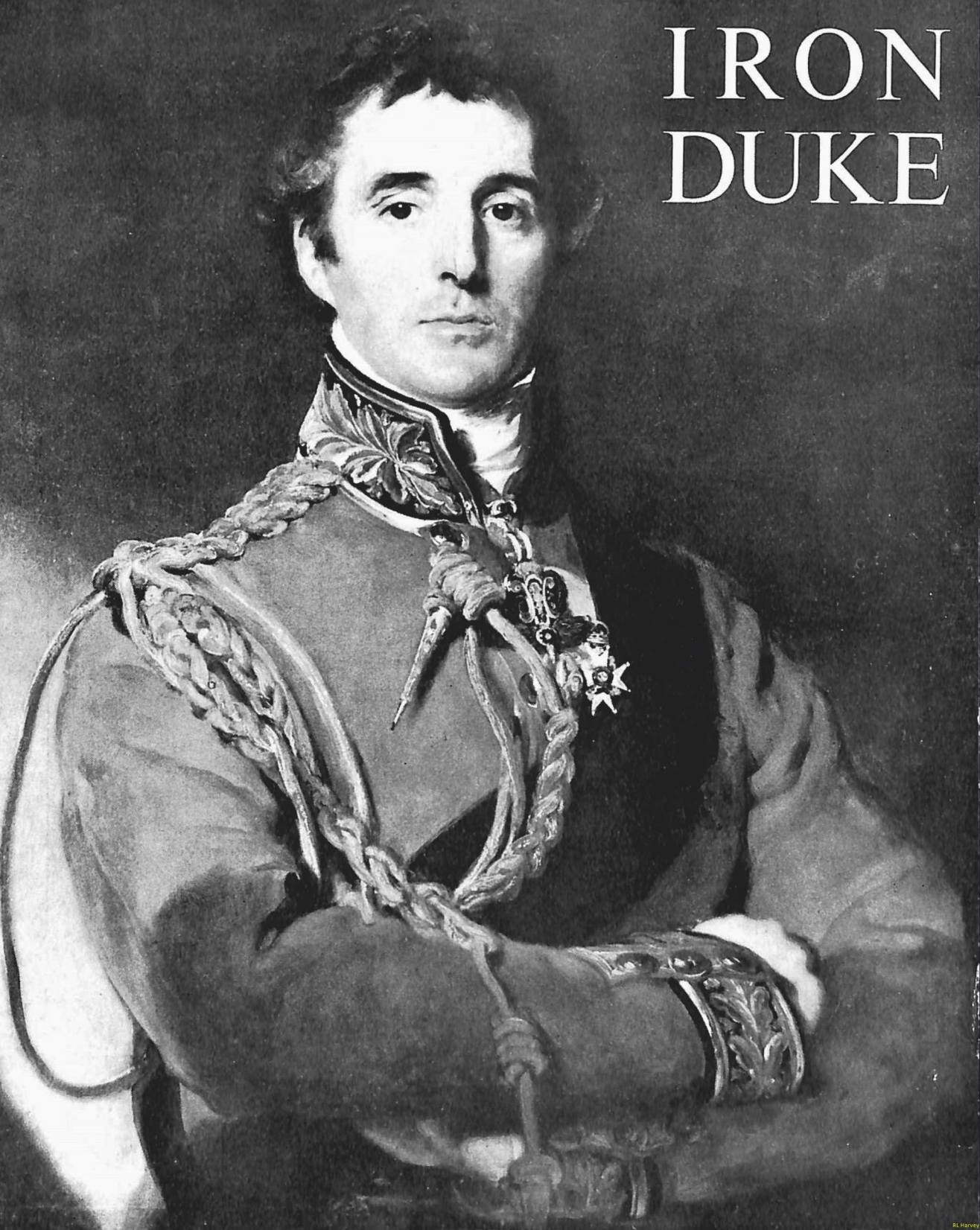


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THE ARMY CUP FINAL



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An incident in the second half.



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After the match—Captain Reid with the cup.

Editorial

A great company, representing seven, if not eight, generations of "Dukes", gathered at Aldershot on February 22 to see the 1st Battalion's team win the Army Rugger Cup for the third year in succession and the eighth in all. An account of the match is on a later page.

At the Aldershot Club over eighty officers and their relations arrived for lunch before the match and at tea afterwards the introduction of friends and supporters must have swelled the concourse to double that number.

The party of Old Comrades from Yorkshire, and points south, were hospitably entertained in the Sergeants' Mess of the Parachute Regiment.

It was a great and enjoyable occasion and, although it was a dull, damp day, it was for once not in the least cold.

In the interests of historical accuracy it must be recorded that, despite the advance propaganda from R.H.Q., our win did not set up a record for either the consecutive or the total number of wins. The Welch Regiment has won the cup ten times and the cup has also been won more than three times in succession by at least one other regiment. It is true that it was the 60th final since the competition was instituted in 1907 and won by our 2nd Battalion.

This year's game was not, perhaps, a vintage final but it was not unworthy of the occasion and our congratulations are due to Captain Reid and his team, and to those who trained and ministered to them.

One familiar figure was missing at Aldershot—that of Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton whose duties kept him in Germany. Captain Mike has announced his retirement from big rugby and we had hoped to publish in this issue a tribute to him on the termination of his notable sporting career. It has, however, taken longer to compile this than was anticipated and we have had to hold it over until the next issue.

As was to be expected the Iron Duke's new cover has had a mixed reception. Of readers who have actually taken the trouble to write to the

Editor about it those who like it outnumber those who don't by two to one. (We did not count the Aden Reactionary who had not even seen the cover when he penned his rather unkind little verse.) The total number of comments received was, however, so small that we do not suggest that this is a true poll of readers' views and we would be interested in, and grateful for, other comments.

The cover is not perfect and we are considering whether it can be improved, so any constructive criticism would be very welcome. Unfortunately, however, it is no good advocating any coloured embellishments. Even a narrow scarlet border, as suggested by one correspondent, would make the recurring cost of the cover greater than we can afford.

NOTICES

Officers' Dinner Club

The annual luncheon and dinner will be held in London at the Hyde Park Hotel on **Friday, May 12**. Details have been notified to members by the secretary.

The Regimental Association

The annual reunion dinner of the London and Home Counties Branch of the O.C.A. and Regimental Association will be held this year on **Saturday, May 13**, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

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

Applications for tickets, price 15s., should be made to Mr. R. H. Temple, Secretary and Treasurer, 59 Burnfoot Avenue, London, S.W.6.

Note.—This year this dinner is on the day after that of the Officers' Dinner Club. It is hoped that this may enable some officers to attend who do not usually do so.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Christmas came and went in one of the mildest winters most of us can remember. We had the usual selection of Christmas cards, though possibly less variety in view of the number of Brigade cards we got. We were delighted to get one from the Deputy Commander of the Malawi Army and Mrs. Robertson.

Our Recruiting Sergeant in Halifax, Sergeant W. Morris, and his wife came to visit us to say goodbye before returning to Regimental duty. His successor is Sergeant J. A. Gay.

Halifax from the recruiting point of view is no more than a sub-office of Huddersfield, though it does produce over 1/3rd of the recruits for the Huddersfield Office. Regimentally, of course, it is very important, as the majority of the recruits for infantry are likely to wish to join The Duke's.

Efforts are being made to find a more suitable and central office, as the West Riding Battalion, who with their usual courtesy found a temporary home in their Drill Hall, will need the space on re-organisation.

The RAPC unit in Ovenden Camp will be closing over the next few months, as the accounts with which they deal are to be transferred to Nottingham. The C.O., Lt.-Colonel C. Holmes, complained in a friendly way that he'd found in Halifax anything to do with the Army seemed to mean "Dukes". We have, however, found them most helpful at all levels and will miss them—particularly the very friendly Mrs. Wilson, at the end of their teleprinter, who sent out and received all our signals.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

O.C.A. TRIP TO RUGGER FINAL AT ALDERSHOT

A party of O.C.A. members left Halifax by coach to attend the Army Rugger Final at the Aldershot Stadium on February 22, 1967. Travelling through the night of 21/22 February, the party left at midnight, picking up O.C.A. members en route. The tediousness of the journey was relieved by breaks for refreshment, which were kindly provided in the first instance by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pollard of Rotherham and in the early hours of the morning by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gill of Mansfield.

After an uneventful journey the party arrived safely at Aldershot and, with the kind co-operation of the R.S.M. of the Depot, The Parachute Regiment, were provided with an ample breakfast. The morning was spent sightseeing, followed by lunch in the Sergeants' Mess.

After a very good match, which was enjoyed by all, the party returned to the Mess for tea and then began the journey home, which was also uneventful.

The party consisted of the following O.C.A. members: Messrs S. E. Code, A. Holt, D. Peckett, F. Pearce, F. Stringer, Halifax; Messrs A. Copley, F. Deighton, W. Foster, J. Goldsborough, Bradford; Mr. J. Horne, Huddersfield; Mr. F. Brown, Leeds; Mr. F. Morley, South Kirkby; Mr. G. Townend, Horbury; Mr. T. Dickie, Sedbergh; Mr. C. E. Pollard, Rotherham; Mr. S. Gill, Mansfield.

MOSSLEY BRANCH

Owing to the closing of Mossley Drill Hall, we said farewell to our old home on February 2. To some of us, who had known it from its opening by the Duke of Teck in 1911, it was a sad parting.

During the business part of the meeting thanks were expressed to Lt.-Colonel Moncrieff, T.D., and to Major Crowther for their help and kindness in allowing us the free use of the Drill Hall since our formation. This was put on record in the minutes of the meeting.

Thanks were also expressed, and recorded, to Sgt. Major and Mrs. Sullivan for their kindness and help. Mr. E. J. B. Mowat presented a tankard to Sgt. Major Sullivan and a bracelet to Mrs. Sullivan. Sgt. Major Sullivan suitably replied.

The remainder of the evening was spent in song and many old stories of the past were told. The attendance was a record for an ordinary meeting, and members were told that the next monthly meeting would be on March 2 at the Friendship Hotel, Mossley.

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SUB-EDITORIAL

The end of the Divisional manoeuvres found us moving gratefully into winter quarters for a period of rest and—in the modern jargon—refitting. In other words, we were hoping to be able to get down to some *proper* soldiering. Unfortunately, for most it has not proved to be quite the anticipated rest and recuperation we had confidently expected and had been looking forward to; somehow the pressure remained inexplicably *on* and those of us who didn't ski and didn't play rugby were remarkably pushed. Even allowing for the operation of Parkinson's law at all levels, it is undeniably a fact that time has continued to be a fairly scarce commodity.

Flicking through the diary—more in an attempt to justify this introduction than to find things to write about—we see that the administrative climax of 1966 occurred on November 25, a Friday, which dawned bright, clear and several degrees below zero centigrade. Despite the intense cold the parade, the drive-past and the whole day went splendidly, and the Battalion's Annual Report must certainly be numbered amongst the very best it can ever have received. All very gratifying and a logical result to all the hard work by all ranks through a strenuous and exacting year.

(Having said that we now await some more of "Reactionary's" carping (last issue IRON DUKE). If he really is so remote from reality—and we suspect he is—as to believe that we are "smugly content" he ought to come out, see for himself, and acquire a new image or two.)

On the sporting side it is good to record that we won the Army Rugby Cup for the third year on the trot and that—at the first time of asking—we won the Infantry Ski Cup. Also, at long last, soccer goes well and we are all set to win the BAOR Infantry Cup for that. Squash rackets see us in the Divisional Finals and with a bit of judicious stringing we might even go on at that—

for at the crunch it all depends upon numbers 3, 4 and 5. But, you might say, all this is gladiator stuff. True, yet winning teams cannot be produced without a broad base and competition is keen for all team places. In other words, the Battalion is fit and plays a lot of games.

The social round mainly revolves around that modern phenomenon of Bingo, but we've had some great All Ranks' Dances when the Top Cats have really beat it out and had us all (except some!) performing and shaking in the most extraordinary contortions. The Christmas Smoker too was an eye opener and the talent formidable.

Militarily we have studied and digested, and the Corps Commander's Infantry Conference plus the Divisional Study Period caused a deal of work for the CO and the field officers. Work of a similar but more congenial nature was needed for Brigadier Tony Firth when he co-opted a team to put across the APC and its implications to his Brigade; a most pleasant and rewarding week-end it was too. ALMA Company Group had an exacting winter exercise with H.Q. RE, and the whole Group moved well despite a set-back at the River Ems, when the APCs just could not extricate themselves from the river, and this despite superhuman efforts by the Sappers and all their modern aids.

Cadres of all sorts and with all sorts of aims have taken place and the resulting specialists are now all in their new platoons, ready to go. IS training has started and the CO is on his way to Cyprus to find out the form there for our 6 months spell with the UNO Forces. We shall miss our APCs and it will be hard to be back on our feet again. But we shall cope and make sure we get the right answer. And so . . . next notes from Cyprus—and, judging from our past experience, they'll be due at Cambridge just when this sub-editor is either still airborne or just touching down in Aphrodite's country. In other words, there's a good chance they'll be late!

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS' MESS

After a very full training season, mess life is beginning to re-appear. Although still not up to full numbers (due this time to leave and skiing rather than exercises) we were able to hold our annual Ladies Dinner Night. This proved to be a very colourful gathering and a thoroughly enjoyable evening. It was held on Twelfth Night and was a fitting end to another Christmas in Germany. This occasion also gave the opportunity for all of us to say goodbye to Michael and Sunhild Fife who have left for a tour with the depot.

Ian and Tessa Cameron have also departed to rejoin the RMP after completing nine months attachment with the battalion.

Weddings seem the main social events at present with Michael Bray's just over and Alan Westcob's imminent. Michael and Ann were married on the 4th of February in the English Church, Copenhagen. The regiment was well represented, both from the United Kingdom and the Battalion. A mixed guard of honour was provided by the 1st Battalion and officers from our friends the Danish Life Regiment (our hosts during our

Denmark visit). It was a very pleasant wedding and the Danish style reception (dinner/dance) most enjoyable. Michael, being one of our most staunch bachelors, has undoubtedly started the bachelor club's break-up. John Greenway and Robin Stevens are warned!

Alan Westcob is marrying Gell Jones on March 1 and his best man, Johnny Walker, is doing his utmost to ensure a very shaky groom at the altar. The bachelor party certainly promises to be an active one!

Our arrivals are few but nevertheless very pleasant. Jim and Alison Newton are with us again after two years of sunshine in Singapore. Robin Stevens is about, nowhere between York and Osnabruck, and no doubt he will eventually arrive complete with Knutt.

We have had other new arrivals in the form of new sons. Both the Strongs and the Naughtons now possess a son and heir, both thriving and both sets of parents extremely pleased with themselves.

SERGEANTS' MESS

It is not easy to be very original when writing the Mess Notes in Germany. The rigid cycle of training and leave means that for large slices of the year the Mess is practically empty. However, when we do get the opportunity we certainly make the most of it.

This was ably demonstrated at Christmas, when B.M. Wood and his team laid on a really excellent Christmas Draw. The only criticism is that the two bicycles on show went respectively to one mess member who, unfortunately, couldn't ride, and another who shouldn't, at least not at week-ends. We had a remarkable dinner to which the ladies of the Mess were invited, and the dining-in members voted their own dinner as the most successful ever.

The drinking men continue in their sporting activities. At darts, the "A" Team continue to top the Osnabruck League, in which success they are ably assisted by the "B" Team. The Mess soccer team were narrowly beaten by our own officers and by a sergeants' mess eleven from 1 RF. However, these are early days, and Tom Derbyshire is forming a rare blend of speed and talent in his youthful team.

Comings and Goings. Duncan Innes finally left us on completing his service; all the very best, Duncan. Tiffy Mullins departed after a short but happy tour on posting. Cook Sgt. Derek Burton has also been posted. He did a great deal for the Mess and is irreplaceable both in the darts and soccer teams.

On the credit side, it is good to see S/Sgt. "Topper" Brown and S/Sgt. Tom "The Big Fisherman" Mountcastle again. We also welcome S/Sgt. Walker, from 1 Green Howards, who has taken over in the orderly room. Rumour has it that his golf clubs are missing. Cyprus in May will bring with it the problems of an awkward packing-up of Mess property here and of widely dispersed Mess at the far end. But for some there may be a reminder of happy moments. And before these happenings we have both Aldershot and the Paardeburg to look forward to. (*Another 5/- due to me for wrong spelling of Paardeberg! — Ed.*)

CORPORALS' MESS

Our Social Evenings are going well, but perhaps the highlights of the last few months were the Boxing Day Dance, which was very well attended and proved to be a great success, and the Games Night versus the Sergeants' Mess. The latter was a fight all the way, in fact the final result was decided by the odd point. We only lost the snooker and crib, and even then they cribbed and said "it was a fiddle". Considering half our members were "Plonked" after the first free drinks, I think we did extremely well.

Our Mess darts teams are faring well too! "A" Team is right on top of the League, and the "B" Team, although a little further down is expected to climb higher and higher under the auspices of Cpl. Wardle (Capt. and organiser).

New Mess Committee are now: P.M.C. Cpl. Lawrence, who is partnered in crime by Cpls. Claughton, Shaw, Firth, Woodcock, Wardle and Murray.

Last Word

Overheard in the Mess recently: one member to another: "How's your wife?"; "Oh, she'll do."

RUGBY

To carry on from the last issue, is to tell a tale of success for 1 DWR. The Divisional Final against 24 Missile Regt RA was won 31—3. This was a comforting result and boded well for the future.

The B.A.O.R. semi-final as fate would have it was against 2 RTR who, we considered, were our toughest rivals. This was a splendid battle on our ground, and we eventually ran out 8—6 winners. It was close enough by any standards, but the difference lay in scoring tries which they failed to do.

The B.A.O.R. final, against 7 Sig Regt at Bad Lipp Springs, proved very disappointing. The heavy Signals pack tried to keep it close, and it was only late in the second half that we emerged on top. We had two tries disallowed which was upsetting, but a 9—3 result was good enough to carry the day.

After Christmas the team, aided by miraculous weather for this time of the year, trained hard and often. Also games were played against Hannover Victoria and a Rhine Area XV prior to our leaving for the U.K.

There were two games played in England, the first against RMA Sandhurst which resulted in a 14—9 win. This was a good result against higher class opposition than we were used to in B.A.O.R. The second was against the School of Artillery and this was won 35—3 in very cold windy conditions.

The latter game was against the beaten U.K. finalists, and provided a boost to morale. The side played very well indeed in all departments, particularly handling the ball, and backing up. This is the way we hope to play in the final, and we shall see how the game turns out.

THE FINAL

1 DWR 14 ; 7 Para Regt., RHA 3

In their last two games before the final of the Army Cup Competition 7 RHA beat 1 KOSB, old rivals of the "Dukes", and the School of Artillery. In both matches they showed that their main strength was a pair of competent half-backs supported by a steady, goalkicking full-back, adequate three-quarters and a hard working pack with a good back-row and one line-out forward.

The "Dukes" best chance of winning the final at Aldershot on February 22 seemed to be to keep the game as open and as fast as possible. Although their forwards were rather small and light it was hoped that their backs would be superior to those of 7 RHA. Clearly everything would depend upon whether the "Dukes" forwards could win enough good possession to give the side a chance to run with the ball.

The Stadium ground at Aldershot was in good condition for the game. It was a dull day and there was a moderate wind blowing down the pitch from the Army School of Physical Training end.

The "Dukes" started with the advantage of the wind. The early play was scrappy and mostly in the 7 RHA half of the field. There were two good flowing movements with Lieutenant Walker nearly in on the left and Corporal Robinson, a little later, running powerfully down the right wing. 7 RHA seldom broke away but when they did their forwards looked dangerous and the "Dukes" tackling a little suspect.

The first half produced a succession of missed penalty kicks at goal, most of them by the "Dukes". Both Captain Reid and Lieutenant Pettigrew, using the round-the-corner soccer style kick, were unsuccessful before Pettigrew got one over just before half-time. Fortunately at the other end Captain Carswell of 7 RHA was also off the target with his attempts at goal.

At half-time the score was 1 DWR 3 points : 7 RHA nil.

Half-time Comment. A dull first half and disappointing because the "Dukes" had missed so many kicks at goal. There was little between the two packs although the "Dukes" second row looked an uncomfortable place. 7 RHA had won few of the line-outs. However the "Dukes" forwards were knocking the ball back haphazardly from the front of the line-out and the Gunner forwards were quickly through and giving the scrum-half, Lieutenant Newell, a miserable time. The "Dukes" backs, as expected, looked much the better set. Would three points be enough now that the Gunners were to have the advantage of the strengthening wind ?

Second half. From the start of the second half there was a distinct change to the pattern of the game. The "Dukes" forwards looked more workmanlike and effective. They began to surge forward and to win the ball from the set pieces and from the loose. Conditions were now much easier for the "Dukes" half-backs. Captain Reid took firm control of the match and with varied play kept his side on the attack in or around the Gunners' twenty-five line.

Before the first score in this half Captain Reid and Lieutenant Pettigrew had further unsuccessful kicks at goal, one by the captain he will try to forget. Fortunately three good tries were to follow.

After pressing hard the "Dukes" were given a five yard scrum on the right of the pitch midway between the goalposts and the corner flag. There was much discussion among supporting "Dukes" as to which way Reid ought to take the play if Redwood-Davies won the strike. To the general delight he went on the blind side. There was a quick transfer from Newall to Reid to Robinson and the wingman scored, but too far out for the try to be converted.

Following a line-out on the left and a passing movement towards the right Lieutenant Edwards broke powerfully through the middle and scored a try which was not converted. 7 RHA were now trailing by 9 points.

The third try came after a spectacular flowing move. The Gunners kicked ahead and Lieutenant Walker fielded the ball on his own 25. He transferred it to Edwards who broke away down the left touchline, evading a number of defenders on the way. Lieutenant Westcob was in support and when given the ball he sprinted away from all pursuers to score between the posts. This try was converted.

Just before no-side the 7 RHA full-back kicked a good penalty to make the final score 1 DWR 14 points, 7 RHA 3 points.

The Chief of the General Staff, General Cassels, presented the Army Cup to the "Dukes" and awards to both teams.

Final Comment. The "Dukes" were clearly the better side. 7 RHA tackled hard and never stopped trying but they could not match the constructive ability of the "Dukes". This was a good win after a poor first half. Captain Reid controlled the game and outside him Lieutenant Edwards and Corporal Robinson ran powerfully, the latter looking very promising. At full-back, Private Cuss was cool and competent and is a fine prospect. The whole pack went well after

half-time. The front row was in good form throughout and Sergeants Hall and Hemmings with the hooker, Lieutenant Redwood-Davies, monopolised the set scrums in the second half. The back row was mobile and busy with 2nd Lieutenant Gilbert justifying the reputation he has made at the RMA and with the Army side.

Altogether a well earned team triumph.

The following played in the "Dukes" team :-

Full-back—Pte. Cuss.

Three Quarters : Right wing—Cpl. Robinson, Centre—Lt. Edwards, Centre—Lt. Pettigrew, Left wing—Lt. Walker.

Halves : Stand off—Capt. Reid (captain), Scrum-half—Lt. Newell.

Forwards : Prop—Sgt. Hall, Hooker—Lt. Redwood-Davies, Prop—Sgt. Hemmings, Lock—L/Cpl. Dickens, Lock—2 Lt. Bird, Wing forward—L/Cpl. Hunter, Wing forward—2/Lt. Gilbert, No. 8—J t. Westcob.

SQUASH

At the time of writing, the Battalion squash team is poised just below the pinnacle which it has been trying to reach for the last two years. We are in the Divisional squash final, where we are destined to meet 5 Fd Regt RA, who stopped our run of success last year, almost before it started. How have we managed to reach this giddy position ? Well, the secret of the present team is that we bat in depth, and this factor has carried all before us up to press. The team is an even mixture of youth and experience, a combination which has always been hard to beat. Playing in the order from top to bottom, Adjt, IO, CO 2IC and Mortar Officer, it can quickly be seen that at the top we rely on brute force of youth, at 3 and 4 we have style and guile, whilst at 5 we are not quite sure what we rely on. Suffice

to say, that neither the CO, the 2IC or Lt. Edwards have yet lost a game, whilst our first two strings have proved themselves the best of losers.

As can be seen, the Battalion Orderly Room is strongly represented, and with the Asst Adjt knocking on the door as well, it might be said to be the stronghold of squash within the Battalion. Hardly surprising, as it is an ideal way of keeping fit in an office job.

What are our changes for the BAOR Cup ? Who knows, but it is believed that we are really in with a chance this year, as few units have this strength in depth, though 5 Fd will be formidable opponents in the Divisional final. If we can clear this hurdle we really think we will be into the straight with the odd length in hand.

SOCCER

Mid-Season report on the soccer shows the Battalion team in a very strong position in the Divisional Major Units League. In brief the team has played ten games, won eight, lost two, drawn none. We have scored 48 goals and conceded 26 goals.

In the Army Cup we beat the past champions, 10 Hussars, by six goals to nil and looked all set for a good run in the Cup. Our hopes were shattered in the next round when 2 Div Engineers beat us by two goals to one. This game illustrated an important lesson that, though possession is 9/10ths of winning, it is goals that count. We penned the Engineers in their own half for 35 minutes of the second 45 minutes but could not get the vital goals.

For the remainder of the season we have two aims :-

1. The Infantry Units Challenge Cup (B.A.O.R.)
2. Win the Divisional Major Units League.

Skiing

This year saw the transition from amateur to semi-professional in both Battalion ski teams. The Langlaufers went to Norway and the Alpinists engaged a race trainer. This was partly forced on us by events. Last year we had achieved outstanding results with no outside help. This year we were without Captain M. R. N. Bray. He had captained and trained the Langlauf team for two years. He was its most experienced skier and he had been the driving force behind skiing generally for the last two years. In the Alpine events Captain David Pugh had taught the teams to ski but he readily admitted that what was now required was an instructor to teach them to race. Also he wanted to improve on last year's positions. (See IRON DUKE April 1966.)

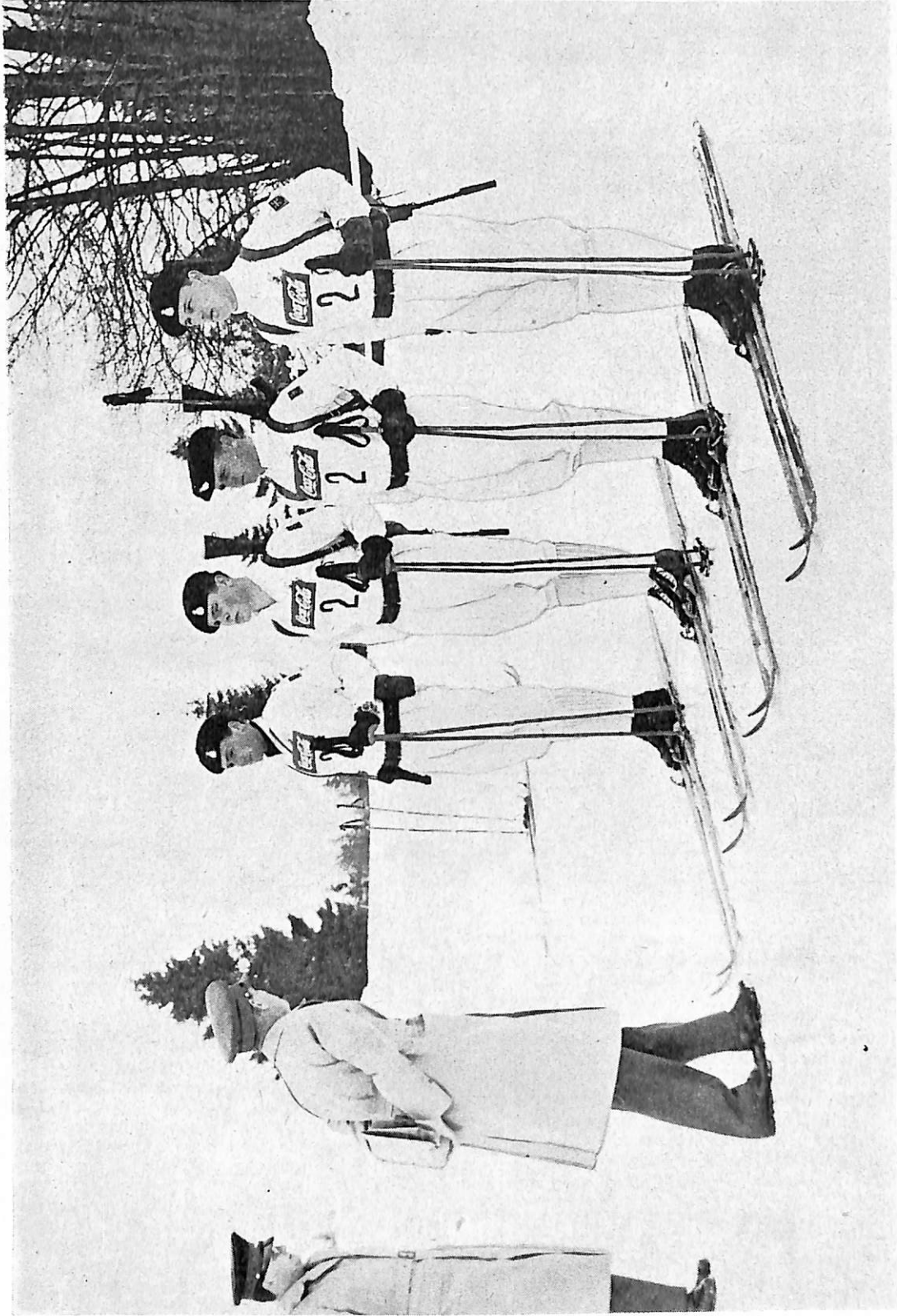
So, taking stock, whom did we have for the coming season, what did we hope to achieve and would this achievement be worth the effort, time and money spent on it ? We had all but one of last year's Langlauf teams with a carefully selected

Novice team. We had likewise all the Alpine team and the best of last year's Novice team, Pte. Brown. We had, barring accidents, a strong hand.

Our intention was to win the Infantry Cup in the Army skiing events, to win the Alpine and Novice cup events in the 2 Div meeting, to achieve the highest placing in the Alpine events that we could, and finally to enter for the first time the Princess Marina Cup competition for the champion skiing unit of the British Army, and to do well in it.

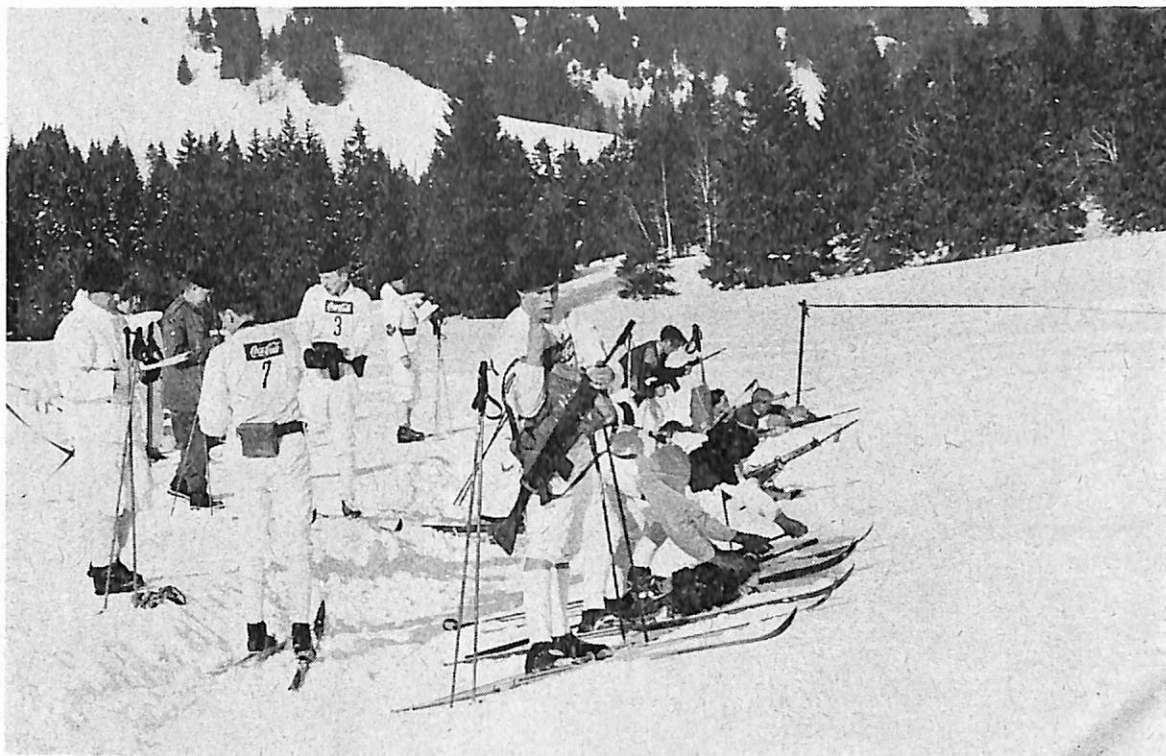
This ambitious programme could only be realised by spending money and turning professional. We had to employ trainers, we had to have good kit to counter last year's wear and tear and, above all, the Langlauf team had to go somewhere that guaranteed snow in November and early December. Norway was the obvious place. We went there..

The professionalism that we had embarked on for the first time was already the accepted mode of running skiing in other units. All top ranking



Winners 2 Div. Patrol Cup.

Left to right: 2/Lt. Bray, Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Grey, Pte. Robson, being inspected before the race.



The Patrol Team preparing to shoot on the range after 15 kms.

Langlauf teams train in Norway in November/December. 13 out of 16 Alpine teams in the 2 Div meeting trained in Switzerland or Austria. All units employ trainers. All units expect their skiers to contribute something towards skiing from their own pockets. This varies from £300 (officers' Alpine) to £15 (privates' Langlauf).

Training

Probably the single most important thing after selecting the team is choosing the right trainer. When you have learnt to ski you must then learn to race, and an entirely new technique must be mastered. In Langlauf this amounts to developing fitness and stamina, improving balance and co-ordination and thereby improving style. In Alpine skiing, daily leg burning sessions of 30 kms. of downhill running should be varied with practice on steep slopes for slalom and giant slalom. Skiing for pleasure is fun. Race training is physically exacting and mentally tiring and requires a very high degree of fitness, concentration and dedication.

Could we justify, whatever the result, the time and money spent on training our teams? I think we could for the following reasons. Our Langlauf team was on the verge of breaking into a preserve that for a long time had been dominated by units, particularly Gunners, that served in Germany for long periods. Secondly we continued to enter Alpine events because it encourages soldiers to ski in the unit. The Duke's entered the only all-privates team in the 2 Div ski meeting.

We have had a higher proportion of soldiers racing in the last two years than any other unit. Finally, the soldiers that make up the Battalion ski teams are not the super sportsmen of the unit. It is entirely through their own efforts that they have gained recognition in this field and they have all skied outstandingly well to do so. The fortunes of the Langlauf and Alpine skiers are recorded under their respective headings. So also are the highlights of this year's skiing results.

Langlauf Notes

Many of you will not have heard of Langlauf racing and it is difficult to compare it with any other sport. It is like cross-country running on skis.

A Langlauf race-course is a prepared track through wooded and mountainous terrain and 10 to 25 kms. in length. Individuals or teams start at minute intervals and when overtaking each other give a warning cry of "Track". The front team is then obliged to step out of the track to allow the other team to pass. A good starting position is important as the state of the track depends on the weather, the amount it has been skied on and the temperature. A team starting first under snowy conditions may find the track slow. Later in the day another team, skiing in sunshine, will probably go much faster because the track is icy.

Fitness, stamina, balance, and the ability to control skis backed by a sound knowledge of



Cpl. Young arriving on the range during the Patrol Race.



Pte. Colin Noble (14).
The only novice skier to enter both Alpine and Langslauf events in the 2 Div. Championships.



2 Div. Downhill Race.
Pte. Cook in action.



Pte. Frear, the Individual Runner-up of the Novice Slalom in the 2 Div. Ski Meeting.



2/Lt. Bray who captained the Bn. Cross Country Team skiing in the Army Biathlon Race

waxes are the make-up of a good skier. Ski waxes are applied to the sole of the ski to provide a grip going uphill and a smooth slipping surface for the downhill. There are some thirty different waxes to choose from and snow conditions change in a race according to the weather, altitude, and the state of the track. There is always one wax that is best suited to the condition and one or two that will work. Anything else either sticks to the snow like glue or fails to grip at all and is as slippery as wet soap. The result of a race is taken from the fastest timing and if shooting is included, a penalty of a minute is incurred for every miss on the range.

Training

We are grateful to the Colonel of the Regiment for helping to find an instructor and accommodation for the period of our stay in Norway. Pellestova is an isolated hotel fifteen kms. from Lillehammer and only accessible on skis or in a snow weasel. The team settled into the homely atmosphere of the place and, encouraged by the presence of the Norwegian Women's Olympic team, had a party organised the evening of our arrival—a necessity as we needed an excuse for our ungainly antics on skis the following morning. Luckily the Women's team left and during the following weeks we were

able to get down to some serious skiing. Terry Martinsen, our instructor, was conscientious about his job and kept us hard at it in spite of gale force winds and thick mists. We left Norway on the 23rd of December and stayed in Osnabruck for four days on our way down to Bavaria where the change of weather and living accommodation were for the worse but, thankful for the fact that we had managed to avoid living in the notorious Haus Zech for a third season, we looked to the fortnight ahead. The skiers had reached the peak of their fitness and skiing ability in Norway. They were now faced with the task of getting used to carrying a pack and rifle for long distances and gaining as much experience of ski waxing in the short time available. We covered over two hundred kilometres during the fourteen days without injury or a single ski breakage, a credit to both the fitness of the team and the excellent Madshus racing skis that we had bought in Norway. The outcome was a team that was prepared to meet the exacting demands that were to be made on both its mental and physical resources in the coming races. The results are recorded elsewhere and it can be seen that the efforts of the team were well rewarded in both the Army and Divisional competitions. The placings of the team are varied because there is no guaranteed way of choosing the right wax and it is only through years of experience that the art can be mastered. This accounts for the continued success of the best teams compared with the varied performances of the remainder. It is in the light of this that our results this year should be judged.

Ski Meeting Results

2 Div Championships

4 x 10 km. Relay race : 24 teams entered. 1 DWR A team, Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Grey, L/Cpl. Booth, Pte. Robson, came 6th. 1 DWR Novice team, Lt. Cartwright, L/Cpl. Hirst, Pte. Heron, Pte. Watson, came 12th.

15 km. Individual Race : 114 Starters. 1 DWR results, Cpl. Young 5th, L/Cpl. Grey 10th, L/Cpl. Booth 17th, Pte. Robson 20th, 2 Lt. Bray 23rd, Cpl. Kendrew 33rd, Cpl. Hirst 34th, Pte. Heron 37th, Lt. Cartwright 47th, Cpl. Hewson 63rd, Pte. Watson 79th, Pte. Noble (73) 99th. 1 DWR had the second best team result of the day.

20 Km. Patrol Race : 24 teams entered. A team, 2 Lt. Bray, Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Grey, Pte. Robson came 1st. Novice team, Lt. Cartwright, L/Cpl. Hirst, Pte. Heron, Pte. Watson, withdrew. The cup was last won by an Infantry unit in 1957. The Novices had bad luck in having a ski injury 3 kms. from the start. Last year 1 DWR came 3rd.

Army Championships

4 x 10 km. Relay race : 30 teams entered. A team, Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Grey, L/Cpl. Booth, Pte. Robson came 11th. 1 DWR lay 30th after the first 10 kms. but pulled up 19 places before the end of the race. Position last year 8th.

20 km. Patrol Race : 30 teams entered. 1 DWR team, 2 Lt. Bray, Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Grey, Pte. Robson, came 12th. A poor result as last year we came 3rd.

15 km. Individual Race : 230 starters. 1 DWR results, Pte. Robson 21st, Pte. Heron 37th, Cpl. Young 38th, 2 Lt. Bray 39th, L/Cpl. Grey 43rd, L/Cpl. Hirst 49th, L/Cpl. Booth 82nd, Cpl. Kendrew 84th, Lt. Cartwright 115th, Cpl. Hewson 121st. As a team (the 3 best runners) we came in 7th in the Army. Pte. Heron took 3rd prize in the Army Novices. Cpl. Kendrew was unfortunate in only having 10 days ski training.

National Biathlon Individual Race : 40 starters. Course 22 kms. 2 Lt. Bray came 21st and Cpl. Young 25th. This was the first time 1 DWR had entered the Biathlon and, with fourteen British and Canadian National team runners, the results were good.

Little Biathlon Individual Race : 38 starters. 1 DWR results, Pte. Robson 5th, Pte. Heron 6th, L/Cpl. Hirst 15th, L/Cpl. Grey 18th, Cpl. Hewson 25th, Lt. Cartwright 27th. A race to give experience to those who did not qualify for the Biathlon.

Biathlon team Relay : 13 teams entered. 1 DWR team, 2 Lt. Bray, Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Hirst, came 3rd. A good result considering that the first two teams were picked from the British National Biathlon team.

Alping Skiing

Captain Johnny Moir found himself the unenviable task of settling the ski team and permanent staff into Haus Zeck for the second year running. The p/s moved into the kitchen and only rarely

did they ever emerge from there. The weather turned foul and little skiing could be achieved. Captain David Pugh arrived to replace Johnny who was U.K. bound to get married. Shortly afterwards the home team arrived from the Brigade Course so training could really begin in earnest. We had an excellent trainer in Joachim Unger who, over the last 10 days, showed us how little we knew about skiing and racing. More important he taught us the specialised technique of slalom and giant slalom. The improvements all round were immediate and obvious.

Ski team personalities. A team

Pte. Cook, stocky but loose jointed, had an economic style and was the most consistent skier. Pte. Anderson, whose appearance on skis was deceptive, had a natural sense of balance and timing. L/Cpl. Burrridge, a hard working and vigorous skier. Had improved steadily and skied extremely well in the BAOR meeting. Pte. Calvert. His agility and quick wits compensated his lack of application at times. Pte. Brown. Last year's best novice. He improved steadily and he was well up to the standard of the rest by the end of the season.

Novice team

Ptes. Frear, Hepworth, Brown and Noble 73. Reserve was Pte. Noble 14 who had the unique distinction of competing in both Alpine and Langlauf events in the same meeting.



The Novices Patrol Team. Left to right: L/Cpl. Hirst, Pte. Heron, Lt. Cartwright, Pte. Watson

Results 2 Div Meeting

Open Downhill. 88 starters and 21 teams. Pte. Cook 21st, Pte. Anderson 27th, Pte. Brown 56th, Pte. Calvert 78th, team place 10th, last year 8th. Only 35 seconds separated us from 4th position.

Open Slalom. 100 starters, 19 teams. Pte. Anderson 9th, Pte. Calvert 11th, Pte. Cook 22nd. Team place 4th. Last year 10th. An outstanding achievement in view of poor places in the starting draw and a badly rutted course. This position gave us 4th in the Combined Alpine results.

BAOR Meeting

Giant Slalom. 25 teams completed. 1 DWR team of L/Cpl. Burrridge, Pte. Cook and Pte. Calvert came 14th. Last year 14th.

Downhill. 24 teams 1 DWR team of L/Cpl. Burrridge, Pte. Anderson and Cook came 11th, last year 13th.

Disappointing results. The team were not recording normal form. The slalom was cancelled owing to heavy rain.

Novice Results

Novices Downhill Team Event—Winners 9/12L, Runners up 1 DWR.

Slalom team event—Winners 9/12L. Runners up 1 DWR.

Individual runner up—Pte. Frear 1 DWR.

A most encouraging result considering the professionalism of many of the novice skiers.

Army Results. St. Moritz. Our first year in this competition.

Giant Slalom. 25 teams : 1 DWR team of Pte. Anderson, Cook and Calvert, 16th.

Downhill—26 teams. 1 DWR 19th.

Slalom—25 teams. 1 DWR 19th.

The Army meeting was a disaster. Both L/Cpl. Burrridge and Pte. Cooke were quite seriously injured after the 1st race. Capt. Pugh had a recurring ankle injury and, at one stage, it was thought advisable to scratch the team. However, by strapping up the walking wounded, we were just able to raise the necessary number of 3 to compete in each event. So the very poor results show little about the teams true capabilities. However, as our overall position in the Princess Marina Cup Competition was 10th, we felt sure that we had at the worst kept our end up.

Brigade Scheme

Although quite separate from the training of the Battalion ski teams, the Brigade Scheme deserves mention here because its unglamorous job of teaching novices to ski is sometimes overlooked. It provides the pool of novice skiers from which the Battalion enters its novice teams in the Divisional ski meetings. There were 5 fortnightly courses this year. They were better run. The soldiers did more skiing and the weather was better than last year.

We finished this year having won the Infantry Cup the first year that it was presented. We broke a 10 year monopoly that the Gunners had by winning the 2 Div Patrol race as well. We came 3rd in the Biathlon relay and 4th in the Combined Alpine events at the Divisional meeting. Finally by coming 10th in the Princess Marina Competition we ended up top infantry skiing unit of the British Army. Next year, with the prospect of another winter in Germany, we hope to consolidate our achievements of this year and perhaps add another trophy or two as well.

COMPANY NOTES

Alma Company's notes unfortunately arrived too late for inclusion. Ed.

BURMA COMPANY

The past four months have been relatively quiet compared with the intense activity of the summer months. The Annual Administrative Inspection took place in November with its attendant light and serious moments. One member of the Company, in reply to the Brigadier's question "What do you do in the evenings?" said "I clean my kit Sir" which proves that either he has a short memory or a loose idea of the truth.

A great deal of work was done on all our vehicles to prepare them for this inspection and again for the CIV in January. It is not generally appreciated how large this task is in a rifle company equipped with some 14 APC's and 10 or so other assorted vehicles. This task occupied everyone who was not either on leave, cadres or skiing.

In January an intensive cadre programme was launched and continued well into February, the

benefit of which will be reaped in the coming year. Activity is now increasing to prepare the company for the impending tour in Cyprus.

There have been several changes in the company. Major Newton has arrived from the Far East and taken over command from Major Cowell. Mr. Westcob has left the company to become Assistant Adjutant. Mr. Cameron has gone back to the Royal Military Police. C.S.M. Wilson has swapped jobs with C.S.M. Chilvers. The aforementioned cadres have resulted in a few postings into and out of the company. Ptes. Parkinson, Pennington and Chadwick have been posted to the Recce Platoon, Ptes. Sherratt and Kelly to the Mortar Platoon in Corunna Coy., Cushworth to the Sig. Pl. and Jagger to the Intelligence Section. On the credit side Ptes. Hayes, Taylor 25 and Harte have been posted in and join the Anti Tank Platoon.

The Company ran an All Ranks Dance in January which went down so well that a petition has now been raised for more in the future.

The "Stork" is still to be seen flying around the

Belm area, this time it called on L/Cpl. Hanratty whose family now has a baby boy on strength.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

As is usual at this time one looks back over the previous year and highlights the triumphs and tries to bury the horrors!

It is customary, although perhaps not at this low level, to honour the outstanding and hand out the awards for services rendered. However I should like to set a precedent by mentioning certain outstanding feats and achievements produced by the platoon.

My award for the worst piece of driving goes to Pte. Kench. Kench had the distinction, at Putlos, of reversing fast into a stack of empty 120mm containers and, before he could regain his senses, he had changed into first and had mown down an innocent pile of ammo in front of the vehicle! You need eyes at the back of your head at this game.

For the champion snooker player, Burke '76 definitely gets the award. However, don't be caught in the NAAFI at 0820 hours on a Monday morning! We know you're keen but there are limits!

And finally the award for the greatest distance covered on the Signals Exercise goes to Cpl. Hodgkinson. Next time don't get a lift on a tractor and you won't have to walk quite so far!

With the Admin and CIV over we launched ourselves into a month of cadres. And on the anti tank side this proved a very profitable month, although at times a little frustrating as we were competing with the CIV inspection. As a result of the cadre we welcome the following to the Platoon, Ptes. Barclay, Ibbitson, Hayes, Wyng, Cuss, Taylor and Harte.

Planning ahead is always difficult and sub-consciously one always feels that, after each hurdle has been overcome, there will be a quiet spell in which to do some of our own training. This is usually a short lived idea and so it was that we found ourselves on Ex Hold Duke or Bar Tender or whatever its name was!

Here we had the distinction of outflanking the enemy and cutting off their main withdrawal route by capturing the bridge. Thanks to some fine gunnery by Pte. Oxley Bates we accounted for 4 FV 432s, 1 Ferret and one armoured one tonner. The farmyard from which he was shooting filled rapidly with knocked out vehicles.

Having already welcomed the newcomers, it is with regret that we have to say goodbye to two of the staunchest members of the platoon, Ptes Kench and Burke '76. Kench leaves for the slippered ease of civilian life having served the Battalion and platoon faithfully for many years. We wish him and his wife every success in their new life. Burke '76 leaves the Battalion, only temporarily, on a posting as a driver to Borden. Good luck, I'm sure you'll do well.

And finally congratulations to Pte. Ibbitson and his wife on the birth of a baby girl, and to Sgt. Hemmings and Pte. Cuss on being members of the Dukes' victorious Rugby side, Sgt. Hemmings for the third year running.

CORUNNA COMPANY

There has been no major exercise to focus our attention upon this quarter, but as one looks back over the past three months there are a number of significant events which stick in one's mind. The administrative inspection, how cold it was (but not as cold as last year we are assured by the veterans)—border patrol—Christmas, the Company sketch at the Battalion smoker featuring "Septic Nuckles" and the violin/trombone playing narrator C/Sgt. Welsh—Ex Snow Queen—the CIV, weapons, instruments and above all, vehicles—Alma Company's exercise on which we sent out a platoon—the special guard, and looming over everything else—Cadres.

Since Christmas the majority of men in the Company have been involved in one way or another with cadres. Within the company we have run the Battalion mortar and NCO's selection cadres and men from the company have attended cadres or courses for 432 drivers, 432 commanders, B vehicle drivers, signallers, mortar men, refresher for senior NCO's, junior NCO's, anti-tank, intelligence duties, first aid, NBC, clerks, reconnaissance platoon and potential NCO's. In consequence for most of the time we have had very few men for company training except at times of maximum activity, just before the administrative inspection for instance. We are assured by the C.S.M. that working the permutations on leave, cadres and skiing is worse than trying to select a winning combination on the treble chance and nothing like as profitable.

Now our thoughts are turning to Cyprus. We have drawn our KD, which is a splendid reminder on this wet and dreary February day in Germany, of the sun to come next summer. Next week IS training starts. For some of the older members of the Company the cry is "we've done it all before" but there is a remarkably large number of people who have joined the battalion since we



Cpl. Dooley preparing charges for blowing.



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arrived in Germany and to whom "Cordon and Search" would seem to have little to do with Internal Security. Our most difficult problem at present is the selection of the rear party—nobody wants to stay behind—and who can blame them.

Changes within the company continue. We still have the same team of officers and C.S.M. Todd continues to preside benignly over our efforts; however, once again we have a new C.Q.M.S.—C/Sgt. Brown, whom we are pleased to welcome back. Sgt. Foster is about to leave us and the Army, we wish him well. Sgt. Hughes we congratulate upon his promotion and we are glad to see Cpls. Dooley and Ingham back in Corunna after their stay with Alma. Finally we wish to congratulate the following on additions to their family: Cpls. Cookson and Catchpole, Ptes Leach and Atkinson and Sgt. Hughes.

MORTAR PLATOON

Since the end of the training season the platoon has been busy with its fair share of administration, vehicle cleaning and leave. Pte's Cook and Brown have done extremely well on the ski slopes of Bavaria and did their part in helping The Duke's win the Infantry Cup. Whilst these two "professionals" were skiing way down South, Ptes. Caddle, Parker and Wilde persuaded the Platoon Commander to risk his neck on the snow at Winterberg. In fact when we came to skiing ability it was obvious that we were all as good (bad!) as each other despite claims of superior skill from Parker and Wilde.

During December the members of the platoon were set to the task of making a puff range model for fire control training, which has eventually turned out to be a considerable success despite the very temperamental puffing machine. In January we ran a four week cadre for potential Mortar numbers, and to train up Corporals Ingham and Dooley who had recently arrived from the Vigilant Platoon. This cadre was very successful due to the hard work and enthusiasm of Cpl. Hughes and L/Cpl. Eastwood. We finished the cadre with a days live firing at Sennelager which proved that the cadre had absorbed most of their instruction. We hope to re-place and refurbish the platoon with new blood before moving to Cyprus where we shall be ready to act both as a conventional rifle platoon and in our more specialised role.

Pte. Dillon is leaving the platoon before we go to Cyprus prior to going out of the Army in July. We wish him well but are sorry to lose such a dependable driver, "B" veh. storeman, and Morris/Volvo mechanic.

HOOK COMPANY

The period following the last edition of the Iron Duke has been one of numerous changes within the Company. Apart from the loss of a number of individuals, the Assault Pioneer Platoon has moved out en block to Alma Coy. They will be pleased to know that they are sadly missed—their burden of duties has now fallen on other members of the Company. We also wish farewell to Major Fife, S/Sgt. Spring and Sgt. Gay.



Left to right: Pte. Frear, Cpl. Ingham and others of 81mm. cadre preparing for blowing of Mor pit.

Major Fife has been with us as Company Commander from October 1964 until January 1967 and has done a great deal of work in all the varied spheres with Hook Coy, not in the least being the co-ordinator of our various social events. He has now gone to command the Junior Soldiers' Company at Strensall and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing him and his wife the very best for the future, and to thank Major Fife for adopting The Duke's so wholeheartedly during his stay with us.

S/Sgt. Spring was an old and faithful member of The Duke's and has certainly earned his "rest" in civvy street. All the best, Staff.

In place of Major Fife we welcome back Major Naughton who, despite his other duties as PRI and Married Families Officer, has settled in as our Company Commander. We hope that he and his wife will enjoy their stay with us. In welcoming them, we also congratulate Major and Mrs. Naughton on the birth of their son, also Pte. and Mrs. Dawson, and Pte. and Mrs. Richardson, on the birth of their children. Welcome too, to S/Sgt. Welsh and S/Sgt. Mountcastle.

Despite the very long cadre programme we managed to produce a highly successful Christmas Concert. Major Fife's masterly hand in this undertaking was prominent as usual. To top this, the Company claim that the win by the officers over the sergeants in their annual soccer match was only achieved by Major Fife's magnificent goal-keeping.

Congratulations are due to our faithful Arms Storeman, Clarke, on his promotion to L/Cpl. Well done.

The bulk of the company are now looking forward to a "trip in the sun". Six months in Cyprus will go down extremely well, although those who stay behind should find life not too dull either.



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SIGNAL PLATOON

During the after-training-season lull there is now a large tendency in the Platoon towards building up numbers. Besides the Battalion Cadre which has just finished and which should add at least six new members to our slowly decreasing numbers, some of our signallers are trying it the hard way, namely through marriage. L/Cpl. Minto and Pte. Sykes started the ball rolling, then the R.S.O. disappeared, reappearing with a certificate to say that he is now entitled to married quarters. He has now taken to pre-packed lunches and has converted his desk into a one man canteen.

Training-wise, we are now on the threshold of reminding our fully-fledged 432 drivers that they are still regimental signallers (much to their dismay), and we have now (or should we say Lt. Strong has) the task of re-training them on the new, and much easier VP. Sgt. Wilkinson has neatly bugged off on leave, well out of the way.

The annual CIV Inspection has now passed, much to the relief of S/Sgt. Curling, who gained us an excellent report, and everyone is now breathing more easily. The Companies seem to have taken full advantage of the situation by immediately drawing all their radio gear, and screaming off to Achmer Training Area. Sgt. Wilkinson's headache being the shortage of frequencies for them all.

Our presentation for this year's Xmas Show was originally something to do with James Bond, but unfortunately the films got mixed up and the finished product was a mixture of 007, Harry Worth and an "oldy type" bedroom scene, lighting effects and all. Pte. Firth has now been entered for next year's Miss World Competition, by popular demand.

We sent L/Cpls. Gunn and Walker off to Chatham to do an upgrading course with the RSME, and L/Cpl. Gunn did exceedingly well by coming first. Well done Ben!

Cyprus should be a slight reprieve from the tedious work of keeping our vehicles up to scratch, and some of the lads (less the pads) are looking forward to a bit of sun, and a medal. (*Who* says they were all won in Korea?).

THE BAND

It has been said that the Band usually hibernates in winter owing to a shortage of engagements; however, this season we had to forget our winter sleep and up to our leave in February we were kept hard at it.

To keep the British Army in the public eye many functions we attend are to promote good Anglo-German relationships, a relationship which over the past few years has changed from an allied partnership to a sincere friendship. Although we have our little difficulties mainly caused by the language barrier, the British Soldier is thought of very highly.

Characteristically of a nation which has a long military tradition, the German loves a musical marching display, moreso a British one. In our ceremonial uniforms we make a vivid splash of colour against the field grey of the Bundeswehr Bands. For every public performance we try to give the spectator something new and original.

British Army Bands have been giving such displays regularly since 1950 in West Germany and Berlin and even in this modern highly technical world tradition is deeply ingrained especially with the German Public and stadiums are always packed to capacity.

Shortly before Xmas, we were invited to play for the Osnabrucker OAP Xmas Party. After 6 encores we were finally allowed to leave the stage to tumultuous applause and to some well earned refreshments. The festive season was, as usual, one round of dances at various messes and public functions. Whether or not the dance band will be paying super tax remains to be seen.

We took an active part in the Battalion Smoker organised by our late Band President, Major M. G. Fife. (The posting of Major Fife bears no relationship to the Battalion Smoker!) The show was successful, satire being prevalent, in fact we are not sure whether or not our script writer worked on the TWTWTW Show. To put the finishing touches in, all the artistes came to the Band Social Club for a nightcap.

We welcome Major J. D. P. Cowell to the chair vacated by Major M. G. Fife, and trust that his stay with us as Band President will be a happy one.

Recent movements in the Band have been the loss of Bds. D. H. Netherwood who, owing to ill health, had to return to civilian life. We wish him all the best and hope he will come and visit us when we are once again in U.K. The charms of the opposite sex have lured two of our bachelors away from the peaceful life. The stork called at Bds. Garlick's and Ellwood's bringing two future bandsmen. We believe that Mrs. Garlick and Mrs. Ellwood also had something to do with the event. The two newly married men are Bds. Rochelle and Bds. Haigh.

Two years ago we played at a *schutzenfest* in Gelsenkirchen in the heart of Germany and, soon after this event, we were visited by the members and the wives of the Club here in Osnabruck (See IRON DUKE 1964) The *Schutzenverein* payed us another visit this month; ostentatiously to make the final arrangements for the *Schutzenfest* which will take place in June. The visitors were dressed in their smart green uniforms adorned with badges denoting various degrees of skill in shooting, also war medals and spoils of war captured from the Band (Collar Badges etc.). We are all looking forward to this engagement when we shall be able to renew old friendships.

Congratulations to Cpl. Vaughan, Cpl. Higgins, L/Cpls. Clifford, Foster, on their recent promotions.

MT PLATOON

To say that the MT Platoon has had a hectic time over the past twelve months would rank as one of the year's understatements.

Enough has already been said of the many and varied happenings during the period. Sufficient to add that from Denmark to the time of writing these notes is a mere ten months away but already seems an age.

We have become past masters in the not too gentle art of entraining with 432's, travelling to all

points of the compass and detrain at the other end. Rather surprisingly, considering the speed at which they are driven off and on the rail flats, we never managed to "drop one". Our only reminder of those balmy days, already in the distant past, is a positive welter of demurrage bills which the Deutsch Bundesbahn, through our normally good friends "Mov Control", think fit to inflict upon us. The disposal of these looked like being a tricky one, until our ally in the form of the 2IC popped up and said in his own inimitable way, "Give me the details, I'll fix!"—and he did!!

Flotation was a very necessary and thoroughly enlightening experience not without its wildly hilarious moments. Even the Canadians who loaned us their "mud hole" for our first tentative steps at Haltern were surprised at the performance of the 432 once she got in the water, despite her high profile and ungainly appearance. However, they shook their heads in amazement at our first thrown track—in three feet of sand—and vowed we would never fix it. Staff Sykes and Sgt. Jackson, together with the boys, soon proved them wrong and had the track back on in no time at all.

Where we did have to give them best however was when it came to tightening the tracks. After Willson, with two "lls", had pumped solidly for two hours with absolutely no result at all, a hurriedly purloined Canadian "Oggie-gun" rapidly did the trick. The rest of the training season from the flotation point of view consisted of remarks such as, "That thing won't float, look at the hole in the exhaust" (it did as a point of interest!). Question, "You can't go in the water, where are your hull drainage plugs." Answer, "I keep them in my pocket, they'll get pinched otherwise!" It was very fortunate indeed for the 1st of Foot that they were not required to float on the Div Exercise, because a goodly number of their exhaust circlips saw service that day with The Duke's. Hanging in the MTO's office is a shield, with a beautifully polished circlip and a drainage plug, made by Sgt. Jackson. A constant reminder to the uninitiated that without these two small pieces of equipment the 432 will indeed not float.

The Annual Admin inspection came and went in a green haze, a "deep bronze green haze" to be more accurate. Kelly and Lambton became familiar figures hunched over a vehicle complete with face mask and goggles frantically spraying anything that hove in sight. The only objects that were not coated with paint were the PVRE tanks from the POL compound and this was through no fault of L/Cpl. Nicola's who was firmly convinced that they should be on parade too.

Finding sufficient transport to meet our many commitments even when there are no exercises is a constantly recurring nightmare and Cpl. Jagger, our details NCO, has on numerous occasions declared that he would "sack it". Indeed only constant libations from the MTO's tea-pot, thoughtfully provided by the ever attentive Pte. Cooper, our storeman, has kept him fixed to his chair. Brow-beating our LAD produces results however and our favourite *cri-de-coeur*, "If you don't get our 4 tonners on the road we will have to use yours", usually produced surprising results.

The drivers, past masters at the art of "dropping you in", can always be relied upon, though not intentionally I am sure, to increase the transport agony. Here is an example:—

Act One—

Bn 2IC. "Why are you late?"

Driver, "I have just taken the MTO's batman to his house."

2IC's reply—Unprintable.

Act Two—Memo from 2IC to MTO.

"I have walked to work for the last time. I want a vehicle. FIX."

Which as you can see does not leave a great deal of scope for argument. The driver immediately went into hiding!!

The Commanding Officer's Zephyr, ably piloted by L/Cpl. Lord, is running extremely well. Gone are the days, we hope, of front wheel bearings minus grease. At the time of writing however, we hear that the CO's other chariot, one of our quite "clapped out" $\frac{1}{2}$ ton FFR's, is due to be "drop kicked" in our direction via the RSO.

When Cyprus was first mentioned great excitement obviously was felt throughout the Platoon in keeping with the general feeling throughout the Battalion. After all, who wouldn't swop sunny Cyprus for Soltau-Haltern-Sennelager—phase I II III or what have you. Our first immediate problem was not finding men to go but having to inform those who have unfortunately to stay behind. The centre of attraction naturally in the Platoon is L/Cpl. Nicola who, as is well known, hails from Nicosia and will be in great demand as a source of information. The drivers have already produced a list of the usual soldiers' questions and you don't have to be an oracle to guess what they are.

Having just congratulated ourselves on "chopping the traffic accidents" by one third over the past year, January has proved to be a bumper month thanks to the icy roads in Bavaria. Our hard working clerk L/Cpl. Mann has disappeared behind a pile of FMT 3 and relevant statements.

The MTO is being constantly assailed these days with plans for new houses in the Belfast area popped into his IN tray. This as you probably will have guessed is a sign that Staff Sykes is getting towards the end of his time and is contemplating house purchase. All this is good grounding for the MTO for when his time comes; the architect's plans are certainly becoming less of a mystery than they hitherto were.

Feverish activity is the order of the day in the Tech QM's dept. Having stocked-up for the Annual Admin inspection, the Unit Eqpt inspection, and emerging mentally shattered but otherwise unscathed from the Ord Ancillary inspection and Annual Stocktaking, now is the time for "in-scaling" and "out-scaling" itself, quite a monumental task. Staff Bell has managed to convince T.Q.M.S. Al Arundel that he in fact should stay behind and let the above named go to Cyprus. After much good natured banter and some choice references to "getting one's knees brown" and "more overseas services in NAAFI queues" etc.,

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UNFICYP

by Lt. W. B. Ibbetson, Green Howards

We are indebted to the Editor of The Green Howards' Gazette for permission to reproduce this article which will be of particular interest to readers of The Iron Duke in view of 1 DWR's posting to Cyprus as part of the United Nations Force.

In December 1963, there were large-scale and bloody outbreaks of fighting between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. The London Agreement had failed to settle the deep-rooted hatreds of the two peoples. Relations between Greece and Turkey worsened, troops were mobilised and warships concentrated. It seemed that events on this island would disturb the peace of the whole eastern Mediterranean.

The United Nations acted quickly and early in 1964 the United Nations Force in Cyprus was on the island endeavouring to implement its three-point charter—to stop a recurrence of fighting, contribute to the restoration of law and order, and aid a return to a state of normality. However, the Force is still there, and in June this year another six-month extension to the Mandate was granted. At the end of this period the Force will have been in operation for two years, and a further extension seems likely.

UNFICYP is made up of six national contingents, British, Finnish, Swedish, Irish, Danish and Canadian. Its total number is about 5,000 men. In addition to this is a small Austrian Field Hospital and a number of U.N. Civilian Police from Australia, Denmark and Austria. The British Contingent (Britcon) is the largest, containing one Infantry Battalion, one Armoured Squadron in scout cars, an RCT Squadron and many other officers and men employed in the Administrative Services or on the Staff.

The Force Headquarters is just outside Nicosia on the airfield. Two large hangars have been converted into many different offices and departments to form a nerve centre for the preparation and planning of the many varied and difficult tasks the Force has to perform. It is here that staff officers from six nations work together in the normal operational and administrative branches. There is an "Ops A" (equivalent to our G branch) who mount a 24-hour watch on the situation in the operations room and who are in contact with U.N. forward units all over the island. Ops B are responsible for all I duties. The Logistics branch (Q) work closely with the British Sovereign Base at Dhekelia and have a difficult task meeting the demands of forces deployed like these. Other branches there are Ops Economics, Press and Public Relations and the civilian U.N. Secretariat. In and around this nucleus were a Signals Squadron, a REME workshop, the RCT, and an Ordnance Detachment. I would point out here that the official language was English and all Staff work conformed to the British pattern so it was not as complex as it might seem.

For peace-keeping operations the island has been divided into zones and a national contingent of approximately Battalion strength is responsible for each. Thus we have the Swedes in Famagusta zone, the British in Limasol, the Irish in Lefka zone, the Canadians in Kyrennia and the Finns and Danes in Nicosia. There is armed confrontation in many places on the island—Nicosia being the best-known example, where the famous Green Line cuts the city in two. It is so called because green just happened to be the colour of the chinagraph pencil, originally used to trace out the line on the map of territory held by the opposing sides, when U.N. forces first arrived in the city. Another area of conflict is the high ground near the Kyrennia Pass—where exchanges between the Greek Cypriot National Guard and Turkish Cypriot fighters are frequent. Adding to the tension in this area is that a Regular Turkish Battalion is encamped along the Kyrennia Road—(a number of Greek and Turkish National Troops are allowed on the island by treaty), so any Greek wishing to drive in or out of Kyrennia normally does so in the U.N. convoy which runs twice a day. Of course, a clash between Greek and Turkish Cypriots could occur in a very large number of different places. As the U.N. Forces are very thinly spread, a major problem is, that once a platoon is committed and deployed to stop an armed clash, it is very difficult to withdraw it without risking an immediate recurrence of fighting. The method employed is that negotiations on a local level are started and then, it is hoped, a withdrawal by both sides takes place. However, it needs only a very small incident to begin a large-scale shooting match all over an area. As a return to normality is one of the United Nations' aims UNFICYP does all it can to encourage Cypriots to move between their respective areas, but all too often fear and suspicion override any social or financial benefits. The Economic branch has tried, not without success, to advise on agricultural problems and the movement and selling of produce. Both sides realise that there is a vital need to keep the peace but neither side is willing to concede on any major issue. All too often one sees two notices, separated by only a street—"Danger Greeks Ahead," and "Danger Turks Ahead"—an obvious sign of suspicion and distrust.

It looks as though the U.N. soldiers must carry on "standing between" for some time to come. A heavy responsibility falls on the shoulders of the junior N.C.O. in this type of peace-keeping operation. It is they who, often isolated from another patrol and acting on their own initiative, stop the shooting when it starts, and even on some occasions before it begins. They must have much more unbiased local knowledge than in most types of war—there is no enemy.

So far as a solution to the problem is concerned, it is certainly not going to be found suddenly. Since June this year a Greek and Turkish "dialogue" has been discussing the question. These secret talks are now to be reviewed by the two countries' Foreign Ministers while they attend the U.N. Assembly. This could result in a step forward towards the settlement which most Cypriots want.

Near Miss

It has long been a puzzle to those interested in Regimental History that the 33rd Regiment, despite incurring more casualties than any other regiment at the Alma and despite being at Inkerman and in all the assaults on the Redan, seems to have been the only regiment to serve throughout the Crimea campaign without having a Victoria Cross awarded to one of its members.

We publish opposite a plate showing No. 8 of a series entitled "*Lloyd's Incidents from the War in the Crimea*." It shows Pte. Patrick Macguire of the 33rd achieving his escape from two Russians who had taken him prisoner.

The incident seems to have caused a minor stir at the time. It is the subject of another picture published by Hanhart and Co. entitled "*One Englishman (sic) versus two Russians*." It is described by Col. Gough-Calthorpe in his "*Letters from Headquarters*" as follows:—

23 October 1854.

"You hear every day of heroic acts of bravery by the soldiers: one I call to mind. A few days ago a private of the 33rd (Duke of Wellington's Regiment) was surprised and made prisoner by two Russian soldiers when an advanced sentry. One of these worthies took possession of his musket and the other of his pouch and marched him between them towards Sevastopol. The Englishman kept wary watch and when he fancied his captors off their guard sprang on the one who carried his musket, seized it and shot dead the other of his foes who carried the pouch as well as his own arms and accoutrements. Meanwhile the Russian from whom our fellow had taken his own musket and who had then fallen to the ground, when rising from his recumbent position, fired, missed and finally had his brains knocked out by the butt end of the Englishman's musket: after which the man coolly proceeded to take off the Russian accoutrements etc. with which he returned

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the old 'un finally agreed to let the young 'un have a go.

We congratulate L/Sgt. Rawcliffe on his promotion and hope that he will do well on his MT Sgts. course, if we ever get a vacancy for him; likewise Sgt. Jackson on his course.

We welcome to the Platoon L/Cpl. Williams, Ptes. Oldham and Waterman from Alma Coy, Ptes. Afford from Aslt Pnrs and Cobe, Maynard and Hollis from Recce, McGrath from Corunna to Tech and hope their stay with us will be a happy one.

Pte. Reddington has left us for a tour Yorkshire Bde and Smith 43 to return to civilian life.

laden to the post where he had been surprised, fired at by the Russian sentries, and received with loud cheers by our own pickets."

The recently published "*Military Drawings and Paintings in the Royal Collection*" contains a reproduction of yet another version of the incident. It is the work of the same artist as the illustration we show—M. A. Hayer—but shows a third Russian behind the group—otherwise it is identical. Incidentally it is entitled "*Pte. Patrick Macguire, 33rd Regiment escaping from the Russians at the Battle of Inkerman 5 Nov. 1854*." As Gough-Calthorpe's account of the incident is dated 23 October 1854 this is obviously incorrect.

We have only recently learnt that in "*The Panmure Papers*" there is published an extract of a letter, dated 17 February 1857, referring to the list of recommendations for the award of the Victoria Cross. This runs:—

"There is only one case which the Queen thinks had better be omitted viz: Pte. P. Macguire of the 33rd. His deed, although publicly praised and rewarded by Lord Raglan, was one of very doubtful morality and, if pointed out by the Sovereign as praiseworthy, may lead to the cruel and inhumane practice of never making prisoners but always putting to death those who may be overpowered for fear of their rising over their captors."

Lord Panmore (the Secretary of State for War) replied:—

"Lord Panmore presents his humble duty to Your Majesty and has the honour to inform Your Majesty that, with the concurrence of the Commander-in-chief, he has removed the name of Pte. P. Macguire 33rd Regiment from the list."

So much for Macguire's V.C. It is something to know that he received the French Medaille Militaire as a consolation prize. The reasoning behind the Royal decision appears puzzling. Perhaps the Prince Consort's somewhat tortuous mind had been at work.

In contemporary military doctrine every prisoner of war is expected to escape if possible. It may strike us that Macguire's act was certainly not up to the standard that earns a V.C. in these days. But in the early years of the award, particularly in the Indian Mutiny, it was given for deeds less intrepid than this.

B.W.W-C.

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One "Duke" to two Russians
An incident from the war in the Crimea

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THE WEST RIDING BATTALION (T.A.)

Sub-Editorial

When these notes are read, the West Riding Battalion (TA) will be no more, but from it will have emerged two units of the Volunteer Army: The West Riding Territorials, DWR and "C" Coy (DWR) The Yorkshire Volunteers.

Partly to fall in with the custom of the 1st Battalion and partly to inspire now a company spirit in amalgamated companies, the new companies of the Territorial Battalion will be named after battles of World War II: Anzio Coy (the old HQ Coy) at Huddersfield, commanded by Major P. H. Haws, TD.; Burma Coy (the old "B" & "D" Coys) at Huddersfield, commanded by Major H. M. Crowther, TD.; and Chindits Coy (the old "A" & "C" Coys) at Halifax, commanded by Capt. K. M. McDonald, who is determined to commute to Keighley so long as young men of that town wish to belong to The Duke's.

Weekend training has been carried out on a T & AVR II/T & AVR III basis. The future Volunteer Company under Capt. R. C. Curry have concentrated on weapon training and minor tactics while those who have elected to serve with the Territorial Battalion have been introduced to the problems of "Survival" and "Internal Security." Both are mysteries to most TA soldiers but we have been greatly assisted with

both advice and practical help by the Huddersfield C.D. officers and the Borough Police.

We were visited on January 24 by Major-Gen. R. Gordon-Finlayson, O.B.E., G.O.C. 49 Div/Dist, who came to say "Hello", which was quickly "Goodbye" as on April 1 we come under the care of Yorkshire District.

Brigadier W. S. G. Armour, M.B.E., carried out his Admin Visit on January 26 and, again, this was something of a farewell although most officers had the chance of a more personal "Goodbye" at the Brigade cocktail party on February 18.

A recent innovation on training evenings has been the introduction of sports cum social activities on Tuesdays. Judo, badminton and shooting are well supported and wives and girl friends are encouraged to spectate and use the club.

To end these notes, a word or two to those who feel that volunteer soldiering is finished will not be out of place. All of us who have served in the TA over the years have put into it a lot of time and no little effort. We have all had a lot of fun out of it and will look back with nostalgia on days, weekends and camps of the past. Most of us feel that, with the same effort and enthusiasm put into the new Volunteer and Territorial units, there will be a lot to be got out of them. April 1 sees not the end of a story but the beginning of a new chapter.

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS' MESS

Although the active officer strength of this battalion is not very large we still manage to maintain a very happy mess spirit. This was most apparent when we held our Christmas Party; just about all the officers and their wives were on parade and, of course, lots of guests.

A great deal of credit for all our functions is due to our mess sergeant, Sgt. Bacon, whose wife, we deeply regret to say, died in December. Even so, he and both his sons, who are on the mess staff, were on duty at the Christmas party and we thank them sincerely for their loyalty.

The Officers' Ball held on December 30 (instead of on December 31 as usual) was highly successful and well supported. There was non-stop dancing to 3 bands, and, for those who could drag themselves away from the dance-floor, an excellent supper. The dance committee were highly satisfied with the success of their efforts and not in the least upset by the slight financial loss—or so says the chairman, Major Webster.

The Mess is again to come under new management as Major Pat Haws, under the new organiza-

tion, is to return to active service with a company and Major Brian Webster is to take over as PMC. He takes over with a formidable social calendar but more about this next time.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Our last notes concluded with all hands on deck preparing for a party on December 10 for our ex RSM Pennington before his departure for Australia and we know that Mr. and Mrs. Pennington will long remember that exceedingly pleasant evening when ale, goodwill and merriment vied for first place. An inscribed silver cigarette box was presented to them, also a photograph in colour of R.S.M. Pennington at Plasterdown annual camp, signed on the back by all mess members.

The room had hardly cooled before we were all gathered again with our friends—this time on December 17 for our Christmas Draw when prizes from record players to Woodbines were won. Our thanks to members of the Halifax Mess for organising and arranging the draw and presents. This mammoth draw, intermixed with dancing and variety turns, interlaced with the festive season

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spirit, convinced everyone that "The Dukes" and our Mess, instead of being "chopped" or reduced, will retain its strength and popularity whatever changes or difficulties are placed in our way.

Our Sergeants' Mess Ball was held at St. Paul's St. on Saturday, March 4.

This was undoubtedly the most successful ball of recent times. Over 300 members and guests assembled at a function that catered for the old, the new and the still serving. The floor, the music, the decor, the marvellous buffet supper—all took second place to the spirit that prevailed on this farewell-cum-welcome occasion, bidding farewell to the West Riding Regiment and welcome to the new A.V.R. II ("C" Company, The Yorkshire Volunteers) and A.V.R. III (The West Riding Territorials).

On this special occasion we were honoured by the presence of Lt.-Colonel Skelsey and Major Davis of R.H.Q.

The highlight of the evening was the cutting of the farewell and welcome cake which had been made for the occasion through the ideas and planning of Sgt. W. L. FitzGerald, our Cook Sergeant, and the skill and patience of our Cook Corporal, Cpl. J. L. Hirst.

The music, the wine, the whole atmosphere of this assembled body of "Dukes" proved to all that the reorganisation of the T.A. is merely a continuation of the old volunteer spirit in a new split-organisation which, in effect, means: "Carry on as usual."

We are pleased that C.S.M. Fitton is now back in harness after his injury, and, although he doffed one "harness" to take on another, the Mess is richer by his presence. We offer hearty congratulations to him on the recent award of the 4th Clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Medal. 36 years' service—even with war service counting double—is no mean feat, especially for a man still in his prime.

On the PSI front C.S.M. C. Sullivan, S/Sgts. T. A. S. Pratt and Sgt. E. Wakefield take over the role of AVR II heads at Halifax; at Huddersfield, as Territorial Instructors, C.S.M. R. S. Battye and S/Sgt. N. Perrin assume a new role in their army careers. Sgt. R. Broomhead is returning to civvy street on completion of his tour. To Reg and Mrs. Broomhead we send our very best wishes for the future, our many thanks for past relationships and we hope that they will keep up their connection with the Mess in the future.

New faces in the Mess include S/Sgt. N. Leatham



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Sgt. W. L. FitzGerald (L) and Cpl. J. L. Hirst putting the finishing touches to the mammoth farewell-welcome cake.

(WRAC) who is the forerunner of the "female invasion". Welcome Nancy.

On the re-organisation of the T & AVR our Mess may be split up—Halifax being under the control of AVR II and Huddersfield under the control of AVR III—but we can visualize a "no change" relationship when these two sections of the AVR get moving.

To get acquainted with our new roles two training week-ends have been held before the inauguration date (April 1 1967) and our liaison with the Civilian Police and Civil Defence departments has now started. The future offers training in new spheres and we are looking forward with interest to our relationship with the civil authorities.

The orbit of the AVR II and III is now being arranged and includes :

AVR II (Halifax)

W.O.2 J. Dodgson (ex "C" Coy, Skipton)
W.O.2 A. D. Westerman (ex Bn HQ, Huddersfield)
S/Sgt. B. Howell (ex "A" Coy, Halifax).

AVR III (Huddersfield & Halifax)

W.O.2 J. Fitton, M.M. (ex HQ Coy, Huddersfield)
W.O.2 A. Wood (ex Bn HQ, Huddersfield)
W.O.2 H. Dillon (ex "A" Coy, Halifax)
W.O.2 A. Bycroft (ex "B" Coy, Mirfield)
W.O.2 G. Simpson (ex "D" Coy, Mossley)
S/Sgt. K. Ewart (ex HQ Coy, Huddersfield)
S/Sgt. W. Parkes (ex HQ Coy, Huddersfield)
Sgt. D. Taylor (ex "A" Coy, Halifax)

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIES

"A" COMPANY

These are obviously the last notes that will be written for what is still known as "A" Company, so they have to be good :

And, hey presto, glancing through the wad of press cuttings since our last notes, what do we find but :

1. "Army to the rescue" (with double column photograph). Our PSI, Magician and S/Sgt., T. Pratt, was called in to a local wool mill to find a gold ring lost amongst some bales of wool. And he found it in 30 minutes flat (the time, not the ring) with the aid of a mine-detector. This was a useful piece of publicity for the Army, and the TA in particular.

Full marks to our beloved PSI and to the mine-detector, of course, not to mention the ring for getting lost in the first place.

2. Superb full-page press coverage for our ladies' shooting team, which has recruited eight new members on the strength of it.

3. Northern Command Cross Country Championships, DWR third place, all the runners, apart from two, coming from "A" Company.

The rest of these notes have not reached the press—yet.

The signing-up of Burnside P. makes it Burnside No. 4 for our company. Who said the TA was one happy family? But this is ridiculous! (Actually, there were another two, but they failed their medicals). Can you imagine C.S.M. Dillon calling for markers on parade :

"Come in No. 4—your time is up".

Talking of personalities: L/Cpl. Andrews is in his element now we have the "Batt". He can't wait to get it bogged down on the moors.

S/Sgt. Howell, our caretaker, however, is not in his element as he has had the decorators in the drill hall since Christmas and has been just about sprayed all the colours of the rainbow whilst walking under their scaffolding. Anyone want to buy a multicoloured staff sergeant who has "Dukes" written all over him? Staff Howell's time has not been without its tragedy, though; his dog has had to be destroyed after being badly injured

by falling on a projecting nail in the drill hall. We shall all miss Cindy as the dog who could make Stanley Matthews look like an amateur when she was playing football with us..

On the lighter side, we have the birth of L/Cpl. Wheatcroft's son to celebrate, and this we intend to do at the farewell social (farewell to the TA, that is) next Tuesday.

Since the last issue we have had a very successful company dinner which was attended by Col. and Mrs. Moncrieff; and the way the "Easter Draw" is progressing in the men's canteen, it looks as if they will outdo the W.O.'s and Sgts. Ah, well! With Sgt. Peckett as chief "pusher", who can doubt it?

BURMA COMPANY

Re-organisation is upon us. Burma Company was born on January 10th out of "B" & "D" Coys. "B" Coy. had in any case moved into St. Paul's Street Drill Hall some time ago, so it was simply a matter of "D" Coy. moving over from Mossley to join them. It is always a wrench to leave a place in which you have been happy, and "D" Coy. had been happy at Mossley. Anyway it can be said we left with something of a flourish. On the social side we had a wonderful Christmas party in the canteen, ably looked after by Mrs. Sullivan. We were well entertained by a small band "fronted" by Sgt. Broomhead who is at present P.S.I. for Anzio Company. We were also happy to see our friends from the Old Comrades. The Old Comrades have been using our canteen for their monthly meetings, and at their final meeting at the end of January they presented Sgt. Major and Mrs. Sullivan with a tankard and a bracelet respectively in token of their appreciation. It must be added that we all thank these two for looking after us so kindly and efficiently, Mrs. Sullivan in the Canteen and W.O. 2 Sullivan with the training.

"D" Company had intended to march out from Mossley in a similar manner to "B" Coy's march out from Mirfield. However the Mayor and citizens of Mossley have beaten us to it by offering

the Regiment the freedom of the borough. Though they may take away our Drill Hall, it looks as if we shall never leave Mossley completely.

W.O.2 Bycroft continues with us as our C.S.M., and W.O.2 Simpson moves to Anzio Coy as Recce Platoon Commander ; it appears he will be one of the few still able to ride about. We welcome S/Sgt. Parkes from Anzio Coy., who joins us as C.Q.M.S., though at present we have no stores for him to administer.

Major Crowther has taken over command of the Company and Major Buckland has taken over as Training Major for the Battalion. Lt. Cole who has recently returned to the Battalion, after some wandering in South Africa, has also joined us.

Two of our members have recently joined the regulars : Pte. Mallinson P. M. who has joined the RA and Pte. Grant G. who will shortly be leaving to join The Duke's at Strensall. We wish them both the very best of luck.

"C" COMPANY

Despite valiant efforts by various Regimental bodies, Keighley TAC has to close. This decision has affected not only the AVR III personnel in the area, but the AVR II "Volunteers" who now feel very much stuck out on a limb from Halifax. However, in taking over the Company, Capt. McDonald has expressed his urgent desire to keep the Keighley spirit going in order to provide the basis for his AVR III company, now to be established in Halifax. We hope that this will be a rallying point for Craven Valley "Dukes" in the future.

With all the changes pending, there has not been a lot of Company activity over the past month or two. However, the Company Dinner went down very well, and Christmas social activities pursued their usual healthy course.

A word must be said here concerning C/Sgt. K. Hurst, who was awarded the Company Commander's prize for special effort in the year. He has kept lively a useful group of lads from B'Arlick and produced several recruits from this area. This is the sort of enthusiasm that helps to make a good unit, and we hope it will continue in the new organisation.

On the Battalion weekends, the Company has been fairly represented in the AVR II and III groups. Here again, particular mention must be made of L/Cpl. Bush who, coming from the wilds about Settle, is an early arriver at Halifax. Talking about Bush, we must remember the younger one who recently got married. We hope to see him again soon !

Although certain members of the Company feel that they have completed their soldiering, many more are joining either the Volunteers or the Territorials. We hope that they will provide a good hard core to start off these new forces with a bang.

This scribe is now departing for the bright lights of Halifax. In so doing, he wishes well to all members of "C" Coy. West Riding Battalion, no matter where they may be, and thanks them for their support over the last rather erratic years of progress.

"H.Q." COMPANY

The talking point for months, thousands of words have been written about it and at last "IT" has happened—the Battalion is re-organised into its new role ready for "vesting day" April 1. How has this affected "H.Q." Company? Not a great deal of change really; it is known now as Anzio Company; the Company Commander has handed over to Major P. H. Haws; S/Sgt. Parkes has moved across to Burma Co. as Colour Sergeant, and W.O.2 Simpson has taken over the Recce Platoon.

In spite of grave doubts on the part of the Company Commander a very successful party was held in the Soldiers' Club on Christmas Eve giving a great start to the Christmas festivities. The Annual Children's Party was very well attended and all had a "reet good do" thanks to the work and time put in by W.O.2 Fitton and S/Sgt. Ewart.

The January and February training weekends were both used to introduce us to the Civil Defence aspect of our new AVR III role and those who attended must surely have been most impressed by the efficiency and knowledge of the local C.D. personnel. A certain staff sergeant (along with many others) will no doubt be looking forward to working with the Civil Defence especially if they produce more attractive "attractions" !

Congratulations to W.O.2 Jack Fitton on the award of a fourth clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Medal and also, to his own amazement, the receipt, after twenty years, of his Warrant !

Our P.S.I., Sgt. Broomhead, will be taking the big step into Civvy Street on March 31 and we offer our best wishes and thanks to him and Mrs. Broomhead. However, he has every intention of joining the Territorials and bringing his clarinet with him. He will be very welcome in the Band ; after all it is a bit short of wind !

A welcome to S/Sgt. Leatham of the WRAC. She has already been busy enlisting two more young ladies to join her ; may she soon have a further nine to make up the strength of the WRAC detachment who are to be employed as clerks in the Battalion.

The Soldiers' Club goes from strength to strength under the very able guidance of W.O.2 Arthur Wood (where does that man get his time and energy from ?) and the enthusiasm of Mr. Binns behind the bar who dispenses ale and wisecracks as in the manner born.

It occurs to the writer of these notes that having written them for many years he has congratulated and thanked many stalwarts of the company but he has made one serious omission. It must go on record that, without the help and patience of O.R.Q.M.S. Westermann and Miss Fairclough in the orderly room, we would have had a very "uninformed" company.

Well, the next few months are going to be a testing time for Anzio Company, with a recruiting drive imminent and then the preparation for the first annual camp in our new role. There can be no doubt that the company will increase in strength if all ranks put the keenness and enthusiasm to the future that they have shown in the past.

AVR II

"C" COY. (DWR) THE YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

This is the first time that notes under this heading appear in the Iron Duke, but certainly not the last.

At the time of writing the unit is being built up, but is not actually formed. However, on April 1, we shall be there at Prescott Street, Halifax, the home of the "Dukes", and the old "West Riding Volunteers". To a day, the formation date is 59 years after the raising of the Territorial Army from the old "Volunteers", but the political publicists seemed to have missed that one.

To help us find our feet, the last three Battalion week-ends have been based on AVR II training, and it seems that the Volunteers have now got the idea of the slightly changed role and formation. It is quite clear that everyone is determined to make the "Dukes" Company of the Volunteers a unit to be proud of and to be reckoned with in quality. We hope that the Regiment will continue to take an interest in us as "Dukes" as we are so

anxious to remain part of the regimental family, although we have our own Volunteer Battalion traditions to build up and maintain.

Incidentally, we hope that Prescott Street will continue to be a rallying point for "Dukes" in Halifax and district, and that they will not only come to see us, but encourage their sons, grandsons, nephews etc. to carry on their "volunteer" spirit by joining us for a few years time. With three P.S.Is., a Colour Sergeant and a full time clerk on the premises we are able to recruit at almost any time.

We have a good representation from all the West Riding Battalion companies, even though the bulk of our numbers are from the Halifax area. We hope to be able to work as closely with the Territorials in the future.

At this stage, there seems little purpose in saying more, but we look forward to making a substantial contribution to each Iron Duke.

CORRESPONDENCE

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25 January, 1967

DEAR SIR,

We believe that readers of "Iron Duke" could and would wish to help BLESMA in our search for limbless ex-Servicemen and women who can benefit from our specialised services; which services are freely available to them whether or not they are members of BLESMA.

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There must be many of the surviving 24,000 limbless ex-Service men who are known to your readers but who are not yet in touch with BLESMA. Would you please help by bringing the Association's services to the attention of your readers and inviting them to inform the General Secretary,

BLESMA, at the above address of any former members of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment who are limbless but not in touch with BLESMA so that we can make our services available to them?

With many thanks.

Yours faithfully,
ANCASTER.
National President.

FIFTY-FIRST HIGHLAND DIVISION REUNION

I would be grateful if you could find space in your valuable publication for the undermentioned information:—

Field-Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O., will be the principal guest at the 51st Highland Division Reunion on the North Inch, Perth, on Saturday, October 7.

The event will be held in the 25th anniversary month of the Battle of Alamein, that began on the night of October 23, 1942.

All ex-members of the Division, who served at any time, in peace or in war, since its inception in 1908, are invited to attend, with their families and friends.

The event will commence at 12 noon when Regimental tents will open and throughout the day there will be recruiting displays, exhibitions of modern weapons, Massed Military Bands and Beating of Retreat by Massed Pipes and Drums.

If you can attend, please contact "The Reunion Office, Highland House, Perth," giving details of your party.

The Baluch Regiment

BY BRIGADIER J. N. SODEN, C.B.E.

The writer, who served for 32 years with the Baluch Regiment, has now a son-in-law, Major W. F. C. Robertson, in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Now that these two regiments have been affiliated this very happy conjunction of circumstances has emboldened him, at the suggestion of his son-in-law, to write this very brief account of the history of the Baluchis in the hope that it may interest the readers of the Iron Duke.

When World War II broke out in September 1939 the 10th Baluch Regiment, as it then was, had five active battalions and one training battalion. The 1st Battalion was raised in 1820 as the Second Marine Battalion of the 12th Regiment of Bombay Infantry, and it is the only surviving unit of the Marines of the East India Company. The 2nd Battalion was raised in 1826, the 3rd in 1844, the 4th in 1846 and the 5th in 1857. The Training Battalion was formed in 1920 from the 2/124th Baluchistan Infantry, a new unit raised in August 1916 by the 1/124th (1/10th). It was the first of the new Army units raised in World War I to see active service, this in Mesopotamia and Palestine, and it was one of the very few War battalions to be retained in the Post World War I Indian Army. A 3/124th and a 2/129th were also raised in this war and saw active service, but they were disbanded after the war.

It is not possible in a short article to give a detailed history of the service seen by the several battalions, but the battle honours up to 1919 speak for themselves; they include:—

Aden — Persia — Delhi 1857 — Abyssinia — Kandahar 1880 — Afghanistan 1878/80 — Egypt 1882 — Tel el Kebir — Burma 1885/87 — British East Africa 1896 and 1897/99 — China 1900 — France and Flanders 1914/15 — Egypt 1915 — Mesopotamia 1916/18 — Palestine 1918 — Persia 1915/18 — East Africa 1915/18 — North West Frontier 1917 — Afghanistan 1919.

The Victoria Cross

In France in 1914 the 129th Baluchis (4th/10) had the great distinction of winning the first Victoria Cross ever awarded to an Indian Rank. This battalion was the first Indian Regiment to attack the Germans and they were the only Indian Army unit to bear the battle honour "Ypres 1914".

The night of the 30/31st October 1914 was one of the most critical of the war. The whole weight of the Germany Army, including the Prussian Guard, was hurled against a thin line of hurriedly scraped earthworks in a desperate attempt to win the channel ports of Northern France. With the weak and dismounted Cavalry Force holding Hollebeke were the 129th Baluchis. They gave no ground in the desperate fighting and their machine gun detachments were annihilated save for one man, Sepoy (Private) Khudad Khan, who fought his gun on until he fell severely wounded;

happily he survived and it was he who was the first Indian soldier to earn that most coveted decoration the Victoria Cross, on the recommendation of the Connaught Rangers who witnessed his gallantry.

From time to time many of the martial races of India had been recruited in the Regiment, but by 1914 there were no Baluchis and the classes enlisted were Punjabi Mussalmans, Northwest Frontier Pathans and Sikhs, with Hazaras in the 1st and 2nd Battalions. After World War I Sikhs and Hazaras were no longer enlisted and the class composition was then until the end of World War II Punjabi Mussalmans, Pathans and Dogras.

Amongst the Pathans enlisted in 1914 were Mahsuds, warlike and turbulent tribesmen, who were to keep the Indian Army in a high state of training between the wars in the almost continuous fighting in Waziristan on the North West Frontier of India. One Mahsud returning from a lone exploit in France to deal with a German post that he had discovered reported to his Company Commander in these terms—"Here is the officer's pistol, the corporal's stripes, the sentry's rifle and the bugler's bugle; I shot all these, the rest did not wait."

New Battalions

In World War II the Regiment raised a large number of new battalions, the most distinguished of which, the 7th, raised from the 1st and 5th fought almost continuously against the Japs from January 1942 until the destruction of the Japanese Army in 1945 in Burma. In its first action it was amongst the units opposing the Japanese advance into Burma from the East; it was attacked and surrounded by three enemy battalions, and, after a bitter fight, only five King's commissioned officers, three Viceroy's commissioned officers and 65 other ranks succeeded in rejoining their brigade; the remainder of the battalion at full strength were killed, wounded or prisoner. Compton Mackenzie in his "Eastern Epic" wrote of this battle—"The story of the young 7th Baluchis is one of the immortal tales of the old Indian Army. The eyelids prick and the pen stumbles to record it in words."

Naik Fazal Din

Later in the war, during the recapture of Burma, it had ample opportunity for revenge on the Japs, which it took in good measure. It was during this period, in March 1945, that the battalion won the only Victoria Cross gained by the Regiment in World War II. The citation is worth quoting:—

"In Burma on the 2 March 1945 Naik (Corporal) Fazal Din was commanding a section during a company attack on a Japanese bunkered position. During the attack the battalion found itself in a position flanked by three bunkers on one side and by a house and a bunker on the other. This was the key to the enemy position and had held up the



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company attack. Naik Fazal Din's section was accompanied by a tank, but at the time of entering the area it had gone on ahead. On reaching the area the section was held up by L.M.G. fire and grenades from the bunkers. Unhesitatingly Naik Fazal Din personally attacked the nearest bunker with grenades and silenced it. He then led his section under heavy fire against the other bunkers. Suddenly six Japanese commanded by two officers wielding swords rushed from the house. The Bren gunner shot one officer and a Japanese other rank, but by then had expended the magazine on the gun. He was almost simultaneously attacked by the other officer who killed him with his sword. Naik Fazal Din went to the Bren gunner's assistance immediately, but, in so doing, was run through the chest by the officer's sword, the point appearing through his back. On the Japanese Officer withdrawing his sword, Naik Fazal Din, despite his terrible wound, tore the sword from the officer and killed him with it. He then attacked a Japanese other rank and killed him too. He then went to the assistance of a sepoy of his section struggling with another Japanese and killed him also with the sword. Waving the sword he continued to encourage his men. He then staggered to Platoon H.Q. to report and collapsed. He died soon after reaching the Regimental Aid post. Fazal Din's action was seen by almost the whole platoon who, undoubtedly inspired by his great gallantry, and taking advantage of the bewilderment created among the enemy at the loss of their leaders, continued the attack and annihilated the garrison which numbered 55. Such supreme devotion to duty, even when fatally wounded, and his presence of mind and outstanding courage, has seldom been equalled and reflects the unquenchable spirit of a singularly brave and gallant N.C.O.

Battalions of the Regiment fought in North Africa and Abyssinia, in Sicily, Italy, Iraq, Persia, Malaya and Burma and on the North West Frontier of India, but I regret that I can quote no details of the many decorations won nor of the heavy casualties suffered.

Family Tradition

With the partition of India after World War II, the 10th Baluch Regiment, which had always been a predominantly Mussalman Regiment, the Sikhs and Dogras never forming more than a quarter of and strength of any one battalion, was allotted to Pakistan and, ceasing to recruit Dogras, became one hundred per cent Mussalman. It is now known as the 15th Baluch Regiment and has 22 active battalions and a training battalion in Abbotabad. Major General Sayad Ghawas is the Colonel Commandant of the Regiment.

It had a re-union in 1964 attended by a retired brigadier representing the former British officers ; he testified to the continuing magnificent spirit and bearing of the Regiment which was maintaining all its old high traditions. Enlistment in the Indian Army had always been very much of a family affair and boys followed their fathers, grandfathers and greatgrandfathers in the same regiment and indeed



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in the same battalion. That this is continued is certain for a retired former Punjabi Mussalman officer of the Regiment, a friend of mine, has five sons all officers of the Pakistan Army. Two served in the Baluch Regiment, the eldest now being a Brigadier, a third is commanding a cavalry regiment, a fourth is a sapper and the fifth a gunner ; a record of which any retired officer would be proud.

This account is of necessity brief and there are more details of some battalions than others ; this is inevitable, for the writer, as would any other, without sufficient works of reference, has more knowledge of the battalions with which he served than of the others. A history of the Regiment has been written and the manuscript is with the 15th Baluch but, because of the heavy cost of publishing works of limited circulation, its issue remains a matter of some doubt. This has always been a matter of regret to us all and is now more so since we have had the honour to be affiliated to a Regiment of the British Army with such a magnificent record as The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The Regimental Toast

I conclude with the Regimental toast and greeting, abbreviated to "*Kai Kai Baluch*," which you will hear if you meet any Baluchis past or present :—

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HONOURS

The following were honoured by HM The Queen in the New Year Honours List—

Lt.-Colonel T. R. Birkett, CO 1 PWO—appointed O.B.E.

Major R. Glazebrook, 1 PWO—appointed M.B.E.

Capt. (Q.M.) J. T. H. Cooper, 1 Y & L—appointed M.B.E.

W.O.1 (Bandmaster) A. S. Swain, Leeds Rifles (TA)—appointed M.B.E.

Congratulations

To Lt. C. J. Marchant-Smith, Green Howards, on attaining his degree at the RMCS Shrivenham—B.S.C. (GEN.) with 2nd Class Honours.

To 2 Lt. A. D. Roberts, DWR, on being appointed the Senior Under Officer of his Intake at Mons OCS and on being awarded the Cane of

Honour at the Pass Out Parade on February 10 1967.

The Wilkinson Award

The introduction of the Wilkinson Award has just been announced in DCI 51/67. We thought this would be of interest to all readers, so the main provisions of the Award, as given in the DCI, are repeated below—

1. Messrs. Wilkinson Sword Ltd. have offered to make an annual presentation to units of the three Services to mark the role of the serviceman as an ambassador of his country abroad. The offer has been accepted by the Army Board and by the other Services.
2. Each year a presentation sword, suitably engraved, will be awarded to the unit, sub-unit or establishment which is judged to have

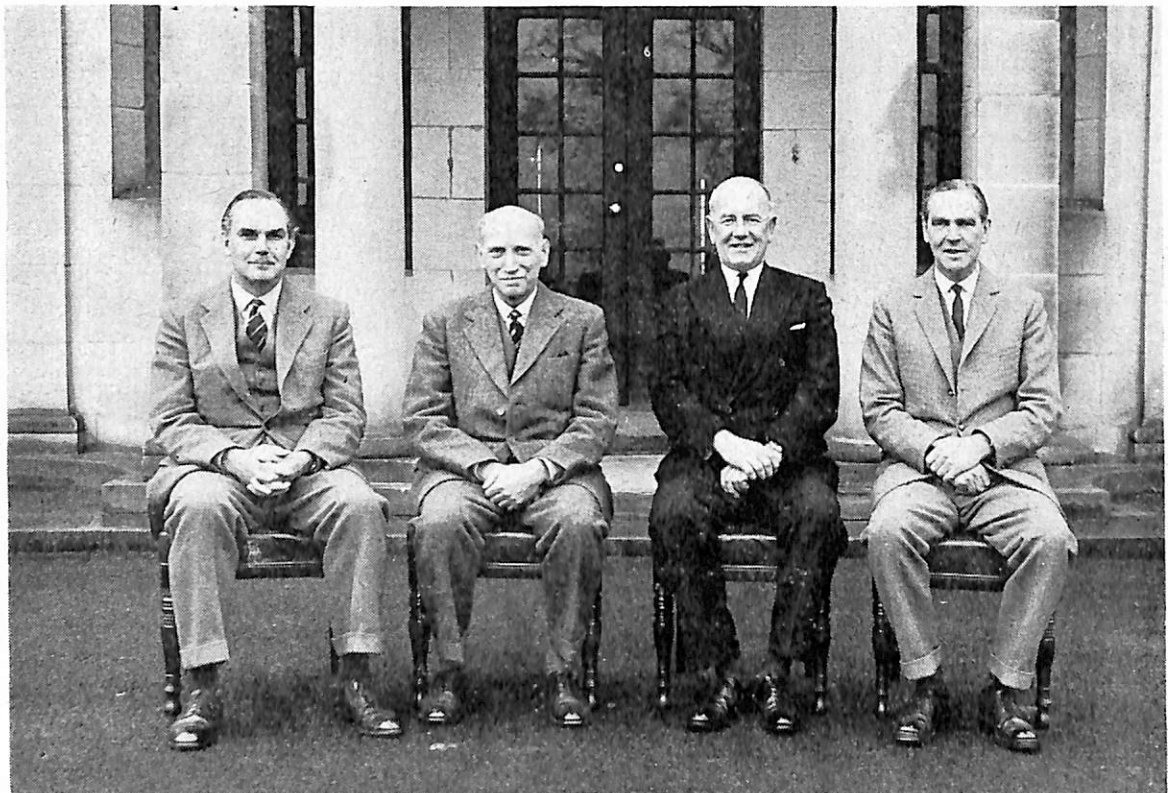


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Major-General D. S. Gordon, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel The Green Howards.

Brigadier G. H. Cree, C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

General Sir Robert Bray, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Colonel The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Major-General M. C. K. Halford, D.S.O., O.B.E., Colonel The York and Lancaster Regiment.

made the most valuable contribution towards establishing good and friendly relations with the inhabitants of a territory outside the United Kingdom.

3. Each command outside the United Kingdom is to forward each year to the Ministry of Defence (DPS (Army)) its recommendation in respect of not more than one unit.
4. Adjudication will be by an Army Department Committee under the chairmanship of the Adjutant-General. The result will be published in a DCI (Army).
5. The first award will be made for activities in 1966.

SPORT

A feast of representative sport has taken place in the last week or two, culminating in, we think, an exceptional week when all five of our Regular units, the four battalions and the depot, took part in finals—four at Army level and one at Command level. We think this is unique—it certainly is for the Yorkshire Brigade, and may well be for the Infantry as a whole.

Cross Country

1 PWO, winning the Eastern Command Cross Country, and 1 Green Howards, coming second, both qualified to run in the Army Cross Country Championship at Aldershot on February 14th.

At the Final the result was—

1 Para Regt.	..	..	..	1st
7 Para Regt. RHA	..	..	..	2nd
1 Cheshires	..	..	..	3rd
1 PWO	..	..	..	4th
1 Green Howards	..	..	..	5th

The Junior Soldiers Company of the Brigade Depot also qualified to run in the Army Junior Cross Country Championships at Aldershot, run concurrently with the senior event. They put up a very fine effort to come 3rd. The final result was—

Junior Soldiers Company	The		
Para Regt.	..	..	1st
Junior Soldiers Company	The		
Light Infantry Bde.	..	..	2nd
Junior Soldiers Company	The		
Yorkshire Bde.	..	..	3rd

Rugby

1 DWR won the Army Cup for the third year in succession. They played 7 Para Regt. RHA in the final at Aldershot on 22nd February and beat them by 14 points to 3.

1 Y & L have been having similar success in Cyprus, although not able to take part in the Army Cup proper, which is confined to units in UK and BAOR. They have won the Army in Cyprus Cup. Unfortunately we have no details of the score or the earlier rounds.

THE TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Territorial Army, in its present form, ends on March 31, 1967. The new Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve comes into being on April 1, 1967. As far as it affects the Yorkshire

Brigade, the order of battle, titles, locations and other relevant details are given below.

T & AVR II—Volunteers—One Battalion

Yorkshire Volunteers

Battalion H.Q.—Lumley Barracks, Burton Stone Lane, York. Officers and R.S.M. of the Permanent Staff already given in our previous News.

“A” Company (The Prince of Wales’s Own Regiment of Yorkshire)—York.

Company Commander—Major W. P. Shepperd, M.C.

“B” Company (The Green Howards)—Middlesbrough.

Company Commander—Major G. Nicholson.

“C” Company (The Duke of Wellington’s)—Halifax.

Company Commander—Capt. R. C. Curry.

“D” Company (Hallamshire)—Sheffield.

Company Commander—Major I. G. Norton.

“H.Q.” Company—York.

Company Commander—Capt. R. Jackson.

T & AVR III—Territorials—five battalions.

The Prince of Wales’s Own Yorkshire Territorials.

Based at Hull with a company in York.

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. T. H. F. Farrell.

R.S.M. (P.S.)—W.O.1 P. Savidge, PWO, relieved by W.O.1 H. A. Howard, Y & L. in May 1967.

The Leeds Rifles Territorials.

Based at Leeds with a company at Castleford.

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. G. Jarratt, T.D.

R.S.M. (P.S.)—provided by the Royal Green

Jackets.

The Green Howards Territorials

Based at Middlesbrough with a company each

at Guisborough and Scarborough.

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. The Lord Guisborough.

R.S.M. (P.S.)—W.O.1 S. J. Fogarty, PWO.

The West Riding Territorials

Based at Huddersfield with a company at Halifax.

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. C. Barnes, T.D.

R.S.M. (P.S.)—W.O.1. J. Webb, Green Howards.

The Hallamshire (Territorial) Battalion

Based at Sheffield with a company each at Rotherham and Barnsley.

Commanding Officer—Lt.-Col. J. R. Pattison.

R.S.M. (P.S.)—provided by the Royal Artillery—W.O.1 D. P. Sutherland.

T & AVR Band

Bands for the T & AVR will be fewer in number than existed in the T.A. They are to be formed on an area basis, to cater for all T & AVR in a specified area. Northern Command has been authorised to raise five bands, and one of these has been allotted to the Yorkshire Brigade to be the Area T & AVR Band for the West Riding. After consulting all concerned it was decided that this band should be raised, in the main, from the present Leeds Rifles (TA) Band.

This has been approved. All the necessary steps have been taken and the new T & AVR Band will come into existence on April 1, 1967, in Leeds, under the title of "The Yorkshire Brigade (Leeds Rifles) Band T & AVR."

Dress

Approval for the proposals for the dress and embellishments of the T & AVR II and III and band have not yet been issued by the Army Dress Committee.

RECRUITING

The Brigade is at present marginally below the MPT, but it is hoped to regain the target in May or June. 473 men were recruited in 1966, an increase of 80 over 1965.

All the Army Careers and Information Office Staffs are to be congratulated on this figure and on their support for the Brigade. In particular we thank the staff of Bradford ACIO who obtained a record 102 men for the Brigade.

The entry standard for infantry recruits has now been raised for those brigades which have achieved their manpower target or are close to it. As anticipated this has caused a fall in the number of recruits enlisted for the Brigade in January and February. Redoubled efforts to obtain high grade recruits remains a top priority task for the whole of the Yorkshire Brigade and those who support us in the Army Information Offices.

APPOINTMENTS

Colonel H. A. Styles, late Green Howards, to be Colonel GS (Cadets) at the Ministry of Defence.

T/Brigadier J. M. Forbes, late Green Howards and Regimental Secretary Green Howards at Richmond to be Colonel T & AVR for No. 12 Sub Region with the task of co-ordinating the activities of the new Territorial units in that sub region in support of the Civil Defence.

T/Brig. A. D. Firth, late DWR and T/Brig. W. S. G. Armour, late PWO have both been promoted to Brigadier.

Lt.-Colonel T. R. Birkett, PWO, at present CO 1 PWO to be AMS at H.Q. Eastern Command, June 1967.

Lt.-Colonel G. T. M. Scrope, Green Howards, to be first CO of the Yorkshire Volunteers.

Major W. T. A. Brooks, PWO, to be first Training Major of the Yorkshire Volunteers.

Capt. J. C. H. S. Byrne, Y & L, to be the first Adjutant of the Yorkshire Volunteers.

Capt. (Q.M.) A. H. Sedgewick, Green Howards, to be first Quartermaster of the Yorkshire Volunteers.

Major H. M. Tillotson, PWO, to 2 IC 1 PWO, vice Major Todd.

Major A. G. Burke, Y & L to 2 IC 1 Y & L, vice Major Eccles.

Major R. Eccles, Y & L, to DAAG, H.Q. The Yorkshire Bde, vice Major Tedd, DWR.

Major J. M. Cubiss, PWO is appointed the Senior Representative of the Yorkshire Bde at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on posting there in March 1967.

POSTINGS

Major H. Ford, PWO, from Leeds Rifles (TA), to 1 Green Howards.

Major J. A. D. Hart, PWO, from School of PI to JARIC.

Major G. C. Tedd, DWR, from DAAG, HQ Yorkshire Bde to GSO 2 Trg H.Q. Western Command.

Major P. B. L. Hoppe, DWR, from 4 Malaysia Rangers—probably to 1 DWR.

Major D. H. Holmes, late PWO, has been accepted for transfer to the Intelligence Corps.

Major J. A. N. Sim, Y & L, from AAC Arborfield to Junior Infantryman's Bn, Shorncliffe.

Major F. A. M. Thierry, Y & L, from Staff to Depot H.S.

Major E. G. Bower, Y & L, from Hallams Bn (TA) to JARIC.

Major M. G. Fife, Y & L, from 1 DWR to Bde Depot as OC Junior Soldiers Company.

Major C. B. Gorton, Y & L, from Staff in Borneo to GSO 3 on SEATO Exercise Planning Staff, Bangkok—for six months.

Capt. P. A. Gebhard, PWO, from Language Trg in Greece to 9 Sig Regt. Cyprus for Interpreter Duties.

Capt. R. M. Weare, Green Howards, from OC Junior Soldiers at Bde Depot to 1 Green Howards and at Strensall as Brigade Recruiting Officer.

Capt. N. D. McIntosh, Green Howards, from 4/5 Green Howards (TA) to 1st Bn.

Capt. C. Kreyer, Green Howards, from 1 Green Howards to GSO 3 (Trg & Liaison) H.Q. 19 Bde Colchester.

Capt. C. R. Cumberlege, DWR, from West Riding Bn. DWR (TA) to 1 DWR.

Capt. S. A. Berry, DWR, from Staff to Brigade Depot as OC HQ Coy.

Capt. L. G. James, Y & L from Hallams Bn (TA) to 1 Y & L.

Capt. E. G. Throssell, Y & L, from Bde Depot to 1 Y & L.

T/Capt. C. R. St. P. Bunbury, from ADC to General Sir Robert Bray to 1 DWR.

Lt. S. G. Lucas, PWO, from 1 PWO to IJLB Oswestry as Coy 2 IC and Signals Officer.

Lt. T. C. E. Vines, PWO, from 1 PWO to OC 9 AYT, Strensall.

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

Lt. R. H. J. Forsyth, PWO, from Bde Depot to School of Inf. as Instructor on Small Arms Wing.

Lt. C. F. Alderson-Smith, Green Howards, from 1st Bn. to Bde Depot.

Lt. W. B. Ibbetson, Green Howards, from Bde Depot to 1 Green Howards.

Lt. E. J. W. Walker, DWR, from 1 DWR, to ADC to Deputy SACEUR.

Lt. M. T. O'Sullivan, Y & L, from ADC to Major General Halford, to 1 Y & L.

The following have retired or resigned.

Major General M. C. K. Halford, Colonel The York and Lancaster Regt.—He is now living at his home—Medehamstede, 14 High Pine Close, Weybridge, Surrey.

2 Lt. G. M. Truefitt, Green Howards.

Staff Colleges

Major E. M. P. Hardy and Major D. W. Shuttleworth have been selected to attend the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer, from May to November 1967.

The following officers were successful in the Staff College Entrance Exam in December 1966.

Capt. F. J. W. Filor, PWO

Capt. R. L. Stevens, DWR

Capt. L. G. James, Y & L.

Deaths

It is with much regret that we report the death, at Colchester, in early February, of Capt. I. D. Shield, Green Howards.

The Yorkshire Brigade Depot

Despite the occasional hints of what could be in store for us, we seem to have escaped the brunt of the Yorkshire winter. In fact, the Barracks is even now beginning to take on the mantle of Spring.

Training Company continues to tread its well mapped path, although we have suffered a setback in the numbers of recruits over the last 3 months. The Continuation Training at Warcop continues to be the high point of the recruits' training and we

have had the assistance of Lt. Peter Andrews for the last couple of months at the Battle Camp.

On 8 December Waterloo Platoon passed out; Pte. Broadley of Hull won the prize for the best SLR shot. Tobruk Platoon followed shortly afterwards and Pte. Revill of Halifax is to be congratulated on winning both the best GPMG shot and PT prizes. We have three recruits under training at the moment who are earmarked to join brothers already serving with the Battalion. They are Ptes. N. M. Smith, P. McCluskey and Cooper. Cpls. Blood, Stansfield and Kelly have joined Training Company over the last three months, and Cpl. O'Donnell has moved to JS Company with the local rank of sergeant.

Junior Soldiers Company continues to go from strength to strength with their activities, although numbers again are slightly down. This is linked with the forming of the new Junior Infantryman's Regiment.

W.O.2 J. Bryan is now firmly ensconced as C.S.M. of JS Company and has certainly eased the administrative problems of the Company Commander. The activities of the Company are, as ever, too numerous to detail in their entirety. One of two highlights include Lt. Chris Fitzgerald's renewed assault on the viaduct at Stamford Bridge as part of the festivities to commemorate the nine-hundred year old battle. J/L/Cpl. Hogg, DWR, led a team entirely composed of junior soldiers to a very creditable position in the Northern Command Night Marches.

The whole company had a very successful winter camp at Fort George, in Inverness, where activities included ski-ing, hiking, adventure training, map reading and pushing vehicles out of the snow!

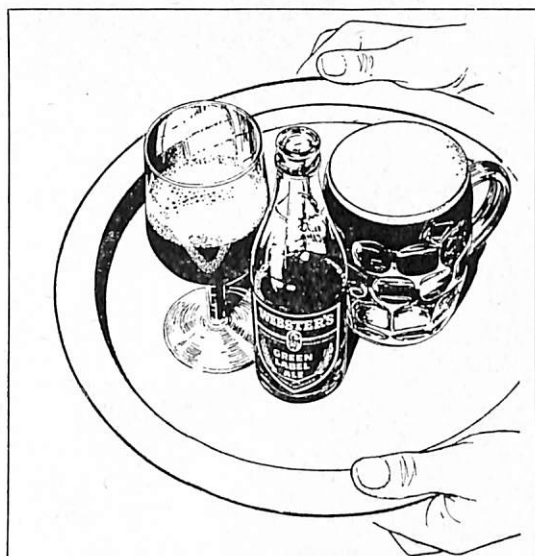
A large contingent from the Depot went to Aldershot for the Rugger Final on Feb. 22 and were, of course, delighted to see the "Dukes" win the Cup for the third consecutive year. It was a very enjoyable game, and everyone considered the trip very well worth while. It was nice to see so many old friends.

We have had a number of changes in the Officers' Mess since our last issue. Capt. Simon Berry has arrived to look after Headquarter Company, and we wish him and Jan a very happy tour. Although not a "Duke", Michael Fife has served with the Battalion for the last three years and we also welcome him and Sunhild to the Depot. Major Fife is to command Junior Soldiers Company.

We congratulate the Adjutant, Capt. Martin Summers, and Marie-Christine on the birth of their son on 19 December 1966.

Finally, although he was not a member of the Regiment we must record that we have said good-bye to Col. John Sanderson who has commanded the Depot for the last two and a half years. His tour at the Depot has been a very successful one, and we wish him the best of luck in his new job in France. He and his wife Audrey have done a tremendous amount for the Depot, both militarily and socially, and they will both be sadly missed.

We welcome in his stead Col. Jack Skelton of the PWO, and we hope that he and his wife will enjoy their tour at Strensall.



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Births

Naughton—On December 12, 1966, at the Evangelisches Krankenhaus, Melle, Germany, to Cristel (née Müssigbrodt) and Major Nicholas Naughton, a son (Leonard Nicholas Andrew).

Summers—On December 19, 1966, at Westow Croft Maternity Home, near Malton, to Marie-Christine (née Southcombe) and Captain Martin Summers, a son (Gordon Martin).

Engagements

Mr. P. J. McNaught and Miss A. P. Ince
The engagement is announced between Peter John McNaught, The Gloucestershire Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. McNaught of 9 Outspan, Fishoek, Cape, South Africa, and Andrea Phayre, daughter of Major and Mrs. R. H. Ince of 4 Harding Road, The Dale, Chester.

The wedding will take place on July 22 at West Clandon Church, Surrey.

Captain W. R. Mundell and Miss J. L. C. Kelly

The engagement is announced between Captain William Richard Mundell, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mr. Mundell and the late Mrs. Mundell of Scarborough, and Miss Jill Laura Catherine Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly of Newchurch, Romney Marsh. The wedding will take place on June 3, 1967, at Hythe, Kent.

Mr. P. R. Lee-Emery and Miss E. L. H. Kershaw

The engagement is announced between Peter Reginald, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee-Emery of Bury St. Edmunds and formerly of Alipore, Calcutta, and Elizabeth Louise, daughter of Major and Mrs. Kershaw of Bournemouth.

The Colonel of the Regiment has now taken up his appointment—as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe. His address is S.H.A.P.E., B.F.P.O.26.

Colonel and Mrs. Le Messurier spent Christmas at Strensall. They were both very well. They have returned to Belgrade, where Colonel Le Messurier is Military Attaché. He expects to end his tour there some time this summer.

Major Edward Dasent writes from the 3rd Battalion, The Zambia Regiment, Chindwin Barracks, P.O. Box 947, Broken Hill, Republic of Zambia. Frank Nicholls has recently joined him there as Quartermaster. Under their enlightening influence the Band has already learnt to play "The Wellesley".

Colonel and Mrs. Wathén are on a world tour and have reached Western Australia. They leave

on March 12 and start slowly on their way home, spending a fortnight in the Eastern States before embarking on the Canberra at Sydney for England via Vancouver, San Francisco and the Panama Canal. They are due to arrive in England on May 14.

Taking on trust a statement from an old and valued correspondent, we said in the last issue that Brigadier Burnett, at 86, was, we thought, our oldest surviving regular officer.

When that note appeared Brigadier Burnett had, in fact, not yet reached his 85th birthday and he is more than two years younger than Lt.-Colonel E. M. Liddell, O.B.E. The latter, it will be remembered, attended the OCA Jubilee reunion dinner in Halifax in 1962 and is now living in London.

In the October 1966 issue, in the obituary notice of the late Colonel Cecil Ince, it was stated that he was the last surviving officer of the 2nd Battalion who left Dublin in August 1914 with the Battalion and fought with it at Mons.

Some readers have pointed out that Brigadier Burnett was with the 2nd in Dublin. This is true, but he did not move to France and fight at Mons actually with the Battalion as he was seconded in command of the Divisional Cyclist Company.

Now, however, we have heard from Lt.-Colonel H. K. O'Kelly, D.S.O., that he, in his own words, is "still kicking". Colonel O'Kelly was, of course, among the 2nd Battalion "Old Contemptibles" and his remarkable exploit at Crepy-en-Valois was mentioned in our last issue.

In a long and interesting letter Colonel O'Kelly explains that, after being badly wounded at the end of 1914, he was pronounced "unfit for any further active service" and transferred to the RASC in the hope of getting back to France on line of communication duties. He failed in this and retired immediately the war was over. He attended Regimental dinners until about 1931 but subsequently lost touch with the Regiment except for a few individuals. He lives at Bray, Co. Wicklow, and we are pleased to have heard from him and to know that he is "still kicking".

Major Tony Savory is, at the time of writing, in the Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Eldon Street, Greenock, where he has undergone an operation on his ear. He is reported to be doing well.

Major Savory brought his uncle, General Sir Reginald Savory, to the Army Rugby Final. General Savory, who had a distinguished career in the Indian Army, did his initial attachment to the 1st Battalion in India in 1913 before joining the 14th Sikhs. Major Faulkner, who was serving in the 1st Battalion at the same time, was also at the Rugby Final. They met again after an interval of 54 years.

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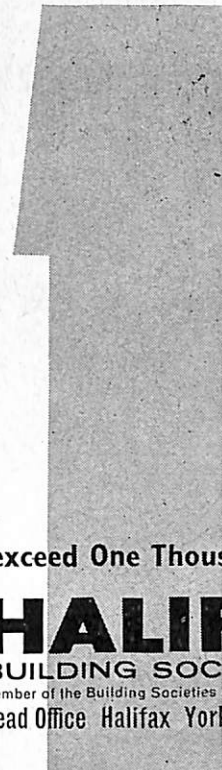
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Brigadiers Tony Firth and Pip Moran are now both at the Royal Naval War College, London, S.E.10.

Another "Old Contemptible", In-Pensioner J. Yaxley, has written to say that the reference to him in the last "Personalia" was slightly inaccurate in saying that he joined the 2nd Battalion in Dublin in 1911. Actually he joined it at Tidworth on December 30, 1909.

Mr. Yaxley mentions that a recent arrival at the Royal Hospital is George Fordham who was schoolmaster with the 1st Battalion at Gosport in the early twenties.

In December 1966 Mr. Dennis Hamilton was appointed Editor in Chief of Times Newspapers Ltd., the company now owning The Times and the Sunday Times. As Major and later Lt.-Colonel Hamilton he served with the 1/7th DWR in Holland and Germany and commanded the battalion from December 1944 until his demobilisation in 1946. He won the D.S.O. at Haalderen. Not surprisingly he contributed some outstanding battalion notes to the Iron Duke. We congratulate him and wish him success in his important and influential post.

Another Engagement

Mr. A. S. C. Paton and Miss V. A. Milea

The marriage will shortly take place between Angus, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel D. Paton, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and of Mrs. D. Paton of Wylve, Wiltshire, and Adriana Milea, of Bucharest.

Major Tony Burnett (late York and Lancasters and a nephew of our own Brigadier Jack Burnett) who was unit paymaster with the 1st Battalion for some seven years, recently did a tour in Cyprus with the Grenadier Guards whose paymaster he now is.

In a letter to Major Tedd he wrote :

"Our contractor, Nuralai, remembers Lt.-Colonel Burnett (Uncle Jack) when he commanded the 2nd Bn of The Duke's at Ahmednagar in 1929. Nuralai was then a junior tailor in Ahmed Din's shop. He even recalls the names of Colonel Pickering, Captain Owen and both Exham brothers. Also the fact that Uncle Jack had an eyeglass and drove an old blue car.

"I thought that this would be of interest to those members of the 2nd Battalion who served in Ahmednagar nearly forty years ago."

Those readers who are among that number will remember that Ahmed Din ran a tailor's shop and car hire firm just outside Tanglin Barracks in Singapore. When the Battalion was to move to India Ahmed Din applied to be taken with it as Battalion contractor. He was accepted at a mess meeting largely on the vote of the junior officers among whom he had let it be known that, if taken, to India, he would be quite happy to carry with him their outstanding chits, which collectively amounted to about £1,000. It would be easy,

he explained, to pay these off gradually in the less expensive garrison of Ahmednagar. If he were not accepted, of course, he would regretfully have to press for payment before the Battalion embarked.

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COMMANDS AND STAFF

General Sir Robert Bray, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C.(Gen.) is appointed Deputy Supreme Commander Allied Powers Europe, March 1 1967.

Col. A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., to be Brig., Dec. 31 1966.

D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

2 Lt. A. C. Jowett to be Lt., Jan. 30 1967.

Capt. T. D. Lupton to be Major, Feb. 12 1967, with precedence in the Yorkshire Bde below W. H. G. Kingston, Green Howards.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Major) J. C. Clough, having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., March 6 1967, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

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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 :

Mr. R. N. Carr, M.C., D.L., J.P.

On March 13, at Newbiggin Hall, Carlisle, Ronald Nicholson Carr, M.C., D.L., J.P., late chairman of Carr & Co. Ltd., and dearly loved husband of Isabel.

Mr. Carr was Second in Command of the 2nd Battalion in France in 1918. Major Huffam, who sent us the notice of his death, says that he did a lot to help members of the Regiment returning to civilian life in the difficult post-war period.

The funeral service was held in Carlisle Cathedral.

Major (Q.M.) G. N. Jackson

Suddenly at his home, "Roseway," 16 Abbotsford Road, Hull Road, York, on September 30, 1966.

Nick Jackson enlisted at York in February, 1929, and, up to the outbreak of the 1939/45 War, served with the 1st Battalion. During the War he served with 1 Recce Regiment and took part in the North African and Italian Campaigns and subsequently became W.O.1 with that unit. He was granted an emergency commission in April 1946, and a regular commission with DWR in November 1947. In 1951 he was appointed Q.M. to 7 DWR and again saw active service when posted to Korea with the 1st Battalion in July 1953.

Major Jackson became Q.M. Depot DWR in 1954 and remained until the Depot closed in August 1959 when he was posted to Yorkshire

Brigade Depot and later the same year was posted to H.Q. Mid-West District as S/C (Maint.). Subsequently, he became S/C (Q), H.Q. 53rd Welsh Division.

In November 1963 he retired after 34 years service and settled in York. He joined the Civil Service and became a clerical officer at H.Q. Northern Command RAOC Workshops.

Nick, in his younger days, was a noted athlete and all-round sportsman and represented the Regiment both in track events and on the football field. He will be remembered as a very good regimental quartermaster who always had the good of the Regiment at heart.

Major Jackson leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Mrs. E. M. R. Peake

Mrs. Elspeth Maclean Ritchie, wife of Lt.-Colonel F. G. Peake, C.M.G., C.B.E., of Hawkslee, St. Boswells, died in a nursing home in Edinburgh on February 18, 1967.

In recent years Mrs. Peake came regularly with her husband to the Regimental luncheon. General Sir Philip Christison attended the funeral which took place at Holy Trinity Church, Melrose.

Major O. G. Williams

On April 2, at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital, Bognor Regis, Major Oscar George Williams (Retd.) The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, dearly loved and admired by family and friends.

Major Williams left the 2nd Battalion, as a captain, in 1927 to take up an appointment under the local Education Department.

The Retired Officers' Fund

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1966

INCOME	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit, 1965	111	8	1	Gale and Polden	4	5	7
Defence Bonds Dividend	5	0	0	Annual Donations:—			
Sale of 5% Defence Bonds	102	17	6	The Iron Duke	15	0	0
Officers' Subscriptions	62	6	6	Hon. Colours Fund	15	0	0
Donations:—				Entertainments, R.H.Q.	10	0	0
In memory of the late Colonel Ince	25	0	0	1 D.W.R. Drums Fund	50	0	0
Colonel Davidson	3	3	0	Purchase Treasury Stock, 1976 ..	102	17	6
Treasury Stock Dividend	1	18	5	Registration Fee	10	0	0
				Wreaths	5	3	0
				Bank Charge	10	6	0
				Balance Credit	108	6	11
	£311	13	6		£311	13	6

February, 1967

R. K. EXHAM. Major-General