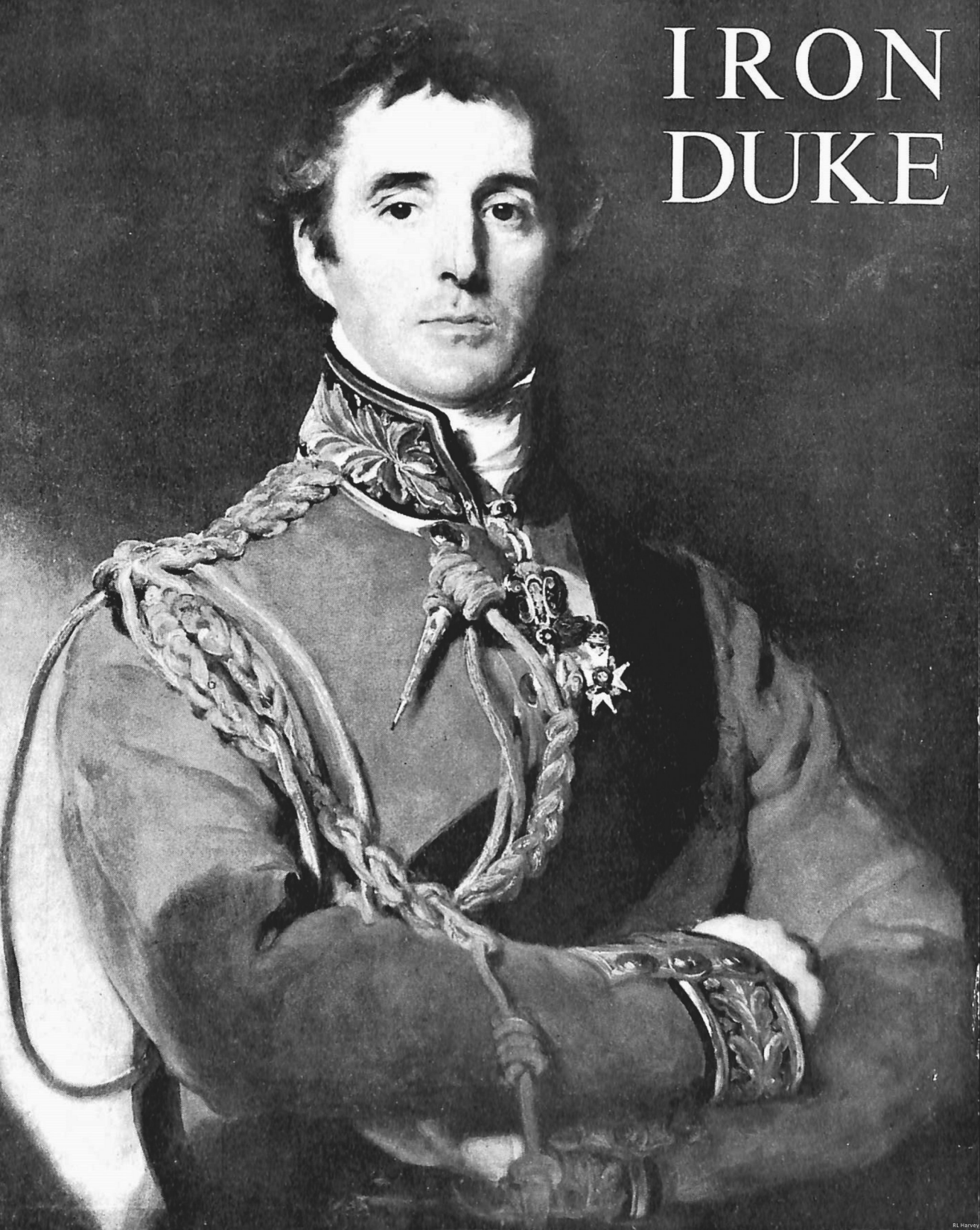


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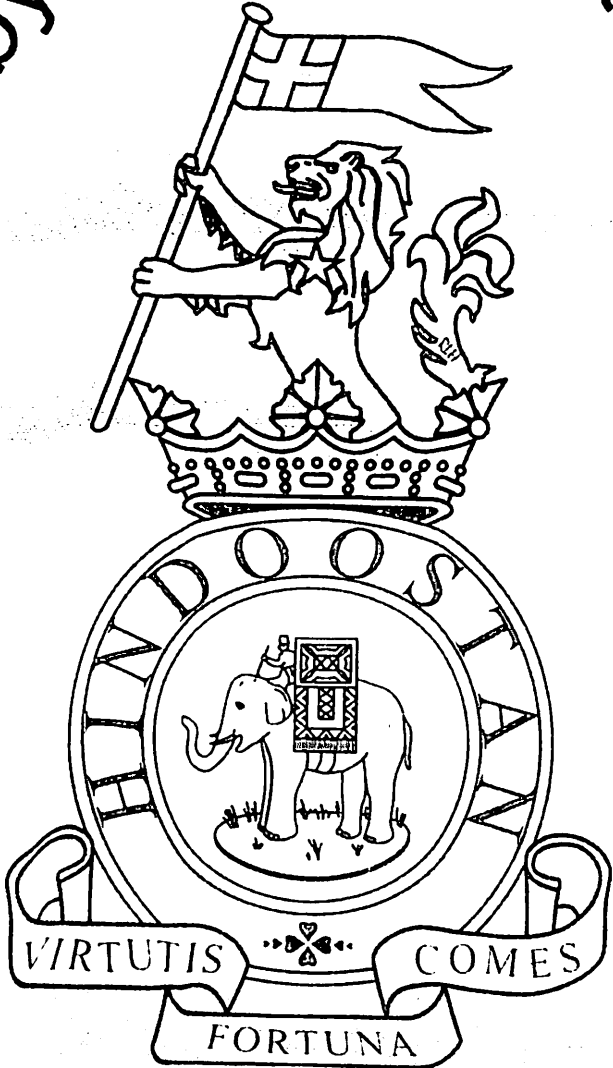
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PELL, J. E., G.S.O.2 (SD), H.Q. Cyprus District.

Captains

LUPTON, T. D., Adjutant, 1 DWR.
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NEWELL, D. R. D., 1 DWR.
PETTIGREW, P. A., 1 DWR.
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CARTWRIGHT, H. de C., 1 DWR.
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KIRK, S. H., 1 DWR.

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HIRST, P. T., 1 DWR.
BRAY, M. P. C., 1 DWR.
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Attached 1 DWR

RAPC

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REME

THOMPSON, C. M. P., Capt., Unit LAD.

RMP

CAMERON, I., Lieut., on 9-month attachment.

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The Green Howards
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
The York and Lancaster Regiment
Brigade Depot: Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, York
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FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

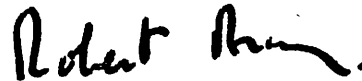
General Sir Robert Bray, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C.

Voluntary military service has a long and honourable history in our country. From time to time circumstances have dictated a change in the organisation of this military effort. But in spite of these changes three things have remained constant, the enthusiasm and devotion to duty of the volunteers, the manner in which they have responded to the call when the crisis has come and the close ties between the permanent regular forces and those who voluntarily give up their leisure in the service of their country.

On April 1, 1967, the descendants of West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers will once again have been reorganised, and the West Riding Territorials and "C" Company (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment), The Yorkshire Volunteers, will have been formed.

I know that the first two of the three constant things I mentioned above will remain. It is up to all of us regulars in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment to ensure that the third—the close ties between us—remain and are strengthened.

We all wish the West Riding Territorials and "C" Company (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment), The Yorkshire Volunteers the best of fortune in the future.



ROBERT BRAY
Colonel.

Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe (Designate)

Even if you are the son of a former C.O., it is a long journey from being the junior subaltern in a thoroughly professional but studiously unpretentious line regiment to the rarefied height of full General—especially in these days when the rank of Field Marshal is reserved for the Chief of the Defence Staff. Long as it is, this journey was completed by the Colonel of our Regiment in February 1965. Now he is going forward to that pinnacle from which Monty himself finally retired after creating it, a position which must be counted among the most exalted that any British soldier may hope to hold.

This long journey has not been accomplished with "pull," but only with "push"—by one who "scorned delight and lived laborious days," as Milton put it. General Sir Robert's father, Brigadier General Robert Napier Bray, was a fine soldier, but was forced into early retirement by ill health and did not walk the corridors of power. He died while his son was still at school. Here then was hardly even a two-stage rocket of the kind we observed in a previous article as the apparent requisite for high command. The "conspiracy-to-command" that we find among the Mountbattens or the Robertsons

has hardly appeared among the Robert Napier Brays yet. (It may be brewing between father and son in this generation, but the time is not ripe to tell.) This is not to say that Brigadier General Bray had no influence on his son's career. One who is possibly now the oldest member of the Regimental family remembers Sir Robert as "such a tiresome little boy. He never stopped asking questions and his parents said he must always be given a proper answer instead of being told to run away and play." Here possibly was the initial boost.

Our Colonel has risen higher, through more onerous commands, than any officer of The Duke of Wellington's except Arthur Wellesley himself: and for this reason it is a point of special pride to us that he is a thorough-bred "Duke." His father served long with the Regiment, commanding the 2nd Battalion in France in 1918; he too served his full regimental apprenticeship with us, till the War eventually brought him into parachuting with General "Windy" Gale; his eldest son has just completed a successful tour as Adjutant of 1 DWR, in which his youngest son is now also serving. Long may there be Brays on the battlefields of the 33rd.

Long may they have cause to take their sons off as ADCs, and be able to write in Confidential Reports: "I know this officer well . . ."

Though Sir Robert has climbed beyond the world most of us move in, he is not beyond our reach. As our Colonel he is constantly solicitous for the welfare of The Duke's. He returns to witness our rugby triumphs, and to rekindle those relationships which are exemplified in the name so widely used by his friends, "Bobby Bray." (Old Comrades who served under him when a subaltern remember another nickname, "Donkey Bray"—coined, one need hardly say, from the association of the words and not from doubts about his already marked intelligence.)

To the military world he is a daunting figure,

severe, professional and exacting: once hailed at a conference "Good morning, General!" he snapped back "Brigadier, when I want a weather report, I'll ask for it." But to the Regiment he is what he has always been, a Duke among Dukes. This is not lost upon us.

So we wish him wisdom and energy and robust nerves for his high responsibility, knowing that he will be greatly supported and sustained in this, as in the past, by Lady Bray.

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

A.J.S.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

The Regimental Secretary was discharged on October 17 after three months in hospital in Denmark and reached Halifax ten days later.

Although he still needs a little assistance from crutches or sticks to get around, he is improving fast and it is only a matter of time before recovery is complete.

During this period the effective strength of R.H.Q. was further reduced by Mr. Code, who got pneumonia and had to be away for a month including, unfortunately, the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Old Comrades Association.

Among our visitors this last quarter were Major J. P. Huffam, v.c., and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk while on leave after he had been commissioned before rejoining the 1st Battalion.

ANNUAL REGIMENTAL SERVICE ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL YORK MINSTER

The Annual Regimental Service was held in the Regimental Memorial Chapel, York Minster, on Saturday, October 29, 1966. A Saturday was chosen this year instead of Friday as it was thought that more would be able to attend at the week-end than on a working day. The choice indeed proved most popular with the Old Comrades Association, a contingent of fifty of whom came from all parts of the West Riding. Fewer serving and retired officers were, however, able to attend.

Some may have wondered why so few serving soldiers from the Brigade Depot were present. This was due to the fact that nowadays a recruit belongs to the Yorkshire Brigade and not to any particular regiment until his 8th week of training when he is badged to his Regiment. Shortly after this he goes on advanced training at Warcop Camp. Also Junior Soldiers are not now badged to any regiment until shortly before they come on man's service. Thus, at any one time, at the Brigade Depot there may be only a few permanent staff who are in fact "Dukes" although there are many who hope to become "Dukes" and will eventually be badged and posted to the Regiment.

The Service, which took the usual form, was conducted by the Dean of York, the Very Reverend

Alan Richardson, and the Regimental Chaplain, The Right Reverend Eric Treacey, Lord Bishop of Pontefract, preached the sermon on the theme of "Christian Civilisation." Many people, he said, spoke loosely in praise of "a Christian Civilisation" without apparently realising that this could not exist without the Christian religion. Christian Civilisation was the fruit on the tree of religious faith and if the tree was allowed to die the fruit must die too. The Lesson was read by the acting Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C.

After the Service the officers met together in the Officers' Mess in Strensall and the Old Comrades were entertained to lunch in the Brigade Depot Sergeants' Mess.

LES VOLTIGEURS DE QUEBEC

As previously reported, our allied regiment of the Canadian Army has amalgamated with the Royal Rifles of Canada.

It has now, however, been officially decided that the title of the new unit is to be simply "Les Voltigeurs de Quebec."

M. St. Laurent will still be Honorary Colonel and a new Honorary Lt.-Colonel is to be appointed. Lt.-Colonel Paul Defoy, the C.O., reports that the strength of the unit is now 240, against an establishment of 300, and he hopes to take 265 to camp next summer.

NOTICE

The Anglo-Korean Society

This Society was formed in 1956. The Most Reverend Archbishop Lord Fisher of Lambeth is its patron. It now has well over one hundred Korean and British members. Its principal objectives are to foster friendship between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Korea; to give opportunities for contacts between British nationals and Korean residents in Britain; and to keep in touch with events in Korea. Some support to charitable causes in Korea is also given. Anyone interested should apply for further details to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Reeve, Flat 2, 24 Lewes Crescent, Brighton.

THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE NEWS

THE BRIGADE COLONEL COL. J. B. SCOTT, O.B.E.

The new Brigade Colonel took up his appointment at Strensall, together with that of Commander York area, on September 20, 1966.

Col. Scott was born at Crayke Castle, York, in July 1920. He was educated at Sedbergh School, Yorkshire, and Lancing College, Sussex. He obtained a nomination for entry to the RMC Sandhurst in January 1939 but was unable to take it up owing to illness. He joined the Territorial Army, in the 5th Green Howards, at Malton in April 1939, and later served with the 7th Green Howards at Cottingham. He joined the KOYLI ITC at Strensall in August 1940.

He was commissioned into the Green Howards and joined the Depot at Richmond in March 1941. In the same month he joined the 1st Bn. The Green Howards and served with that battalion for the next two years in England, Ireland, India, Iraq and Persia. For the following two years, until December 1944, he served on the Staff of H.Q. 15 Inf. Bde. in 5 Div., as the Liaison Officer from 1 Green Howards and later Bde. MTO. For practically the whole of this time the 5th Division was engaged on active operations, and Col. Scott saw service in Iraq, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, the Lebanon, Italy, Anzio and Sicily, where he was wounded.

In December 1944 he rejoined 1 Green Howards and was appointed Adjutant. He commanded a company for a short time after the end of the War. In August 1945 he went to the Staff College Camberley, and on graduating was appointed Brigade Major, H.Q. Abbottabad Bde. in April 1946. After six months he was posted to 2nd Green Howards at Barrackpur, Calcutta, where he remained commanding a rifle company until May 1947.

Two tours at Staff followed—as DAA & QMG 73 British Inf. Bde. in India and U.K. until November 1947, and from January 1948 as a GSO 3 in the War Office. He rejoined 1 Green Howards in Malaya in September 1949 and two months later was again appointed Adjutant. He remained Adjutant until July 1951, when he was appointed a GSO 2 with H.Q. Land Forces Hong Kong. He then rejoined 2nd Green Howards in September 1952.

From July 1953 to March 1956 Col. Scott was an instructor at RMA Sandhurst and the Yorkshire Brigade representative there. A further tour at Staff followed from April 1956 to December 1957, as Brigade Major Berlin Infantry Brigade. From January to July 1957 he attended the Joint Services Staff College Latimer, and was then appointed to command The Green Howards Regimental Depot at Richmond. He rejoined 1st Green Howards in Germany in April 1960, as



Photo: Richards of York

Colonel J. B. Scott

a company commander, later becoming second in command in August 1961.

Col. Scott commanded 1st Bn. The Green Howards from July 1962 to December 1964. At the end of his tour he was awarded the O.B.E.

In January 1965 he was appointed a GSO 1 with the Joint Warfare Staff at the Ministry of Defence where he remained until becoming Brigade Colonel.

Col. Scott is the son of the late Lt.-Col. R. W. R. Scott, O.B.E., late The Yorkshire Hussars. His younger brother is a major in the Northumberland Fusiliers. In the 1920s the family moved to Easingwold where Col. Scott's mother is still resident. Col. Scott married Jeanne Le Mottee Crossley of Halifax in 1952. They have a son, now aged 10.

Brigade Headquarters

Col. J. B. Scott took over as Brigade Colonel from Col. J. Davidson in September. Since then he has visited all four regular battalions and further visits will be made in the New Year.

The 18th Meeting of the Council of Colonels took place at Strensall on October 24, 1966.

The Territorial Army

In our last news we reported that certain members of the permanent staff had been selected. The warrant officers, sergeants and other soldiers for the T & AVR II have now been selected and posting orders issued. The senior members of the permanent staff of the T & AVR II battalion are also confirmed as follows:

Commanding Officer	Lt.-Col. G. T. M. Scrope, Green Howards
Training Major	.. Major W. T. A. Brooks, PWO
Adjutant	.. .. Capt. J. C. H. Byrne, Y & L
Quartermaster	.. Capt. (Q.M.) A. H. Sedgwick, Green Howards
R.S.M.	.. .. W.O.1 P. Suddaby, PWO

The R.S.M.s for the T & AVR III battalions are not yet confirmed. We do not expect to be allowed to fill more than three of the R.S.M. appointments in our five Yorkshire Brigade battalions. We expect the other two to be filled from outside the Brigade: one from the Royal Artillery, the other from the Royal Green Jackets.

Our final recommendations for the titles and items of dress for our T & AVR II and T & AVR III battalions are now with the Ministry of Defence.

Battalion Moves

1 Green Howards are now in England, at Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester.

1 DWR are scheduled for a six months unaccompanied tour with the United Nations Force in Cyprus from April to October 1967.

1 Y & L are also earmarked for a move in early 1968 from Cyprus to BAOR.

SPORT

Yorkshire Brigade Cricket Week

Yorkshire Brigade Cricket Week was held at Strensall from July 4 to 9, and was most successful. In the first game we decisively defeated the Lancastrian Brigade by 125 runs, thereby completing the double, having won the corresponding game at Preston. The performances of Lt. Horne, 6 for 8, and Capt. Jordan, 4 for 9, undoubtedly clinched the two day game, with fine batting also by Capt. Bower and Sgt. Read.

The game against the Free Foresters was a much closer affair. After the Brigade had scored 129 runs against some tightish bowling the Foresters, following an excellent lunch, struggled to within two runs of victory when their innings closed. This was due to a fine spell of seam bowling by Horne and Jordan.

Harrogate Druids were comfortably defeated on the Thursday and the week ended with a victory for the GOC-in-C's XI over the Yorkshire Gentlemen.

The weather helped to make the week a success and the social aspects were enjoyed by all.

Guest players during the week were Major Shuttleworth, DWR, from Salisbury, Major

Dugmore, PWO, from York, Capt. C. Cumberlege, DWR, from Huddersfield, Mr. A. D. Roberts, DWR, from Cambridge and Mr. McGarrigle, late Green Howards, from Aysgarth.

Rugby

Three of our battalions entered for the Army Cup, and the position to date is as follows:

1 PWO—1st round—drew with 2 Coldstream Guards	.. .. .	9—9
In the replay, lost	.. .. .	26—0
1 Green Howards—1st round—lost to KOSB	.. .. .	9—3
1 DWR—Have won four rounds, including 2 Div. final, with a total of 182 points to 9 (see 1st Battalion Notes).		

Northern Command Night March

Northern Command have instituted a new competition open to all Regular, TA and Cadet units and RAF units in the Command. Teams consist of 10 men and the composition of a team is carefully prescribed by ranks. The competition is a march, by night, of about 15 miles over a selected route in the dales and moorland country in the North Riding. The route is secret before the start and the teams march by bounds from check point to check point where they are given instructions for each bound. It is a speed competition and the aim is to achieve the fastest time. Teams must be complete and in good condition when they finish otherwise penalties are awarded. Approximately 150 teams took part in this year's competition, held in late October, and the best teams from our Yorkshire Brigade units finished as follows:

A Coy 4/5 Green Howards (TA)	..	2nd
A team, C Coy 3 PWO (TA)	.. ..	15th
C team, Junior Soldiers Coy of the Bde.		
Depot	.. .. .	22nd
C Coy Leeds Rifles (TA)	.. ..	45th
A Coy Hallams Bn. Y & L (TA)	.. ..	50th
A team, Junior Soldiers Coy of the Bde.		
Depot	.. .. .	69th
D Coy 4/5 Green Howards (TA)	.. ..	70th
H.Q. Coy 4/5 Green Howards (TA)	.. ..	73rd

The Junior Soldiers of the Brigade Depot did particularly well, and the C team (22nd) was the leading Junior Team in the Command.

Boxing

We have mentioned Pte. Roger Tighe of 3 PWO (TA) before and have reported on his progress and success in amateur boxing at various representative levels. The 1966 season has undoubtedly been his finest. He crowned it by being in the English team for the 1966 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Jamaica and winning the Gold Medal in the Light Heavyweight Championship. His highlights in 1966 are as follows:

1966 British Empire and Commonwealth Games, Jamaica—Light Heavyweight Champion and Gold Medallist.

ABA Light Heavyweight Champion.

Territorial Army Light Heavyweight Champion.

Army Gymnastics and Trampoline Championships 1966

The Junior Soldiers Company of the Brigade Depot entered for the Army Trampoline Junior Championships held at Aldershot in November 1966. The team did very well indeed and achieved 4 placings in the first 13:

J/L/Cpl. J. T. Hogg, DWR	..	..	8th
J/Sdr. G. R. Jones (NYA)	..	..	11th
J/Sdr. G. P. Ingram, PWO	..	..	13th
J/Sdr. E. R. Brooks (NYA)	..	..	13th

HONOURS AND COMMENDATIONS

Queen's Commendation

Major H. W. Tillotson, M.B.E., PWO, a Company Commander in 1 PWO, has been awarded a Queen's Commendation for brave conduct in Aden. The citation in the London Gazette says: "By his leadership, aggressiveness and personal courage he contributed much to operations during this difficult period."

Lt. S. G. Lucas, PWO, also with 1 PWO, is similarly awarded a Queen's Commendation. He was in command of the "special" platoon of 1 PWO in Aden, and the citation reports: "Last March, when he entered the house of a suspect, the occupant aimed a loaded pistol at him. Lt. Lucas launched himself at the man and dealt with him single-handed. During the operations Lt. Lucas' squad arrested 64 known terrorists."

GOC-in-C's Commendation for Gallantry

W.O.1 P. Savidge, PWO, R.S.M. of 3 PWO (TA), has been awarded a GOC-in-C's Commendation for Gallantry. The citation says:

"On June 21, 1966, W.O.1 P. Savidge was supervising the throwing of 36 grenades at Willsworthy Range in Devon. During the practice a soldier, when about to throw, struck his hand against the back wall of the bay and dropped the grenade which came to rest at the front of the throwing bay. The soldier then tried to scale the dividing wall but failed to clear the top. W.O.1 P. Savidge pushed him over the wall and assured himself that everyone else was under cover before seeking safety himself."

C-in-C Middle East Certificate of Commendation

W.O.2 K. D. Morris, PWO, when serving with 1 PWO in Aden, has been awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the C-in-C Middle East Command, Admiral Sir Michael Le Fanu, for his outstanding leadership and devotion to duty when commanding the Assault Pioneer Platoon under most arduous and trying conditions in Aden.

Certificate of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire

Pte. David Thomas McGrath is a recruit under training at the Brigade Depot. In August he was on leave in Barnsley. The following is an extract from a letter received from the Chief Constable of Barnsley:

"At 10.55 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, 1966,

Pte. McGrath saw flames in the front bedroom window of a house in Radcliffe Road, Barnsley. Knowing that there were children in the house he went up the stairs but, on finding the heat to be too intense, he went to neighbours for assistance. He was later joined by four men who attempted to enter the bedrooms but who were also driven back by the heat.

"One of the men then managed to force an entry into the bedroom and McGrath stayed on the landing, directing a jet of water into the room, despite being subjected to smoke and heat.

"For this act McGrath is being awarded the framed certificate of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire."

Pte. McGrath will be posted to 1 Y & L in Cyprus in January next.

Congratulations

To Major J. N. H. Naughton, DWR, and Major P. W. Wade on successfully completing the Long Technical Course at RMCS Shrivenham and being awarded ptsc.

To Capt. P. A. Inge and Capt. I. R. Kibble, Green Howards, on being awarded psc, qualifying at the Staff College, Camberley.

To Major J. M. Cubiss, M.C., PWO, on staying the course at the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer, and being awarded jssc.

To W.O.2 D. Batty, 1 DWR, on receiving an "Outstanding Report" after attending the RSM's Course at the Royal Marine's Infantry Training Centre in September 1966. W.O.2 Batty has received a personal congratulation from the Director of Infantry.

APPOINTMENTS

General Sir Robert Bray, Colonel The Duke of Wellington's Regt and at present C-in-C Allied Forces Northern Europe, in Norway, has been selected for the appointment of Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe in March 1967. He succeeds Marshal of the RAF Sir Thomas Pike as the British Deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander, the American General Lemnitzer.

Col. J. M. Forbes, late Green Howards, and at present Regimental Secretary at R.H.Q. The Green Howards, has been appointed ADC (TA) to Her Majesty the Queen. Col. Forbes has also been appointed to command 151 Infantry Brigade (TA) from January to April 1967 until it disappears with the TA reorganisation.

Col. J. S. Bade, late Green Howards, has been selected for the appointment of Defence Adviser to the British High Commissioner in Zambia in March 1967.

Lt.-Col. J. B. Sanderson, Y & L, at present CO the Brigade Depot, has been selected for the appointment of GSO 1 (Ops and Plans) at H.Q. Allied Forces Central Europe, in Holland, in February 1967.

Major W. A. E. Todd, PWO, has been selected to succeed Lt.-Col. T. R. Birkett in command of 1 PWO, in April 1967.

Major M. A. Atherton, Green Howards, has been selected to succeed Lt.-Col. D. J. Bottomley in command of 1 Green Howards in May 1967.

Major J. F. Skelton, PWO, has been selected to succeed Lt.-Col. J. B. Sanderson in command of the Brigade Depot in February 1967.

Capt. M. W. Summers, DWR, has been appointed Adjutant of the Brigade Depot in succession to Capt. R. L. Stevens, DWR.

T/Brigadier J. B. Oldfield, late Green Howards, in command of 128 Inf Bde (TA) in Winchester, has been promoted to Brigadier.

POSTINGS

Major R. Glazebrook, PWO, from Staff with FRA to 1 PWO.

Major S. Carrington, PWO, from RSME to Regular Commissions Board, Westbury.

Major A. D. Manger, PWO, from MONS OCS to 2/7 Gurkha Rifles as a Company Commander.

Major J. A. D. Hart, PWO, from 1 PWO to School of PI and further posting for PI duties.

Major D. W. Hanson, PWO, from 1 PWO, to GSO 2 (Inf) H.Q. RSME.

Major H. M. P. Robinson, PWO, from 1 PWO to GSO 2 (EPS) H.Q. 1 (BR) Corps.

Major J. M. Newton, DWR, from Staff in FARELF to 1 DWR.

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

Major P. R. Wood, Y & L, from 1 Y & L to GSO 3 in MOD.

Capt. P. A. Gebhard, PWO, Language Training, Athens, to April 1967, thence to 9 Signal Regt in Cyprus.

Capt. P. A. Inge, Green Howards, from Staff College to GSO 2 in ASD (2) at MOD.

Capt. I. R. Kibble, Green Howards, from Staff College to GSO 2 (Cadets) H.Q. North Midland Dist.

Capt. R. L. Stevens, DWR, from Bde Depot to 1 DWR.

Capt. M. W. Summers, DWR, from 1 DWR to Brigade Depot as Adjutant.

Capt. M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, DWR, from Lions' Tour to GSO 3 with H.Q. 1 Div in BAOR.

Capt. G. R. Bellamy, DWR, from RAEC School Beaconsfield to AAC Arborfield as Education Officer, pending transfer to RAEC.

Capt. B. G. Stead, Y & L, from Malaysia Rangers to 1 Y & L.

Capt. A. E. Buckingham, Y & L, from Malaysian Rangers, to AAC Arborfield as a training officer.

Lt. P. E. Woolley, PWO, from 1 PWO to AAC Trg Centre, Middle Wallop, for flying training.

Lt. R. H. J. Forsyth, PWO, from 1 PWO to Brigade Depot.

Lt. M. E. Bradley, Green Howards, from 1 Green Howards to RMCS Shrivenham for degree training.

Lt. P. J. P. Combie, Y & L, from Brigade Depot to 1 Y & L.

Lt. T. J. Nicholson, Y & L, from 1 Y & L to Brigade Depot.

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

Lt. G. I. McGlynn, Y & L, from 1 Y & L to Brigade Depot.

New Officers

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

From Sandhurst—December 1966—they attend School of Infantry Courses and then join 1st Battalions in May 1967:

2/Lt. K. A. Peacock, PWO.

2/Lt. A. C. T. Wharton, Green Howards.

2/Lt. C. J. W. Gilbert, DWR.

2/Lt. J. N. Thorn, DWR.

2/Lt. S. Ashby, Y & L.

2/Lt. M. A. Staunton, Y & L.

From MONS OCS

2/Lt. M. P. Bird, DWR.

RECRUITING IN THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE

General

1966 has been a good recruiting year for the Yorkshire Brigade both as regards direct enlistments and for prolongations within the four battalions. In particular the numbers directly enlisted in the months of July, August, September and October have been greatly in excess of the average of the last three years. It is probable that this trend will continue into 1967 and this will enable us to be more selective as regards the quality of recruits.

We are now a "fully recruited brigade," and reached our manpower target, set by the Ministry of Defence, in September, nearly a year ahead of the original forecasts. This has been achieved undoubtedly by a combination of effort—the efforts and activities of the Brigade Recruiting Team, set up in late 1965, which began to have an impact in early 1966; better liaison and co-operation with the Recruiting Organisation in Northern Command; excellent efforts to control wastage by battalions in persuading men to "sign on"; and lastly, to some extent, the "squeeze."

Our recruiting efforts must continue in order to maintain our strength. There are large "run-outs" expected in the next year or two, and our input must meet the losses. We can also afford to raise the standard.

Brigade Recruiting Team

The Brigade Recruiting Team was established at Strensall by the previous Brigade Colonel, Col. Davidson, in July 1965. It was established because the decrease in recruits for the Yorkshire Brigade was such that we were unable to meet MOD manning strengths. It was hoped that the team would increase the brigade liaison with Army Careers Information Offices and enable the Yorkshire Brigade to produce a professional display team for use at shows and fetes throughout our entire recruiting area.

The team initially consisted of one officer, one W.O.2, two sergeants, three corporals, one clerk and a signwriter. Major Herkes, PWO, was nominated as the officer in charge of the team and he was responsible for the initial setting up and for its operation for the first year. It is entirely

due to his efforts and those of the original team that recruiting for the Yorkshire Brigade picked up so well in the first half of 1966.

In February 1966 the team obtained a display caravan on loan from The Duke of Wellington's Regt. This caravan was refurbished, with the assistance of the Command Display Consultant, Northern Command, so that it could be adapted for display in any of the four regimental areas.

The method of operation of the team is as follows:

The caravan is moved to a selected town or village and a weapon and photograph display is set up. Any man or boy of military age showing interest is invited to visit the Yorkshire Brigade Depot and see for himself how the recruit lives and trains. Approximately 60% of those who visit the Depot subsequently enlist and the remainder at least have their old fashioned ideas on the Army

dispelled. The advantage of the visit system is that the potential recruit is involved with the idea of joining the Yorkshire Brigade from the outset, and his name and address are subsequently passed to one of our Special Recruiters at the appropriate Army Careers Information Office so that the youth can be earmarked for the Brigade. The team try to visit each regimental area at least once each month.

The present composition of the Team is as follows:

Major J. M. Cubiss, M.C., PWO
 W.O.2 J. Lund, PWO
 Sgt. T. Spencer, Green Howards
 Cpl. T. Martin, DWR
 Cpl. P. Kenworthy, PWO
 L/Cpl. K. Wood, DWR
 Pte. A. Leslie, Y & L
 Pte. I. Turner, Green Howards.

THE BRIGADE DEPOT

The Depot is at present full almost to capacity with both recruits and junior soldiers, and for this one must not only thank the various recruiting organisations but also the intense advertising campaign, allied with the present "squeeze" enforced by the Government. From our point of view, of course, it means that we can be more "choosy" and can quickly sort out the wheat from the chaff to ensure that we now only keep those recruits and junior soldiers of the best standards. It is to be hoped that this pruning will be felt in the battalions.

The extension of the training period from 10 weeks to 14 weeks, to include Continuation Training, is now well under way and is proving successful. Again it is to be hoped that the effects are being felt in the battalions and that new arrivals are able to slot more quickly and efficiently into their respective niches.

In the Depot itself the leaves have fallen and the ground is damp underfoot, but life continues at a hectic pace in all aspects. The machinery of Training Company continues to roll on well-oiled wheels and the Regiment has gained a good proportion of the recruit prizes. Quebec IX Platoon passed out at the end of October, and Pte. O. Theodore received three prizes. These were for Best Recruit, Best SLR Shot (Bisley Bullets please note) and winner of the Cross Country. Pte. D. Halford received the prize for Physical Training. This was almost a clean sweep for The Duke's and these two soldiers are to be congratulated on their efforts.

In the middle of November Impfal X Platoon, commanded by Lt. Peter Mellor, passed out, and Pte. M. Crossland won the PT prize.

Methods of Instructions are, of course, vitally important at the Depot, and Sgt. Quayle is to be congratulated on his "B" Grading on the Course. He and Lt. Mellor have been running internal

cadres recently to brush up Methods of Instruction in Training Company.

Junior Soldiers Company have been as busy as ever with their various functions, and are about to leave for a fortnight's winter camp in Scotland. Lt. Chris Fitzgerald is still with the Company and his enthusiasm with the Junior Soldiers is much appreciated.

Capt. Robin Stevens has vacated the adjutant's seat and is at present working for his Staff College Exam prior to rejoining the Battalion in January 1967. He and Knut will be missed at the Depot and we wish him every good fortune in his exam. His place as adjutant has been taken by Capt. Martin Summers and it is to be hoped that he will contrive to look after the Regiment's interests at the Depot.

The Regiment is playing its part in the Depot sports teams and Sgt. Read is captaining the successful soccer team which is at present heading the Wednesday afternoon league.

On October 29, the Regimental Service was held in our Chapel in York Minster; it was splendid to see so many former members of the Regiment gathered in force. We had a very pleasant Service and then retired to the Depot Mess where an excellent drink party was held and many old acquaintances renewed.

Today there is a period of doubt and indecision as to the future of many aspects of the Army, but one thing seems to be very clear. The Yorkshire Brigade Depot is working extremely well and will, I feel sure, be more than capable of continuing its present charter and of doing anything that may be required of it in the future.

Finally, may we congratulate Mrs. Wilson, wife of Sgt. L. Wilson, on the birth of a baby son and hope that we already have a potential recruit for the Regiment in about 1985!

The Commonwealth Youth Movement Quest, 1966

BY J/SGT. B. HEY, DWR

The Quest was first started in 1936 by Major Ney who thought it would be a good thing for young boys and girls between the ages of 17-19 to join together for a number of weeks to tour parts of the Commonwealth countries. The idea being to spread a good relationship between them.

I was chosen to represent "The Yorkshire Brigade Depot" and was one of six from the United Kingdom. Altogether there were 47 people of which twenty-four were Canadians, eight Maltese, eight Gibraltarians and six from the United Kingdom. There was also one Belgian boy who was made an honorary member.

On Monday morning July 11, I set off by going down to York station where I met a girl also from York. From there we started our journey up to Glasgow where all Questors were meeting. We arrived late in the afternoon to get a warm welcome by all the other Questors who introduced themselves and immediately we all became good friends. We stayed in Glasgow for four days and on one day we had a visit up past all the big lochs to Oban.

From Glasgow we went by coach past St. Andrews over the new Forth Road suspension bridge to Edinburgh. For the first time we all got split up to meet hosts who were putting us up for the four days we were there. This was going to happen frequently and this helped quite a lot to spread good relationship between the Commonwealth. Also it was a good way to learn how other people lived. From Edinburgh we went by coach again down to York. While we were staying in York we visited The Depot and the Junior Soldiers put on a very good parade with the Green Howards Band and Drums playing.

From there we went down to the home of Shakespeare, Stratford upon Avon, where we stayed in a youth hostel. While we were there we saw a play called "Twelfth Night"; at first I thought I was going to be very bored but as the play went on I got very interested. We also went

for a day out to Coventry to see the famous Cathedral.

From Coventry we made our way down to London where we were staying for a week so everybody was looking forward to it. There we stayed at Nuttford House which is a hotel for students. We went to see all the famous sights while in London.

I myself, seeing as the World Cup was on, went up to Wembley in the hope of getting a Final ticket which I am very pleased to say I did and enjoyed the match. Naturally all the other Questors were on England's side, and everybody was pleased to hear they won.

From London we went down to a very small village in Somerset called Glastonbury where a lot of old ruins were and excavating was taking place all the time. We stayed there for four days at a boarding school. Dover was the last place in England we called at and I myself was glad it was, as Belgium and Malta were to come quite shortly.

We sailed over to Ostend by ferry; it was a calm crossing with the sun out all the time.

From Ostend we went straight to a small town called Ypres. The whole idea of going there was for all Questors to take part in "the all night Vigil" at St. George's Memorial Church. We also visited the Menin Gate which was a very famous spot in the First World War. Brussels was the next place but I myself didn't like the city, but did enjoy a day trip to Rotterdam in Holland. We then made our way back to Ostend by coach and over to Dover by ferry which once again was very calm.

We had a five hour wait at London Airport before going over to Malta by a BEA Vanguard. We travelled by night, but it made little difference to me as it was my first plane journey. We got across there at 3.0 a.m. and immediately we got off the plane you could feel the warm air. I was staying about 3 miles outside Valetta at a place called Balzan with some very nice people who made my stay much better. There we went to some of the famous spots including the Blue Lagoon. Also we went to the small Island of Como by invitation of the Royal Navy. All through our stay out there, which lasted six days, we could at any time visit the Bella Rosa Beach Club. We did that quite often as it was really hot out there and we were glad of the use of their swimming pool by the famous Blue Mediterranean.

We flew back to London Airport once again by night to get in at 8.0 p.m. to a typical English rainy day. There both the Gibraltarians and the United Kingdom Questors gave our last farewells to the Canadian Questors and we all parted after what could be called a very enjoyable and successful Quest of 1966. The Canadians then went on to Liverpool where they stayed for two days and back over to Canada by boat. I caught a train from London and made my own way home.

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SUB-EDITORIAL

The feeling of "we finally made it" was understandably much to the fore after the Divisional Manœuvres in October. This last quarter has been the most intensive period of training since our arrival here. Now our much-used 432s are taking a well-earned rest and are back in their sheds. In a way the Battalion has an affection for this vehicle which carries us from one place to another quickly. Our hitherto more mobile friends now have a new respect for the Infantry who used to be pedestrian but now think and act as fast as they do. I say affection because we are in a new dimension with these vehicles, and are grateful for their flexibility and speed. Drivers, commanders and other inhabitants can think back over the training season and hint darkly at the times when this and that went wrong with their own vehicles, and the sweat and labour which ensued. But, on the whole, life has been made much more interesting and the Battalion become more effective in the new Infantry role. But, like it or not, we are pleased that it is

over, and generally everyone is well satisfied with our efforts.

All other news has paled in comparison with the new posting—Cyprus, as part of the United Nations Force. This will be for six months, and then we return here in time for the winter. After being here for three years, this is a very agreeable situation and many are delving into kit looking for items from Kenya and BH which have long been forgotten.

General Sir Robert Bray's promotion to Deputy Supreme Commander Allied Forces, Europe, was received with pride and naturally the Battalion is proud at this distinction and honour.

Now the Battalion is preparing for the Administration Inspection on Friday, November 25, and the hope is that everything will go as well as last year. Then we concentrate on cadres right up to leaving for Cyprus. By the next issue of the Iron Duke we shall have a clearer picture of events in the New Year, but as at present there is a distinct air of expectancy and excitement at the prospects.

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS' MESS

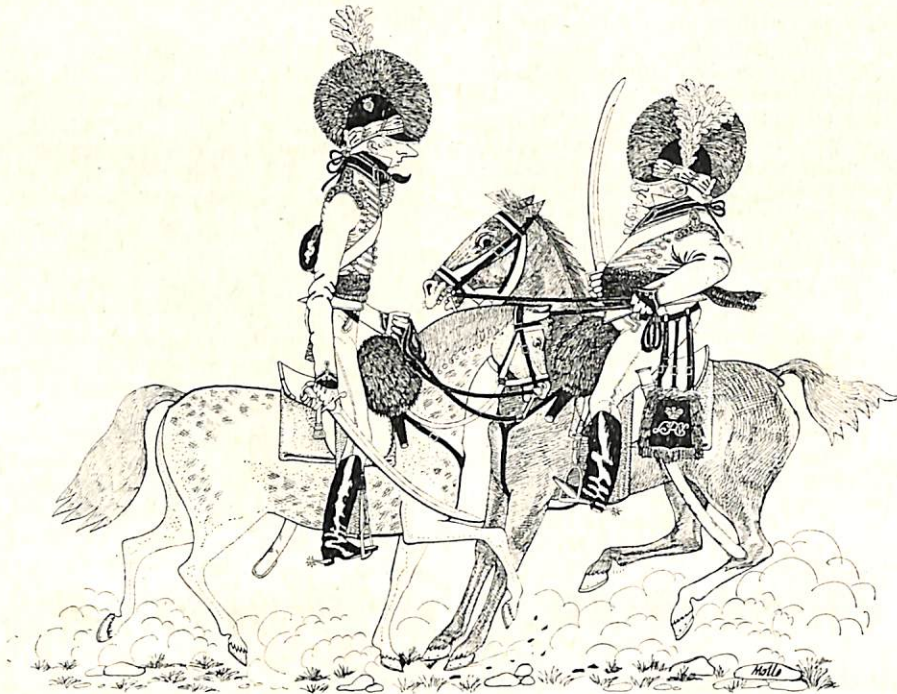
The highlight of the quarter was the ball held in the Mess on September 28. The evening started with parties in the officers' houses, where all guests were primed to withstand what might otherwise have been a cold half-hour. By 9 o'clock the whole company of guests and residents was assembled on the stands outside the Mess to watch a really excellent performance of "The Battle of Waterloo" by the Band and Drums, supported by the Signal Platoon as far as noises off were concerned. All the visitors were impressed by the standard of the display and this set the tone for the evening. We were very pleased to welcome among other guests Major-General and Mrs. Sharp and Brigadier and Mrs. Thomas. A number of ladies had been kind enough to arrange the flowers in the Mess for the evening and this undoubtedly improved its appearance no end.

We were delighted to see Col. J. B. Scott, our new Brigade Colonel, in the Mess in October and took the opportunity of holding a guest night while he was with us. The other guests included a number of officers from the Royal Scots and the Royal Fusiliers, including their Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. The Earl of Morley.

Apart from these two functions the Officers' Mess has had a fairly quiet time socially. So many officers have been away on so many exercises and courses that it has been almost impossible to get people together. In fact the only time we were able to assemble a quorum for a mess meeting was while the Battalion was on Brigade training at Soltau.

However, now that the pace is slackening, Mess activities are on the increase; the junior officers' military studies are keeping a surprisingly large number of subalterns with their noses in books.

During the last three months Jeremy and Liz Cumberledge and Martin and Maggie Summers have left Osnabruck. Jeremy goes to Shrivvenham and Camberley, Martin to the Yorkshire Brigade Depot. We wish them all the best of luck. Micky Bray, after handing over as adjutant to Duncan Lupton, has left us for Warminster. He celebrated his departure with an excellent party and the announcement of his engagement to Miss Anne Valentiner; but Mickey never was one for doing things by halves. We offer him our congratulations and good wishes. Besides Duncan and Hilda Lupton's welcome return to the mess we have been pleased to see Sid and Joan Kirk back in the Battalion and Michael Bird from Mons. Two of our attached officers have been in the news: Ian Cameron, who has been attached to us from the Royal Military Police for the past nine months, was married in Berlin just before the Divisional Exercise, and David Strong, our assistant RSO, and his wife Maureen have become the proud parents of a baby boy. Robin Newell sensibly timed his marriage to Jill to take place before the rugby season; it is said that the amount of food available to the remaining living-in members has gone up considerably as a result. Alan Westcob announced his engagement to Miss Geraldine Jones during the summer. Our congratulations to them all.



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SERGEANTS' MESS

As we go to press, our thoughts are mainly with "Tug" (C.S.M. Wilson) and Paddy (Sgt. Collins) who are making good progress in hospital after their accident on Ex "Check Mate." "We are missing you at Darts, Tug, and Paddy can you stand a joke yet?"

Now that we have finished the training season we are looking forward to the Administration which is almost upon us, then we can settle down to a more settled Mess life. We had a social a few days ago and it certainly went with a swing. Some members are still arguing how Mustaffa (Glencross) and Bobo (Chilvers) did their mind-reading act? Is it true or not that they do it by mirrors? They had better watch themselves on our next move or they might have a job waiting for them!

The Darts Team, or should I say both "A" and "B" Teams, are doing well in the League; they are first and second respectively. It is not true that the "A" Team are taking all the new players, but it may be true that the "B" Team let them win to save their reputation when they last met. On the other hand, the "A" Team may well have been somewhat kind in this match! But there is still an argument raging over the result. We shall have to wait for the return. One thing was certain however; a good night was had by all.

The Xmas Draw seems to be going with a swing. Looking at the names one can see the R.S.M. figuring very prominently! Perhaps it's the encouragement he is getting from domino matches, although Reg Todd has been away, possibly on a course?

We are sorry to say farewell to Bob Spring who has completed his service and is going into civvy street. A very long and staunch member and will be remembered by all. Good luck to you both Bob and Glad, and we hope to see you soon again. Another departure was Taffy (Pay) Owens who has also gone into the wide world. Best of luck to you, Taffy. We are certainly in debt to you for the work you have put in for the Mess.

Our congratulations to Lofty Sear (REME) and Andrew Melvin (Band) on their promotion to sergeant, hoping their stay will be a long and happy one.

On arrival back to the happy throng, we welcome John and Lola Welsh who re-joined us from Leeds University. Nice to have you back.

Finally, before we leave, whilst most of us will be drawing our KD, someone will be on the Rear Party. Any volunteers? Some members are trying to convince their wives that they do not really want to go without them. We are not very sure.

CORPORALS' MESS

The big news at the moment is of course The Regiment's forthcoming six months spell in Cyprus. All the young "Toms" in the Mess seem to be looking forward to it while the older ones have all plunged into ecstatic reminiscence of Kykko Monastery and Golden Sands Leave Camp. We are certainly going to make the most of this six months in the sun.

The two main exercises of our training year are



R.S.M. G. A. FRANCE

It is always an important event in a Battalion when a new Regimental Sergeant Major takes over. We therefore welcome back to the Battalion R.S.M. France, and hope that his tenure will be both interesting and rewarding.

R.S.M. France joined the Army in 1945 and became a "Duke" in 1949. Since then the Battalion has been an integral part of his life. Everywhere the Battalion has served R.S.M. France has served too: Korea, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Kenya, British Honduras, and so on. Possibly being C.S.M. of Alma Coy in British Honduras was his most difficult task. He then became R.S.M. at the Yorkshire Brigade Depot in 1965 where no doubt he made advance notes on the more recent arrivals in the Battalion.

It would be fair to say that his experiences have been very much the Battalion's experiences, and there are few people better informed about the Battalion from all points of view. This should prove invaluable. As stated before we hope his stay will be rewarding and, if the future does turn out as expected, then it should be.

R.S.M. France is shown with the Regiment's flag flying above him and the 2nd Battalion Elephant apparently on his shoulder.

now behind us, Exercise Opening Gambit and Exercise Check Mate, and though things at the time were very hard I think most of the Corporals enjoyed them.

There is quite a bit of movement in the Mess at the moment in the way of NCOs getting new jobs and NCOs going on release. The most notable of the releases being L/Cpl. Peter Ainsworth who has got his sights set on being a bus driver in the far north—Halifax I think they call the place. Judd Dowdall and Shady Leaf have both had enough of their present employment and have asked to go to rifle companies; both their wishes have been granted. There must be something in this company lark after all when two such notables decide to chance their arms.

The training season did not leave us much time for a decent social life but we did our best and had one or two splash ups, and now that the training season has finished we are hoping to have a few more. Our first one in fact is this coming weekend when we are having a Stag Night with beer at half price.

The Darts Team is still going strong and have won eight of their eleven matches so far and on all their home matches they always bring their wives along, have a buffet, and make a fairly decent show of it.

Shady still organises the monthly film show, but unfortunately he has not got as far as supplying pies and peas, etc., like they do in the Sergeants' Mess. No doubt he will improve in time.

TRAINING

EXERCISE LUNDY'S LANE

Each year CRAC hold an exercise for the 1(BR) Corps armoured car regiments to practise them in their traditional roles of reconnaissance and the imposition of delay.

In 1966 the reconnaissance force was to be reinforced by two armoured squadron/infantry company groups, whose tasks were to be to deal with any enemy forces beyond the scope of the armoured cars on the advance and to provide a sufficient force to impose delay upon the enemy in the withdrawal. "Corunna Company," consisting of Company H.Q. and one platoon from Corunna Company, one platoon from Burma Company and one platoon from Alma and Hook Companies, with under command sections of mortars, wombats and GW, was grouped with B Sqn. 9/12 L under command QRIH (The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars) for the exercise. This *ad hoc* force settled down very quickly and worked well as a team throughout the exercise.

Lundy's Lane was held in Bavaria and so necessitated a lengthy move to the concentration area. We thought that we were to go on the slowest train in the world when we heard the journey was to take 22 hours until we were told that the train taking the 9/12 L was to take 44 hours for the same journey.

So it was that we found ourselves in our concentration area early in the morning of Sunday, September 11, 1966. The exercise started on the night September 12/13 with Orange Forces, of which we formed a part, preparing to invade Blueland, whose forces were represented by a German reconnaissance force.

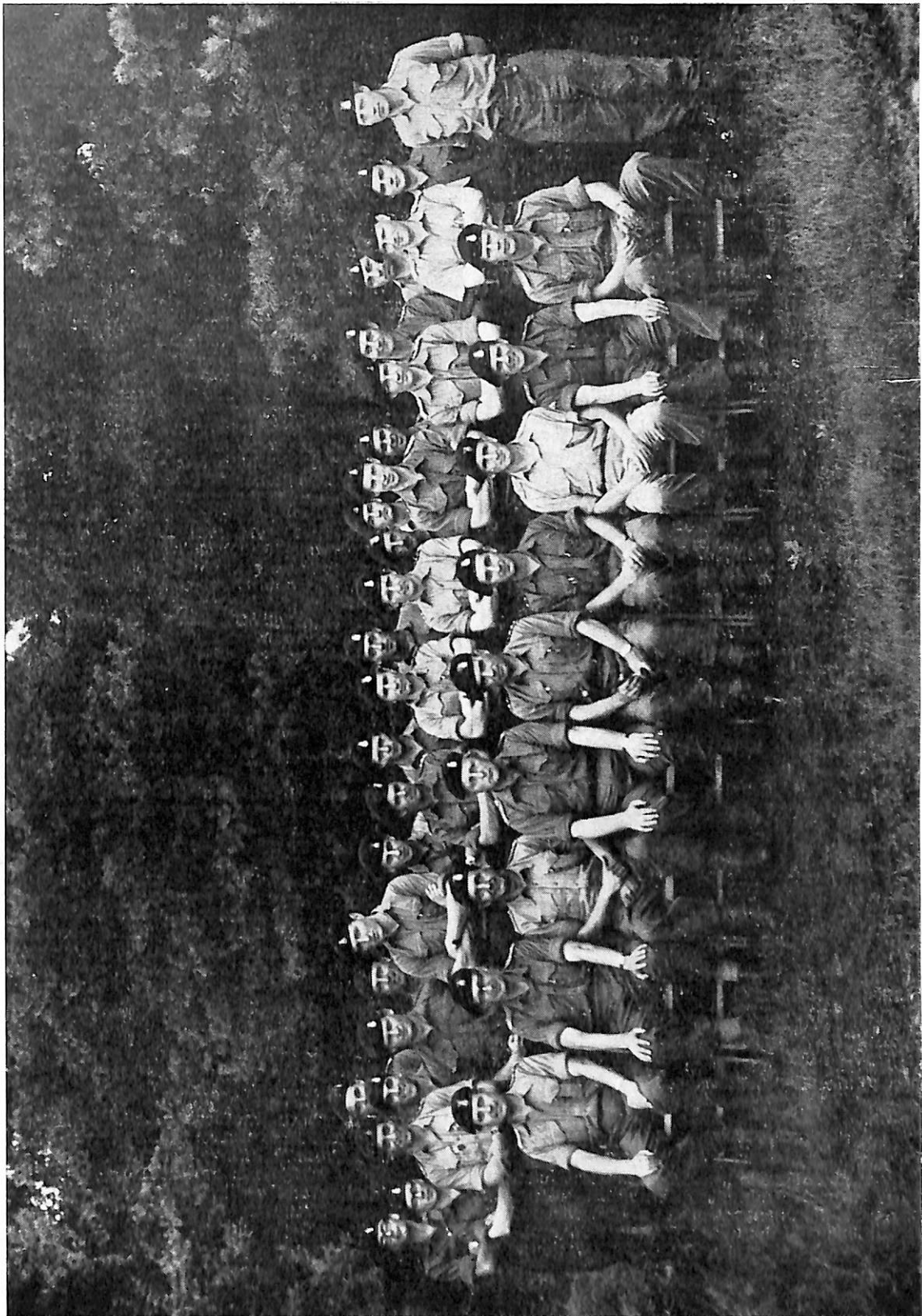
From then on the pace was fast and furious. Our force moved initially a matter of two to three miles behind the leading elements of the QRIH. By mid-morning on the first day a company of enemy tanks had been located; a splendid tank battle ensued which would have gladdened the heart of any desert tank commander, and which astonished our two Danish visitors. Unfortunately the country was very open and the infantry were not

employed apart from clearing a couple of villages. It was at this stage, however, that 11 platoon was picked up by helicopter and flown behind the enemy to seize a bridge in conjunction with the leading armoured cars. The bridge was captured and, although the enemy were "allowed" to escape, a large proportion of their force would have been cut off; the advance continued.

The second day of the exercise we found ourselves in thicker country more suitable to the employment of infantry. By this time Blueland was in full retreat and could not be brought to battle—it was all we could do to keep up with them as the armoured cars had difficulty in maintaining contact. That night, platoons were detached to squadrons of the QRIH; in fact in some cases sections were detached to troops. This required a high standard of map reading by the section commanders in the dark through thick forest. It is much to their credit that they all found their way to the right troop, apparently without difficulty.

By the morning of the third day the enemy had been reinforced and Orange forces were ordered to withdraw. The company was concentrated with the armoured squadron and prepared to give battle. That afternoon enemy pressure built up and by 1500 hrs. the two forces were locked in combat and a splendid tank/infantry battle took place. We had plenty of opportunity to practise fighting a delay battle in conjunction with the armoured squadron and some good anti-tank action was fought. At last light, as Blueland reinforcements were coming up, Orange forces were ordered to make a clean break and withdraw. The company was given the task of holding two bridges which were reserve demolitions. First light found us deployed on the bridges; one was on a main road away from any built-up area but the second was on outskirts of a fairly large town. Here a large crowd assembled, including a high proportion of school children, and by mid-morning the platoon commander was considering charging admission and making a fortune.

On one bridge two helicopter assaults were



The Officers at Soltau II—less Major Fife and Lt. Long

beaten off and on the other 10 Pl. awaited the enemy attack which was expected from moment to moment. Unfortunately the leading enemy tank did not appear until five minutes after the exercise had been declared over, much to the disgust of 10 Pl. and the assembled crowd.

What are the incidents which will be remembered from the exercise? Well, the German sergeant whom 10 Pl. captured twice; 11 Pl.'s difficulty in finding the helicopter pick-up point; 9 Pl. and that elusive RV; the mysterious appearance of one "Odd Job" (and we suspect that at least one member of the force knows who he or she was); the radio appointment title "Scotch Haggis"; the look in the Ferret commander's face when a Centurion fired a blank about three feet behind him and the company commander's exasperation with "Wait Out." Finally, what did we get out of the exercise? It was the first time that most of us had worked with a reconnaissance force of this type and we learned a lot about the quick and accurate reporting of contacts. We learned the importance of quick and accurate identification of equipment, particularly in a fast-moving battle when either friend or foe could appear round the corner at any moment, at the expense of one detachment of the QRIH! We learned to work on a radio net with 40 or 50 sub-stations on it, and by the end of the first day it was a very fast and well ordered net, and how we wished we had good communications to all Sp. Pl. weapons. The flexibility offered by the new APC was once again well demonstrated; everyone was impressed by the speed at which an infantry company can move and concentrate. Administratively we were supported by the echelon of the QRIH and very well they did us too; but the exercise gave us plenty of practice in re-supplying the company at night, sometimes in difficult and scattered areas, which was to stand us in good stead on Exercise Check Mate later in the year. The friendliness of the local German population was a revelation. They seemed delighted to see the British Army and moving through a village it was reminiscent of "liberation" scenes from newsreels. If anyone should ask us to go again we should all be pleased to do so, but there must be an easier way of getting there and back.

DIVISIONAL MANŒUVRES 1966 EXERCISE "CHECK MATE"

Between October 10-21 a two-sided exercise took place with 6 and 12 Infantry Brigades of Dragonia aggressing against the small country of Mapleland whose forces were the formidable Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. The Battalion, with its affiliated "C" Sqn. 9/12 L and a Fd. Engr. Sqn., was commanded by Major Hardy as Lt.-Col. Isles had been elevated to the command of 12 Brigade. We are told that it is an unfortunate fact that neither officer received pay of higher rank.

The exercise was an ambitious one as both friend and foe were fully mechanised with supporting armour, and as both sides included an amphibious crossing of the River Weser in their concept of operations. The area of the exercise stretched East and West some 80 miles from Paderborn to

Hildesheim and movement was allowed anywhere. Damage Control was in evidence to keep an eye on the compensation but inevitably the bill will be heavy. (This recalls the story of the old German farmer with three sons; when he died he left his farm to the one son, the land to the other and the compensation to the third!)

Armoured hooks and thrusts were the order of the day and it was certainly a fast-moving battle. Aggressor Dragonia got up to the line of the Weser by last light on D-Day and swam across on D+1. This was an impressive sight and all the Battalion 432s were across the Weser, despite a 4-knot current, in fine style.

The armour and soft-skinned vehicles crossed by bridges under cover of darkness. On D+2, 6 and 12 Brigades broke out of their bridgehead at first light and pushed forward rapidly for Hildesheim. However, they were allowed to advance only about 10 km before Mapleland released their nuclears and the Dragonian forces were stopped dead (!) in their tracks. The Battalion took a pasting, losing Bn. H.Q. and two-thirds of the rifle companies. Fortunately, ϕ B (Call Sign of the Alternate Bn. H.Q.) was some 15 km away and grasped firmly the reins of command.

Inexplicably, at this stage, the Canadian Commander lost his nerve and did not let go his two regiments' worth of armour, thus giving Dragonia ample time to re-group. But the pressure was on and, assisted by judicious umpiring, it was now Mapleland's turn to have a go; it was therefore a fighting night withdrawal for Dragonia back by bridges and ferries over the Weser. This withdrawal, probably more than any other phase of the exercise, illustrated the flexibility which the 432s and their communications give to a formation. Inevitably, the frictions of war caused many alterations in the withdrawal plan—a bridge was taken out and the Gillois ferry developed engine trouble—all of which necessitated rapid switchings and changes.

Mapleland forces had their problems crossing the river, as they took a very long time and were not all across by daylight. This gave Dragonia plenty of time to prepare their positions and the Battalion was well poised when the leading Canadians struck the obstacle belt. Tanks, Vigilant and guns all had good fields of fire and, assisted by a certain amount of bunching, inflicted considerable damage on, and succeeded in stopping, the Canadians.

This was the pattern along the whole of 12 Bde. front and although some penetration was allowed in the South, in 6 Brigade's sector, this too was soon rolled up by an armoured counter-attack. No more was left now except for the post-mortem. It transpired that it had been a good exercise (Exercise Director); we had all learned a lot (unanimous) and that amphibious crossings on a very wide front were *on*, even possibly in daylight, but preferably at night.

And so to Winter Quarters—another campaign over and all of us aware that our new equipment really is the best answer so far to modern mobile warfare.

RUGGER

After a late start, the Rugby Season got under way again. We could not do much before the Divisional manoeuvres except play one game with no prior training. That was against RAF Wildenrath which we lost 20—21, and should have won handsomely.

However it may have proved a blessing in disguise as everyone realised that we would have to train and play earnestly to retain the Army Cup again this year. The side has proceeded to get very fit, and the training has paid dividends. Basically the side is much the same as last year except that we have lost two of our best forwards: Capt. Mundell and L/Cpl. Ponijiasi. This has left the pack short of real experience, but with match practice this is being overcome. The side has aimed at fast open play with the forwards establishing superiority in the loose, and having parity in the lineout and scrums.

We have played three matches outside of the Army Cup: against Hanover Victoria, the German Champions, which we won 35—8; RAF, Bruggen 16—3 and Hamburg Police 9—6. These three sides are among the strongest in the country and the matches proved invaluable to us. We have had our weaknesses, and then have been able to sort them out for the Army Cup.

Army Cup

1st Round

v. Lord Strathcona's Horse: Won 47—0

This match against the inexperienced Canadians proved no walkover, as they stuck to their task admirably. Poor handling at the start by the threes meant that our superiority was not established till well into the first half. However the forwards established a supremacy in all departments, and

particularly pleasing was the good cohesion in the loose. Tries followed regularly and some fine handling between forwards and backs was the outstanding feature. In the forwards, the outstanding performances were by Sgt. Hall, Lt. Redwood-Davies, L/Cpl. Dickens, and L/Cpl. Hunter. Outside, all the threes had their moments and Pte. Cuss, the new full back, acquitted himself very well. Lt. Newell and Capt. Reid gave ample opportunities for Lts. Edwards and Pettigrew to show their paces, and they in turn served their wingers quite well.

2nd Round

v. 5 Field Regt. RA: Won 48—3

Down three points in the first minute from a penalty, the "Dukes" settled down well and played their usual fast open game. Tries resulted from some excellent loose heels and hard driving by the forwards who, although outweighed, gave nothing away to the opposition. The front row again did well, and L/Cpl. Dickens had another strong game. The threes played better collectively; Cpl. Robinson and Lt. Walker caught the eye with strong running. Pte. Cuss, deputising for Lt. Edwards, in the second half in the centre showed his considerable all round potential. The game showed that we still lacked real cohesion in the pack, and missed easy opportunities outside, and in good conditions at that.

3rd Round

v. HQ 1 BR Corps: Won 56—3

In atrocious conditions the "Dukes" turned on one of their finest performances in the last three years. The forwards showed immense drive and

AFTER THE 1st ROUND
Capt. Ian Reid discusses the game with the C.O.



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fire and completely outplayed a heavier and tough pack. The threes handling was superb, and the whole side showed its real ability for the first time. It would be invidious to pick out players in this game; everyone played extremely well. The only point of criticism was that it took us twenty minutes to settle down, but after that it was one way traffic. Some of the loose play of the forwards was of the highest standard, and the timing of the pass outside was perfect, even when outnumbered, and the ball being properly utilised meant that huge gaps were created. If we can keep this up prospects look very bright.

Late News

2 Div. Final

v. 24 Missile Regt. R.A.: won 31-3

B.A.O.R. semi-final

v. 2 R.T.R.: won 8-6

B.A.O.R. Final

v. 7 Royal Signal Regt.: won 9-3

The final of the Army Rugby Cup will be played at Aldershot on February 22, and it is hoped that as many "Dukes" as possible will attend to give our team their support.

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CRICKET 1966



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BAOR Cricket Champions 1966

Front row: Capt. Summers, Major Hardy, Capt. Cumberlege, Capt. Reid, Lt. Newell. Rear: Lt. Strong, S/Sgt. Vickers, Pte. Tolson, Lt. Power, Pte. Caddle, L/Cpl. Youdan

1st BATTALION COMPANY NOTES

ALMA COMPANY

A busy spell of formation exercises and re-organisation within the company is culminating in the Annual Admin Inspection. The many young soldiers have learned by experience much that there was no time to teach them.

In a four-day spell of flotation training at Ohr Park, Hamelin, with Cpl. Pearson and Pte. (now L/Cpl.) Davies instructing, the 432s took to the water with the ease of hippopotami and, after the preliminary "dip our tails and round we go," a great deal of valuable river-crossing experience was accumulated. We were spared the sight of rotating APCs disappearing down stream, nothing sank, and we all enjoyed the sunshine.

In mid-September a platoon's worth of APCs under Cpl. Smith went to Bavaria on Ex Lundy's Lane, and Chris Jowett took Cpl. Robinson and a party of honest working men to do a great job loading jerricans in the Refilling Point for 4 Div Ex Eternal Triangle.

At Soltau, with the Battalion as enemy to 6 Infantry Brigade, the company conducted some first-class manoeuvres, particularly a screen battle involving a fighting withdrawal astride an axis through dense woodland, with 1 Foresters attacking. The clean break was achieved every time, and a frustrated enemy struck at air for 24 hours, which ended in an exhilarating race across country in APCs, the entire Company closing into line ahead at full speed on their way to secure the Battalion Start Point. The next day was a "sponge" battle fought against an armoured advance on a wide front; a nasty moment was when all but 2 platoon had fled and Sgt. Stewart was infiltrated by tanks.

A pleasant interlude by a Waldgaststette near Luneburg provided the local backward children with an afternoon's excitement. Then came a fast road move by night to a hide, a silent approach



No. 1 Platoon, Alma Coy on Exercise Check Mate.
Pte. Jameson (left) Pte. Thompson (right)

march, and a line abreast assault on an incredulous enemy.

The enemy's subsequent recce was watched with interest, and his counter-attack, when it came, was taken in enfilade by every gun in the company. To keep the balance, the Alma was vaporised by a nuclear weapon, and the exercise ended.

For Ex Check Mate the company organisation was irregular as usual: Capt. Pugh went to HQ 2 Div, and Lt. Andrews to HQ 12 Brigade as LOs. C.S.M. Battye took over 1 B, aided and abetted by an attached gunner officer, and a visiting RAOC officer became Company 2IC. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the country was looking its autumnal best.

The Company, grouped with C Sqn. 9/12 L, was the Battalion's advanced guard, following up 1 Foresters. A radio net of just under fifty substations taxed our powers and patience, but worked increasingly well. After a successful encounter battle by 1 Platoon, an advance in packets from hide to hide made us harbour by night in some very difficult wooded areas. The following day our APCs successfully swam the Weser, and after dark entered a harbour area of steep-sided tracks, some of which were quickly deemed impassable to APCs. At first light came the punch forward to Copenbrugge where it became clear that FV 432s can not climb trees: when battle was joined, Chris Jowett found himself commanding the remnants of three platoons, and fought a convincing battle in support of the leading tanks. Then came the sort-out and Sgt. Lofthouse took command of half the force. Then followed the battle of Hemmerndorf when the company, achieving complete surprise, cleared the village, demoralised a company of Canadians, and then held a salient to deflect an enemy armoured thrust.

The defensive power of an armoured squadron was really felt during this phase, and the Vigilant Platoon showed to great advantage from a very "sharp" location in a turnip field. A fast withdrawal by night across the Weser was followed next day by the battle of Schieder when each platoon played its part in a mobile defence in a large area of heavily wooded hills. Unfortunately the exercise ended before the full strength of the enemy attack from the South developed.

The exercises were very valuable for us all, and much enjoyed.

A significant factor in the efficient running of the APCs was the forming of an MT Platoon, under Lt. Andrews and Cpl. Pearson, which included all the drivers and MT staff in the Company. The drivers have been grand, they worked hard and were cheerful under very difficult conditions. Some tracks were thrown in places which could be reached only by a driver of unusual ability!

The Vigilant Platoon, which S/Sgt. Fee has commanded so ably, has now to be disbanded. It

has been a valuable team which has contributed significantly to the Infantry's knowledge of A.Tk guided missiles. Fortunately, most of the NCOs and men stay in the Company, and we all look forward to using their talents in other employment. Cpl. Hewson is already happily established in No. 1 Pl.

New arrivals are 2/Lt. Mike Bird to command 2 Pl. vice Simon Ogram, who has now left us, and Cpl. Anderson, an old friend, returned to 2 Pl. Cpl. Hall has replaced our long-valued Cpl. Henderson as the Company Pay Clerk.

The disappearance of C.S.M. Battye for the whole of September, to show a Royal Marines "R.S.M.s" Course what a Sergeant-Major should be like, left a sizeable gap which Sgt. Wappett did his best to fill. Sgt. Wappett has now left for the Battalion WT Staff where we wish him success. Chris Jowett now speaks German and Toby Hirst visited the Norwegian Army. Cpl. Stansfield is away on his Weapons Course at Hythe, and on return will depart to the Depot to join Cpl. Blood who has just arrived there. We look forward to great things from them both and expect super recruits to take to Cyprus. Pte. Boylan, a long-established member of Alma Coy, has now left for what we hope will be a happy tour at the Depot.

The "casualties" have been many. The most prominent was Sgt. Stewart whose marriage to a very pretty bride caused the steadfast bachelors in the Sgts.' Mess to drown their sorrows at the wedding breakfast. The Company wish Sgt. and Mrs. Stewart all happiness. Babies have been born to the wives of Cpl. Ingham, Pte. Frith and Pte. Douglas.

In the sporting field, Cpl. Robinson has played excellent Rugby for the Battalion: Peter Andrews was a courageous full-back until he suffered a dislocated shoulder, and now Chris Jowett and Mike Bird are regular performers in the Duke's pack. Pte. Hayes has carried the Alma flag in the Battalion Football Team.

Recent promotions are: well-earned second stripe for Cpl. Basu (now on Domcol in Fiji—lucky man), and first stripes to L/Cpl. Dawes, Davies, Dyke, Blood, Chadderton, Coates 53, Robinson 65, Simmons and Smith 74.

The future holds promise: cadres of all types are planned in the next two months for most of the fully trained soldiers, and we shall devote ourselves to intensive training in preparation for the six months spell in Cyprus with UN Forces.

What with all this, the Adm Inspection, Snow Queen XVII, Pte. Akeroyd on a Clerk's Course, Pte. Hey writing to the Mayor of Ottawa's daughter, Capt. Pugh passing his Practical Promotion Exam, and Christmas in the offing, anything could happen and most things do.

BURMA COMPANY

If anyone is wondering where to spend next August Bank Holiday they should try Ohr Park near Hamelin. That is where most of the "Chiefs" and several "Indians" of Burma spent the 1966 holiday. Good tented accommodation, bed and breakfast, hot and cold, pull-chain WCs, 20 mins. to river. The training for swimming by our APCs

was carried out on the Weser with much enthusiasm, no visitors (we don't blame them), several interruptions from passing pleasure steamers and only one exciting moment. This latter was when a 432 containing C.S.M. Wilson and others got carried towards Hamelin weir at 1½ knots before a rescue tug took it in tow.

During August and September all those who had not already taken it took their summer leave before the final exercises of the year took place. A composite platoon of the Company took part in Ex "Lundy's Lane" as part of Corunna Company. One of the results of this exercise, in spite of efforts by Cpl. Leachman to prevent it being taken, was a photograph of his section advancing along a track which appeared in Soldier magazine's November issue.

Exercise "Opening Gambit" saw us making our third visit of the year to the Soltau training area. The weather was exceptionally good and since we were playing enemy to 6 Infantry Brigade the pace was a little less hectic than usual. We covered a great deal of ground, some familiar and some unfamiliar. The Company was far from being at full strength for this exercise as were other companies and for one phase there was a reshuffle when Coy H.Q. and one platoon became part of Corunna Company and the other platoon joined Alma Company.

In the brief interval between this exercise and the next the Company was involved in the erection of stands and other work associated with the "Battle of Waterloo." Some members of the Company took part in the performance as torch bearers and gate openers; the torch bearers found themselves more in the limelight than anyone in the Company realised they would be but nevertheless acquitted themselves well.

Exercise "Check Mate," the climax of the season, was highlighted by two events and marred by two. The amphibious crossing of the River Weser was easier than crossing the same river at Ohr Park, although it was difficult to realise that the crossing was part of the exercise and not an exercise in itself and an air of a sporting event infected us and tempted us to watch how the others fared in the water. The other highlight was a first-light attack on an enemy gun position which was as much a surprise to us as it was to them.

During the exercise there were two accidents. An anti-tank Land-Rover overturned, the report of which appears in their notes. The other accident happened some ten minutes before the exercise ended. Two APCs collided head on on a narrow road and resulted in a number of casualties, two of them serious. Thanks to speedy evacuation and skilled medical care, after a week or two of anxiety Pte. Childs (attached from Sig Platoon) and Pte. Murphy, both of whom sustained abdominal injuries, have made remarkable recoveries and are at present on sick leave. L/Cpl. Miller lost his front teeth and C.S.M. Wilson sustained a broken arm but both are back in circulation again. Sgt. Collins and Pte. Fargie cracked ribs but were soon discharged from hospital. For several days after these accidents eight of Burma Company were in

SCENES ON TRAINING



It's no use hiding it. Lt. C. G. Edwards caught during an attempted "Brew-up," chats guiltily to the C.O. and Lt. Pettigrew after the exercise

Strained Faces

Question. Will 15 tons of Armoured Personnel Carrier (432) float?

Answer. It did



Exercise C.O. "waits out." . . . "wait out!" "wait out!" "wait out!" If Major Hardy called for a "sitrep," it was odds-on the answer would be "wait out"



Conquerors of the Weser
Drum-Major Allerton plus
Defence platoon. Driver is
Pte. Schofield, "Defence"

Await orders to roll
Left to right. Cpl. Taylor
and Pte Sykes of the Signal
Platoon, Lt. Power A/TK
Officer, and Lt. Pettigrew,
Intelligence Officer



Exercise ends
The Drummers of "Defence
Platoon" pack up to go
home. By this time the
Drum-Major sporting a
"hairy upper lip"



BURMA HAS A SMALL PROBLEM

Shout "Small" in Burma Coy and you get three answers; shout Small 36 and you get two. The Smalls, left to right: John, Peter and Michael, on the assault course

BMH Rinteln and C.S.M. Wilson was considering taking muster parade in the corridor of the surgical ward.

We were probably unique during "Check Mate" in having a Norwegian officer, Lt. Rolf Nordstrum, in command of 6 Platoon, Lt. Westcob being on leave in Kenya. Lt. Nordstrum, a stranger to the AFV 432, was no stranger to map reading his way through thickly wooded mountainous terrain. Although one could hear the platoon advancing, owing to a missing exhaust on one vehicle, one never knew, until it appeared, how it could or where it would appear next, led by the intrepid Norwegian. We are told he is now regarded as an expert in APC tactics and doctrines in his own country.

While all this was being enacted Lt. Cameron was getting married and spending his honeymoon in Majorca. We wish him and his wife every happiness. We only wish he could remain with us but the call of the Corps of Royal Military Police is beckoning him back in the New Year.

As winter approaches fast, thoughts turn to leave, cadres, ski-ing and Christmas but not necessarily in that order. Grey skies and damp weather are brightened by the aspect of six months of sunshine in Cyprus from April 1967.

2/Lt. Bray, Cpl. Young and Pte. Calvert are shortly to disappear for the winter as part of the Battalion ski team but should be back for Cyprus. Sgt. Collins is off to Bordon to learn a bit about the insides of a 432. L/Cpl. Miller is taking up PT seriously and Cpl. Leachman is going to Hythe for a course. Pte. Beard has left for a tour at the Brigade Depot and Sgt. Atkinson is off to the Junior Leaders Battalion at Oswestry.

L/Cpl. Youdan and Pte. Pennington took part in a BAOR soccer trial and it goes without saying we won the inter company soccer knockout competition held in September as a prelude to the soccer season.

The Company is well represented in the Battalion XV, having Sgts. Hemmings and Hall in the first

row, Lt. Westcob at wing-forward and Pte. Cuss at full-back.

The Company strength now stands at 7 officers and 127 rank and file (on paper) but it will not be until March next year that this number appears on parade together again.

Family strengths have also increased. The wives of Cpl. Lamont, L/Cpl. Hole and Pte. Bannister have all had babies recently. The Company also has in its ranks no less than three members of the Small family. Small 736 and 436 arrived in June and in October Small 289, the elder one, arrived. It is reported that there are no less than ten other brothers and sisters in the Small family.

CORUNNA COMPANY

The last couple of months have been extremely hectic. In fact probably the most intensive spell of training the Company has undergone since being stationed here. First to Ohr Park for Flotation, followed in quick succession by Lundys Lane, enemy to 6 Bde., and finally the Divisional Manœuvres. We felt by the end of it all that we had benefited enormously.

We never seemed to be in camp for long, and therefore points of interest occurred mainly in the field. On the Div Exercise we had the honour of being the first company across the Weser from the Battalion. Lt. Cartwright has assured us that the 432 with the minimum of preparation can float forever!

Later, in the exploitation phase on the other side, we found very little enemy but a vast amount of mining and demolitions. This meant that we had to find devious ways in woods in the dark. "Cartwright's Highway" is the classic example and will long be remembered by all the Company. This was the outcome of splendid initiative and disregard for personal danger. Even the enemy who were firmly on the road waiting for us would not believe it, and the result was the capture of the enemy arty line the next morning in conjunction

with Burma Company. No mean feat in modern warfare—surprise was complete.

The final incident was on the last morning, after hardly ever getting to grips with the enemy, we thought we had our chance this time. The Coy Comd had plotted the enemy's downfall and was putting it into effect when the final whistle blew. Chagrin turned to hope once again when unaccountably we were given "extra time" of ten minutes, but it wasn't quite enough. The neck was in the noose but we didn't have time to pull it tight.

Besides these Exercises we did manage to get all the platoons on Adventure Training over the summer. 9 Platoon to Wertach (Trekking), 10 Platoon to Holland (Canoeing), 11 Platoon Berchtesgaden (Rock Climbing) and the Mortars to Wertach also. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves immensely, and the popularity of these platoon adventure training programmes makes one wonder whether much work was done and if they should be counted as leave. However, it was to all intents and purposes a breath of fresh air for the platoons, and the opportunity for working by themselves. We are assured that friendly relations have been established in the areas, and that the good name of the Regiment was upheld.

New arrival to the Company is C/Sgt. Welsh, and one departure is Pte. Tolson who we hope does a good job at Troon. Congratulations to L/Cpl. Dare and Pte. Senior on their new additions to the family.

HOOK COMPANY

One sometimes wonders if ex-soldiers, let alone ordinary civilians, realise what life is like in BAOR. Firstly we are fighting a cold war, secondly we are training for a hot war, and thirdly we are on peace-time administration.

The cold war affects this company in several ways. All security measures are tighter than in UK. For instance, either Pte. Clarke 66 or Pte. Walker 33 has to be in the Arms Store every minute of every year. The extra orders for safes, office security, and classified documents all add to the work and worry of C.S.M. Fenn and Cpl. Craig in the company office. Then, as orderly officers who have to check them know, all vehicles have to be carefully locked up overnight. Also, besides normal guards and duties, there will be a regimental policeman, drummer, medical orderly and clerk on duty. And the MT will have their duty NCO and driver, and the LAD will probably have a recovery team standing by. In fact, every night there are at least six men on duty from the company.

In addition the company always provides a big chunk of the men for special guards, which occur two or three times a year. These guards involve stand-by duties for a week or more on end for up to sixty officers and men. The fact that Hook Company soldiers are doing this special duty is not allowed to affect the work of their departments—the others just work twice as hard! Border patrols are another cold war activity to which the company contribute. These patrols along the West-East German Border are very interesting, but they do take soldiers away from their normal employment.

Training for a hot war at least means we have

some super up-to-date equipment. The 1966 BAOR soldier really has an armoured personnel carrier (FV 432) and not a flag to represent one as in 1936. But these APCs cost £13,000 and there are an awful lot of items that can be damaged or lost, and which have to be checked. It is certainly putting a big responsibility on the drivers who have these vehicles, especially compared with the old infantryman with his £20 rifle bust.

The modern section weapons, Carl Gustav anti-tank, and general purpose machine gun have had to be mastered. New respirators have been fitted and tested. All aspects of nuclear bacteriological warfare have to be studied and practised.

Being ready for war is our purpose in life, but there is a great deal more to being in an APC battalion than there is to being in a normal infantry one. So obviously everyone is out on training a lot, and during a year this will add up to at least ten weeks away from barracks. There is none of the civilian eight to five routine. Everybody trains and could be ready for war at twenty-four hours notice.

Peace time administration means that, however hard and realistically one trains, things that are lost or damaged have to be paid for and everything has to be accounted for. P 1954 is not some medical sample but a red ink entry in a soldier's pay book for something he is paying for. Making these entries is one small part of W.O.2 McManus's job as CQMS, and drawing and re-issuing the kit is part of Ptes. Shrivell and McGee's jobs as storemen.

Accounting for everything is a monumental task—even Charles Atlas could not lift all the Q.M.'s G1098 ledgers, which are written up by Sgt. Butler. Within the company, between T.Q.M.S. Arundel (MT Technical) and Pte. Whitehead (Medical Orderly) there are two s/sergeants, four sergeants, five corporals and two privates accounting for stores, rations, and documents. Add to these the storemen, and drivers and fatigue parties who have to collect, load and deliver the stores, and one gets some idea of the administrative commitment.

Then the rules and regulations which govern our lives threaten to bury us sometimes, so many are they. If one obeyed all the fire regulations to the letter one would not dare to smoke. If one obeyed all the security rules one would not dare to talk!

However, life is not as dull as that. Cigarettes are 1/2d. for 20, and talk is marvellous after a couple of whiskies at 7d. a tot. One can go to British films at the local Army Kinema Corporation Cinema. Alternatively one can play Bingo at the Garrison Social Centre where Sgt. Bailes of this company is manager. Pay is not so bad and even many private soldiers run cars. For those who speak a bit of German the delights of the Osnabruck Theatre and cinemas are there to enjoy. For those who can say no more than "Zwei bier, bitte" the gasthaus will offer good beer in variety. And did you know that our new Messing Officer, Lt. Sidney Kirk, has introduced what no hotel could offer—Sunday breakfast anytime between eight and ten thirty, with lunch from eleven till one o'clock!

SIGNAL PLATOON

Since the last edition of the Iron Duke, the Platoon, like the remainder of the Battalion, has maintained the momentum of the training season. An Exercise in which the Battalion played enemy to 6 Inf. Bde. provided us with a great deal of interest in demanding a stretch of communications not normally encountered, particularly regarding our umpires. The Div manoeuvres were much enjoyed and, since we knew that our communications would be interfered with, there were some amusing accusations of jamming. To the relief of our operators the "oriental gentleman" who had been frequently on our nets throughout the season was happily absent, and their logging was made more simple—(ever tried taking down "pidgin" English in shorthand?).

The Platoon, under the extremely efficient co-ordination of S/Sgt. Curling, made a great contribution to the Waterloo celebration by running the firework display, in time to the music of the Band and Drums. The "Guy Fawkes" celebrations were also set off with a bang by the Signals. The fireworks went all right, but Lt. Strong should never be accused of being a pyromaniac. The slight delay in getting the bonfire lit almost gave the R.S.O. heart-failure when he saw Pte. Shaw, his batman, gaily dowsing a smouldering patch with petrol. Shaw's comments are not recorded; however, he survived and the fire burned beautifully.

The trend to marriage has continued; Pte. Bowler celebrated November 5, not with fireworks, but at his wedding. We all offer our congratulations and our best wishes for the future, to both him and his wife.

Adventure training this year took the form of a trip to Bavaria, which was enjoyed by all, including a number of soldiers from neighbouring units who joined the party. The weather played its usual tricks, which prevented any high-powered rock-climbing, but the trekking and swimming were a great success. The evenings' volley ball competition was slightly confused by adherents to a variety of rules. Needless to say the score was more easily kept during the game than in the subsequent beer-drinking.

At present, the Annual Administrative Inspection looms large and, although the Signal Platoon takes all in its stride, one luckless youth was most disturbed to hear that the QM does not stock tins of "elbow-grease."

RECCE PLATOON

Immediately the Platoon returned from leave they went straight to Ohr Park. All our 432s swam well and we did not send the MTO into depths of despair.

We managed to squeeze ten days' adventure training in Bavaria during the middle of September. We had hoped to go to Norway but time was our main enemy. Nevertheless, everyone enjoyed himself tremendously. The ten days were split up into rock climbing, fell walking and visiting places of interest. Two places of note: one was the fairy castle of King Ludwig of Bavaria built in the early

nineteenth century. It was certainly quite something. One bored soldier was heard to remark "When you have seen one you have seen the lot!" The other was the Zugspitt. This is the highest mountain in Germany. The view from the top is magnificent, looking over Germany and Austria. The German/Austrian border runs right through the middle of a hotel which has been built there. This place is a great tourist attraction and needless to say the prices are very expensive.

On our return from Bavaria we went straight into Ex Opening Gambit. This was the most enjoyable exercise of the whole season. The orders given to Sunray were "To find 'em, hold 'em and then pull 'em hard." This I think we did with remarkable success.

The day we had been planning and working for arrived on October 8. The Divisional exercise started. We were really ready. All the vehicles had mounted machine guns and were stacked with ammunition. We had fixed a searchlight onto the Command Post gun. Everyone was really excited. Unfortunately for the lower commanders and the soldiers it did not really get off the ground. This, of course, is understandable when you have a unit the size of a Division to be exercised. The main aim was to exercise the higher commanders and battle procedures, not the soldiers. Even so we were still able to carry out some important tasks which were beneficial to the Battalion.

The exercise season ended for the Battalion with Check Mate but not so for the Recce Platoon. We went straight into our cadre, the first one there has ever been for the Platoon. It was a great success due to the Platoon NCOs. They had a difficult time trying to compete with administrative rehearsals. It culminated in Ex "Last Chance" or as it was commonly called the "Long Walk." The exercise took place in the area of the Teutoburger Wald stretching from east of Minden to Osnabruck. A distance as the crow flies of seventy kilometres. The aim was to teach soldiers how to live and move in enemy-held territory for long periods. It was an extremely exacting exercise over difficult country in very cold weather. It brought out well the individual points of a man's character as well as testing his training. Every man completed the course, some better than others. These people now have confidence in themselves. They have completed something that was difficult and they will, I am sure, be better soldiers for it.

Times are changing and people move on. It is with regret that I have to say two "good-byes." The first one is to Sgt. Hall. He is leaving the Platoon in December to take over a new post in the Battalion, that of Intelligence Sergeant. I would like to thank him for all the help that he has given to me. He has been a tremendous help when things have got difficult. He has been extremely good to the Platoon although at times I am sure they have not realised it. He has made a success of a difficult job in a fast-moving unit. The second "good-bye" is from myself to the Platoon. I have spent a very happy two years commanding the Platoon. It is without doubt the best command a junior officer can have in a regiment. According

to Field-Marshal Slim there are only two other commands in the Army that equal it. I do not expect I shall ever be able to pass that kind of judgement. In the field the Platoon has a difficult and very tiring role. I would like to say how much easier you all made my task. It has proven to me how easy it is to command good soldiers.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

Not since the disbanding of "S" Company have the Anti-Tank notes been written. However, the A/Tk guns are again concentrated in one company as opposed to the Sp. Pl. concept.

We reformed in May 1966 and since then it has become apparent that the reformation has paid hand over fist. Since May we have fought all over Northern Germany covering an average of 5,000 miles per gun. A month after our reformation we set out for the 1 (BR) Corps Support Weapons concentration at Putlos having worked every spare moment in preparation for it. Our hard work was rewarded and proved successful—congratulations to Cpl. Lamont's detachment on coming 3rd—we also had all five detachments in the first ten places in the order of merit.

Then followed a string of exercises including Lundy's Lane in Bavaria. This provided much entertainment, started by Sgt. Hall breaking convoy on the way down to have a tooth out with

a German dentist. He's just got the bill—you can't even give the things away these days!

Ex Check Mate proved to be our undoing. An incorrect grid reference led us into a village held by the "Vandoos." Needless to say two-thirds of the platoon were captured, but we managed to get a four hour penalty to brew and sleep!

Unfortunately the exercise was marred by L/Cpl. Ineson's truck, driven by Lightowler, rolling over into a 15-foot ditch. However, the gun, vehicle and detachment are now back on the road again after a short sojourn in hospital. Luckily Lightowler's glasses were recovered two days later so he was able to see his way around.

We have said farewell to L/Cpl. Herberts and Everard, both backloaded to "Civvy Street"; we miss them and hope they will both realise what a mistake they have made! Sgt. Hall, after seven faithful years in Anti-Tank, is about to take over a rifle platoon. We shall all miss him—many thanks for all you've done for us. Congratulations to Cpl. Soper and Cpl. Baker on their promotion, Cpl. Baker having at last given up storekeeping, is now doing a bit of soldiering. Talking of stores—nobody dares enter ours, McAloon rules with a rod of iron in there.

Now we look forward to Cyprus. The thought uppermost in everyone's mind is "Who carries the GPMGs?"—assuming we may be a rifle platoon again. On the Range recently anybody who got marksman was warned off to carry the GPMG (19 out of 23 ended up as marksmen!).

MORTAR PLATOON

In May this year the Battalion's mortar sections were centralised into one platoon as opposed to being three independent sections each making up a third of a company's support platoon which had been the accepted organisation since the old Support Company had been disbanded in 1961. We were lucky enough to remain as part of Corunna Company who administer us very well; in return they enjoy free use of four of the remaining covered land-rovers in the Battalion!

Our centralisation as a mortar platoon coincided with the arrival of the new 81-mm mortars and our first task was to convert from the faithful (and still preferred) 3-in. mortar. This the platoon commander found easy, never having understood the other thing anyway. Only Cpl. Hughes and L/Cpl. Eastwood had been to Netheravon for an 81-mm mortar course. So the conversion of 33 NCOs and men fell to their lot and that of the Mortar Officer. With Putlos only three months away we were very busy preparing ourselves in May and June. For this period of training it became clear that having all the mortar sections together as a platoon was very effective and, apart from a few complaints amongst the lads, it has proved highly successful.

At Putlos we worked hard and played hard (gromitz) and, although the final results overall appeared disappointing after starting off with very high hopes of sweeping the board during our week there, we came away having learnt a bit and enjoyed ourselves a great deal. Every member of the Platoon from Section Commanders to No. 3's



Naafi Break
Cpl. Soper and Pte. Duerden on Exercise Check
Mate

played their own parts to the best of their ability. Cpl. Hughes and Pte. Caddle as a Mortar No. 1 were mentioned by the DS as outstanding.

After Putlos we supported the Battalion through its many battles across Germany and, despite considerable difficulties with communications from our forward MFCs working on an A41 set to the baseplates which may or may not have had a C42, we managed to operate quite successfully, but it became increasingly clear that in order to perform 100% efficiently we must have 432s to move the sections and a more powerful set for the MFCs.

Whilst at Soltau VI or VII!, we entered the inter-platoon soccer competition which we won without any difficulty and have since enjoyed a very good game with the Royal Scots which led to a hectic evening's supping afterwards.

We shortly lose Sgt. Glencross, and Cpls. Wardle and Laherty who will be remembered for their individual traits if nothing else. Meanwhile we look forward to Cyprus but wonder just how we will end up being employed?

THE BAND

"Waterloo Day in Barracks"

A traditional marching display was followed by the Band and Drums performing the "Battle of Waterloo" composed by F. Eckersberg. For this very descriptive piece of music the Band and Drums were divided into three separate bands symbolising English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Regiments. From behind a model fortress each band, flanked by soldiers carrying flaming torches, marched out to take its place in front of the dais. A cannon shot started the show and, to the accompaniment of rifle volleys and fireworks, the whole battle was re-enacted in lights and music. A highly successful programme was brought to a close with three solo trumpets playing the Last Post to the band accompaniment of "Now the Day is Over."

A *Schuetzenfest* is always a big favourite with Military Bands in Germany and we are no exception, in fact we are quite old hands at the game, so we were more than delighted when we were invited to take part in the Osnabruck *Schuetzenfest*. A march through the town, a marching display, and a concert were given with our usual precision. Many new friends were made which led to the band playing at an International Choir Festival and to other engagements for the near future.

Further afield we performed in Bremen for the Annual Fair, where the Drum Major caused all the local traffic to come to a grinding halt. Bands from Germany, U.S.A., France and Great Britain took part in the Four Nations Music Festival in Kassel. A notable highlight of the evening was the finale in which Mr. Wood had over four hundred musicians at his fingertips when he was invited to conduct the massed bands.

Owing to Government restrictions on overseas spending, decorations to the Band's living quarters had to be shelved until further notice. Therefore, with our usual verve and dash, we decided to go ahead and do it ourselves. Financed through the Band Social Club, hideous green barrack rooms were transformed with light pastel shades into modern pleasant quarters.

After it was decided that the band practice room was no longer suitable in its present state, funds were made available to redecorate. Under the expert eyes of Bdsm. Powell a pleasant style of wallpaper was chosen and work started. A very professional job, so good indeed that the Sergeants' Mess requisitioned our expert and his apprentice to repaper the bar.

Congratulations to Sgt. Cooper on his appointment as band sergeant, and to Sgt. Melvin, Cpl. Almond, and L/Cpl. Pickles on their recent promotions.

WIVES CLUB

The Battalion's Wives Club is good for the wives—it gives them a night off. It is also good for the husbands—it gives them a night on.

It is Tuesday. My wife is getting ready. She is due to go very soon, but persists in pottering around in the kitchen. I say "Oh leave that, I'll do it." When she is gone I begin to regret what I have said.

You cannot call a kitchen a jungle, because it is not green, and you cannot call it chaos, because nothing is moving. But this kitchen was pretty much a combination of the two—a chungle.

I soon realised that the washing-up was pre-Brian. Brian was a delightful visitor who had come unexpectedly to lunch—on Monday! However I thought that at least I could do the glasses.

In our household I am in charge of the drinks. And so I reckoned that washing and putting away the glasses was a fair extension of my responsibility for drinks.

Now to wash the glasses I had to use the sink. To use the sink I had to move out all the saucepans soaking there. In order to get rid of the dirty water I had to unplug the drain. To clear the drain I had to empty the already full waste bucket. In order to obliterate the smell of the kitchen waste in the dust-bin, I had to cover it with ash. To get ash I had to rake the boiler. By this time it was nearly an hour later and I had to wash my hands before starting on the glasses.

Soon I had hot water in a clean bowl, draining board wiped down, and fresh drying-up cloths from the cupboard. Everything was ready except for one thing—space.

My cousin had been staying with us and, in the week, had never really got used to my wife's household organisation. The result was that the shelf for the glasses was full of other things. So I had to arrange the glasses too. Not to worry. To the military trained mind, nice rows of champagne, wine, sherry and liqueur glasses are a delight, and even the varied tumblers can be put into some sort of order on the left flank.

But to achieve this one ordered shelf had meant a considerable displacement of the other articles. So in the end I found I had to clear the whole chungle. It involved tidying, washing, drying, and putting away everything, let alone chucking away anything that my wife would not miss for a day or two.

So you see the advantage of Wives Club, don't you? If you do not, take my advice and buy your wife a washing-up machine.

ANON.

Turn Out The Guard

In my very irresponsible days the matter of turning out the guard by night was apt, as part of a seemingly regular cycle of events, to develop into a war of attrition between the adjutant and the subalterns; with certain captains of the week becoming involved according to their temperament and interest.

The cycle would open with a period of pleasant calm during which orderly officers, who were busy men with private interests (and engagements) of their own, would turn out the guard a few decent minutes after 11 p.m. This was an arrangement suited both to the subalterns, to the guard commanders and to the sentries who could then plan their night's activities without any danger of a loud summons to "turn out" at some highly inconvenient early morning hour. The only occupational hazard, for the guard, was a subaltern returning from a dance, or other nocturnal activity, who had (quite unofficially of course) kindly agreed to perform this duty to benefit some friend whose late nights were catching up on him and for whom an early bed was essential to recovery.

In this way life would proceed on a happy and even tenor until, one fatal day, the adjutant would bestir himself to introduce some ruthless efficiency into the lives of subalterns. Adjutants are, of course, naturally very ambitious officers and harrying subalterns is an easy means of acquiring a reputation for stern devotion to duty.

This attack from high places usually took the form of a system whereby the orderly officers of each week took part in a sort of lucky dip. One might draw an early hour, or even an overslaugh, but was more often required to perform the odious duty at 2 or 3 a.m. It is difficult, in retrospect, to remember with whom this exhausting arrangement was more unpopular: the orderly officers or the guard commanders.

Do not for one moment think that the subalterns (at least those who possessed qualities of initiative, imagination and the ability to take calculated risks) had no answer to this outrageous assertion of authority.

Several methods were at hand to make life tolerable in the circumstances. There were, of course, some craven officers who obeyed the adjutant's imperious order, but for the more bold spirited there were two possible alternatives.

- (a) To tell the guard commander to enter the time in his Guard Report without the formality of personal attendance. This ensured a full night's rest.
- (b) To be called by an emissary of the guard commander in time to perform the duty. This reduced the inconvenience to a minimum.

It was, however, the early twenties in Cairo that produced the finest example of the triumph of the subaltern. There it was possible for an officer

returning from a dance—and there were many dances—to turn out the guard, often at a very late hour indeed. The drill was a simple one and the essentials a British warm overcoat, a "fore & aft" forage cap and a white scarf. These worn over tails were acceptable to the most hardened and embittered of guard commanders. Of course the adjutant knew nothing of this but I rather think the Commanding Officer probably did.

I wonder whether this battle of wits continues in these days of "serious soldering"?

The motto of course is "better to incur a slight reprimand than to perform an unpleasant duty."

K.G.E.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ampleforth College

DEAR EDITOR,

Thank you for telling my brethren in the Regiment of my springtime accident. You described it in the "Personalalia" column as a motor-cycle accident. There is some truth in this: an Anglican vicar's motor did hit this Benedictine's cycle.

"The Letter" in that Iron Duke was most amusing. I have a tale of a letter, which commends itself for being shorter. It was addressed to "Lt-General B. L. Montgomery, 1st Army, North Africa." It was delivered with the remark on the envelope: "Not known at this address. Try 8th Army."

Yours faithfully,

JOHN STACPOOLE

Aden.

December 10, 1966

SIR,

The cover of the Iron Duke
For forty years or more has been
Beloved by all, distinctive, neat,
Part of the Regimental scene.
Now, to conform to swinging trends,
An image new we must present:
A dreary half-tone front conceals
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THE WEST RIDING BATTALION (T.A.)

Since the last notes were written the Battalion has continued to prepare for the reorganisation on April 1, 1967, and all activities now take place with a firm eye on that date.

All declarations of intent have been signed by the soldiers. The Adjutant, Capt. Cumberlege, has been rushing to and from Brigade Headquarters in York to iron out final details. The present position is that we wait for Records to confirm our nominal rolls before we can finally announce the new order of battle. Briefly, though, it can be said that the T & AVR II Coy at Halifax (to be commanded by Capt. R. C. Curry) is already almost up to strength, while we hope that in the New Year, after a recruiting drive, the T & AVR III Bn. will be in a similar position. A lot of hard and determined effort will be required, however.

Camps for 1967 have provisionally been

announced for AVR II (15 days) at Stanford P.T.A. and AVR III (8 days) at Beckingham, Lincoln.

Our congratulations go to our commanding officer, Lt.-Col. J. C. Moncrieff, T.D., on his selection as Territorial Colonel to command 21 Sub Region consisting of T & AVR III Bns. from ourselves, 4 KOYLI, Leeds Rifles, 249 Fd Regt RA and a WRAC Signal Troop. 21 Sub Region is to come under H.Q. Yorkshire District.

By January we will be functioning almost as we will be after April 1. "B" Coy has moved to Huddersfield from Mirfield. "C" Coy has now congregated in one drill hall at Keighley (the fight to keep this drill hall continues) and "D" Coy move to Huddersfield in January. Training on drill nights continues as normal, but all week-end training is now carried out at Battalion level once



Photo: Huddersfield Examiner

A group at the 7th Battalion's Reunion, St. Paul's Street Drill Hall, Saturday, October 29, 1966

Left to right: Walter Downs; F. Brierley; John (Taffy) Lewis; John Nasey (C.S.M. War I); Ernest France (Sgt. War I); Col. A. B. M. Kavanagh

per month, except the "miscellaneous" weekends such as audit boards, divisional study periods, rifle meetings, Remembrance Sunday, all of which our wives consider come round all too often. The recent Battalion weekend was held at St. Paul's Street, organised and run entirely by the permanent staff for the purpose of a "little refresher"; it was a great success and all enjoyed it. The main problem is to attract more soldiers to make use of these weekends.

In the New Year the training will be run on a T & AVR II and T & AVR III basis.

We welcome W.O.1 Webb (Green Howards) to our fold—he has come to us from the Malawi Regt. W.O.1 Pennington has left us and we wish him and his family all the best in their new life in Australia.



Photo: Huddersfield Examiner

R.S.M. J. W. Webb (left) taking over from R.S.M. E. P. Pennington at St. Paul's Drill Hall, October 1966

SHOOTING

The Divisional Rifle Meeting this year was the last in its present form. It is perhaps fitting that on this occasion the Battalion won the Major Units Rifle Match over very keen competition. This was a very creditable performance by the team who had only practised together twice during the summer. It is a pity that a twist of fate robbed Sgt. Fossard of his favourite Bren gun to workshops, and we thus failed to pull off a double. However, enough is as good as a feast, and we made our mark.

The match was not without its exciting moments, as two scores had to be waited for from Saturday evening until nearly lunchtime on Sunday. Part of this great achievement was that four of the team reached the top 24, and ended up 6th, 9th, 10th and 24th. Congratulations to Halcrow, L/Cpl. Walker, R.Q.M.S. Machen, and Lt. Dye. Our two "Young Soldiers," O/Cdt. Heaton and Pte. Ogden, did very

well, and well deserved their trophies. Ogden had only been in the TA about three weeks!

Falling plates were not our forte this year, but over all we went home 4th in the Div., and are very elated about it.

Next year's match will no doubt be in a new form, but we hope that we shall be able to do even better.

The Bn. Rifle Meeting was held at Strensall on September 3, 4. The results are shown below:

Match I & IV (Open)

Champion Rifle Shot	Pte. J. S. Halcrow, "A" Coy
Runner-up	Sgt. E. Wakefield, "C" Coy
Winners Class "A"	Pte. J. S. Halcrow, "A" Coy
„ Class "B"	2/Lt. W. R. Steele, "C" Coy
„ Class "C"	Sgt. E. Wakefield, "C" Coy

Match II—LMG (Open)

Winning Pair	Sgt. J. Fossard, "H.Q." Coy, and L/Cpl. D. Wil- liams, "D" Coy
Runners-up	S/Sgt. B. Howell, "A" Coy, and Cpl. J. Taylor, "A" Coy

Match III—China Cup

Winning Team	"H.Q." Coy
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Match V—SMC

Champion Shot	Major P. H. Haws, T.D., "H.Q." Coy
Winning Team	"H.Q." Coy

Match VI—Inter Coy Team Championship

Winning Team	"H.Q." Coy
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Young Soldiers Match

Winning Team	"C" Coy
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Falling Plates

Winning Team	Officers
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OFFICERS' MESS

In our last notes we sadly reported that at a game of roulette played by the officers in camp the bank lost. After a pleasant evening in the mess during October we again report that the bank lost. Third time lucky perhaps?

The main mess function during the period under review took place on November 4 when we held a Regimental Guest Night and took the rather belated opportunity to dine out Major Brian Farrow, Capt. Bob Hawkins, Capt. Bob Wilson and Capt. Steven Kaye, officers who have left the Battalion since the beginning of the year. Our chief guest of the evening was Col. Tony Hutton, the Brigade Second in Command. Unfortunately

Brigadier Armour and Col. Scott, the new Brigade Depot Commander, could not be with us. As you can well imagine the party lasted well into the night led by Messrs Kaye and Wilson; if only Capt. Arthur Hutchinson had managed to be with us it would surely have lasted till breakfast time.

Owing to the date of his posting to Brunei being brought forward we were unfortunately unable to dine out our Training Major, David Miller. However, and dare we say it, as a show of appreciation for the happy time he and his wife spent with the Battalion he gave a cocktail party in the Mess for the officers and their wives. As a mark of our appreciation of his work and his company he was given a suitably inscribed "pot."

The weather at Strensall on Sunday, September 4, nearly ruined what turned out to be a jolly good Battalion Rifle Meeting. The mess tent already set for lunch was only just saved from destruction in a strong gale by the efforts of the Mess Sergeant, Sgt. Bacon, his staff, the P.M.C.s wife and another lady visitor. But by lunch time the weather cleared and all went well. Our guests were most interested in the falling plate competition and their excitement reached fever pitch when the competition was won by, believe it or not, the officers' team led by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Moncrieff.

SERGEANTS' MESS

AVR II or AVR III

"Women in the Dukes (TA) for First Time"

R.S.M. Emigrating to Australia

Parties under Discussion

Any of the above headings could set these notes rolling, but first of all to note activities since our last notes ended with the S/Sgt. Pratt/Sgt. Wakefield team in operation.

Came September, with the Bn. Rifle Meeting at Strensall, The Regimental Association Dinner at Halifax, The Divisional Rifle Meeting at Becking-

ham and the march to Stamford Bridge keeping most of our week-ends occupied. October and November brought two Battalion training week-ends, re-unions for the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions (attended by First War and Second War veterans) and the usual crop of inspections that seem to descend on us at this time of the year. Individually, a quarter in which some of our members have had more than their fair share of misfortune. We all wish C.S.M. Jack Fitton and Sgt. Dennis Mounsey a speedy return to fitness for the benefit of themselves, the Battalion and the Mess. To S/Sgt. Keith Ewart and Madge our condolences on the loss of their young son in an accident.

Whilst we prepare for another winter our late R.S.M., Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Pennington and their two boys are now busy preparing for their journey to the sun and a new life in Australia. To mark their departure and wish them God-speed we are having a party in the Mess at Huddersfield on December 10.

Our new R.S.M., W.O.1 J. W. Webb (Green Howards) has now settled in and is learning the perplexities of TA life, and this, coupled with the trying weather here compared with Malawi, must be no joke. To R.S.M. and Mrs. Webb we extend a warm welcome and successful tour with the Battalion. His task will not be any lighter with the reorganisation in the offing, but there are many compensations—such as the Xmas Draw Party on December 17 at Huddersfield, the quality of our Northern ale compared to the canned stuff abroad, and our genuine hospitality and sincerity which we offer.

"Redcoat" of the *Huddersfield Examiner* produced the headline "Women in Dukes (TA) for the First Time." This resulted from the information that the AVR III Unit may employ 13 WRACs as clerks and cooks. This innovation is now the main topic of conversation and has been met with mixed feelings (and comments!). But until they descend on us we'll reserve our judgement.

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

"A" COMPANY

This has been a reasonably active period, after the "wind-down" following camp, and the company has kept itself in the news in a variety of ways.

For example, take the Northco Night March:

"A" Company, as usual, just had to enter a team, but Sgt. Peckett, the leader, said he felt they were doomed from the start because of the severe penalties (60 minutes for missing checkpoints and 30 minutes for every man who dropped out). The course was sixteen miles—as the crow flies—but over twenty on the ground, and the muttered imprecation "Stone the crows!" took on a newer meaning every mile of the slog. When the third man dropped out, Sgt. Peckett decided that his team had had enough so, deliberately missing a check-point, he made for home to find

Pte. Moorby had kept a warm welcome ready for their return. Everyone was disappointed but did not feel disgraced, as the team had almost completed the course.

Then there was the battalion night exercise:

Once again, somewhat disappointing—I mean "we were robbed!" (literally). You see, "A" Company found the "treasure," a crate of beer, and were escorting it back jubilantly and even anticipatorily, when what they took to be a sort of guerrilla group (most of them swore they were "gorillas," which makes one wonder whether the crate was already empty) jumped them and made off with the "swag."

It just hasn't been our day lately.

The Armistice Day Parade went without a hitch though. This day always seems to epitomise, in its weather, the lugubriousness of the occasion;

and this year was no exception. The bleak, drizzly day added poignancy to the scene at the Cenotaph as we stood to pay tribute. However, the day had a bright side, as the morning was taken up by the company drill competition. The R.S.M. was hard put to it to select the winners, but final placings were:

Smartest Soldier ..	Cpl. Simpson
Runner-up ..	Cpl. Bailey
Drill ..	Cpl. Bailey
Runner-up ..	Pte. Halcrow

Young Soldiers

Drill ..	Pte. Shackleton
Smartest Soldier ..	Pte. Burgess

Congratulations all round. These are also due, by the way, to C.S.M. Dillon on gaining the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate.

On the social—or perhaps “semi-social”—side, we have a new venture: a ladies' small-bore shooting team. It is composed of wives and girl friends of serving members and is run by Mrs. Howell—obviously coached by “hubby,” S/Sgt. Howell. Most of the ladies had not shot before but, in the past three months, meeting every fortnight, they have drawn with a TA recruits' team and beaten both an army cadets' team and a cadet officers' team. We think these ladies deserve a mention: Mrs. D. Howell, Mrs. C. Wheatcroft, Mrs. P. Wheatcroft, Mrs. S. Burnside, Mrs. L. Pratt, Miss H. Young.

The local press thinks so too, because their women's feature writer is giving them quite a splash in the near future (the editor actually threw in the headline—“Ladies, do you want to get rid of your husbands?” We're hoping to euphemise that a bit!).

Completely on the social side, we have the company dinner at the end of November, together with the prize-giving. We are all looking forward to this, especially as it may well prove the baptism of fire—gastronomically, at least—for our new PSI S/Sgt. Pratt who has replaced S/Sgt. Mountcastle.

Wishing these two PSIs the best of luck in the future is obviously an appropriate note on which to end this report.

“B” COMPANY

Ring Mirfield 3338 and you will get no reply, not because the bill has not been paid but because the Mirfield Drill Hall has now been completely vacated by the Company.

The occasion of “B” Company's March-Out did not go by without being recorded. After the usual Armistice Day Parade over 300 guests were invited to be present when a piece of 5th Bn. silver, suitably inscribed, was presented to the Deputy Chairman of the Council, Councillor Sheard, who received it on behalf of the people of Mirfield.

The Mirfield Company was originally formed on November 15, 1864, as a Company of Volunteers of the 41st West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Corps, whose dress was a dark grey frock coat, black frogging and belt, peak hats with plumes, their badge being a silver bugle horn.

Whilst in 1881 the colour of the uniform had become scarlet, they now wore the Duke's badge. The men on parade, however, on Sunday, November 13, 1966, were dressed in khaki with the Duke's shoulder flash. There were tears in the eyes of many present as the unit smartly marched out of the Drill Hall to the accompaniment of “Auld Lang Syne” in quick time played by the Battalion band from the gallery. So ended the Company's direct association with Mirfield.

Earlier this month we were pleased to welcome back to the Company's strength Lt. David Cole on his return from Rhodesia.

Pte. Leeming is now promoted to lance corporal and is in charge of the Company's MT.

December 17 is the date of the Children's Christmas Party. We shall miss the presence of Sgt. B. Hartley's family who were in evidence last time. The safety of the children's entertainer will thus be assured! C.S.M. Bycroft and C.Q.M.S. Perrin are still to resolve who is to be Punch and who is to be Judy.

The Company wishes all ex-“B” Company men a prosperous 1967.

“C” COMPANY

Most of the training held since Camp has been marked by wet weather. No exception was the Battalion Rifle Meeting, when not only did it rain, but it was jolly cold and sufficiently windy to blow down the bar tent. This was a very entertaining sight as all the wives and families rushed out; the menfolk followed more sedately looking for safe ground on which to place their foaming pints.

This year “C” Coy did not win, but 2/Lt. Steele collected the Young Soldiers' prize, Sgt. Wakefield the Class “C” trophy, and our Young Soldiers team took their prize. The Company Commander should have had a prize for running down about 15 times with the falling plate teams. All he got was some helpful comments about slimming.

The Battalion October training W/E was rather thinly attended but the Coy turned up well on this occasion, and had a “reet good do” on some chunk of barren Yorkshire Moor in the middle of the night. L/Cpl. Lambert has a prize story about a car, a couple and a ditch, but those who wish to hear it will have to ask him.

Again the Coy provided a goodly number to take part in the Battle of Stamford Bridge march from Tadcaster. This helped to clear a few thick heads from the O.C.A. reunion of the previous night. Another tale here concerns the C.O., the R.S.M. and Pte. Porter, who was determined to march (but didn't).

We should soon have as many cooks in the Company as officers. Gillespie and Rowan are taking a long training course over several weekends at Ollerton. This sort of enthusiasm is what helps to make the TA tick, and let us hope the opportunities will still be there in the new organisation.

On personalities, we hear that there is yet another Purvis in the offing, and that the same affliction is to hit the officer ranks in the Bateman family. We think that's all, but you can never tell in “C” Coy.

"D" COMPANY

Since the news of reorganisation within the Territorial Army, we at Mossley have wondered if the henchmen at Whitehall would drop the axe on Mossley TAC or not. It is now confirmed that the drill hall will close from next April. However, most members of this company will soldier on in the new AVR II or AVR III which will be at Halifax and Huddersfield respectively.

In the sixty years that this TAC has been open, some very fine "Dukes" have passed through its doors, and it is with regret that the final chapter is almost completed.

W.O.2 C. Sullivan is congratulated on the Company Champion Soldier Competition that he organised for corporals and below. Each drill night, for a period of three months, questions relating to weapons, military history, drill, etc., were put to the competitors. The competitors were soon fighting tooth and nail to win. The Company Commander, Major H. M. Crowther, congratulated everyone who took part and on Sunday, November 13, at Mossley, presented the winner, Pte. G. Grant, and the best recruit, Pte. C. Wright, each with a silver tankard.

Sgt. Len Newton is to be congratulated on his award of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate. Sgt. Newton joined the 7th Bn. DWR (TA) in 1953. He recently visited 1 DWR at Osnabruck with the Ever-Readies.

"H.Q." COMPANY

It has been said many, many times that the period after camp is a quiet one, but during the last three months or so we have been far from inactive.

The policy now is to have Battalion weekends instead of Companies doing individual training and, although the first of these in August was not too well attended owing to the holiday period, the September weekend was used to hold the Battalion Rifle Meeting. This was a great success and the company team did what is now becoming something of a habit and virtually swept the board, winning the China Cup, SMC shoot, LMG pairs and, of course, coming out as Inter-Coy Team Champions. Congratulations to the team and also to the butt markers, cooks, etc. We would have easily won the Young Soldiers LMG pairs had they not tried "to beat the gun" but they were spotted by a very eagle-eyed firing point officer!

The Band and Drums, out in almost full strength, led the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Huddersfield and then went on to Mirfield along with the rest of the company to help "B" Coy make Mirfield's last parade one of the best seen there for some years. It was agreed from all quarters that the Band and Drums played extremely well and the former still had some puff left to play during "B" Coy's farewell party in the evening. Perhaps it is worthy of mention that before we marched off in Huddersfield we "picked up" a strange khaki clad figure who turned out to be a sergeant in the Canadian Army on leave in the district. He stayed with us the whole of the day and was last seen leaving Mirfield Drill Hall with a certain colour

sergeant who, we know, would lavish further hospitality on him! It was overheard that they were trying to decide who had the most "hollow legs," our reputation was in good hands!

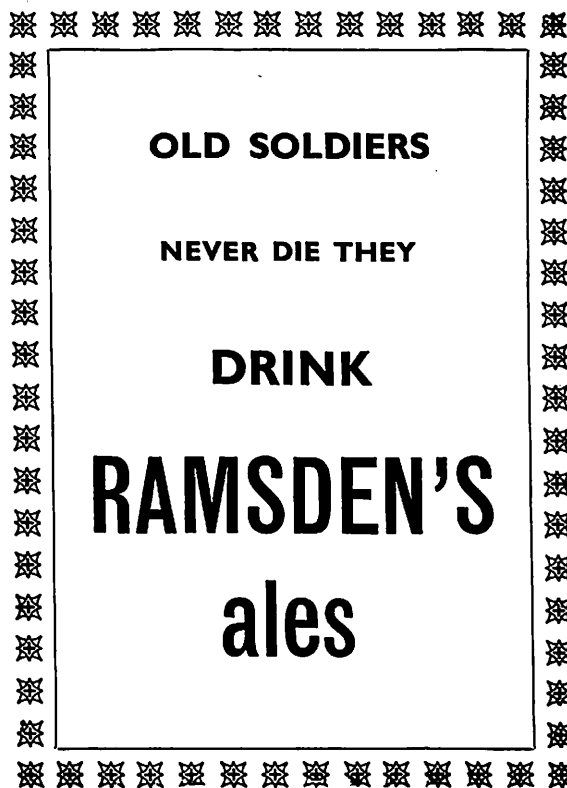
One thought leads to another, and we welcome our ex-signals sergeant who has come back as a civilian to run the canteen (sorry—Soldiers' Club) and he has already made his mark on the sales and general atmosphere. It is not true that the name has been changed to Binns' Betting Booth.

W.O.2 Pilkington can now be seen on drill nights with a happy smiling face. The reason—more men in his Assault Pioneers; he really has been waiting an awful long time. There has also been an increase in the Signals Platoon where we welcome three new recruits who are, it has been heard, putting some very high level questions to the R.S.O.

Congratulations must go to recipients of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificates: W.O.2 Jack Fitton, Drum Major Pickles, Sgt. Bill Bacon and last but by no means least the stalwart of the Cooks Corps, Cpl. Row.

L/Cpls. Gratton (signals) and L/Cpl. North (Drums) have been given a second stripe and Ptes. Rutherford (Asst. Pnrs.), Carr. W. (CO's driver) and Bacon (Officers' Mess) are now lance corporals.

Our loss was the Regular Army's gain when Pte. Hallam (Corps of Drums) left us for Strensall. Our good wishes go with him and we hope he proves as good an all rounder in the Regular Army as he was with us.



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From Mons to the Marne

BY M. A. CORBET BURCHER

As mentioned in our last issue Corbet Burcher and his brother spent part of their summer holidays retracing the retreat from Mons.—Ed.

"*Très fatigués—très fatigués.*" Along the entire route of the retreat from Mons this is how the locals had remembered the British Army.

In re-walking the retreat we followed the route taken by the 2nd Battalion of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment which was part of 5 Infantry Division in the Second British Corps. We chose the Dukes as I and my brother are at Wellington College.

In pattern, our dress was somewhat similar to that worn by the B.E.F. though we wore no puttees and the material was not heavy uniform serge. We carried webbing packs, weighing 20 lbs. full, and this was fairly close to the weight carried by the soldiers who jettisoned their heavy equipment early on in the retreat. We made a point of wearing leather-soled Army boots which survived the walk, although considerably the worse for wear.

On August 9, having landed at Ostend, we made our way by train to Mons. I offered my seat to a lady passenger and, by great good fortune, she turned out to be the Station Master's wife. On arrival at Mons she gave us a meal and her husband showed us where to camp. The owner of the camping site was an anglophile but he was more interested in talking of his adventures in the Belgian resistance than of the first world war.

On the morning of the 10th the camp owner very kindly telephoned the curator of the military museum, Monsieur Licope, who came round within 15 minutes. He was a friendly man of about 60 and spoke excellent English. It is impossible to mention all the articles of interest in the museum for it deals with both wars but, of the 1914 section, a number of things are particularly worth seeing. There is, for example, a magnificent collection of drums; almost every regiment that served in 1914 at Mons presented one.

"I was only twelve then," said M. Licope, "and I remember standing beside a Belgian reservist when he saw some lancers coming from the direction of Germany. As they approached, this man rested his rifle on the stone wall behind which we stood and began to take aim, for naturally we thought they were Germans. They came at great speed and we noticed that there were not many of them. However, just as this soldier was ready to fire, an officer came up and said that they were English. And they were—with flat caps and bamboo lances. They had been sent by Sir John French to reconnoitre the area around Mons."

At one o'clock, having walked right round the museum, we climbed the 350 steps to the top of the old belfry from which we could see the canal, the slag heaps and the battlefield. By 3 o'clock we had eaten our lunch and were on our way along the Mons-Condé section of the canal. There have been a lot of changes in the last 52 years. Not only has



Before the start of the march

the canal been recemented but a parallel canal has been dug. Where there were open fields a number of houses and a factory have been built. Even the slag heaps have grass on them. The wheat, also, was not in stooks as in 1914; the combine harvester has stopped that.

That night we camped by the canal, having visited the bridges at both Jemappes and Mariette, notable for the V.C.s won there.

August 11, as most days for the next fortnight, began with sunny weather. We made our way along the canal to the steel girder bridge where Lieutenant Ozanne of The Dukes had the battalion machine gun section. We then returned to the canal bank and tried to find the sheds that "B" Company had held, but unfortunately failed to do so.

It was at this point that we were offered another meal. To our joy we discovered that our host had carried water and refreshments to troops in front of his house by the canal. Although we suspect that they were "Dukes" we could not confirm this because of lack of knowledge on his part and language difficulties on ours.

We parted, filled with beer and soup, and,

leaving the canal, we headed for the village of Wasmes. There we saw the positions held by "A" and "B" Companies and the place where Lt. "Boy" Russell and his men fought their courageous last stand. Our main attention, however, was directed towards finding "La Bosquet," the site where "C" and "H.Q." Companies had stood. Luckily we got into conversation with a sexagenarian who invited us into her house. She remembered the British well and from her back garden we had a perfect view of "La Bosquet" only a hundred yards away. On the wall of her house she showed us British bullet marks. She explained that the Germans had outflanked the men in "La Bosquet" and that these defenders had had to swing their fire 90 degrees, thus hitting the house. She showed us a table that had been used as a barricade and had been marked by a bayonet.

We were pressed to stay for a meal and afterwards were shown "La Bosquet" at closer quarters. During the last ten years the wall has been renewed, trees planted and the road beside it enlarged. We managed to get away eventually although our hostess's son offered to drive us over to the Dukes' cemetery at Hautrage.

By three o'clock we were marching steadily towards the French border and Bavai. Entering a cafe, just before the border, we were struck by the English looks of the barmaid. We discovered that, during the retreat, her father had been billeted at this cafe for the night. After the war he returned and, as he liked the area so much, remained there.

August 12 was of little historical interest and we

walked down the straight Roman road to Le Cateau. We did talk to one old woman who remembered the British dashing down the road in 1914 and then up it in 1918, with the Germans first pursuing and then withdrawing.

The next day was devoted to studying Le Cateau and its battlefield. The account of this battle in The Dukes history is very limited and, therefore, we studied the ground where 37 Battery, R.F.A., won its three V.C.s and gained its honour title "Le Cateau."

We found the field now filled with sugar beet and were surprised that the battery had been placed at the bottom of a small valley. We also visited the site of 5th Division's headquarters and the impressive cemeteries at Le Cateau, Montay and Selridge. In the last of these were the graves of 25 of The Dukes, the only occasion on which we saw any. Even so, they had been killed in 1918 and not on the retreat.

That night we camped just south of Le Cateau and were again pressed to a meal. This time it included sherry, beer, bordeaux and champagne. During the meal we were entertained by a slightly tipsy aged woman who sang "As you play on your banjo in the moonlight," in English. She explained that she had been taught it in 1914 by the soldiers who had stayed in her barn.

August 14 was another day of travel and we covered about 20 miles from the Le Cateau area to near St. Quentin. The next day we crossed the Somme and arrived at Ollezy where The Dukes had bivouacked during the retreat. We then decided to make a detour from their route to visit the battlefields of Nery.

As we entered Nery from the north on the 18th the weather was beginning to cool. We paused at a cottage to ask a woman for water and she told us that some cavalry had stayed in her house during the retreat. While they were shaving in the morning they had seen Germans coming. They had immediately jumped onto their horses and, although half-shaved, galloped away.

On the 19th we returned to The Dukes route at Crepy-en-Valois where Lieutenant O'Kelly captured several high-ranking German staff officers. It seems that he held a minor road, running east-west, a mile north of the town. However, as his account was rather vague, and all the inhabitants appeared to be under 50 years old, we could not be certain.

That night, having marched another 20 miles, we camped at Cuizy as The Dukes had done. A small hamlet in a long valley, Cuizy has changed little in the years that have elapsed.

The last two days were the dullest of all. The people, being nearer to Paris, were less inclined to talk to us and were more intent in taking our money. However, we finished the remaining forty miles with little trouble although, when we were within a mile of Tournan, a tremendous thunderstorm started, sounding the end of our march.

It is recorded that Captain Ince of The Dukes said: "Our 'run' was one of the most notable retreats in the history of the British Army." We felt that we could agree wholeheartedly.

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PERSONALIA

We congratulate Major H. M. Tillotson, M.B.E., and Lt. S. G. Lucas, both of the PWO, on their awards of Her Majesty's Commendation for Brave Conduct during operations in Aden.

We also congratulate Col. John Forbes, Regimental Secretary of The Green Howards, on his appointment as A.D.C. to The Queen.

Birth

CUMBERLEGE—On November 1, 1966, at St. Luke's Hospital, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, to Jo (*née* Shephard) and Capt. Charles Cumberlege, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a daughter (Vanessa Constance).

Marriage

SCOTT—MACLAREN—On October 15, 1966, at St. Fillans Church, Kilmacolm, John Butler Scott of Easter House, Jackton, Lanarkshire, to Sara Veronica MacLaren, daughter of Major and Mrs. C. J. MacLaren of Dunavon, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Mr. J. Yaxley has recently joined the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In-Pensioner. Mr. Yaxley joined the Regiment in Dublin in 1911 and served continuously with it until 1930. In the last war he rejoined the Depot and later became P.S.I. to the Wakefield Home Guard. He brings our complement of In-Pensioners up to six. The others are Sgt. F. Stephenson, Cpl. W. Simmonds, and In-Pensioners G. Finding, C. Gundry and G. Shaw.

Our oldest In-Pensioner is Mr. George Finding, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He is in the Infirmary Wing of the Hospital, but is able to get about and can receive visitors. Many readers will remember him as a very good shot. Until bordering on his 80th birthday he never missed a Bisley Meeting—as a competitor not as a spectator. Mr. Finding enlisted into the Regiment in 1897 and served in both 1st and 2nd Battalions. In May 1917, he became R.S.M. of the 2/6th Battalion and served with them until the end of the war. He was discharged in 1920. We wish him many more years of honourable retirement.

The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is a very beautiful and interesting place. We strongly recommend a visit to any of our readers who have not made one. Anyone planning such a visit will get more out of it if they write to Sgt. Stephenson. He is only too pleased to arrange for visitors to be met by one of our In-Pensioners and shown round the Hospital.

We heard recently from Mr. J. Fahy, who was very well known in the 1st Battalion in Gosport days as a member of the Rugby XV. He now lives at 69 Illingworth Gardens, Illingworth. He says

that he and his wife are keeping fairly well, but he is now confined to the house. He would welcome a visit from any old comrade of former days.

Major C. F. Grieve has taken up an appointment in Records, York. His present address is 21 Strensall Park, Strensall, York.

Another recruit to Records, York, is Col. Davidson, who is employed as a Retired Officer. Col. and Mrs. Davidson now live at Mount House, Terrington, York, very close to the home of Col. and Mrs. Cumberlege.

Brigadier Firth has been selected to attend the Senior Officers' War Course at Greenwich which begins in February. The course lasts five months. During this period he will be living at his own house: The Old Rectory, Chappel, Nr. Colchester.

We learn from Col. Harvey that Brigadier Burnett had recently to undergo a major operation for a perforated ulcer. However, we are glad to report that when Col. Harvey visited Brigadier Burnett at his house in Burley in November he found him up and looking, he thought, remarkably well and "as immaculate as ever."

Brigadier Burnett, at 86, is, we think, our oldest surviving regular officer.

Lt.-Col. Barry Kavanagh's son Richard went up to Cambridge in October and is reading mathematics. He is in Churchill College, the new college built—or rather still, in part, being built—as a memorial to Sir Winston.

We have been sent a copy of "History Today," a monthly magazine edited by Peter Quennel and Alan Hodge and published from Bracken House, 10 Cannon Street, London E.C.4. Annual Subscription £2 10s. 0d. The magazine covers a wide range of historical studies. Two articles in the November 1966 issue of special interest to our readers are "The Imperial Guard at Waterloo" by Michael Barthorp and "Fort St. George and Madras" by James Lunt. It was from Fort St. George that Major Stringer Lawrence laid the foundations of the Indian Army and that Clive set out to conquer Bengal. It was there, in a house in Charles and James Street, that Arthur Wellesley lived in 1798 before setting out for Seringapatam.

On the subject of history, we see from *The Wish Stream*, the Journal of the RMA, Sandhurst, that Brigadier Webb-Carter's younger son, Evelyn, although following his brother into the Guards, is following in his father's footsteps as a historian by winning two of the Academy's military history prizes: the Earl Wavell Prize and the Vickers Prize.

Obituary

We deeply regret to announce the following deaths and, on behalf of the Regiment, offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the deceased:

Lt.-Colonel J. Chatterton, M.C.

Lt.-Colonel James Chatterton, known to the Regiment as "Chatty," died on December 13. He had been in poor health for some years.

"Chatty" was born on May 2, 1896. On the outbreak of war in 1914 he enlisted in the 7th (City of London) Battalion, The London Regiment. He was commissioned in May 1915 and reached France in October, becoming battalion bombing officer. In December he was wounded in an engagement for which he was specially commended by the Brigade Commander. A further act of conspicuous gallantry on February 14, 1916, earned him the award of the M.C.

In 1917 he was seconded to the R.A.F. with whom he spent the rest of the war. He was demobilized in March 1919 and rejoined the "Shiny Seventh" in London.

In February 1921 he was commissioned into The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and joined the 2nd Battalion in Dublin. His subsequent service included tours of duty as adjutant of the Singapore Volunteer Corps and of 7th D.W.R. (T.A.).

In 1939 he was with the 2nd Battalion in India but he was posted home to the I.T.C. in 1940 and given command of 10th D.W.R., then on the Yorkshire coast. Later he commanded a P.O.W. camp and in January 1945 was appointed Inspector of P.W. camps, D.P.W., The War Office.

He retired in 1948 and took the post of Mess Secretary at the Royal Engineers' Officers' Mess at Chatham where he remained for a considerable number of years.

"Chatty" was a most capable and reliable officer and, throughout his service, was liked and respected by all ranks. He leaves a widow, Doris (Anne) whom he married in 1939.

Capt. J. Lawson

Capt. Jack Lawson of Mill Bridge, Skipton, died suddenly at his home on October 22, 1966, aged 62.

Capt. Lawson was an old member of the 6th Battalion and served with the 2/6th during the last war. After the war he remained a very keen and faithful "Duke" and, at the time of his death, was secretary of the 6th Battalion O.C.A. He was also vice-president of the Skipton Wellington Rifle Club, of which he was a founder member, and a member of the Skipton branch of the British Legion. In civilian life he was a director of W. Lawson and Son (Furnishers) of Water Street, Skipton.

Capt. Lawson leaves a widow. His death is a great loss to Skipton and to the Regiment.

Mr. A. Morley

Mr. A. Morley, brother of Mr. Fred Morley of South Kirkby, Nr. Pontefract, died on September 6, 1966, at Aldershot. He was buried at Ann's Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Morley joined the Regiment in 1924 and served with the 1st Battalion until 1931 when he transferred to the Army Reserve with the rank of sergeant. He was a good athlete and represented the Battalion at both rugby and boxing.

He was recalled in 1939 and served with the 1st Battalion in France. In 1940 he was transferred, as an instructor, to the RAF Regiment and later to the Royal Artillery. After the war he joined the Admiralty Constabulary in which he served until his death.

Col. S. Rhodes, D.S.O.

Col. Stephen Rhodes of Whixley, Nr. York, died in early October at the age of 81.

After distinguished service during the first world war with the 5th Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment he commanded that Battalion in 1918 and again after the war in the reconstituted Territorial Army.

In 1929 he assumed command of 147 West Riding Infantry Brigade (TA) and during this period was a frequent visitor at our Depot in Halifax.

He was a keen sportsman and for 40 years hunted with the York and Ainstey (North).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY, November 11 and 13, 1966

1966 is the 900th anniversary of the foundation of Westminster Abbey and, during the year, a number of services and functions have been held to mark the occasion. One of the services, for the Armed Services of the Crown, was held on Friday, November 11, 1966. For those attending the service it was a significant date because it was also the 48th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. For those old enough it must have brought back memories of Armistice days before the start of the Second World War when, on the first stroke of Big Ben at 11 a.m. on each November 11, the whole business of the country stopped for a two minute silence. To many it has always seemed a pity that this admirable custom was not re-introduced after 1945.

The Service at Westminster Abbey on November 11 commenced with the laying of the Ypres Union Flag on the High Altar. This was the flag that was carried in the procession to the High Altar on November 11, 1921, when the permanent grave-stone over the tomb of the Unknown Warrior was

unveiled. During the course of the service the lessons were read by Field-Marshal Sir Richard Hull, G.C.B., D.S.O., Chief of the Defence Staff and The Right Honourable Denis Healey, M.B.E., M.P., Secretary of State for Defence. The sermon was given by The Right Reverend John Hughes, Bishop Suffragan of Croydon, and he drew the attention of the congregation to the fact that practically alone of all the nations, the English had their memorial to the Unknown Soldier in a church. The congregation was, naturally enough, for the most part made up of men and the final hymn "Eternal Father Strong to Save," with its strong naval traditions, received full support from the other Services represented.

On Sunday, November 13, at 11 a.m. a number of former members of the Regiment attended at the Regimental Garden of Remembrance outside Westminster Abbey whilst, around the corner, the Queen and other members of the Royal Family were present at the service at the Cenotaph. On such occasions one again thinks of friends, relations and comrades who were killed or died in the various wars and campaigns over the past 50 years or so. The British Legion Prayer which commences "They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old" was as appropriate as ever for, in one's recollections, those whom we remember always seem to be at the age when we last knew them and never a day older.

Amongst those of the Regiment who attended either one or both of the functions on November 11 and 13, were: Brigadier A. D. Firth; Major R. Collins; Major and Mrs. G. C. Tedd; Major A. C. S. Savory; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Code; Mr. R. Temple, Mr. A. R. Martin; Mr. K. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. J. Hartwell; Mr. D. Benson; Mr. G. Guy and I/P. G. Shaw, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

A.C.S.S.

CORRESPONDENCE

Milocarian Athletic Club

From: Col. B. A. E. Maude, M.B.E.

Dear Sir,

The Milocarian Athletic Club would be very glad to hear of any athlete or former athlete who would be willing to compete for the club or support its activities.

The Club is formed of officers of the three Services and aims to support all forms of athletics and cross country running; in so doing the Club promotes inter-service contact and friendships.

The summer athletic programme normally includes meetings with most leading civilian clubs and the Service Academies. The Club also holds a small number of cross country fixtures.

I would be delighted to hear from any interested officer. My address is 4 Bath Road, Camberley.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. E. MAUDE.

From the London Gazette

Supplements dated 17th May to 15th November, 1966

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Brig. J. D. Lunt, C.B.E., late R.A.C., to be Maj.-Gen., 16th Apr., 1966.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Col. J. Davidson, late Inf., retires on retired pay, 18th Oct., 1966.

INFANTRY

D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. R. Huffam retires, receiving a gratuity, 2nd May 1966.

Lt. J. D. Moir to be Capt., 23rd July 1966.

Capt. J. E. Pell to be Maj., 31st July 1966, with precedence in the Yorkshire Bde. below T. J. Johnson.

2/Lt. (on probation) Alistair Derek Roberts (Univ. Cadetship). Commn. (on probation) is terminated, 7th Sept. 1966.

O/Cdt. Peter Jeremy Bird from Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to be 2nd Lt., 29th July 1966.

Lt. S. H. Ogram resigns his commn., 30th Sept. 1966.

SHORT SERV. COMMNS.

W.O.1 Frank Nichols to be Lt. (Q.M.) 18th Aug. 1966.

W.O.1 (R.S.M.) Sidney Herbert Kirk to be 2nd Lt., 31st Aug. 1966. To be Lt., 31st Aug. 1966.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The following, having attained the age limit, cease to belong to the Res. of Offrs.: Maj. J. H. Davis, 20th June 1966; Major D. M. Harris, 23rd July 1966.

Maj. L. F. Kershaw, D.S.O., T.D., is re-appointed to the Res. of Offrs., 24th Aug. 1966, in the rank of Maj.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

2/Lt. J. B. Widdop (on probation) is confirmed in his appt. as 2nd Lt., 29th June 1966.

The following to be 2nd Lts. (on probation) 12th June 1966: Pte. William Richard Steele; Pte. Christopher John Butterfield.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. R. C. Wilson, T.D., from Active List, to be Capt., 26th May 1966.

Capt. R. J. Gouldsworthy, T.D., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 16th Aug. 1966, retaining the rank of Capt.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL AND OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT HELD AT HALIFAX ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1966, AT 17.30 HOURS.

In the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment on duty overseas the Chair was taken by Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., Acting Colonel of the Regiment. He opened the meeting by referring to the absence of Major Davis, still in hospital as a result of his tragic car accident, and of Mr. Code, convalescing from his recent attack of pneumonia.

The business of the meeting was as follows:—

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Points Arising

There were no points arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Secretary's Report

Lt.-Colonel Skelsey read a message from Mr. Code regretting his inability to attend the meeting. He then read the Secretary's report.

4. Accounts

The audited accounts of the Regimental and Old Comrades' Associations for the year ended March 31, 1966, were circulated. There being no observations, the accounts were adopted unanimously on a proposal by Major W. L. James, M.B.E., seconded by Mr. W. G. Smith.

5. Revision of the Rules of the Association

The Chairman referred to the decision taken at the last A.G.M. that the Management Committee should appoint a sub-committee to examine the Rules of the Association and recommend any revision considered necessary. The Chairman called upon the Chairman of the Management Committee, Colonel Cumberlege, to report the findings of the sub-committee.

Colonel Cumberlege said that the sub-committee had consisted of Mr. F. J. Deighton, Chairman, and Messrs. J. Horne, F. Kennedy and H. Rowlands, members. He said that the sub-committee had produced a very detailed and useful report. After considering the report, the Management Committee decided to submit the following proposals to the A.G.M.

- (a) New Rule Books should not be re-printed until existing stocks, approximately 150, are exhausted.

- (b) The following addition should be made to Rule 5 regarding subscriptions:—

“(c) All serving soldiers who subscribe to the Day's Pay Scheme shall become Life Members on completion of their first payment.”

- (c) The General Secretary should prepare copies of amendments to the rules which have been approved at A.G.M.'s and which do not appear in the printed Rule Book. In future, whenever a copy of the Rule Book was issued, a copy of the amendments would be issued with it.
- (d) Branches should apply to the General Secretary for Rule Books and amendments, as required.
- (e) The amendments recommended by the sub-committee and the comments on them by the General Secretary should be retained by the General Secretary for re-consideration when it became necessary to print new Rule Books.

Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O., seconded the proposals made by Colonel Cumberlege. The proposals were carried unanimously.

6. Regimental Association Club in the West Riding

The Chairman referred to the decision taken at the last A.G.M. that the Management Committee should appoint a sub-committee to examine the possibility of establishing a Regimental Association Club in the West Riding. The Chairman called upon the Chairman of the Management Committee, Colonel Cumberlege, to report the finding of the sub-committee.

Colonel Cumberlege said that the same sub-committee which had examined the Rules had also investigated the possibility of establishing the Club. After considering their report, the Management Committee had decided to submit the following proposal to the A.G.M.

“That no further action be taken at this time to set up a Club in the West Riding Area under the auspices of the Regimental Association.”

This proposal was seconded by Mr. F. Stringer and was carried unanimously.

7. Any Other Business

Major-General K. G. Exham, C.B., D.S.O., drew the attention of the Meeting to the disappointing attendance this year of retired officers from the York area, and of serving officers from H.Q. Yorkshire Brigade and Yorkshire Brigade Depot. The Chairman took note of the point.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Old Comrades,

I now present my report to the Annual General Meeting of the Regimental and Old Comrades' Associations of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment for the period September 1965, to September 1966.

Case Work

Since the last Annual General Meeting the Case Committee have received 108 applications for financial assistance. Of these, 92 were considered to be in genuine need and were granted a total of £1,144; an average grant of £12 10s. per person. The remaining 16 cases were, for various reasons, not recommended by the investigating body, i.e. S.S.A.F.A., Forces Help Society or The British Legion.

The cases dealt with by the McGuire Bate Fund Committee are not, of course, included in the above figures.

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

O.C.A. Fund	£	s.	d.
Eight Grants in Aid	76	9	11
Iron Duke Subs.	20	0	0
Chelsea Pensioners	15	0	0
Pensions List	507	0	0

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Regimental Association Funds

81 Grants in Aid	1,067	15	0
Iron Duke	20	0	0
Local Charities	9	15	0
York Minster Trip	16	16	0

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McGuire Bate Bequest

Three Grants in Aid	105	10	0
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Mitchell Trust Fund

Three Grants in Aid	45	10	0
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Pensions List

Since my last report there have been two additions to the Pensions List—Mrs. B. O'Kelly, widow of the late Mr. F. A. (Jock) O'Kelly, M.M. (2nd Battalion) and Mrs. A. Hagger of Cambridge, widow of the late Mr. H. Hagger, M.M. (2nd Battalion). We have to report one deletion from the O.C.A. List owing to the death of Mrs. A. Wood, widow of Cpl. Jack Wood, late of the 1st Battalion Drums.

Accounts

The accounts of the Old Comrades' Association and the Regimental Association Funds, as at close of business on March 31, 1966, are now being

circulated round the Meeting and I ask you to formally adopt these audited accounts as a true and correct record of the financial affairs of the various Regimental Association Funds.

Regarding our investment policy, once again I am pleased to be able to report an increase in the capital value of our investments and the income therefrom. The investment income this year will total £2,270 against £2,116 last year, an increase of £154. The market value as at March 31, 1966, was £40,080 against last year's figure of £39,316.

Other Sources of Income

This year's income to the Regimental Association Fund from covenants, subscriptions and donations totalled £806. made up as follows:—

Covenants	£	409
Subscriptions and Donations	222	
Sweepstake	100	
Day's Pay Scheme	75	
	£806	

Day's Pay Scheme

The Day's Pay Scheme has improved considerably since my last report, as was hoped, and there are now some 312 subscribers. The resultant additional income will be reflected in the 1966/67 Accounts.

The Army Benevolent Fund

Again, no application for a supplementary or re-imbusement grant has been made to the A.B.F. this year, as our income was sufficient for our charitable purposes. As stated in my last report, we have elected to adopt Scheme 'C,' whereby we only apply to the A.B.F. when a major rehabilitation grant is needed.

Sweepstake

This year the St. Leger Sweepstake has brought in a profit of £240, which will be proportionately distributed between our various Regimental and Charitable Funds.

Regimental Association Membership

During the year 78 new members have joined the Regimental Association—68 from the Yorkshire Brigade Depot and 10 from 1 D.W.R.

Branches

We are pleased to be able to report the re-formation of the Keighley Branch under Major R. B. Scott, Chairman, Mr. W. G. Smith, Secretary and Mr. E. Owen, Treasurer.

Although the other branches continue to function as usual, I now feel that this mention of them in my annual report is inadequate. I would like to suggest, therefore, that in future Branch Secretaries write direct to the Editor of the Regimental Journal, giving him details of social events and items of topical and personal interest for publication in THE IRON DUKE.

Conclusion

As in previous years, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the representatives of S.S.A.F.A., The Forces Help Society and The British Legion, and all other voluntary organisations who so kindly undertake the investigation of cases on our behalf. I would also like to thank our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Witham, Smith, Mitchell & Co., our Honorary Solicitor, Major J. E. Driver, and our Honorary Stockbroker, Major H. Coop, for all their help and advice regarding legal and financial matters, which is much appreciated.

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the Regimental Association was held at Prescott Street Drill Hall, Halifax, on September 24. About 200 Old Comrades and their ladies attended. The food was good and well served. Considering the difficult financial times, our gratitude must be expressed to the caterer, Mr. Sullivan, for maintaining his high standards and yet keeping the cost down to last year's level, 10s. per head. No mean feat. It appears likely, however, that the price of tickets for next year's dinner will, regrettably, have to go up.

The Band of the West Riding Battalion played

during the dinner and gave a spirited performance. The custom of playing all the Regimental Marches at appropriate moments during dinner is now established and a very pleasant custom it is. Lt.-Colonel Moncrieff proposed the toast of "The Regiment." In an excellent speech he outlined the future shape of the Army Volunteer Reserve as it affects the Regiment. We were all relieved to hear that the patient has emerged from the operating theatre in a better state than was first feared. Some amputation has been carried out, but the patient has a very strong will to live and with such a spirit we can be confident that he will.

In the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment overseas, the Acting Colonel responded to the toast and read a message from the Colonel regretting his unavoidable absence. Brigadier Firth also read messages from The Green Howards, who were holding their reunion the same evening, from the 1st Battalion and from several Old Comrades. Brigadier Firth, himself a T.A. Brigade Commander, endorsed the views of Colonel Moncrieff regarding the future of the A.V.R. He also told us something of the doings of the 1st Battalion, including the notable exploit of winning the B.A.O.R. Rugby and Cricket Championships in the same year. Appropriately, the Captain of the Cricket XI, Captain Jeremy



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A Group of Old Comrades



Photo: Lion Studios, Huddersfield

These Old Comrades were all with the 1st Battalion at Anzio

Left to right, standing: Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. E. Emmerson. Sitting: Mr. K. Jones, Mr. C. E. Pollard, Mr. D. Lindley

Cumberlege, was present at the dinner. Finally, Brigadier Firth expressed the regret, which everyone there felt, at the absence of Mr. Code owing to a severe attack of pneumonia. This is the first reunion dinner he has missed in 25 years. Happily, he has made an excellent recovery and is now quite restored to his usual vigorous health.

After this the real business of the evening started; that enjoyable "Do you remember—I shall never forget" phase. This year there were quite a few Old Comrades who had not attended a dinner for some time; Mr. J. W. Jackson from York, Mr. Imray from Cullercoats, Major Savory, Colonel Harvey, Mr. Hattersley, Captain Williams, to name some. The reformed Keighley Branch brought a party and so did the newly formed Mossley Branch. It was a capital evening. Everyone enjoyed it. Even the amateur, into whose reluctant hands the arrangements for the evening had to fall, enjoyed it—at any rate after it had got under way.

O.C.A. TRIP TO YORK MINSTER

A coach party of 48 O.C.A. members and their wives from Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley and Leeds attended the Regimental Service in York Minster on Saturday, October 29, 1966.

The Service is always much appreciated by the O.C.A. members but more so this year owing to the fact that it was held on a Saturday, instead of a

Friday as in previous years, thus enabling more members to attend. It is hoped that the service will continue to be held on a Saturday to allow more "working members" of the O.C.A. to be present.

After the service we repaired to the Sergeants' Mess of the Yorkshire Brigade Depot at Strensall where we found a first class luncheon laid on by C.S.M. Johnny Sargeant and the Mess Staff. For many of the party, who are ex-members of the Sergeants Mess, it is almost a home-coming to be back in the Mess again. The ante-room, complete with bar, had been put at our disposal for the remainder of the day by kind permission of R.S.M. J. Riordan and the Mess Committee.

The afternoon was spent sightseeing and shopping in York and after tea we returned to Strensall for a social evening, arranged by Johnny Sargeant and S/Sgt. Tom Pratt, which consisted of singing, reminiscing and dancing to records.

A splendid buffet supper was provided and was relished by all. The evening was brought to a close by the usual rendering of the Dukes' anthem "The Dukes are coming/going up/down up the hill." We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and grateful thanks for all the trouble taken by C.S.M. Sargeant and S/Sgt. Pratt and the Mess Staff to ensure that we had an exceptionally enjoyable day. All the members agreed that it had been the best Minster trip to date.