behind him. The A.D.C. had been sent by the General Staff to clear up any doubtful parts in yesterday's order, in particular to emphasize that the C.-in-C. wished to see the regiment exactly as they were on the line of march—in greatcoats and covers and with no special preparations whatsoever.

Kutuzov had been visited the day before by a member of the Austrian High Command with a demand for him to move as quickly as possible to link up with the army of The Archduke Ferdinand. Kutuzov did not consider this advisable in the light of his latest intelligence reports and he determined to show the Austrian general the wretched condition in which the units from Russia were arriving. This was why he was coming to meet the regiment and the worse the regiment's appearance the better he would be pleased.

The A.D.C. did not know all this but he transmitted to the regimental commander the direct order of the C.-in-C. that the men should be in greatcoats. If they weren't the C.-in-C. would be gravely displeased.

Hearing this the regimental commander's jaw dropped. "We've made a proper muck up," he said, "Mikhail Matrich, didn't I say that 'on the march' meant greatcoats. Oh, my God . . ." He stepped forward decisively. "Company commanders!" he shouted, "Sergeant-Majors! At the double!" Then, turning to the A.D.C., he asked, "Have we time to change?"

"I wouldn't know, General."

The regimental commander himself approached the ranks and gave the order to change back into greatcoats. The company commanders ran about their companies; the sergeant-majors started to create (the greatcoats had not been repaired) and scream and the hitherto silent, black-coated squares erupted like a swarm of bees. Men ran hither and thither, pulling their packs over their heads, lugging out their greatcoats and pushing their arms into the sleeves.

Order was restored within half an hour. But the squares were now grey instead of black.

POLAND 1945

From "The Truce" by Primo Levi (translated by Stewart Woolf: Bodley Head, 21/-).

Primo Levi, an Italian Jew, was deported to Auschwitz in 1944. Of that he wrote in "If this is a Man." One of the few survivors, he was liberated by the Russians in January 1945 and "The Truce" is his account of some nine months spent in camps in Poland and Russia before he was repatriated to Italy.

Although a story of hardship and some horror, it is in parts very funny. It introduces some magnificent characters and in particular gives a fascinating picture of the sort of Russians westerners seldom meet.

This incident took place in a transit camp at Katowice, run (nominally) by a Soviet Kommandatura "which was the most picturesque example of a gipsy encampment that one could imagine." The staff included Capt. Egorov, the officer senior in rank (though not in authority), Danchenko the doctor, Marya Feodorovna the nurse, twelve territorial army soldiers and "an indefinite flock of girls as solid as oaks." Mr. Rovi was the self-appointed Italian camp leader.

"Here we are again," said Cesare, pulling on his trousers gloomily when the nocturnal quiet of the camp was dramatically broken. It was an explosion, it was the Last Trumpet; Russian soldiers were running up and down the corridors, knocking on the doors with their rifle butts, yelling excited and incomprehensible orders; shortly after, the general staff arrived, Marya in hair curlers, Egorov and Danchenko half dressed, followed by Mr. Rovi, bewildered and sleepy but in full uniform. We had to get up and dress immediately. Why? Had the Germans come back? Were they transferring us? Nobody knew anything.

We finally managed to capture Marya. No, the Germans had not broken the front, but the situation was still very serious. "Inspektsiya": that very morning a general was coming from Moscow to inspect the camp. The entire Kommandatura was filled with panic and despair, a *dies irae* state of mind.

Rovi's interpreter galloped from dormitory to dormitory, shouting orders and counter-orders. Brooms, dusters, buckets appeared; everyone was mobilised, the heaps of rubbish had to disappear, the windows had to be cleaned, the floors swept, the door handles polished, the cobwebs dusted away. We all began to work, yawning and swearing. Two o'clock went by, three o'clock, four o'clock.

About dawn, one began to hear people speaking of "ubornaya": the camp latrine really presented a problem.

It was a brick building, placed in the middle of the camp, large, striking, impossible to hide or camouflage. For months nobody had bothered about its cleanliness or upkeep; inside, the floor was covered by a layer of stagnant filth, so deep that we had fixed large stones and bricks in it, which we could jump along in precarious equilibrium. From the doors and the cracks in the wall the filthy liquid overflowed outside, crossed the camp in the form of a stinking stream and vanished downhill in the midst of the fields.

Capt. Egorov, who was sweating blood and had completely lost his head, chose a work squad of ten of us to go and clean up the latrine with brooms and buckets of chloride. But a child would have realised that ten men, even if given the right equipment, and not just brooms, would have taken at least a week; and as for the chloride, all the perfumes of Arabia would not have sweetened the place.

An hour later (when the whole camp was buzzing like a disturbed beehive) the work squad was recalled, and we saw all twelve of the Kommandatura's territorial army men arrive, with planks, nails, hammers and rolls of barbed wire. In a twinkling all the doors and windows of the scandalous latrine were closed, barred, sealed with thick planks and all the walls, up to the roof, were covered with an inextricable tangle of barbed wire. Decency had been saved; the most diligent of inspectors quite literally could not have placed a foot inside.

Midday came, then evening, and still no sign of the general. The following morning there was already less talk about him, on the third day none at all; the Russians of the Kommandatura had returned to their habitual and benign negligence and botchery, two planks had been taken down from the back door of the latrine and everything had returned to the old routine.

However, an inspector did come, a few weeks later; he came to check the running of the camp, and especially of the kitchens; he was not a general but a captain wearing an armband with the slightly ominous letters N.K.V.D. He came, and he must have found particular pleasure in his duties—or in the girls of the Kommandatura, or in the air of Upper Silesia, or in the vicinity of the Italian cooks, because he did not go away, but stayed to inspect the kitchens every day until June (when we left) without apparently performing any other useful activity.

The kitchen was situated immediately outside the fence, and consisted of a large hut, almost wholly occupied by two huge cauldrons resting on cement kilns. To enter one climbed two steps; there was no door.

The inspector carried out his first inspection with great dignity and seriousness, jotting down notes. He was a Jew, about thirty years old, extremely tall and bony, with a fine ascetic Don Quixote-like face. But by the second day he had dug out a motor-cycle, from heaven knows where, and he fell so passionately in love with it that henceforth the two were never seen apart.

The ceremony of the inspection became a public spectacle, watched by the citizens of Katowice in ever-growing numbers. The inspector arrived about eleven o'clock, like a hurricane; he braked suddenly with a terrible squeal, and pivoting on the front wheel made the back of the motor-cycle skid through ninety degrees. Without stopping, he aimed at the kitchen with lowered head, like a charging bull; he mounted the two steps with

fearful bumpings, performed two cramped figures of eight round the cauldrons, the throttle wide open, once more flew past the steps on his way down, gave the public a military salute with a radiant smile, bent over the handlebars and disappeared in a cloud of glaucous smoke and much backfiring.

The game went smoothly for some weeks; then one day neither motor-cycle nor captain were to be

seen. The latter was in hospital, with a broken leg; the former was in the loving hands of a cénacle of Italian *aficionados*. But they soon reappeared; the captain had had a bracket fitted to the frame of the motor-cycle and held his plastered leg on it in a horizontal position. His face, noble in its pallor, was bright with ecstatic happiness; fitted up like this, he once more began his daily inspection with hardly less impetus.

PERSONALIA

Birth

On May 6, 1966, in York, to Diana (née Davidson) and Lt. M. F. Freeman, Royal Navy, a son, Angus James Miles.

Deaths

ADLECRON.—In June 1966, Brigadier-General Rodolph Ladeveze Adlecron, C.M.G., D.S.O., in his 93rd year. Commissioned in 1894 in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, General Adlecron commanded the 1/6th Battalion D.W.R. from September 1915 until May or June 1916 when he left to command 148 Inf. Bde. He was Honorary Colonel of the 6th Battalion, D.W.R. from 1932.

General Adlecron was a colourful character, a distinguished sportsman and skier and a fine soldier and leader of men.

GUMERSAL.—On May 12, aged 63 years, Jack Gumersal, 690 Manchester Road, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, Yorks. Jack will be remembered by the older ex-members as a very competent full back in the 1st Bn Rugby team of the 1920s at Gosport and Devonport. He is survived by his wife and a married daughter.

INCE.—On June 26, 1966, very suddenly, at Littlecroft, West Clandon, Lt.-Colonel Cecil W. G. Ince, O.B.E., M.C., much beloved husband of May and father of Dick and Tony (died of wounds 1944).

The funeral took place at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, West Clandon, on June 29. Brigadier Firth represented the Colonel of the Regiment. Major-General and Mrs. R. K. Exham, Mrs. Rusbridger, Colonel F. R. Armitage and Lt.-Colonel Skelsey also attended. The West Clandon branch of the British Legion was represented. The service was conducted by the Rev. Peter Taylor, rector of West Clandon, and the address was given by the Rev. Canon Gordon Sheldon, brother in law of Mrs. Ince.

An appreciation will appear in the October issue.

When Col. Jimmy Davidson retires this autumn he is taking up a retired officer's appointment in The Army Records Office in York. Col. and Mrs. Davidson are going to live at Terrington near to the home of Col. and Mrs. Cumberlege. Col. Davidson will bring the total of retired officers living in the York area up to eight.

Also joining The Army Records Office, York, in July this year is Major Charles Grieve. He is taking up a serving officer's appointment.

THE REGIMENTAL SWEEPSTAKE

The annual Regimental Sweepstake will, as usual, be run on the St. Leger which takes place this year on Wednesday, September 7. The proceeds will be devoted to the Regimental and Charitable funds of the Regiment.

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

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

	£
1st	100
2nd	50
3rd	25
4th	10
Any starter	1

Major and Mrs. Lewis Kershaw are moving to 39 Richmond Park Avenue, Bournemouth.

Col. and Mrs. Le Messurier paid a short visit to England in May from Belgrade, where he is British Military Attaché. They were both looking extremely well.

Mr. J. Imray has retired from the Army and is now living at 27 Sunlea Avenue, Cullercoats, Northumberland. Mr. Imray has been a contributor to The Iron Duke for many years. We hope very much that he will continue to produce his interesting and entertaining articles.

Major Douglas Jones-Stamp attended the St. George's Day party at Regimental Headquarters. He has fully recovered from his shocking mishap and looks very well indeed despite a black patch over his right eye. He has been appointed a Permanent President of Courts Martial, H.Q. Middle East, and takes up the appointment in July of this year.

Brigadier George Laing has been appointed Secretary of the Surrey Rifle Association. His address is; The Surrey Shooting Pavilion, Bisley, Brookwood.

Major and Mrs. Robertson are now at Zomba, Malawi (previously known as Nyasaland). He is Second-in-Command of the 1st Battalion, The Malawi Rifles.

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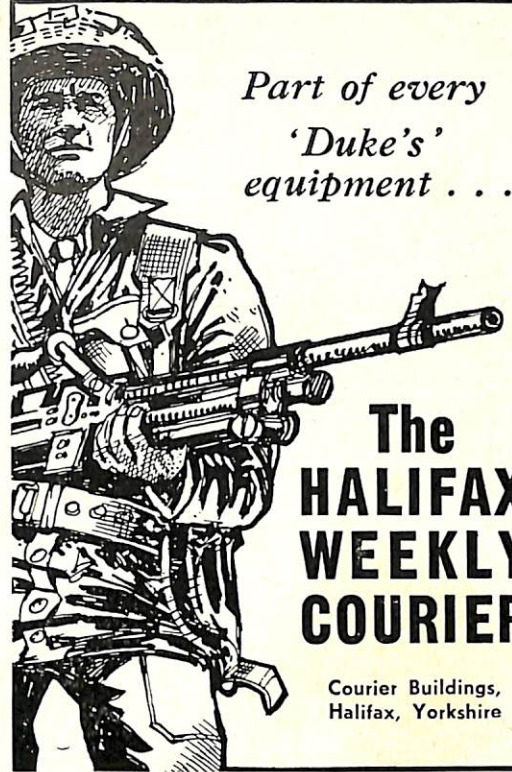
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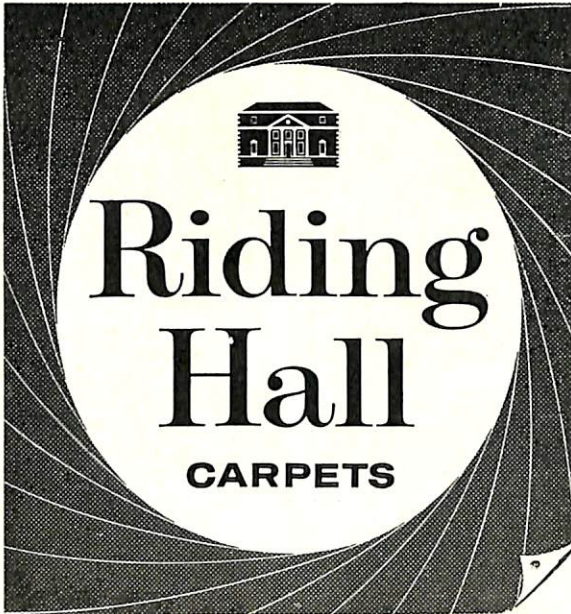
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Waterloo Day 1905

Readers may recall the photographs of a parade which were reproduced in the August 1965 number of *The Iron Duke*. At the time of writing the comments on the photographs I had lost touch with Lt.-Col. E. M. Liddell, who had moved from Yorkshire to London. Col. Liddell is, I believe, our oldest living retired officer. He was born in 1879. When I learnt of his present address, which is 46 Gerard Road, Barnes, London S.W.13, I sent him the photographs. Col. Liddell confirmed that the parade was the Waterloo Day Parade of 1905 held at York. He was on the parade himself. He writes as follows:

"I remember Waterloo Day 1905 fairly well and the Trooping Parade. I think it was the last big entertaining we did before leaving for India. We had given a grand Ball early in the year and I think Major Wallace came to say farewell about that time. He had been wounded carrying a Colour at Alma and his son was killed with us at Paardeberg. The photographs were, I think, taken by Lt. Cyril Jubb, killed at Mons.

The officer talking to the two girls seated is

Capt. Jack Whish, a splendid horseman and good polo player, who died at Darjeeling in 1910. He was a bachelor. There used to be a large coloured print in the mess of his grandfather, General Whish, at the taking of Mooltan Fort.

I think the officers in front of the line reading from the right are: Capt. Macleod, Lt. Liddell, Lt. Ernle Taylor (killed Hill 60), Capt. Whish, Lt. Owen, 2/Lt. Fairbairn (with Kings Colour), Capt. Maffet, Lt. Clifton, Lt. Whitaker, Major Charles Humphreys (mounted 2IC).

Col. Thorold always liked having a trooping parade once a year. We did one every night in Calcutta at the Minto Fete for Abibulla Khan, Amir of Afghanistan, who was murdered soon after. Most of those at York in 1905 were killed later and I must be one of the oldest now remaining from Boer War days. General Bray's father was Adjutant at York and I followed him in 1906. Brigadier Firth's father was a particular friend and we shared a bungalow in four stations in India. We got back the red facings later that year."

W.S.

Personalialia *continued*

Mr. Harry Randall, M.B.E., has been on leave in England. He motored home from Istanbul and called in at Belgrade on the way in the hope of seeing Col. Le Messurier but unfortunately found him to be out of station on tour.

On June 24, Mr. Randall goes to Moscow where his address will be:—

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

Major Graham Tedd, who was last year appointed General Secretary of the Army Cricket Umpires Association, has passed the written, oral and practical examinations of the National Association of Cricket Umpires and has been accepted as a qualified full member of that association.

He has been appointed one of the official umpires with the Army Cricket XI for this season and is to umpire the majority of their matches.

Ex-R.S.M. E. Smith, D.C.M., the death of whose wife was announced in the last number of *The Iron Duke*, has decided to return to Canada. His address will be; 4340 Glanford Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

Late News

Readers will be shocked and grieved to hear of the death on July 17, in a car accident in Denmark, of Nancy, wife of Major John Davis, The Regimental Secretary.

Major Davis is in hospital with concussion and other injuries described as serious but not dangerous.

BINDING OF THE IRON DUKE

The following notice was published in the April issue. So far it has met with very little response. Unless more applications are received soon the project of a bulk order by R.H.Q. will have to be abandoned.

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.

There is now a product on the market called "Mooreslip Binding Cases." These are folders designed for keeping magazines. Inside the folder are two metal strips, which are designed to pass through the wire staples on the spine of the magazines, thus binding them together into a volume.

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