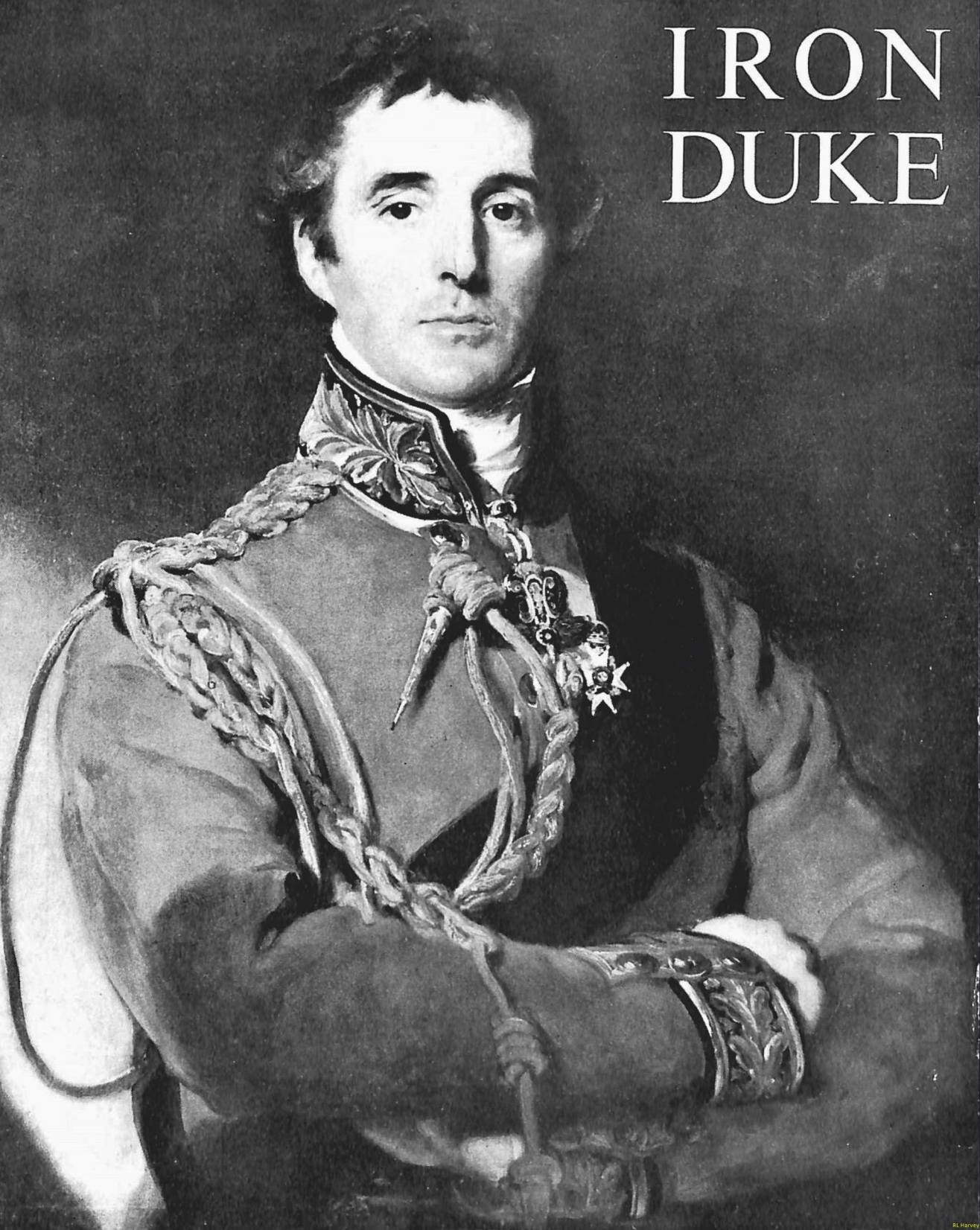


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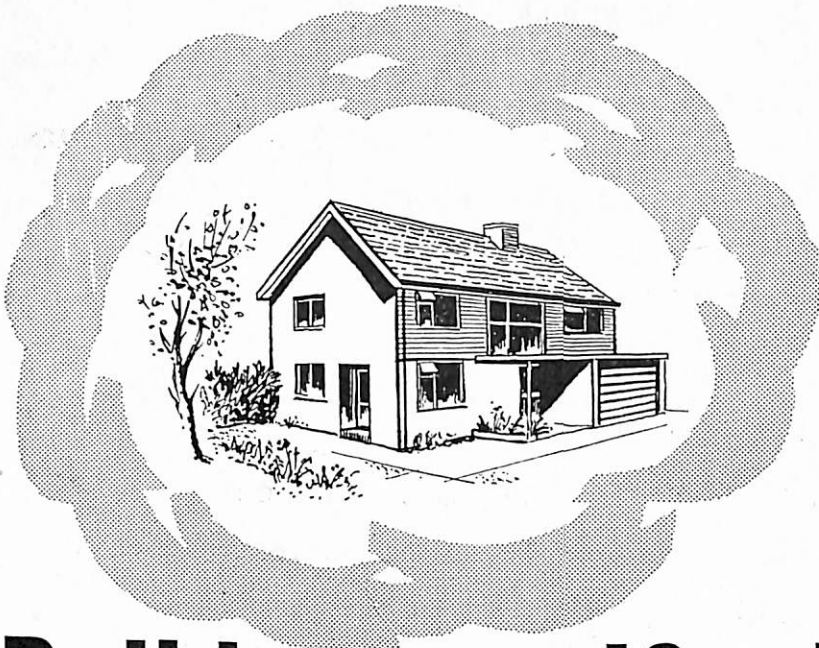
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**Lt.-Colonel D. W. Shuttleworth**  
**COMMANDING 1st BN. THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT**

## EDITORIAL

Once again many "Dukes" of all vintages assembled at Aldershot to support the 1st Battalion's team in the final of the Army Cup. And a right good time was, as they say, had by all in spite, for the officers, of the somewhat indifferent service provided by the Aldershot Club.

We were greatly honoured by the fact that His Grace the Duke of Wellington came to watch the match. Impossible to mention all the others who were there—many having travelled from afar. It was particularly nice to see the strong contingent from the West Riding Territorials.

The match is more fully reported later in this issue. It can be said here that it was agreed to have been the best final in recent years. The Dukes were, from the start, clearly the more skilled side. But skill does not always win Army cup finals and, in spite of the final score of 20-3, our victory was by no means seen to be certain until the last quarter of the match. It is particularly pleasant to record that the game, hard as it was, was played, so far anyway as

### Lieutenant-Colonel D. W. Shuttleworth

Lt.-Colonel D. W. Shuttleworth succeeded Lt.-Colonel D. E. Isles as Commanding Officer in November 1967.

He was educated at Roundhay School, Leeds, and, on leaving, entered the RMA Sandhurst in 1947. He joined the Battalion in 1949. Besides UK, he has served with the Battalion in Korea, Gibraltar, Cyprus 1957, where he was mentioned in despatches, Malta, BAOR twice, and Northern Ireland.

He attended Staff College in 1960 and, on passing out from there, went to Northern Command as GSO2 SD. That was from 1961-63. He was also GSO2 Plans at Southern Command from 1965-67. After this there was a spell at Joint Services Staff College before arriving at 1 DWR as Commanding Officer.

Colonel Shuttleworth has also excelled on the sporting field, particularly at rugby football. At Sandhurst he teamed up with another "Duke", Lt.-Colonel E. M. P. Hardy, and as half-backs they played for Sandhurst, Army, Blackheath, Headingley, Yorkshire and England. As scrum half Colonel Shuttleworth was a very complete player indeed.

Rugby was not his only sport. He played regularly for the Battalion soccer and basketball teams and still is a fine cricketer, squash, and badminton player, all of which show his ability as an individual.

He married Jean in July 1952, and they have three children, Guy, Penelope and Peter. Both boys show signs of sporting talent and Guy, the elder, is becoming a very good cricketer.

Once again this Yorkshire Regiment of ours has a Yorkshireman at the helm and, no doubt, Colonel Shuttleworth will see that "The Dukes" continue to work and play hard, particularly in Hong Kong, which is very much in the public eye just now.

could be seen from the stands, in a completely clean and sporting spirit. A good many penalty kicks were awarded but none was for intentionally foul play and there was none of the ill-temper and scrapping which is becoming all too common, even in international matches. Great credit is due for this to both sides: the Duke's with a preponderance of officers, the Welsh Guards with none.

By this victory the Regiment equalled the record both for successive wins (four), previously held by the South Wales Borderers, and for the total number of wins (nine) previously held by the Welch Regiment. It is a pity in a way that the move of the 1st Battalion to Hong Kong in June will prevent our attempting to beat the record of the South Wales Borderers without starting all over again. One must hope that we will have the chance someday to beat the record of the Welch Regiment.

This, therefore, is the end of another chapter of Regimental rugby—one of the most distinguished in our history. We congratulate Captain Reid, this year's captain, and his team and the other captains and players of recent years including those seasons when final victory was eluding us but during which the team and its spirit were being formed.

We draw your attention to the wise and encouraging message, on page 10, from the Colonel Commandant of the new King's Division, Major-General H. E. N. Bredin.

The Business Manager has been making exhaustive enquiries as to how best to get the 1st Battalion's copies of the Iron Duke to Hong Kong. Unfortunately, it appears that to send them by air mail would cost more than we could possibly afford. So, unless some *deus ex machina* appears they will have to go by sea. Although we hope this won't mean a slow boat to China there will inevitably be delay in their arrival. We can only hope that they will be worth waiting for. Meanwhile, on behalf of all other "Dukes" we wish the 33rd *bon voyage* and a happy and distinguished tour in the Far East.

## Notices

### Officers' Dinner Club

The annual luncheon and dinner will be held in London at the Hyde Park Hotel on **Friday, May 10**. 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 11, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.**

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

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



## REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

### Visitors

Our visitors have been either just leaving a job or about to take over a new one. They included Lt.-Colonel Donald Isles, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. D. W. Shuttleworth, Major and Mrs. B. M. Kilner and Lt. (Q.M.) W. Burke.

W.O.2 G. H. Smith, on leave from the Trucial Force H.Q., Trucial Oman Scouts, also called. Mr. Smith, whose home is quite close to Regimental Headquarters, is an old friend of the Regimental Secretary's, having served with him as an orderly room clerk at the Depot in 1952 and, again, on the orderly room staff of 1 DWR in Malta and Cyprus in 1956.

Hand-overs and take-overs were represented by Captain Marsay bringing in Captain Moir who is taking over No. 10 Army Youth Team from him, and Captain Richard Weare of The Green Howards who brought Major W. Blakey to whom he is handing over as Yorkshire Brigade Recruiting Officer.

Mr. C. Stead, a veteran of the 1914-18 War, came to visit us both before and after his trip to Flanders to represent the Regiment at the 50th Anniversary Service at the Tyne Cot Memorial to those killed in the Passchendaele attacks. His account appears elsewhere in this issue.

On both occasions he was accompanied by Mr. Dunning, late of 122 Field Regt., RA, who, after his capture in the fall of Singapore, spent the rest of his war as a prisoner at Mukden in Manchuria. He was one of the survivors from the cold of the first winter, still in the khaki drill in which the British were captured in Singapore.

### Bermuda

The Regimental badge on a heraldic shield was presented to the Bermuda Historical Monuments Trust to mark the association of the Regiment with this Colony. The 2nd Battalion was stationed there from 1886-1888. The archivist has kindly sent us photographic extracts from the port register recording the arrival and sailing of the ships that brought the 76th to Bermuda and from Bermuda to Nova Scotia.

The badge has been placed in the Grand Room of the mayoral building in the old town of St. George's (the old capital of Bermuda).

### Museum Accessions

We are grateful to Mrs. H. F. Young for her kind presentation of an engraving of the silver gilt shield presented to the Duke of Wellington by the City of London.

The original shield was made by Benjamin Smith in 1822 to the design of Thomas Stoddart and is on display in the Wellington Museum, Apsley House.

Mrs. Young's engraving can be seen in the Regimental Museum, Halifax.

Miss Taylor, sister of Pte. J. W. Taylor who served in the 1914-18 War, presented the Museum with a silver cigarette case inscribed: "Presented to Pte. J. W. Taylor by Colonel Tennyson of the 7th DWR for the highest aggregate score in Open Range, August 1916." Miss Taylor also presented a brooch made from two single shillings, a sixpence and a threepenny-piece, representing Pte. Taylor's first day's pay.

## MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL COMMANDANT KING'S DIVISION

From January 1 I have the honour to be appointed Colonel Commandant of the King's Division. During the next 18 months the Brigade system will disappear and the larger Divisional grouping and Headquarters will take over.

There is much to be done, but these changes and what grows out of them cannot be rushed. There is a crying need for stability in the Infantry, and I will make it one of my foremost duties to see that stability of individuals is maintained as much as is possible in the evolution of the King's Division.

On the surface there may be difficulties in grouping together North countrymen from different sides of the Pennines with loyalties to white roses or red, and Irishmen from across the water, but we have one particularly priceless asset and that is the quality of the soldiers who come from Yorkshire, Lancashire and Ireland. There are few tougher, more resolute and enduring soldiers in the world. Our recruiting area is probably the best in the United Kingdom.

I am a firm believer in the regimental family system, and within the limits of the Divisional organisation I will give every encouragement to Regiments to carry on their customs and traditions which have helped them in their remarkable achievements these last hundred years or two, all over the world, and will no doubt do so again. Some sacrifices, in order to make the organisation work will be inevitable for all.

During the next few years we reduce from 11 Regiments down to eight. The choice has been made as to how this will be done. It will be painful for all concerned and sad for those members of the Regiments affected who are already retired after long service with them. We can but hope that this will be an end to cuts for the King's Division, and that we can achieve thereafter stability. In exactly the same way as the Brigade system was beginning to work well, I am quite certain the King's Division can, with goodwill and give-and-take, not only work, but become the best and most powerful of all the six Divisions. I

visualise that postings will work in much the same way as in the Brigades but applied to a much larger organisation. Officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.s and soldiers will not be posted needlessly away from what they will regard as their parent Regiment. They will be posted only when and where needed to fill vacancies either to make a Regiment up to strength or to fill particular vacancies which a Regiment cannot adequately fill from its own resources or in an individual's own career interests.

I realise that particularly amongst the younger fraternity there may be some cynicism and disillusionment about the future resulting from frequent reorganisation, the fact that defence is at present the Aunt Sally of anyone who wants to make popular savings, and a shrinking of our overseas commitments. I completely understand this feeling but I would sincerely hope that with the cuts already announced and the coming in of the Divisional organisation the worst is over for the Regiments of the King's Division. It is now up to us to train hard, for war not for peace, at the same time

to learn to enjoy ourselves sensibly off duty in the United Kingdom as well as abroad, to take advantage of exercises abroad to widen our experience, and really to settle down to learning our jobs as soldiers without expecting an emergency such as Malaya or Aden every other year. To officers and N.C.O.s I would commend a closer study of man management; to the soldiers an ability to shoot straighter.

I want as soon as possible to visit all the Regular Regiments and A.V.R. battalions to try to find out what your views are and test out on you some of mine. As you know Colonels of Regiments will continue and I shall seek their advice constantly.

May I wish a Happy New Year to you and all ranks of your Regiment. I shall look forward very much indeed to getting to know all Regiments in the King's Division in 1968 a great deal better than I do now.

H. E. N. BREDIN,

*Major-General,*

*Colonel Commandant King's Division.*

## MEMENTOES OF H.M.S. IRON DUKE

In September 1967 Brigadier Firth, representing the Colonel of the Regiment, travelled to Portsmouth, where, in the Royal Naval Barracks, he was presented with some mementoes of H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, the battleship with which the Regiment had a close *entente* from 1923 until it was paid off after World War II.

The mementoes are two bronze tampions from the ship's 13.5-in. guns and a replica of Colonel Lloyd's flag which the Regiment presented to H.M.S. *Iron Duke* in 1926.

The "tampions" should, perhaps, be called tampion plates as the tampion itself (pronounced, we are told, "tompin") is a plug stuck into the end of a gun's muzzle to stop sea water getting in when the ship goes to sea. The visible part would be quite plain. The handsome bronze "tampions" which we have acquired, and which are embossed with a representation of the Duke on horseback, were only added while the ship was in port, or for special occasions. They have on the back a simple hook system to fit into a slot on the plug. One of the tampion plates has been mounted as a fire screen.

Colonel Lloyd's flag was apparently a personal "camp colour" of the C.O., who took the 33rd to South Africa in December 1899 and was killed at Rhenoster Kop. The original is in the Museum at Halifax. It is not known why a replica was presented to the ship but the original had only recently been recovered by the 1st Battalion in 1926 when the presentation was made. It may have attracted attention for this reason and seemed a suitable gift. The replica differs from the original in that the badge and motto are embroidered in colour, whereas on the original they are in white. The red silk and fringe are the same on both.

### H.M.S. Iron Duke

H.M.S. *Iron Duke* was a battleship of 25,000 tons. She was built at Portsmouth, launched in October 1912 by the late Duchess of Wellington, wife of the 4th Duke, and completed in March 1914.

She became Fleet Flagship of the Grand Fleet and, as such, took part in the Battle of Jutland, thus becoming one of the most illustrious ships in the history of the Royal Navy. From 1919 to 1926 she was Flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet.

### The Entente

It was at Bostanjik in Turkey, where the 1st Battalion was stationed in 1923, that the *entente* between ship and regiment started. The Mediterranean Fleet held a pulling regatta. One of the events was a race for soldiers and for this each of the larger ships was associated with a regiment. Appropriately enough 1 DWR was chosen for the *Iron Duke*. Our crew went to them for four days before the regatta to be trained and in the race came 4th out of some 20 boats. On the day of the regatta the officers and some 300 N.C.O.s and men were invited on board and had an excellent time.

The *entente* was cemented by social events and sporting contests there and in Portsmouth where both ship and regiment found themselves a year or so later. It was continued up to the second world war whenever opportunity arose. One such was the Naval Review of 1937 when a party from the Regiment spent the day on board. Probably the last meeting was in the summer of 1939 when a cricket match was played at Bordon and the naval team were "royally" dined in our Mess and at the Bordon Club.

A letter from H.M.S. *Iron Duke* was a regular feature in this journal during those years. They



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#### AT THE ROYAL NAVAL BARRACKS, PORTSMOUTH

Brig. Frith receives the replica of Colonel Lloyd's flag and the tampion plates from Commodore Hugh Lee. On the left are Lt. Comdr. G. Evans, R.N., Stores Officer, Mr. J. Squires, Clerical Officer in charge of the Trophy Store, and Commander J. Genge, R.N., Supply Officer at the Barracks.

continued until 1942 but, owing to censorship, the war-time letters were little more than messages of goodwill.

In 1940 the ship was damaged by bombs and in 1945 she was paid off for scrapping.

#### The Name

A note on the origin of the name may be of interest. When the Duke of Wellington became a popular hero a number of ships in the merchant service were called after him, either as *The Duke of Wellington* or as *The Duke*.

One of the first steel ships to be built was called *The Duke* and, to distinguish her from wooden ships, she was nicknamed *The Iron Duke*. This adjective so suited the character and personal appearance of the Duke himself that it became almost universally used about him.

The ship with which we have been concerned was the second battleship to be officially named H.M.S. *Iron Duke*. Her predecessor was a screw armour-plated battleship of 6,034 tons which was launched in 1870 and sold in 1906.

In expressing thanks at Portsmouth for the gift of the mementoes Brigadier Firth voiced the hope that there might soon be another H.M.S. *Iron Duke* and that, perhaps, she might be an L.P.D. so that the 33rd could have the privilege of being embarked on her on some anti-tyrant mission or errand of mercy.

#### MODERN ART

(by a Confirmed Square)

#### I. PAINTING

(A picture by a chimpanzee recently sold at auction for 18 guineas.)

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 And the Holmans hunt no more.  
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 two of cheese  
 We shall get our portraits painted by  
 artistic chimpanzees.  
 O. P.

## 1st BATTALION

### Sub Editorial

As we left the United Nations Force in Cyprus at the end of October the storm clouds were gathering over Kophinou, and we were not surprised when trouble erupted there between Greek Cypriot and Turk Cypriot, and seriously involved the Green Jackets who had relieved us. We had a hard six months on the island but have the satisfaction of knowing that the job was well done. At the end of this column are the messages

sent to us by General Martola, Commander UNFICYP, and General Lloyd-Owen, GOC Near East Land Forces.

Events have moved rapidly since the Battalion arrived back in Osnabruck in early November. Within days we were saying farewell to Colonel Donald Isles and welcoming Colonel Dennis Shuttleworth in his place. Almost immediately our Advance Party for Gillingham was away on leave in UK, and we were in a whirl of "farewell



Photo: Blue Beret, Cyprus

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal presentation to Lt. S. Kirk and S/Sgt. J. Fee at the U.N. Medal parade, by General Martola, Commander U.N. Forces Cyprus.

to Osnabruck" and Christmas activities. Commander 12 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier Bond, visited us just before Christmas and then completed the Annual Administrative Inspection Report, in which he said many complimentary things about The Duke's, covering our service in both BAOR and Cyprus.

Just after Colonel Isles departed General and Lady Bray came to Osnabruck for a farewell visit to the Battalion before we left Germany. Regrettably General Bray was ill and had to spend most of his time in bed and so was unable to carry out his planned programme. We therefore look forward to the next time he and Lady Bray come to see us which we expect to be April 22-25 at Gillingham.

The citizens of Osnabruck seemed genuinely sorry that we were leaving and appreciated the £100 we gave to a local charity. In return we were presented with an attractive water colour of the Osnabruck Rathaus. The letter which the Oberstadtdirektor sent to the Battalion is reproduced at the end of this column.

The actual hand-over of Quebec Barracks to the 1st Battalion the Devon and Dorset Regiment was extremely well done and the Quartermaster and his staff deserve full credit for this.

And so goodbye to Germany, and Soltau and Sennelager, and 432s, and cheap petrol and "bier bitte." Messages we received from General Sir John Mogg and General Sir John Hackett are below.

During the autumn and early winter there was feverish activity at Gillingham where the Ministry of Public Building and Works and the Barracks organisation were trying to prepare Gordon Barracks for re-occupation after the camp had been empty for a year. From early December our Families and Advance Parties were there directing operations in Barracks, and trying to find quarters for our families.

This former school for young Sapper officers is now comfortable, and neat and tidy, and will do us well for our time here. There has been a shortage of quarters and we have had to try very hard to find hirings and private accommodation for our families.

The news about Hong Kong broke just before we left Cyprus. Those who had heard rumours of a posting to Hong Kong at frequent intervals in the past looked wise and shook their heads. And yet it seems that the Commanding Officer is about to go there on a recce, and we have seen the movement order, so perhaps...!

So our short stay at Gordon Barracks gives us the opportunity to unpack our boxes, and then pack them again. But who cares when such a plum posting is within sight. Of course everything is now geared to getting ready for Hong Kong and there is just time for two and a half months intensive training before the end of April, then embarkation leave, and then the main body is due to move by air between June 20 and 30.

To set us right for the Far East there has been a complete re-shuffle of appointments and a support company (Somme) has reformed. Readers may be interested to see the appointments now held by

senior ranks in the Battalion, so an order of battle has been included at page 31.

We were all thrilled to hear of our ski-ing team's success in the Army Patrol Race and to learn that Lt. Martin Bray and Cpl. Hirst have been invited for further training with the British National team. There is full coverage to this in a following article.

#### From Cyprus

From Commander UNFICYP:

"I have received the very attractive plaque of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and I hasten to thank you very much indeed for your kindness in having sent it to me. I also thank you for the kind words expressed in your letter.

The plaque will be a very agreeable memento of our good collaboration in Cyprus, and of the excellent contribution the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, under your able command, made to the work of UNFICYP.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. MARTOLA."

From the GOC NEARELF:

"All of us here in NEARELF have been impressed by the high standard the Battalion has set during its tour in Cyprus with UNFICYP. We know the difficult conditions under which you have worked. Admire the manner in which you have fulfilled your often arduous duties. Best wishes to you all for the future and a happy reunion with your families."

#### From BAOR

From General Sir John Mogg, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

"Personal for CO from Corps Comd. You leave with the best wishes of us all for the future. Thank you all for your tremendous support."

From General Sir John Hackett, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.:

"Personal for Lt.-Colonel D. W. Shuttleworth from C.-in-C. BAOR. I thank you and all ranks of your Battalion for good work whilst in Germany. I wish you all the best of luck in your new station.

General Sir John Hackett."

From the Authorities of the City of Osnabruck: "Dear Colonel Shuttleworth,

You most kindly presented a cheque for DM 1,110 to the City of Osnabruck which should go to local charities.

Please accept our most sincere thanks for this gift which we regard as an expression of the friendly relations existing between your Regiment and our City. Kindly also convey our thanks to your officers and men.

We are particularly sorry to see you go, as in the course of the many years they have spent in our midst, the members of your Regiment have become so much a part of our community that we have come to look upon them as fellow citizens.

Our best wishes to you and your Regiment.

Yours sincerely,"

Signed

OBERBURGERMEISTER

Signed

OBERSTADTDIREKTOR.



*Photo by courtesy of "Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham News"*

Officers' Mess Silver and Regimental Colours on display with 2/Lt. J. Thorn (House Member), 2/Lt. M. P. Bird (Silver Member).

## NEWS FROM THE MESSES

### OFFICERS' MESS

Cyprus, Osnabruck, and now Gordon Barracks, Gillingham, in four months. If there is a certain nomadic air about the inhabitants of the Mess, do not be surprised, nor by the profusion of grey hair of the Mess Sergeant.

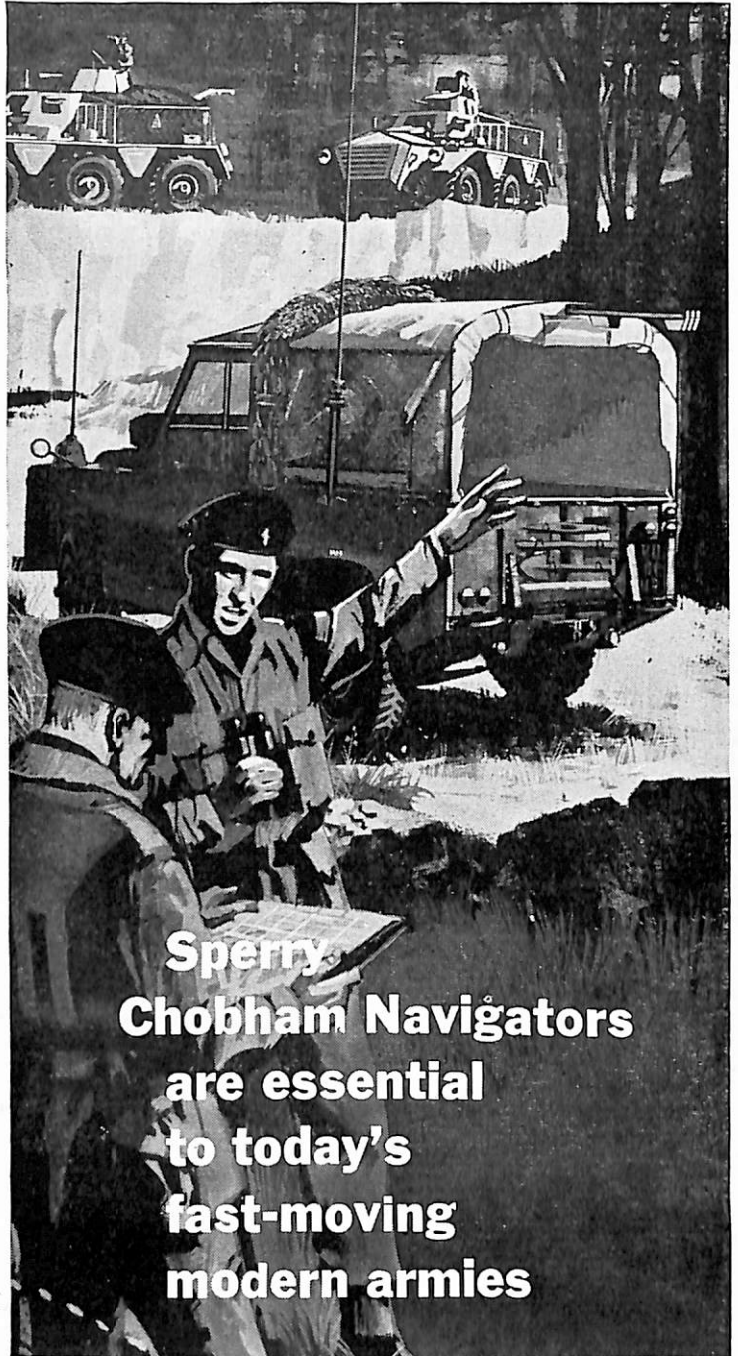
To look back over four months is to describe a series of "Hello's" and "Goodbyes" as the subsequent lines bear out. First in Cyprus. There we had our farewell cocktail party for our friends both in and outside of the U.N. This was well attended, not least by members of the Mess normally to be seen on some distant hill in a pair of shorts. Certainly the guests enjoyed our hospitality, and it marked the end of a tour which faintly reminded one of Kenya.

Back in Osnabruck, Lt.-Colonel Isles scarcely gave us time to settle down before he relinquished command. On November 10, he was principal guest at a Regimental dinner night; another guest was Major Charles Huxtable who departed about

the same time. On November 14 Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Isles had a farewell cocktail party in the Mess which was both a sad and enjoyable occasion.

On December 7 we held a Ladies' Dinner Night which was generally voted as one of the best functions of its kind we had ever held. There was no doubt that the ladies enjoyed themselves and look forward to the next time.

Finally as far as Osnabruck was concerned, the Mess held a farewell cocktail party which unfortunately was to quote "The Night of the Breathalyser, B.A.O.R." It did prove to be a success, but a pattern was established which we shall have to live with for many a function ahead, namely the sight of grim-faced, sober husbands driving home their wives who had had a very enjoyable evening. It is also a fact that the Orderly Officer duty on such a night should be subject to drawing lots, rather as if the poor miscreant is going on a mission from which he is not expected to return. If you don't understand, then either stand outside the guard



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room for a couple of hours with a millboard or ask Hugh Cartwright to elucidate.

That was really the lot concerning Osnabruck. The Mess gradually disappeared over the Christmas period, into boxes, and the corridors became silent and chilly.

But once again we have established ourselves, and the first big night is our introduction cocktail party on February 16. This should prove an excellent evening as it is different from the normal

run of things. Later on we shall be having two Regimental Guest Nights, one big party at least, and will play our part in the St. George's Day functions in April.

*Ave Atque Vale.* First to Colonel Donald and Shelia Isles in November. We shall miss them very much, but look forward to seeing them again very soon. Similarly to Charles and Mary Huxtable who left less than a month later—we hope, too, a visit by them will be in the offing.

### FAREWELL TO LT.-COLONEL D. E. ISLES



Photo: P.R. H.Q. 2 Div

"I give you the orders, you carry them out and all I do is take the credit."

This is a quote from Lt.-Colonel Donald Isles, a quote which was used often when he spoke to the Battalion. This is very much an oversimplification of a success story of 1 D.W.R. under his command. But does show the latitude he gave to his junior commanders.

From 1965 to 1967 Colonel Isles commanded 1 D.W.R. during as varied a period as any battalion could wish for. There were exercises in Norway and Denmark, a N.A.T.O. exercise incorporating American and French troops and, of course, the almost unending stream of exercises in B.A.O.R

itself. Colonel Isles' tour ended with an arduous six months in Cyprus attached to the United Nations.

During this time there were triumphs on the games field. The Army Rugby Challenge Cup 65/66, 66/67, the B.A.O.R. Cricket Cup in the summer of 1966. Ski-ing in the Battalion also became a force to be reckoned with in the Army and the Soccer XI reached the final of the Infantry Soccer Cup.

Lt.-Colonel Isles has now moved to the Ministry of Defence. The Battalion wish him and Mrs. Isles the very best for the future.



Four attached officers also departed: Dick Sharp, our Paymaster, John Long, M.T.O., Mike Thompson, O.C. L.A.D., and David Strong, Assistant Signals Officer. All were very loyal dependable officers of the Battalion for varying lengths of time. No praise is too high for them all, and we were very lucky to have such good officers. We wish them all the very best in the future; we extend our best wishes to Pauline Sharp, Ellen Long, Joyce Thompson and Maureen Strong.

Temporary departures are Chris Jowett to Yorkshire Brigade Depot, and John Moir to the Army Youth Team.

We welcome to the Battalion Major Jim Pell, Danny Marsay, Wilf Charlesworth, Chris Fitzgerald and extend a warm welcome particularly to Andrew Robb, our new Paymaster, Padre Robinson and to Lionel Corbett and Richard Ward on joining the Battalion; we hope they enjoy their stay.

Finally, congratulations to Wilf Charlesworth on his marriage on January 13; we look forward to meeting his wife Vivienne soon. A few of us managed to get to the wedding, driven mainly by the prospect of Charlesworth wearing something else besides combat kit.

Congratulations also to Peter and Anne Pettigrew on the arrival of a daughter, Katherine Lara, and to Chris Fitzgerald on his engagement.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

Two messes and many miles away from our last notes, we are now working hard settling down in Gillingham (for a few months only). It seems like only yesterday that we were in the sun of Cyprus. We must settle in one place soon or Jock Glencross will go mad, packing and unpacking the mess silver.

The Mess has lost many old friends during the last three months. Far too many to give them the space and praise that they deserve. Nearly all our L.A.D. team have gone. W.O.1 Buckoke, W.O.2s Vickers, Pipkin, Goad, S/Sgt. Avery and Sgt. Sear. From the Royal Signals S/Sgt. Hunt and Sgt. Coley. S/Sgt. Beaty, A.P.T.C., left for 15/19 Hussars. Sgt. Ingham to 12 Infantry Brigade and Sgt. Rusby to A.V.R. To all we say a hearty thank you for your support and wish you the very best for the future.

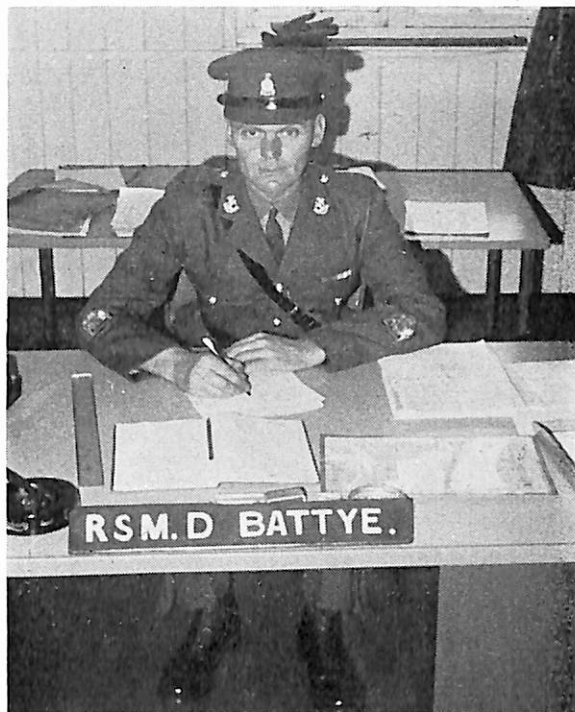
One departure from the Mess, who will be sadly missed is R.S.M. France. He left for civilian life at the end of our stay in Osnabruck. We wish you every success in your new life, Geoff. Come back and see us before we leave for Hong Kong. Congratulations to R.S.M. Battye who takes over from Mr. France.

Congratulations are also in order to the following Mess Members:

W.O.2 Fee, Welsh, Middleton, Cupling, S/Sgts. Morris, Gay, Kelly and Hall on their promotion. Also welcome to the Mess are Sgt. O'Donnell, who joins us from the Depot, S.S.I. Norwood, A.P.T.C., and S/Sgt. Topley, R.E.M.E.

Because the Mess is very small, the R.S.M. spent a lot of his time finding a suitable place to hold the Paardeberg Ball. He visited many local hotels testing the beer and inspecting the rooms, but finally settled on an old military establishment not

### R.S.M. D. BATTYE



Mr. Battye joined The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1954, as a National Serviceman. He was trained at the Regimental Depot, Halifax, and then spent the next two years as an instructor there.

In 1956 he was posted to the Battalion, in Cyprus, and joined "B" Company. In July of that year he moved to "S" Company and went to the Mortars with which he served in Northern Ireland, Brentwood, Colchester and Kenya twice. In Northern Ireland he became Mortar Platoon Sergeant.

In 1961 he was chosen to go to Hythe Signal Wing and, on returning from the course, he became Battalion Signal Sergeant. This post he held until 1964, when he relieved our previous Regimental Sergeant Major as Company Sergeant Major of Alma Company. The Alma and Mr. Battye were much one and the same throughout our tour in B.A.O.R. and Cyprus, and this continued until his promotion to R.S.M. on December 22, 1967.

Fourteen years' service is a short time in which to achieve R.S.M., and it is a tribute to Mr. Battye's all-round abilities that he has done so. His key appointments in the Battalion give him an excellent knowledge of the requirements of the modern Army, and yet his keen sense of discipline will assure us all that the traditions of Battalion R.S.M. will be very safe in his hands.

far from the camp. Many other members went around the Medway hotels with "having a ball" in mind. Some, even after we had found a place.

We have already had two welcome visitors. "Tug" Wilson and Mick Reddy came for a quick recce. in preparation for their return to the Battalion

in the near future. Brewers' reps seem to make up the remainder of visitors. There is very strong competition for the custom of so many "pint drinkers."

Because of the very tight training programme, plus the preparations for Hong Kong, our next notes should be a mixture of Otterburn mud, passports and C.W.P.s. Anyone wishing to see us should keep an eye on all roads north. You may catch sight of us passing.

### CORPORALS' MESS

On arriving back from Cyprus, we went into a very active programme of sorting ourselves out, e.g. preparations for move to barracks in U.K., block leave and handing Quebec Barracks over, with the minimum amount of cost (to us). Between times we managed to fit in a couple of Mess functions, one to welcome Colonel Shuttleworth back to the Regiment. All Corporals turned up to scrub, polish and dust the W.V.S. Room in readiness for the evening, but owing to the Mess Bar being

open they had to be sacked and an electric polisher hired. The night itself went extremely well, with the right wing entertaining the ladies and the left wing propping the bar up.

The second function was to see R.S.M. (No Problems) G. A. France off to civilian life. Again this went very well, with a presentation of a pipe and tobacco pouch (cigarettes being 5s. 5d. a packet in U.K.). We wish Mr. France success in civilian life and hope to see him whenever he has the chance to visit us.

January 68, arrived at Gillingham to a Corporals' Mess (box-room type). N.A.A.F.I. breaks we have in relays. After the first 20 of us get into the Mess at night, the door is closed and a notice put up "House Full." However, this state of affairs has not been allowed to continue. We have now been given our own Mess, which looks like outshining any previous accommodation we have had. It is completely self-contained, centrally heated, own bar, plenty of room and in the process of re-decoration. And I hope in the next edition to write how well our first function went over.

## RUGBY

Having heard during our tour in Cyprus that we would be able to re-enter the Army Cup we set about the business of trying to retain our title for the fourth successive year.

Training, with four games, in Cyprus was a priceless asset to a 15 expected to play their first match in the Divisional Semi-Final almost immediately after they returned to B.A.O.R. It certainly did stand us in good stead, although injuries there to Lt. Edwards, Westcob, Bird, P. J., and Bird, M. P., threatened to disrupt us.

The important thing was, however, that at least 20 players could have been considered for the team, and none would have let us down. Never did the same 15 complete two successive games, but nevertheless they were all won more convincingly than corresponding ones last year.

The team benefited mainly from an almost new pack. Major Hoppe, Lt. Bird, M. P., Lt. Thorn (a vociferous and intelligent leader) provided a strong solid front row. L/Cpl. Dickens, in his fifth season in the second row, playing as well as ever, was partnered by the find of the season, L/Cpl. Youdan at 6 ft. 5 in. and 17 stone—the Battalion Soccer goalkeeper—who showed an excellent natural ability and took to rugby almost like a duck to water. The back row is perhaps the strongest feature of the side—Lt. Bird, P. J., Sgt. Hall, a converted prop, at No. 8 and 2/Lt. Gilbert provided destructive qualities, speed, power in the loose and a constructive ability rarely seen at this level of football.

The backs received therefore an excellent service from their forwards and benefited accordingly. Lt. Newell showing excellent form at scrum half combined well with Captain Reid, Captain Pettigrew and Pte. Cuss in the centre were both safe

and incisive, and fed their wingers very well. Pte. Waquabaca and Cpl. Robinson were fearsome to the opposition, big, strong and skilful, and never came off the field without a try a piece.

2/Lt. Stone, a scrum half, played most of the games at full back and did so quite well; Lt. Edwards' nagging injury only allowing him to play one and a half games.

A word too for Cpl. Hunter who faithfully stood on the touchline, with Cpl. Basu, seized his chance to play in the B.A.O.R. Final and scored a brilliant opportunist try.

We have now returned to the U.K. and await the Final against the Welsh Guards on March 6. Preparations are in full swing, two games having been played against Royal Marines Deal, won 48—13, and R.M.A. Sandhurst, 28—14. We are in strict training, very hopeful of the outcome at Aldershot, and look forward to having as many past as present members of the Battalion there on the day.

### Divisional Semi-Final—1 D.W.R. v. 2 Div. R.E.M.E., won 45—3

Owing to injuries, Sgt. Hall took over as hooker, Lt. Jowett came in at No. 8 and Cpl. Hunter in the back row.

A slow start by the "Dukes" led to anxious moments, because an injury to Lt. Newell, and a penalty scored by our opponents, all happened in 15 minutes. However, the reverse settled the side down, and 14 points were scored by half-time.

In the second half the forwards began to dominate matters, setting up chances for the backs, and try after try resulted through combined play. There were many faults both in the pack and backs, but it was a satisfactory match generally.



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**Divisional Final, 1 D.W.R. v. 1 K.O.S.B., won 27—0**

We re-acquainted ourselves with the K.O.S.B. with apprehension, knowing them to have on paper a formidable pack and useful outsiders. Lt. Edwards returned to the side at full back, Sgt. Hall moved back to No. 8, to allow 2/Lt. Bird, M., to hook, and Lt. Bird, P., returned to the back row.

Both sides were very tense early on, but the K.O.S.B. launched a strong assault in the opening minutes which threatened to upset the "Dukes." With both sets of supporters roaring their sides on, the "Dukes" slowly climbed back into the game, and subjected the K.O.S.B. to tremendous pressure, just failing to score twice before Cpl. Robinson dived over in the corner after good handling. The "Dukes" retained their grip on the game, attacking furiously, and careless work saved the K.O.S.B. line twice more until Captain Pettigrew dropped an excellent goal.

By this time the K.O.S.B. were finding the pace very hot and were in their half for most of the time. Just prior to half-time Captain Reid broke on the blindside and handed over to Pte. Cuss who put Pte. Waquabaca over in the corner, a try which was converted. The score was thus 11—0.

"Two quick tries please," said the skipper, and believe it or not there were two in five minutes after the restart. A long throw at the end of the lineout saw 2/Lt. Gilbert shake off his opposite number, break through countless tackles to plunge over in the corner for a wonderful, individual try, which was unconverted. On the restart from another lineout, 2/Lt. Thorn broke round the front, interpassed with L/Cpl. Youdan and Sgt. Hall. The movement was halted in the K.O.S.B. 25, but a very quick heel saw the ball quickly transferred to Pte. Cuss in the centre who scored easily. This was converted and the score was now 19—0.

The "Dukes" rather relaxed after this, but the game was really decided by this burst of scoring, although the K.O.S.B. fought tooth and nail to try and get back on terms. Two more tries were scored by Ptes. Cuss and Waquabaca one of which was converted, and the "Dukes" ran out winners 27—0. This was one of the best performances by the "Dukes" in recent years, and all the more gratifying that the K.O.S.B. should be the opposition. The score now stands at two games all.

**B.A.O.R. Semi-Final, 1 D.W.R. v. 34 L.A.D. Regiment, won 66—5**

The "Dukes" went down to Rhine Area for this match. It was expected to be a really hard game, but turned out, rather incredibly, to be a walk-over. A somewhat sluggish start by the "Dukes" for ten minutes gave no indication of what was to happen. Then as the "Dukes" got on top, 18 points were scored. The Gunners defence was poor, but they hit back to score by an interception, which they converted. However, nine more points gave us an unassailable lead of 27—5 at half time.

On the restart Lt. Edwards had to go off the field and we were down to 14 men. This should have been the signal for a Gunners revival, but a com-

bination of a sterling performance by the seven forwards, excellent opportunism, and a complete lack of any defensive measures by the opposition led to another 39 points being scored.

This was a disappointing match as the score suggests, and certainly not worthy of an Army Cup quarter final. However we took our chances which is a happy state of affairs, and we were in the B.A.O.R. Final once again.

**B.A.O.R. Final, 1 D.W.R. v. 7 Signals, won 12—3**

Once again we journeyed to Sennelager to do battle with 7 Signals who had made clear their intention to topple us. 2/Lt. Stone came in for Lt. Edwards at full back, and Cpl. Hunter for 2/Lt. Bird, P. J., who was also indisposed.

The pattern of the game was a familiar one for those who had seen the corresponding match the year before. The strong Signals pack hugged the touchline prompted by their halves. Cpl. Cairns dominated the lineouts, but not as much as last year as Youdan gave him as good as he got. Both back rows were quick to stifle moves, but the more constructive ability of the "Dukes" enabled fluid play to develop, and after 15 minutes Captain Reid ran round the blindside and a quick transfer saw Cpl. Robinson dive over. The try was unconverted. Then Lt. Newell went round the blindside, and passed to 2/Lt. Gilbert who scored in the corner.

7 Signals came back strongly, and were awarded a penalty which they converted. Straight away the "Dukes" returned to the attack, and after some good handling Pte. Waquabaca scored after a very strong run which left 7 Signals players strewn in his wake. 9—3 was the score at half-time.

In the second half, early "Dukes" pressure was rewarded by an excellent individual try by Cpl. Hunter who put 7 Signals on the wrong foot and scored in the corner. 12—3 was the final score, although 7 Signals were attacking hard in the final quarter. There was no doubt, however, that the more constructive side won, and the "Dukes" were B.A.O.R. Champions for the fourth successive year.

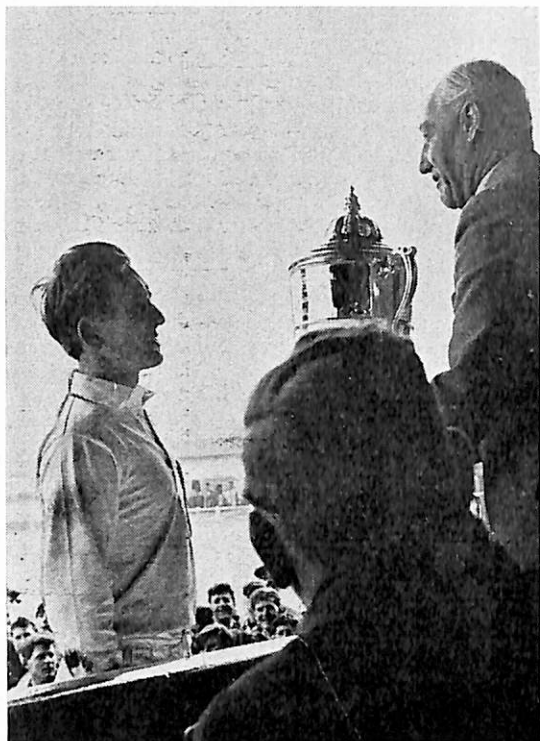
**SOCCER**

On our arrival in Germany from Cyprus the outlook seemed bleak indeed. Half the side went on leave and it was evident that the side would not be together again until March. However, we entered the Army cup and, with a weak side, lost by 5 goals to 4 to 25 Corps Engineer Regiment in the first round. The game did show that we had good reserves and that we should hold our own in England.

However, since arriving in Gillingham it has been very difficult to muster the side for training or, indeed, matches. To date we have played one match, a draw 4—4, against H.M.S. *Kent*. The game proved that our defence was weak and, although we scored four times, our attack was neither fast nor big enough. By next month, however, the Battalion should be back at full strength and there is no doubt that, with the talent available, we should do quite well.

# ARMY RUGBY CUP FINAL

## I DWR v I Welsh Guards



General Sir Geoffrey Baker, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., the C.G.S., presenting the Army Cup to Captain I. P. Reid.

For the fourth successive year I DWR were in the final of the Army Challenge Cup. This was the game we had to win in order to leave the Army Cup Competition as co-holders of the record number of successive wins. We had beaten the Welsh Guards at Aldershot four years ago, to start this present sequence, and both teams had therefore plenty of incentive to win. The conditions were good, with a dry firm ground, but a strong wind did threaten to pose difficulties.

The 'Dukes' lost the toss but were given the advantage of the wind for the first half. From the first whistle the 'Dukes' launched themselves into the attack, the forwards showing verve, spirit, and skill in the scrumage, line-out and, particularly, the loose. Captain Reid and Lt. Newell kicked the 'Dukes' into attacking positions several times, and the Guards had a hard time covering across to stave off good running by the 'Dukes' backs. After 10 minutes, some desperate Guards' defensive

work resulted in a 'Dukes' penalty wide on the twenty-five which Captain Reid kicked to give us a 3—0 lead. Heartened by this the 'Dukes' hammered away and just failed to score a try through Lt. Edwards. Another penalty was missed before 2/Lt. Bird MP, who hooked very well, gave us one against the head near the line. Lt. Newell fed Captain Reid who gave the ball to Pte. Waqabaca who had very little room but just squeezed over in the corner for a good try. The kick failed, but the 'Dukes' were in command.

The wind however was troublesome and handling errors ruined potential scores. Besides this the Guards were fighting very hard, and odd sorties out of their half gave them breathing spaces. Time was running out in the first half when the Guards gave away another penalty near the posts which Captain Reid kicked. Hard as they played, however, the 'Dukes' could not score again and had to be content with a 9—0 lead at half-time. Many of us feared that this would not be enough and on the restart this fear grew more menacing.

The Guards kicking well, and their forwards playing strongly, penned the 'Dukes' in their own half. Lt. Newell and Captain Reid relieved the situation for short spells, and Lt. Bird PJ, Sgt. Hall, and 2/Lt. Gilbert tackled everything, but a penalty was awarded against the 'Dukes' on the twenty-five and the Guards were now only 9—3 down. Almost immediately they had another kick just inside their own half, and a fine effort just went the wrong side of the post.

The Guards pressed even more strongly now but through bad handling and kicking always seemed to find themselves facing a drop-out from the twenty-five. This provided the 'Dukes' with an opportunity to drive themselves to a safer place; Lt. Bird PJ and Pte. Youdan were outstanding at this part of the game. The game had become a war of attrition, with the 'Dukes' unable to get enough consistent possession to raise the siege. Two more penalties by the Guards were missed and this was the turning point of the game. Disheartened by these misses the Guards seem to be exhausted, and the 'Dukes' who had looked somewhat worried raised their game accordingly. The game swept up to the Guards' half with all the forwards making a superb effort. A loose heel provided a good ball and it was neatly transferred to Captain Pettigrew who on the twenty-five did a scissors with Cpl. Robinson who shot powerfully through the Guards' cover and scored half-way out. Captain Reid converted to put the 'Dukes' 14—3 up with eight minutes to go.

Straight from the kick-off the 'Dukes', through Cpl. Robinson, L/Cpl. Youdan and 2/Lt. Gilbert and Lt. Bird PJ, burst up to the Guards' twenty-five, where the shattered Guards' defence conceded another penalty in front of the posts which Captain Reid converted. Now the 'Dukes' were playing magnificently and the game was all in the Guards' half of the field. Tremendous driving by the pack completely broke the Guards' resistance. From a lineout 2/Lt. Gilbert broke, weaving through the defence, Lt. Newell took his pass and transferred to Captain Reid, who gave the ball to Captain Pettigrew who shot over in almost the same place as the previous try. The kick failed, and just after the restart the final whistle blew leaving the 'Dukes' winners by 20—3.

In summing up, it would be fair to say that this was the best 'Final' seen for many a day. The 'Dukes' showed a measure of skill not always seen in Regimental sides, the last two tries being very well executed. The pack were excellent. The front row of Major Hoppe, 2/Lt. Bird M and 2/Lt. Thorn gave us a 7—1 advantage in the

scrums. L/Cpl. Dickens and L/Cpl. Youdan more than held their own in the lineouts, and both were prominent in the loose, crashing through the opposition at every opportunity. The back row was excellent in every way, tackling well and providing constructive opportunities in the loose. Sgt. Hall, 2/Lt. Gilbert, and Lt. Bird PJ can be well pleased, the latter having his best game of the season.

Outside everyone ran hard when they got the opportunity, handling pretty well considering the conditions. Captain Pettigrew and Lt. Edwards linked well with their wings and Cpl. Robinson and Pte. Waqabaca ran very strongly indeed. Lt. Newell, Captain Reid at half-back combined well and varied their play shrewdly. Cuss at full back had few opportunities to show his paces, and there were few worries for him.

Well that's it. Four times in succession and now for warmer climes where the rugby is a little more relaxed. Hello, somebody has just mentioned the Far East Championship. Here we go again!



#### ARMY CUP CHAMPIONS 1967-68

*Standing (left to right):* Lt. A. R. Westcob, 2/Lt. M. P. Bird, 2/Lt. C. J. W. Gilbert, Lt. P. J. Bird, L/Cpl. M. P. Youdan, Cpl. P. Robinson, Sgt. M. Hall, Pte. M. Cuss, Pte. T. Waqabaca.  
*Sitting (left to right):* Major P. B. L. Hoppe, L/Cpl. D. Dickens, Captain P. A. Pettigrew, Captain I. P. Reid (captain), Lt. D. R. D. Newell, Lt. C. G. Edwards, Lt. J. M. Thorn.

# Ski-ing

## General

The prospect of our ski-ing again seemed very remote a year ago. Cyprus had been confirmed, but the dates of our return were then not known. Hongkong, although it was only a rumour, centred one's thoughts on sun, sea and sand far from snow. It was therefore a pleasant surprise when, during the time the Battalion was in Cyprus, the C.O. inquired after the ski-ing plans for the forthcoming winter. There followed at infrequent intervals a series of letters, telephone calls and signals which culminated in Lt. Bray and Cpl. Young returning to Germany on the advance party to attend a Biathlon shooting course.

The commitments following the Battalion's return to B.A.O.R. prevented any constructive pre-ski training. It was not until we were on our way to Norway that we were able to devote some thought to ski-ing and the training ahead.

Last year the team had created a stir by winning the Divisional Patrol Cup and later in the National Biathlon had produced promising results in both the relay and individual events. Finally the aim of the season had been accomplished by the winning of the Infantry Cup. This year the Infantry Cup competition included Alpine events and regrettably we were without an Alpine team. A change of priorities was therefore necessary and on last year's results Biathlon seemed the obvious choice.

## Biathlon

A military sport with its origin in Scandinavia Biathlon combines shooting with ski-ing. The race track lies over 20 kilometres of neutral country and includes between the fifth and 18th kilometre four bouts of shooting, two in the lying and two in the standing position. Two minutes are added to a competitor's overall time on the course for each miss on the range. A high standard of shooting is essential as each miss is the equivalent in time to his having to ski an extra 500 metres. In international events the British are better at Biathlon than they are at sprint and distance ski-ing. The Scandinavians and the Russians are faster skiers, but often the British soldier is a better shot and on occasions has found himself up amongst the top skiers on account of his shooting. Biathlon is an expensive and time-consuming sport. In the past only members of the National Team and a handful of other enthusiasts, all of them soldiers, managed to overcome these problems. However, two years ago B.A.O.R. organised a central pool of Biathlon rifles and the National Ski Federation increased the size of the Biathlon events in the Army Championships at Oberjoch. The response from regimental ski teams was overwhelming and additional races had to be run to cope with the flood of entries. The standard of Biathlon ski-ing in the Army has since risen, providing the selectors with a larger and more experienced field from which to choose the national team.

It is unfortunate that the Gunner Regiments, with their long tours in Germany and opportunities of passing on knowledge and often skiers to their

successors, still dominate cross-country ski-ing. This is particularly regrettable in the case of Biathlon which, with rifle shooting and its similarity to patrol work, should essentially be an infantry sport. It was in the light of this fact and our past results that the decision to put the emphasis on Biathlon was made.

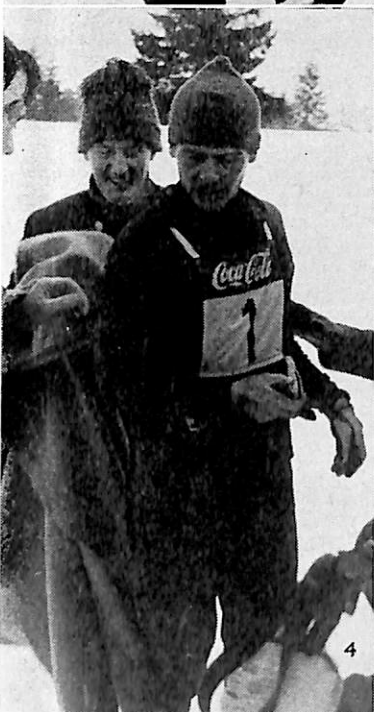
## The Team

This year we decided to enter only an 'A' team in the Divisional and Army Meetings. The following were in the regimental cross-country ski team: Lt. M. P. C. Bray (two years' experience), Cpl. M. J. Young (two years), Cpl. M. Hirst (one year), L/Cpl. G. Robson (three years), L/Cpl. R. Heron (one year) and L/Cpl. A. Goddard (one year).

## Norway

The training in Norway was a great success. Lt. Martinsen, our instructor, met us on our arrival in Oslo. He disregarded all custom's formalities and within 10 minutes we were on the road to Lillehammer. The Norwegian Army had generously given us transport and accommodation at the School of Signals in Jorstadmoen, six kilometres from Lillehammer. The area was conveniently near to the mountains and yet still within striking distance of civilization. The team settled down quickly in their new surroundings, making many friends amongst the Norwegians, most of whom fortunately spoke English. They found our habits and we their food a little hard to adjust to at first. One Norwegian washing and shaving with all his clothes on nearly fainted when L/Cpl. Heron walked into the washroom stripped down to the waist. Another became so engrossed in Cpl. Hirst's eating habits that the latter was forced to suggest he looked the other way. There was some doubt as to the manner in which this "suggestion" was made, but it did the trick because the Norwegian never stared in his direction again! The food was fresh and plentiful, the occasional egg to break the monotony of salami and cheese or fish and potatoes would have been welcome. However, we adjusted ourselves to eating more or less the same food every day and eventually thrived on it.

It was hard work getting fit and used to skis again. In the morning we would "warm up," concentrate on technique training and if it had snowed the night before make a 10-kilometre track. At mid-day a hot drink and sandwiches followed by one or two circuits of the 10-kilometre track in the afternoon, left everyone hot and exhausted by the evening. The journey back from the mountain took half an hour, sheer relief and layers of clothing kept teeth from chattering before the hot showers and meal in camp. The occasional evening was spent in Lillehammer. One skier took a Norwegian girl to see a Japanese film with French sub-titles and what made it worse was that she paid! Money was a slight problem. Lt. Bray had seized all the pay in Osnabruck and by the time it had been devalued, exchanged and assaulted by the various ski funds the loose change left over was



1. Cpl. Young, standing, takes a bead on his target. He raced in the biathlon relay and the patrol teams.
2. Cpl. Hirst in action. Chosen for the National biathlon trials in Norway, 1968.
3. L/Cpl. Robson hands over to Cpl. Hirst in the Army 4 x 10 km. relay.
4. Cpl. Hirst having brought the team up from 6th to 2nd place in the Div. 4 x 10 relay race.
5. L/Cpl. Heron blast that clip. 23rd in the open biathlon.
6. Lt. Bray in patrol uniform. Captained the Bn. cross-country ski team 1968.



hardly worth putting in a church collection, let alone trying to exchange for beer over a bar. However, towards the end of three weeks the team were as fit as could be expected and ski-ing between 30 and 40 kilometres a day. Lt. Martinsen was pleased with the progress made on ski-ing style, which had improved noticeably since the previous year. Christmas came and we despatched Lt. Martinsen and the Norwegian driver home to their families. Christmas Eve was a memorable occasion. The soldiers on duty in the camp were given a party by the Commandant and his wife. The ski team were invited and had an enjoyable evening singing carols and dancing round the Christmas tree. It was a pity Father Christmas tried to embrace one of our larger skiers. This simple gesture of goodwill was unfortunately taken in the wrong spirit and the bearded individual came close to being despatched through a coloured glass window. However Anglo/Norsk relationship survived this affair and we departed from Jorstadmoen two days later in the friendliest of ways.

### **Bavaria**

The New Year found the team in Osnabruck making various arrangements before being driven down to Bavaria by Pte. Nicola in the unit Mini-bus. We left Osnabruck on January 2 and arrived in Oberjoch early on January 3, 1968. Ahead lay a fortnight's training followed by a week's racing in the 2 Divisional Meeting and a further 10 days in the Army Meeting. Fortunately this year accommodation had been found in Oberjoch, which made life easier from both an administrative and racing point of view. The first week of training was a disappointment in that the weather made ski-ing impossible and both Cpl. Young and L/Cpl. Robson went down with flu. However, three days before the first race the weather improved and we buckled down to some last-minute training. The atmosphere and activity in Oberjoch became intense with the approach of the 2 Divisional Meeting. The village and its *Pensions* were more or less taken over by the British Army and the number of German tourists in the area dwindled to a handful. The Administrative Battery from 24 Missile Regiment erected the start poles and various tents for the cross-country events. Sappers worked day and night clearing snow away from the roads. Their efforts were only equalled by those of Pte. Nicola frantically searching in one snow drift after another for his Mini-bus. Alpine skiers staggered about the slalom slopes endeavouring to slide, stand-up and stop, a combination of actions that only a few seemed able to master with any degree of success. Cross-country officials and competitors plunged about in knee-deep snow in an attempt to make race tracks, only to find the following morning that falling snow or strong cross winds had obliterated any signs of them. Eventually the first day of the 2 Divisional Meeting arrived and the 4 x 10 km. relay race started in conditions that the Race Committee later described as "Rough, windy, with continuous falling sleet and a heavy surface of snow." The weather was very unsettled during the last half of January. The conditions changed frequently and

often with little warning which made the task of choosing the correct wax for a particular race very difficult indeed.

### **Races and Results**

The Divisional and Army Meetings were identical and included sprint, distance and patrol ski-ing. The National Biathlon events, run on two consecutive days in the last week of the Army Meeting, were sprint and distance races.

### **Divisional and Army 4 x 10 km. Relay Races**

These were sprint races involving 23 teams in the Divisional and 33 in the Army. A highlight of both races was the fan start for the mass of first runners. Each competitor had his own individual track from the start for at least 100 metres, thereafter the starting tracks converged gradually into the common track of the course itself. The Dukes team, consisting of Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Heron, L/Cpl. Robson and Cpl. Hirst, in order of running, were runners-up in the Divisional and came 7th in the Army. Cpl. Hirst excelled himself in the Divisional by pulling the team from 6th up to 2nd place in the last 10 kilometres and by getting the 4th fastest time in the race.

### **Divisional and Army 15 km. Individual Races**

A hundred and thirty competitors took part in the Divisional and 230 in the Army. In both cases the Dukes team used the event as a training race. In the Divisional, the track was dangerously icy and very fast. Preservation of limbs and equipment took priority over speed. The Army race was unfortunately sandwiched between the Biathlon events and the Patrol, for which our strength was being preserved.

### **Divisional and Army Military Patrol Races**

The most colourful of all the Divisional and Army races. A patrol team consists of an Officer, Corporal or above and two Lance-Corporals or Privates. Dressed in Army uniform and carrying a pistol, pair of binoculars, three rifles and a total weight of 21 kilograms in three rucksacks, the patrol is inspected by a senior Officer before setting out. The race lies over 20 kilometres of natural country and includes a 100-metre range, where the patrol engages three balloons with a total of nine rounds of ammunition. A minute is added to the time taken over the course for each miss on the range. The Duke's patrol team consisted of Lt. Bray, Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Robson and L/Cpl. Heron. In the Divisional the team started thirteenth in poor weather conditions and with the wrong wax under the skis. They arrived at the range exhausted and demoralized and collecting a 9-minute penalty went on to finish in fifth position. The weather conditions for the Army race were also bad, but on this occasion the team had a better wax than any of the other patrols. Incurring only a one-minute penalty on the range they finished in first place, beating the runners-up by a clear two minutes.

### **The National Biathlon Open Individual Race**

The characteristics of the Biathlon race are described at the beginning of this article. The following from the Dukes took part in the event: Lt. Bray,



Photo: P.R. H.Q. 2 Div

L/Cpl. Robson receives prize for runners-up in the Div. 4x10km. relay. The only surviving member from the pioneer days of 1964/5.

Cpl. Young, Cpl. Hirst and L/Cpl. Heron. There were 40 competitors in the race, five of whom were members of the French National Team and a further six of the British National Team. Cpl. Hirst and Cpl. Young gained excellent results by coming twelfth and thirteenth, respectively. Lt. Bray came seventeenth and L/Cpl. Heron twenty-third. These placings excluded the French National Team who ran *Hors Concours*.

#### The National Biathlon Open Relay Race

The 3 x 7.5 km. Biathlon Relay Race is run on the same general lines as the 4 x 10 km. Relay. Each member of the team fires two practices, one at 2.5 km. (lying) and the other at 5 km. (standing). During each practice eight rounds are fired at five balloons and at the end of the practice a penalty loop of an extra 200 metres is awarded for each balloon left intact. This is by far the most exciting race in the cross-country ski-ing world, especially from a spectator's point of view. The Duke's team were Cpl. Young, Lt. Bray, and Cpl. Hirst, in order of running. Ten teams took part in the race and our strong infantry rivals The Queen's Own Highlanders won it. We came fourth, which

was one place down on last year. This was disappointing because, after our performance in the Open Biathlon, we had hoped for a higher placing.

#### Summary

The overall results this season were even more rewarding than last year. This year we won the Army Patrol Race and the much-coveted S.A.S. Cup. This was the first time it had been won by an infantry regiment for 16 years. Although we were not eligible for the Infantry cup it is encouraging to know that had the rules not been changed to include alpine events we would have won it again this year. In the Division we were runners-up in both the 4 x 10 km. Relay and the Military Combination. Finally the successes in the Biathlon have earned Lt. Bray and Cpl. Hirst an invitation to attend the National Biathlon Trials in Norway. The Infantry are now firmly on top of the military side of cross-country ski-ing. Both the Army Patrol and the Biathlon Relay were won by Infantry teams. We congratulate the Queen's Own Highlanders for their part and wish them the best of luck next year when they enter their team from the United Kingdom.

## COMPANY NOTES

### ALMA COMPANY

During the past few months the Company has seen many changes. Much time and effort has been spent in moving from Cyprus to Osnabruck and thence to Gordon Barracks, Gillingham.

Credit is due to C.S.M. Fee and the Company Rear Party for a good handover to the 1st Battalion Devon and Dorset Regt. of the Company Lines in Osnabruck.

Serious military training has had to take a back seat during this time. However the Company was able to classify on the rifle and the GPMG during some wintry weather at Vorden Ranges. In addition practically the whole Company passed their annual P.E. Tests one rainy day early in December.

When Cadre training starts on February 12 the Company will have had a complete change at Headquarters level. All the Company would wish to congratulate Mr. Battye on his promotion to be R.S.M. of the Battalion. As Sergeant-Major his steady hand was an ever-present influence for the good of the Company. His chair is now taken by C.S.M. Fee. A warm welcome is extended to S/Sgt. Morris, our new C.Q.M.S.

Lastly the Company is pleased to welcome Lt. Ashton as No. 1 Platoon Commander, on attachment to the Battalion from the Royal Military Police.

Everyone is looking forward to some enjoyable and worthwhile training and exercises before packing begins again for the move to Hong Kong.

### BURMA COMPANY

While we are looking forward to our short stay in Gillingham, and then our posting to Hong Kong, it is difficult to look back over the last four months. It seems ages since we left Cyprus and Germany due partly to an unavoidably untidy move and the packing and unpacking which this has entailed.

In November 1967 we welcomed the RGJ to Cyprus and handed over to them our responsibilities. The Greeks and Turks were behaving themselves at this time which enabled the hand-over to be completed without interference. It was difficult at this time to convince the RGJ that as UN Troops, they had a job to do but they very quickly realised that they had as the Daily Press revealed.

The move back to Osnabruck was uneventful and the period between our return and the move to Gillingham at the beginning of January 1968 was spent, apart from classifying and carrying out a lot of individual weapon training, checking this and that, packing MFO and preparing the barracks for handover to the Devon and Dorset Regiment. After a lot of hard work we got out with little to pay. A few fortunate members of the Company were able to get home for Christmas but, because of a BAOR ruling concerning the percentages allowed

to be away from a Unit at any one time, they had to pay their own way. The majority therefore had Christmas in camp and what a gruesome sight they presented to the Officers and Senior N.C.O.s at "gunfire" on Christmas morning.

At the time of writing the last remnants of the Company are returning from leave and training proper can then begin with a view to achieving a high standard before leaving for Hong Kong.

Lt. Bray and Cpl. M. J. Young from the Company were members of the ski team which won the Army Patrol Race. This was a very fine achievement.

Personalities in the Company are changing. Captain Stevens will be taking over as Company Commander when Major Newton leaves to become 2IC. Captain Charlesworth is taking over from Captain Cartwright as Company 2IC. Lt. Bray was leaving to Command the Recce Platoon but he will now be spending the next few months skiing. The key men in the middle remain the same: W.O.2 Chilvers and S/Sgt. Delaney—where would the Company be without them.

This is a difficult period to write about. It is difficult to enthuse over packing and things of that nature. We look forward to the time we shall have something interesting to talk about—and Hong Kong should be the place.

### CORUNNA COMPANY

Cyprus, Osnabruck, and now Gordon Barracks in Gillingham is the bare bones of our existence since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE. Four months of variety started off with the last days of our tour in Cyprus under the United Nations. For the last three weeks all members of "C" Company were finally re-united in Kophinou prior to our departure.

Our Greek and Turkish friends on the whole remained as recalcitrant as ever. The Cypol patrol from Skarinou Bridge to Ayios Theodoros resulted in a U.N. protection party which escorted Cypol into the village. The Turkish Cypriots were quiet until everyone prepared to leave, and then they refused to let Cypol depart by the route they had come in. During the "negotiations" Major Huxtable received disgraceful treatment from the Turkish Cypriots but finally, after protracted arguments punctuated with attempts at violence and dangerous weapon-handling, Cypol and the U.N. were allowed to return to Skarinou Bridge. We all know that this incident re-occurred and that the aftermath produced as bad a situation as Cyprus had had for years. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it, our successors, 1 Green Jackets, bore the brunt of the incident.

Memories of Cyprus? For the inhabitants there were so many: barbed wire, long watches, wonderful scenery (Tango Hill) especially, sun from May to November, not as much swimming as we would have liked, and finally DUST—inches of it.

Our return to Osnabruck was welcome, but no sooner back than off again for some, and the rest of us to prepare for our departure in December/January. This departure occupied our time completely although some training did get done—i.e. Classification, P.E. tests etc. Christmas went by with the usual gusto, and we had more than average snow. It was cold too!

By December we had lost our Company Commander, Major Huxtable, who had departed to Latimer. A special word of thanks is due to him for his two years' tremendous work for the Company. Corunna Company went very well in the Training Season 1966, and we like to think that Kophinou was Corunna Company's home too. There he was tireless. Kophinou became habitable, comfortable, and very wishable under his directions and it is true to say that nobody in Kophinou worked harder than he. The Company owes a great deal to Major Huxtable and wishes him and Mrs. Huxtable, who looked after "C" Company families so very well, a very pleasant and happy posting.

Now we are back in Gillingham we welcome Major Jim Pell who is now in the chair. The sheep are gradually returning to the fold, and we should be ready to go by mid-February. The Camp facilities are excellent, we have our problems about quarters etc., the beer is much as to be expected outside of Yorkshire but all in all we have done nicely thank you for the short time we have to stay in England.

### HOOK COMPANY

The past few months have been a period of upheaval, removal and resettling. Not only are we in new surroundings but many personalities have changed appointments within the Company as is the case throughout the Battalion.

With the formation of Somme Company we have lost the Recce and Assault Pioneer Platoons.

Major Naughton handed over the Company to Major Cowell so that the former could tackle the mammoth task of housing all the Battalion's families. Now Major Hoppe has taken over the Company. Lt. Kirk has been appointed O.C. Recce Platoon while retaining duties of Messing Officer. C.S.M. Brown took over as C.S.M. on return from Cyprus but has had to leave the Army to go into his family business. It was a sad blow to the Company and to him when he made this decision but we all wish him good fortune. C.S.M. Curling steps across (and up!) from the Signal Platoon to take his place. S/Sgt. Wilson has arrived from the Brigade Depot to join the Signal Platoon.

Our barracks rooms are centrally heated and comfortable, offering for the most part the privacy of single man bunks. The comfort does not extend to our offices which are spacious and consequently cold until the coke fires have got going, which is generally just before lunch time.

For the first time for what must be many years the total strength of the Company is less than half that of the Battalion but we still have more than half of the married men of the Battalion.

We are now settling down to cadres, classi-

fications and getting fit in mind, body and estate for Hong Kong.

It is safe to say, without fear of contradiction, that the whole Company is now concentrated in one country which hasn't been the case since early 1967.

### SOMME COMPANY

Once again the organisation in the Infantry has turned a full circle and Support Company (Somme) is back in being after six years in the wilderness. During that lean period support weapons were split to rifle companies.

Somme Company now consists of a small HQ, Anti-Tank, Mortar, Recce and Assault Pioneer platoons.

The Company was reformed on our arrival in Gillingham and at present is at full stretch running four cadres to bring the platoons up to strength prior to our departure to Hong Kong.

### SIGNAL PLATOON

Since our last notes the Platoon has been dispersed throughout Cyprus, in Germany and on leave in U.K. At no stage has the Platoon been together since last May. However by March everyone should be back in the fold and once familiar faces will again be remembered.

Our time in Cyprus, with the Platoon nestling in all the corners of the British area, went smoothly and peacefully. In fact members of the Platoon had little excitement and, although working hard, always had time for a swim or night out. Although the Island had its interesting points it was somewhat of a relief when we returned to Germany. Only L/Cpl. Shaw seemed over-reluctant to leave and he only managed to stay on by entering hospital with tonsillitis. (Or was it the after effects of his broken big toe?).

The cold wintry scene that we met in Germany was brightened by the thought that we were there only until January and packing was to be our main task. S/Sgt. Curling and his team of L/Cpls. Sykes and Kench succeeded in cajoling other members of the Platoon to pack the right things in the right boxes and by January all the equipment was moved to Gillingham. Our quarters and working facilities in Gillingham are excellent, with classrooms and blackboards galore. The word cadre was on everyone's lips as soon as we arrived. At the time of these notes two cadres are in full swing. One for members of the Platoon and one for potential members. Never has the Signal Platoon seen so many corporals preparing lessons, drawing on blackboards and brushing up on their various subjects. The outcome will undoubtedly be an excellent platoon in a few weeks' time. However, with these cadres, Battalion exercises and re-classification there will be few moments of relaxation until the embarkation leave period in May.

Within the last three months the Platoon has lost Capt. Moir and S/Sgt. Curling, the latter on promotion to C.S.M. of Hook Company. We wish them the best of luck in their new appointments and hope that S/Sgt. Curling will quickly forget us when trying to find members for fatigue parties and

# ORDER OF BATTLE

## Battalion H.Q.

C.O. .. .. Lt.-Col. D. W. Shuttleworth  
 2IC .. .. Major R. M. Harms, M.C.  
 2IC Designate .. Major J. Newton  
 Adjutant .. .. Capt. C. R. Cumberlege  
 A/Adjutant .. Lt. A. R. Westcob  
 I.O. .. .. Lt. D. R. D. Newell  
 Families .. .. Major J. D. P. Cowell  
 P.R.I. .. .. Capt. I. P. Reid  
 Trg./W.T.O./Ops. Capt. P. A. Pettigrew  
 W.T. W.O. .. W.O.2 Arundel  
 R.S.M. .. .. W.O.1 Battye  
 O.R.C.S. .. .. S/Sgt. Walker  
 O.R.S. .. .. Sgt. Milner  
 Drums .. .. D/M Allerton  
 Int. Sgt. .. .. Cpl. Wilkinson  
 Families .. .. Sgt. Clarke

## Hook Company

O.C. .. .. Major P. B. L. Hoppe  
 C.S.M. .. .. W.O.2 Curling  
 Ord. Sgt. .. .. Sgt. Atkinson  
 C.Q.M.S. .. .. W.O.2 McManus  
                   S/Sgt. Wilkinson  
 Sigs. .. .. Capt. C. N. St. P. Bunbury  
                   S/Sgt. Wilson  
                   Sgt. Wilkinson  
 M.T. .. .. Lt. W. Burke  
                   S/Sgt. Bell  
                   Sgt. Rawcliffe  
                   Sgt. Pearson  
 Messing .. .. Lt. Kirk  
                   Sgt. Bailes  
 Pay.. .. .. Lt. A. F. Robb, R.A.P.C.  
                   W.O.2 Pullen  
                   Sgt. Page  
 Edn. .. .. Sgt. Stanworth  
 Pro. .. .. Sgt. Collins  
 Q.M. .. .. Capt. W. Robins  
 R.Q.M.S. .. .. R.Q.M.S. Wilson  
 Accn. .. .. S/Sgt. Kelly  
 G1098 .. .. Sgt. Butler  
 Pnrs. .. .. Sgt. Jackson  
 Messes:  
   Officers .. .. S/Sgt. Crawshaw  
   Sergeants .. .. Sgt. Butterfield

## Alma Company

O.C. .. .. Major T. D. Lupton  
 2IC .. .. Capt. D. Marsay  
 C.S.M. .. .. W.O.2 Fee  
 C.Q.M.S. .. .. S/Sgt. Morris

## Alma Company continued

2/Lt. M. P. Bird  
 2/Lt. N. N. Ashton, R.M.P.  
 2/Lt. A. T. J. Stone  
 Sgt. Hudson  
 Sgt. Martin  
 Sgt. Lofthouse  
 Sgt. Quayle

## Burma Company

O.C. .. .. Capt. R. L. Stevens  
 O.C. Designate .. Major P. Mitchell  
 2IC .. .. Capt. W. F. Charlesworth  
 C.S.M. .. .. W.O.2 Chilvers  
 C.Q.M.S. .. .. S/Sgt. Delaney  
                   2/Lt. Sharpe  
                   2/Lt. R. J. A. Ward  
                   Lt. P. J. Bird  
                   2/Lt. A. D. Roberts  
                   Sgt. Wright  
                   Sgt. Cooper  
                   Sgt. Carter  
                   Sgt. Hemmings

## Corunna Company

O.C. .. .. Major J. E. Pell  
 2IC .. .. Capt. D. M. Pugh  
 C.S.M. .. .. W.O.2 Welch  
 C.Q.M.S. .. .. S/Sgt. Gay  
                   Lt. Mellor  
                   2/Lt. J. Thorn  
                   2/Lt. C. J. W. Gilbert  
                   Sgt. Read  
                   Sgt. Holliday  
                   Sgt. Hartley  
                   Sgt. O'Donnell

## Support (Somme) Company

O.C. .. .. Capt. C. W. Ivey  
 2IC .. .. Capt. P. D. D. J. Andrews  
 C.S.M. .. .. W.O.2 Middleton  
 C.Q.M.S. .. .. S/Sgt. Hall  
 Mortar Platoon .. Lt. C. G. Fitzgerald  
                   Sgt. Hughes  
                   Sgt. Blacow  
                   Sgt. Lindsay  
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                   Sgt. Hall  
                   Sgt. Reddy  
 Assault Pioneer Pl. Sgt. Butterfield  
 Recce Platoon .. Lt. Kirk  
                   Sgt. Glencross

# FROM THE DYLE TO DUNKIRK

by A. A. CORBET BURCHER, Wellington College

Last year, my brother and I walked the route of the retreat from Mons in 1914 of the 2nd Battalion of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. This year we followed the route from the Dyle to Dunkirk taken in May 1949, by the 1st Battalion which was part of the 1st Infantry Division in the 1st Corps.

Our dress was the same as last year except that this time, we took "H" frames. Our boots were the same ones and did not fit as well as last year: we found that out soon to our discomfort. We had sewn Union Jacks on our sleeves which we hoped would save us from embarrassment with any one who might think we were German owing to our short haircuts.

On August 29, we landed again at Ostend and made our way by train to Louvain where we set off into the night towards St. Agathe Rode, the beginning of the retreat. It was a short distance, but half way there the street lights went out: it was midnight. Eventually we got there but were at a loss for a place to camp at that late hour, so we decided to knock at someone's door. We struck lucky, for not only did the woman of the house give us a place to camp but also a meal during which she told us how Monty had stayed at her father's house and every time he arrived all the soldiers quickly smartened themselves up.

On the morning of 30th we went to have a look at the church to see the corner of the cemetery in which the machine gun post was set but, owing to the fact that the peasants spoke Flemish and were mostly refugees at the time, we failed to find its location for certain.

Having walked right along the bank of the Dyle all morning, and having found a cartridge by the Loyals' pill box, we set off for Huldenburg through Marijegijs Bosch. In the middle of the wood we came to a deserted house, which we quickly left.

When we reached Huldenburg a garage attendant told us to go and see an English soldier who was living there; his name was Sid and he was from Nottingham. He had been in the deserted house in 1944 and said it was haunted. He had been in the gunners. He showed us a spot where The "Duke's" had entrenched; a year ago a thunderstorm had loosened lots of mud which came down the side of the hill revealing a dead soldier of 1940 who had been killed in one of the trenches.

We pitched tent nearby and were pestered by cows in the field all night. Next morning we got up early and quickly saw the graveyard at Huldenburg; there were two "Duke's." We pressed on to Brussels and Anderlecht, where the bridge over the Charleroi canal had provided the "Duke's" with a way out on their tiring march to Volsem. Brussels was busy digging itself a metro and we had no wish to stop there, but moved on half the way to Volsem where we pitched camp in an old woman's back meadow.

Having breakfast next morning she told us of the English soldiers saying the words "we—come—back" and making victory signs. The weather was good, she remembered and few planes were to be seen, although many were to come during the occupation. As we passed through Volsem the old people remembered the "Duke's" well, and we walked on relentlessly to Denderwindeke where a rainstorm made us pitch tent in a hurry.

The next day, as we neared the Dendre, we saw our first trenches. We met a young Belgian who told us that the canal which ran alongside the old river had taken its place and that now the Dendre was a small stream. He told us that both the bridges had been blown up and a piece of falling masonry had killed a "Duke" sitting on a nearby doorstep. The soldier was Sgt. A. E. Major: we saw his grave. There was some barbed wire near the trenches and the trenches themselves were about 2 to 3 feet deep.

We walked on to La Houppe where an old woman remembered Americans in the woods next to La Houppe but English in La Houppe Bois itself.

We failed to find the H.Q. that night but pitched tent in a piece of territory marked "streng verboden Ingang." There was also a notice saying that that day, September 2, at 2030 La Houppe Bois would have 10,000 years of history behind it. So we waited till the wood was 10,000 years old and then went to sleep.

On September 3, the 6th day, we met some Belgian scouts as we set off. Soon they were helping us in our enquiries and we arrived at a four-storey house whose owner rushed out and told us that it was an H.Q. in '44 but showed us the cafe that was the H.Q. in '40. She failed to recollect any troops going by in lorries, but remembered many on foot.

The wood, she said, was bombed severely in one place because an ack-ack had fired at a recce plane which had seen a lot of people moving round in the woods. In fact the people were refugees but the bombers came and flattened the wood out, killing 39 refugees and two soldiers. 100,000 prisoners, she continued, passed by her house on their way back from Dunkirk, and to the English prisoners the Germans were cruellest, kicking any stragglers with the hooves of their horses and not allowing the locals to give them any food. Once she tried to give them some coffee, the officer in charge grudgingly agreed but warned the prisoners that should any one stand up he would be shot. On one occasion as she was handing out bread to the soldiers, a German sentry kicked the tray onto the ground. If milk was put out by the Belgians, the Germans would knock it over.

We took a quick look at the H.Q. cafe and then set off for St. Sauveur, managing a 15-mile march in three hours without a stop—no mean feat as

we slipped continually on the cobbles in the drizzle. We set our tent in the grounds of a chateau but, after a talk with the owner, we were given a comfortable bed of straw.

The next morning we had set aside for seeing Mont St. Aubert where the gunners had an o.p., which was later used by the Germans for the same purpose when the "Dukes" were at Pont à Chin. The weather was blowing continually but after a toilsome march we reached the top of the hill and began looking for the *curé* of '40 who had been so generous with his cigars and claret to the gunners in the o.p. there. He had, we learned, long since perished and his house had been demolished to make way for a newer one.

From Mont St. Aubert we headed to Pont à Chin, going through Tournai en route. At Pont à Chin we met a very old man who said "Good Morning" to us in English. He was quick to offer us a beer and we were soon in conversation about the Escaut. It has been altered since the war, a canal taking its place. A new bridge had been made in the exact spot where the last one was blown up in '40, after the district had been cleared of refugees. He pointed to a convent "That was a hospital, you see, and that was a haven for refugees," he said, pointing to a nearby chateau.

The trees along the banks of the Escaut have been cut down since the war, but the trenches are still there. "The opposition at this point of the river was too strong for the Germans," said the man showing us an anti-tank gun position and a Bren gun sighting, "and consequently they moved further north towards La Garenne and Pecq. Horrible fighting took place there. Now there is a big cemetery. The trees are scarred here too, and as you can see there are two bent trees over on the other bank that were hit badly by machine gun fire; now they grow crookedly. The English troops," he went on "had a very clever trick. They put up a lamp on a stick with a string attached, then they would move away from the stick and pull the string. The light bobbling up and down on the stick would attract the Germans' interest and they would fire at it. The English then knew where their enemies lay by seeing the flashes from their rifles. There is little doubt in my mind that the best troops were the Germans and English." He went on to show us an old German helmet, some picquets, and an anti-tank ditch. There were four "Dukes" in the cemetery, and we said goodbye to our friend, setting off for France, but camping near Templeuve just inside Belgium.

The next morning we woke up to a real gale and the wind which caught in our capes draped over our "H" frames made marching difficult.

Our boots were soaked on this day and many people were too cold to open the door to us, but we were soon at Forest sur Marque and the trenches there were still to be seen. But there were few peasants and few houses and the information was slight; nevertheless we guessed what we thought to be Fort Duke. It is now an old mound, grassed in for the most part but still with concrete blocks and niches. The rest was a garbage tip, and, as a

dustman told us, they were waiting for a new university to be built there.

So we walked on in the rain to Lille which was by no means deserted at 5 o'clock—the time we passed through. We camped quickly in the grounds of another chateau on the other side of Lille, near the railway line. We thought of the "Dukes" who had seen Lille somewhat differently, in the middle of the night with nobody in the streets, no lights, only an occasional subdued voice spoken behind a shuttered window.

The next morning as we were setting off, Madame gave us a cup of coffee and some pears for which we were grateful. Soon we reached the Lille-Armentières railway line and got on it. It was long and straight, and half way along we came across a railway worker who told us: "It is forbidden strictly to walk along the track—but you continue." As we got through Armentières we noticed the lines upon lines of 1914-18 trenches along the roadside. After every two or three fields of trenches came a cemetery and so on: it was grim and carried on all day till we pitched tent inside Belgium again. By now it had become noticeably colder and we were getting into our sleeping bags fully dressed but the next morning we woke to a beautifully sunny day.

Having eaten our breakfast of two Mars Bars we set off determined to reach France by mid-day but in this we failed, and though the ten-mile walk was hot, it was interesting seeing Proven Wood and the farmers bringing in their hop harvest. By 1 p.m. we had crossed the border and left Belgium for the last time; we crossed at Oost-Cappel, near Hondschoote, where we met a woman who told us that men had been billeted in her house at Dunkirk during the evacuation. She described the lorries littering the fields about her house and it was in some of the lorries that she told us how she had seen British troops locked inside and the Germans putting petrol over their clothes and vehicle and then setting the lot alight. The screams, she said, were terrible.

On reaching Hondschoote we were able to climb the tower. The German o.p. had directed fire on The Duke's from this building and at the very top was a little carving in a beam saying: "To all my soldier friends, Hans Meir, 1940, June." We also discovered some telephone wire tied round a rafter and could understand why the tower was so hard to knock down as it had a strong wooden construction inside it. The holes too, we could see, where the shells had gone clean through the tower.

Afterwards we walked along to where "B" Company had been, and pitched tent. The owner of the field said that resistance had been strong round here and he remembered seeing six soldiers being shot who were hiding behind some sandbags. They were near the bridge when the Germans had attacked.

The next and last morning we rose to a marvellous day and learned of "C" Company's bitter resistance; how they fired from the rooftops and how the flooding had soaked them. We pressed on to Les Moeres where we saw the last cemetery—there were ten "Dukes," the most we had seen so far.

From the cemetery we decided to take a look at "The Piggery."

The "Piggery" was still in fine shape yet the lady of the house seemed a little annoyed when we mentioned the pork that The Duke's had had for their dinners.

Around 5 o'clock we walked to Bray Dunes and onto the beach. It looked big and sombre, and the gloomy bunkers built for the coastal defence left

no illusions but that this was a place of suffering. There was a little barbed wire on the beach but nothing really interesting and at 12 o'clock we embarked from the Mole, keeping in mind the passage from the diary:

"The 1st Bn. D.W.R. was the first British Army unit to deploy against the enemy in the Second World War and one of the very last to embark at Dunkirk."



#### A WASH AND BRUSH UP FOR THE IRON DUKE

This photo was sent us by Mr. W. R. C. Miller, formerly of the Regiment now living at 15 Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh 3. It shows the bronze equestrian statue of the Iron Duke in Edinburgh receiving an annual wash and brush-up from his "personal valet," Mr. William Young of 61 Elm Row, Edinburgh, who has been in the Duke's service for five years.

This memorial to the Duke was erected in 1852 at a cost of almost £10,000. It stands about 30 ft. high, including the base of Peterhead granite. It was designed by a local architect, Mr. John Steell, who skilfully arranged the distribution of weight so that the statue balances on the horse's hind legs and tail.

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# THE WEST RIDING TERRITORIALS

## Sub-Editorial

As this sub-editorial is being written the future of the Territorial Battalion of The Duke's is once again in the melting pot. This may therefore be a good time to review the progress over the past nine months of this unit which came into being on April 1 last and which some forecast would never get off the ground.

Our strength has increased by 80% and, from being the weakest major unit in Yorkshire District on April 1, we are now second in the recruiting table to our old friends and rivals 4 KOYLI.

An excellent eight day camp was held in June 1967, on the last day of which all ranks conducted themselves admirably when the Battalion received the Freedom of Mossley.

Voluntary week-end training has been well supported and, although the aim of these week-ends has been to carry out interesting and not too arduous exercises, some useful training has been carried out in map reading and communications. Exercise Trial Run III, run by Yorkshire District, was undertaken in November and the Battalion had the highest percentage attendance of units in 21 Sub-Region. In spite of shocking weather condi-

tions and arrival at the concentration area in the dark, all ranks responded well and morale was high. A special note here of our WRAC who operated Company Rear Links and manned the Command Post, enduring not only wet and cold but the sharp vocabulary of officers when things didn't go just right.

On the social side the messes and clubs are well supported and, at last, we have a keen football team who turn up regularly to train hard and who, we hope, will shortly begin the win matches.

Now, after achieving so much, we are once again faced with, at worst, "the axe" or probably, at best, being able to continue as a cadre. In the circumstances morale is very high and already all ranks are coming forward to volunteer to carry on as usual with no pay or expenses at all. A private soldier summed up all our feelings when he said "We want the Battalion to carry on because we are proud of being 'Dukes'".

With this spirit we shall almost certainly pull something out of the fire and plans are already being made to carry out a camp on a voluntary basis for those who will be able to attend.

## NEWS FROM THE MESSES

### OFFICERS' MESS

The last notes ended with the hopes of a mess win in the Falling Plate competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. Unfortunately Deer "Old" Hill weather put paid to this event but we did manage to get some shooting before the rains came. The "hit" of the day was without doubt Bob Callaby's winning the Officers' Pistol Competition and, after 28 years a Duke, he now has a pair of Regimental cuff-links!

Early in October we invited the Mayor and Mayoress of Mossley to a cocktail party and took the opportunity of presenting a coloured photograph of the Freedom Scroll and Casket to the Borough of Mossley.

Saturday, October 14—Strange "goings on" in the Officers' Mess—Flower Power takes over. No, not popular press headlines—only a "Hippie Party." Splendid were the strange forms of dress and magnificent were the beards and moustaches grown overnight. The only "sobering" influence in the party was the shadow of the new "Breath Test," but the West African ground nut chop was so hot a number of guests were only too glad to drink water!

November was a quiet month socially but we did have a training exercise at Proteus and Sheffield

for the whole of the Sub-Region and the Mess turned out in force to help make it a successful week-end.

At drinks in the Mess on the first Sunday in December, Major Ken Buckland showed his film of the Freedom of Mossley parade. Fortunately it is a silent film, allowing those present to correct other people's faults while safely ignoring their own. Incidentally we meet the first Sunday in the month for lunch-time drinks and would be very pleased to welcome any ex-officers should they care to join us for a "noggin".

The Christmas Party was a great success and the PMC was "persuaded" to provide a normal cold buffet and leave the "monkey nuts and red peppers" in West Africa.

Congratulations to Jill and David Cole on the birth of their first born, to Desmond Tetlow on his engagement and, last but by no means least, to Keith McDonald whose majority has just been published.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

Primarily there should be an apology from the writer for the omission of the Mess notes in the October edition.

Now that the Mess has been cut to approximately

60% of the old West Riding Battalion the spirits are still high and this led to the usual high jinks at Beckingham. The R.S.M. is still wondering who put the "boom box" outside his door when he was having his siesta. Apart from the normal one hour drill parades in the morning the R.S.M. made sure his Colour Party would not let the side down on the day of the Mossley parade. The writer is still wondering how, on marking time at 160 p.m., he could manage to keep at least one foot on the ground.

Two notable events have taken place with our ex-members, now in AVR II, at lunch-time sessions, firstly at their Mess and then at our Mess at St. Paul's Street, consisting of the usual games of dominoes, darts, etc., and the usual booze and "nosh." Both events were very successful.

Shortly after the re-organisation we all said farewell to R.Q.M.S George Machen who has left our ranks and the Regiment after many years. In January we also bid another old stalwart, Jack

Fitton, good-bye, although Jack will still be around as he is continuing the good work as a S.M.I. in the Army Cadet Force. Keith Ewart has taken on the job of keeping "Anzio" in order and to him we offer our congratulations on his well-earned promotion.

To "Spud" Taylor of "Dukes" fame and Cpl. Hanlon we also offer our heartiest congratulations on their promotion to Colour/Sergeant and Sergeant respectively.

Sgt. Derek Milnes also receives our congratulations on his marriage to Christine, and to them both we offer our sincere best wishes.

In November, on an exercise with our friends of the KOYLI and Leeds Rifles at Proteus, we were with our "backs to the wall" in a choir contest, but under the able leadership of "Spud" Taylor our "fighting troops" gave as much as they received with their one and only number. What a night!

## COMPANY NOTES

### ANZIO COMPANY

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE Anzio Company have been working very hard. Our first objective was an exercise in the Sheffield area called Trial Run III. This was our first chance to show our paces in our new role of "assisting the civil authorities." The Company turned out very strong. Signals, Recce and Assault Pioneers, all carried out their duties admirably. We learned a great deal from this exercise and enjoyed the week-end very much.

As Christmas approached, the WRAC elements of Anzio started to think of the social side of life and they organised a "SHIPWRAC" party. This was an enormous success. In fact, the social activities of the Company, under the command of Chief Barman Binns, have been flourishing. He has never been known to leave before 11 p.m. on drill nights and after Sunday lunch-time sessions one wonders if he does not go straight to work on Monday morning. He is indefatigable.

After Christmas we suffered two severe blows in Anzio Company. Firstly, we learned that C.S.M. Jack Fitton had at last decided to retire. We duly bade him farewell at a Company Social on January 20. C.S.M. Fitton has been a very faithful servant of the Company and the Regiment since he first joined the Dukes in 1934. Even now he has not left us completely as he has decided his experience would be better used teaching Cadets which he is now doing at Halifax. The Company presented him with a "brandy barrel" and Mrs. Fitton, a powder compact. We all wish Jack, and his family, good health and happiness. In his place we welcome C.S.M. Keith Ewart—who has been under Jack's wing for many years and with such a "master," together with his own knowledge and "know how," we are sure Anzio Company will still retain its present high standards. We also extend to Mrs. Ewart our congratulations and well-

wishes on this well-earned success.

The second blow was the Government's announcement of January 16 that AVR III is to be disbanded. At the time of writing we have no further information, but we can assure all readers that the members of Anzio Company West Riding Territorials will soldier on if given the chance. All we need is a Drill Hall to meet in—the rest, due to the terrific spirit and enthusiasm of the soldiers, will look after itself.

### BURMA COMPANY

As we prepare these notes, we learn with horror that TAVR III is to be disbanded, or at the very least to go on to a "Care and Maintenance" basis, whatever that may mean. We have no more information at the present, we can only hope, and of course, go on fighting for our continued existence. We have a footnote to this. We have had two volunteers since the news was published.

We have, at last, moved out of our temporary accommodation into more permanent (we hope) offices. We have, for the past 12 months or so, been accommodated in an elderly caravan, which appeared to leak at all times even though it was parked inside the drill hall. It would disappear at the whim of the Admin Officer, and the company office would then be reduced to one chair. We have moved into a group of three offices which formerly were the C.O.'s office, Adjutant's office and Orderly room; the gentlemen occupying those rooms have moved to more palatial accommodation. When we moved in everything was dumped on to the floor and, ever since, Pte. Watson, our WRAC clerk, has been rushing around pushing everything into its appointed place and dusting everything that did not move. Lt. Cole denies vigorously that he was dusted twice because he did not move quickly enough.

Parades became somewhat haphazard over the

Christmas period, as the Drill Hall is virtually taken over by the Post Office. However we are now settling down into our New Year training programme. We have organised training in two cadres: recruits and advanced recruits. We can't honestly say that we have many trained soldiers yet.

A number of our NCOs are attending a short unit course on methods of instruction. They are Sgt. Roberts, O/Cdt. Buckley, L/Cpl. Owens and also Pte. Brodie. The course is run by the R.S.M. and our Training Instructors, and we understand it is going very well.

Finally we must congratulate L/Cpl. Owens on his recent promotion.

### CHINDITS COMPANY

The Company has been very actively recruiting and since April 1 last our numbers have quadrupled. As usual there have been a few notable events worthy of mention.

On Exercise Trial Run in the Nottingham/Sheffield area we spent either a very cold or very hot morning depending on which end of the hosepipe one found oneself. The exercise proved most instructive and enjoyable, although great concern was shown by all to the condition of Mr. Dye (we understand he soon recovered).

It is alleged that someone fixed the Company Commander's chicken leg—but being resourceful he helped himself to L/Cpl. Webb's—no comments.

The Company Dinner was held at Keighley on Saturday, November 11, with some 70 people sitting down to a four course dinner. This year

our own cooks did the cooking and, under L/Cpl. Webb, the cadets served us. We feel that the great success of this function was due to the great work of the cooks, under Cpl. Batch, and also the hard work put in by L/Cpl. Webb under the organisation of Mr. Hikton.

On the Armistice Day Parades we were represented at Skipton by Mr. Bateman and at Keighley by the Company Parade.

Everyone will know that the Government, in their wisdom, have decided to reduce the T & AVR III to a care and maintenance basis. We are not sure what this is, but the attitude of Chindits is: From April 1 last AVR III have proved that personal initiative, pride and esprit de corps can surmount any obstacles and whatever governments may do, we shall carry on regardless, paid or unpaid.

Congratulations to Major McDonald on his promotion, to S/Sgt. Taylor and Sgt. Hanlon on being confirmed in their ranks, and to all our NCOs and men for the wonderful spirit that has kept Keighley still on the Territorial map.

### NOTICE

#### WEST RIDING TERRITORIALS

The Band and Drums of the West Riding Territorials are determined to carry on. They are anxious to acquire any "pickelhaube" type helmets, also DWR cap badges and "jumbo" collar badges (officer type).

Anyone wishing to dispose of any of these please contact the P.M.C., West Riding Territorials, Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield.



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Presentation to C.S.M. Jack Fitton, M.M., and Mrs. Fitton by Major P. H. Haws, T.D., at Huddersfield on Saturday, January 20, 1968, on C.S.M. Fitton's retirement from the Territorials. C.S.M. Fitton's successor, C.S.M. Keith Ewart, looks on.

Right to left: Major P. H. Haws, T.D., O.C. Anzio Company, Mrs. Fitton, C.S.M. J. Fitton, M.M., C.S.M. K. Ewart.



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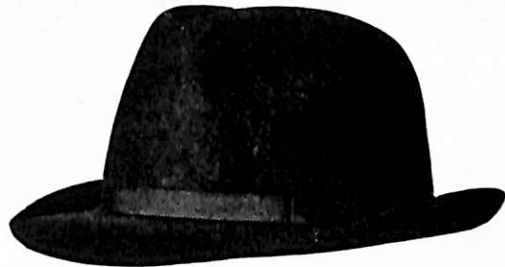
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## AVR II

### "C" COY. (DWR) THE YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

Foot-and-mouth disease has cut down the outdoor training over the last few months. However, some progress has been made brushing up individual skills, and an interesting live-firing weekend was held in October. It was undoubtedly one of the wettest weekends in the year but, nevertheless, much valuable experience was gained, particularly by the anti-tank and mortar crews for many of whom this was the first time of firing. This was the culmination of some very hard work put in by W.O.2 Sullivan and S/Sgt. Wakefield in training up two new teams since camp. Accuracy with the Carl-Gustav was achieved by several, including some of the newest members of the company. On the social side, an impromptu "do" in the evening with "D" Company, who were in camp with us, proved most enjoyable. Not so impromptu was the carefully laid out social amongst the officers and sergeants, undertaken again by "Con" Sullivan, which was a resounding success.

In November the Company Individual Skills Competition was held, covering all subjects from map reading to weapon handling. To be congratulated is Cpl. B. D. Bailey with almost a possible score and, not far behind, Pte. Marston as the best private soldier. This competition was followed by the drill and turn-out competitions and here Cpl. Lamb and Cpl. Bailey, Ptes. Whitley and J. Burnside are to be praised. We are all very grateful to Sgt. K. Hurst for providing a prize for the turn-out competition. This takes the form of a silver mounted black cane. This has been suitably mounted on a board with an inscription. We hope that others may follow this excellent example.

These competitions have provided the start for the Company inter-platoon competition. In this the chair borne boys of Support Platoon have a good lead ahead of 9 and 10 Platoons. However, with three quarters of the year still to go, anything can happen and this should provide plenty of incentive to Cpl. Bailey who is moving up to take over the role of platoon sergeant to 10 Platoon.

We have some staff changes to notify. S/Sgt. Howell is doing the job of C.S.M. and Sgt. Hurst is moving to C.Q.M.S. This follows the departure of W.O.2 Dodgson who served with us following a spell with the West Riding Battalion, and several years with 382 Med Regt. (DWR) TA. These changes coincide with the restart of training after the Christmas break and so we look forward to a new enthusiasm in the Company.

The mention of Christmas recalls the highly successful dinner and dance, when Lt-Colonel and Mrs. Scrope so kindly attended. At this point we should like to congratulate the C.O. on the award of the O.B.E. The week after this hordes of children invaded Wellington Hall for the annual party which all of them seemed to enjoy. Still on the social side we are pleased to report the recruitment of one Pte. Thompson, formerly a sergeant in W. Riding Battalion, who

has taken over the sociable work of running the Volunteer Tavern in between his tasks in the Company Office. Although, contrary to Regular belief, the Volunteer Army does not run on its beer, it would be badly placed without it and a lively social side is essential for general morale. Here's hoping for plenty of uplift!

Back to training. We are pleased to report a complete take over by GPMGs. The old faithful Bren gun is now retired at last so far as we are concerned but we have still got a long way to go before attaining the equivalent LMG IAs. A special training weekend at the end of January, to be held at Strensall, should help to fill this gap. One great advantage of new weapons is that the officers and sergeants have also to indulge in some training in order to keep up with the modern trend, whereas formerly they have tended to live on past glories.

By the time the next issue of THE IRON DUKE is produced we hope to be able to report on a long postponed night exercise. The plot is simple, but nevertheless is designed to test all the members of the company in night travelling, or orienteering as the current phrase seems to be. This reminds us that the company put in a team for the Northern Command Orienteering Competition. It was not placed but the experience proved invaluable.



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## RECESSIONAL

During the final week of November 1967 the British Government and Armed Forces withdrew from Aden after a rule of 132 years, leaving behind them from their experiences of the last decade 125 killed; a further 850 had been wounded. This withdrawal, the latest of a long chain since the war, coincided with two other processes designed to readjust our Services to the new narrower world of modern Britain: on the one hand, the process of submerging the county regiments (already merged together in a painful previous phase) into larger, more anonymous corporations, unable to attract those deep personal loyalties which the regiments had engendered; and on the other hand, the promised drastic cut in defence allocation (in virtue of devaluation) amounting to the equivalent of half our nuclear effort. The sum of this sad turn of events is that military men come home from stations which they will never see again; they come home to face the "golden bowler" of civilian prospects. Those who escape this, know that they will have to live with clipped wings on a very pinched military diet, confining their activities to German manoeuvres or Strategic Reserve readiness. And all of them, whether they go or stay, know that they will have to watch evaporating that close bond of intimacy which grows only from long service and the knowledge of long future service under one colour: never again may the subaltern and his corporal become the Colonel and his R.S.M. in a single continuous career of relationships.

In *The Times* of November 3, General Sir Brian Horrocks wrote a "Last Post" for what he described as Britain's vanishing regiments. He traced the regimental system, deep rooted in the soil of England, growing from the merchant venturers to the heyday of Empire, the chapter now being closed with the dismemberment of our dependent territories and the consequent dismemberment of our old regiments. It is important to recognise at this moment how much that earlier military life was bound up with the zeal to help undeveloped and necessarily dependent peoples, how much of the reforming spirit it was which brought first peace, then justice, then prosperity and a dignified way of life to countries formerly bereft of any sense of the dignity of the individual. The missionary spirit, though inarticulate or embarrassing to those of the Services or the Colonial Service who lived

by it, was nevertheless an urge so strong that it lifted the military profession in Britain somewhere above what it was in any other country. The sense of duty to those "lesser breeds without the law" was real and consciously understood, if not openly discussed. It was not in vain that Kipling wrote:

*Take up the White Man's burden, send forth the best ye breed,*

*Go, bind your sons to exile to serve your captive's need;*

*To wait in heavy harness on fluttered folk and wild—*

*Your new-caught sullen peoples, half-devil and half-child.*

But it is all now past, and may be presumed finished in the hour that the last Marine left Aden. I know a family whose father served with the occupation forces after two World Wars (and here may be the seed of Britain's decline: exhaustion, material and spiritual). He brought his bride out to British West Indies to garrison duties. He brought his children out to British Egypt to the Canal Zone, and to India to the durbars and birthday parades and the leisured life of imperial duty. Even he felt the taste of decline, for the Irish regiment he joined at first was disbanded around his ears. His elder son was among the last troops to leave the Canal Zone, as the Egyptians pelted their train with bottles. He was among the troops conducting military operations in Cyprus, which culminated in political failure. He was among the staff officers who built an independent army in Nigeria (a colony with a population as large as Britain's) shortly before the hand-over which eventually resulted in military rule and now military anarchy. The younger son has had to witness the final phase of hand-over, being among the last troops in Kenya, then British Guiana and finally Aden, where half his men were wounded before they were allowed to go. Thus the tale of Empire is complete, and the White Man's task and joy (the joy of fulfilment in service) is at an end. The military story is completed, too, by saying that the father's regiment was submerged in amalgamations, and the younger son found himself in the event posted not to his own regiment, but to the amalgam of his father's—for they are all in the King's Division.

It might be well to finish by quoting, as General Horrocks did, some words of Fortescue, the military historian, since now seems the time of their consummation. He wrote:

*And the historian of the dim future, summing up the whole story, may conclude it in such words as these. "The builders of this Empire despised and derided the stone which became the headstone of the corner. They were not worthy of such an Army. Two centuries of persecution could not wear out its patience; two centuries of thankless toil could not abate its ardours; two centuries of conquest could not awake it to insolence. Dutiful to its masters, merciful to its enemies, it clung steadfastly to its old simple ideals—obedience, service, sacrifice."*

A. J. S.

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notes are read. Comfortable though they are we shall miss the miniature range a great deal.

Debroyd Castle is closed for a year whilst the O.C., Lt. Connor, picks up a few more qualifications in his admirable profession of teaching at an Approved School.

The year 1968 is the year of the Huddersfield Borough Centenary, and it is expected that the Army Cadet Force will take part in the celebrations, which will continue for a full week and include a lot of social functions and the Centenary Parade.

# THE YORKSHIRE BRIGADE NEWS

## Reorganisation of the Army

The Prime Minister's announcement on January 16, 1968, of further defence cuts dealt two severe blows to Yorkshire Brigade. Firstly the disbandment of 1 Y and L originally planned for 1970-71 was immediately brought forward and is now to be completed by April 1, 1969. We have previously in these notes expressed, on behalf of all ranks of Yorkshire Brigade, our sympathy to all members of the Regiment. This latest decision to disband the 1st Battalion early is a final unkind twist.

Every serving member of the York and Lancaster Regiment is being given the opportunity to say to which regiment of Kings Division he wishes to go on disbandment; some may, in fact, wish to transfer to other Corps. Everything will be done to meet individual wishes. Obviously a balance must be kept in the numbers of officers and men in each regiment and this will have to be taken into account, but we still hope that the large majority will get their first choice.

The second blow was the announcement that T and AVR III units are to be reduced to a care and maintenance basis. What "care and maintenance" entails is not yet clear, but it is hoped that the majority will be able to retain their identity in some form. At least one Yorkshire Brigade T and AVR III Battalion has said that its members would be prepared to continue on a purely voluntary basis—which is typical of the best traditions of the Territorials.

## Redundancy

Obviously as 1 Y and L is now to disband by April 1, 1969, there must be additional redundancy in this financial year and this will be spread throughout Kings Division. By the time these notes are in print a further Defence Council Instruction will have been published, probably in early March 1968, setting out the scope of this additional redundancy. Although the redundancy will be spread throughout Kings Division, priority is likely to be given to members of Yorkshire Brigade who apply. Anyone who is accepted for this supplementary redundancy should be informed on or about June 30, 1968.

## H.Q. Kings Division

The Headquarters is now forming. Major J. Law, R.Ir.F., GSO2 (SD Trg.) has arrived, as has W.O.1 Lannen, the Superintending Clerk. Brigadier W. S. G. Armour, the Divisional Brigadier, takes up his appointment on March 1, 1968, having just completed a course at the NATO Staff College. The build-up of staff is due to be completed by July 1, 1968, on which date the Headquarters begins taking over the present responsibilities of the three Brigade Headquarters.

## Battalion Moves

1 DWR are still for Hong Kong in June this year.

In February last, 1 Green Howards sent off "B" Company, under Major H. Ford, PWO, for a nine months unaccompanied tour in British Honduras. Another Green Howard Company is due to relieve them in November 1968.

1 Y and L hope to have one final fling before disbandment and are scheduled to carry out an exercise in Jamaica in November.

## Sport

1 DWR have maintained their splendid tradition and once again reached the Army Rugger Final where they meet their old adversaries 1 Welsh Guards at Aldershot on March 6, 1968.

As a change from Rugger, 1 DWR have now achieved fame in the 1968 Army Skiing Championships by winning the Army Patrol Race. This event used to be preserve of 1 West Yorks who won the trophy in 1948, 49, 51 and 52.

In the Northern Command T and AVR Cross Country Championships, Yorkshire Brigade T and AVR teams filled the first five places, with "A" Company PWO (T) winning the event. Pte. T. Jones of that Company is to be congratulated on also being the individual winner.

## W.O.1 A. P. Parkin, B.E.M., Superintending Clerk, H.Q. and Depot Yorkshire Brigade

The names Parkin and H.Q. or Depot Yorkshire Brigade have become synonymous, but unfortunately not for much longer, as Mr. Parkin leaves the Army in April this year.

For some strange reason Mr. Parkin started his Army Career as an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander in 1945 and went to the West Yorkshire Regiment, via The York and Lancaster Regiment, in 1948. He became a clerk almost by accident—in fact he was taken at random from a rifle company to fill a clerks' course vacancy which the Battalion was called upon to fill. It was a fortunate accident and his presence is going to be sorely missed here at Strensall. The very best of luck to him in civilian life.

## R.S.M. J. C. Lord, M.V.O., M.B.E., Grenadier Guards

It was with deep regret that we learnt of the death in February 1968 of Mr. Lord, who held the appointment of Academy Sergeant Major at Sandhurst from shortly after the last war until 1963. He was well known to many members of Yorkshire Brigade and particularly to those who have served at Sandhurst as a cadet or instructor since 1947. No one who came into contact with

Mr. Lord could fail to be deeply impressed by him. He was a great soldier and a great man.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Lord was held in The Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst on Friday, February 16, 1968, which was attended by Brigadier J. B. Oldfield, late Green Howards, representing all ranks of The Yorkshire Brigade.

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

#### New Year Honours List—January 1968

Major J. Halmshaw, PWO, awarded M.B.E.  
W.O.2 L. Wilkinson, PWO, awarded B.E.M.

#### For Gallantry in Aden 1967

Sgt. R. Bradley, PWO, awarded M.M.  
Pte. P. Davidson, PWO, awarded M.M.

#### Promotions

Lt.-Colonel J. L. Collard, m.c., Green Howards, at present serving with BDLs Ottawa, is appointed Colonel GS and promoted Acting Colonel, February 1968.

#### Postings and Appointments

Lt.-Colonel G. H. H. Coles, PWO, to H.Q. British Tps. Sharjah, January 1968 (Special List appt).

## Junior Soldiers

Boys aged 15–16½ wishing to join the Regiment may train at one of the four units given below depending on age and aptitude on enlistment.

Infantry *Junior Leaders* Battalion at Oswestry.

Entry for boys aged 15–16½ with leadership potential. Our Regiment has 10 vacancies allotted.

Junior Infantry Battalion at Shorncliffe. Entry for boys aged 15–15½ who learn infantry skills including driving, radio operating and support weapons. We have 15 vacancies.

Junior Tradesmen's Regiment at Troon. Entry for boys aged 15½–16½ who want to learn driving and radio operating or to train as clerks. We have 5 vacancies.

Junior Soldiers Company at Strensall for boys aged 15–16½ including those who want to train as bandsmen and drummers.

For details call at your nearest Army Careers Information Office or write or telephone to: The Brigade Recruiting Officer, H.Q. Yorkshire Brigade, Strensall, York. Tel: Strensall 233.

A boy can take his test and have a medical without obligation should parents wish to ascertain their son's aptitude before deciding to let him join. The boy and his parents can visit these units and free travel is given.

Junior Soldiers get 10 weeks holiday a year with pay and at 17½ go straight on to man's pay. Furthermore, their training gives them a flying start to their careers.

Most Junior Soldiers find life at their unit good fun!

Lt.-Colonel P. P. Steel, PWO, to GSO1 Yorkshire District, March 1968.

Major R. M. Harms, m.c., DWR, from 1 DWR to BMM to Saudi Arabia, April 1968.

Major P. W. Wade, PWO, from 1 PWO to GSO2, Inspectorate of Armaments, Ministry of Defence, April 1968.

Major D. J. C. Green, Green Howards, from 3 Zambia Regt. to 1 Green Howards, April 1968.

Major P. A. Mitchell, DWR, from AMA The Hague to 1 DWR, September 1968.

Major S. J. Burnip, PWO, from H Q Yorkshire Brigade Depot to GSO2 (Int) H.Q. BAOR, May 1968.

Major B. F. Watts, Y and L, from H.Q. BAOR to H.S. Yorkshire Brigade Depot, April 1968.

Major R. M. H. Weeks, Y and L, from H.S. Yorkshire Brigade Depot to 1 PWO, April 1968.

Captain W. R. Mundell, DWR, from Sig. Wing, School of Signals to GSO3 (Air) H.Q. 48 Gurkha Bde., March 1968.

Captain I. R. Scott Lewis, PWO, from 1 PWO to JIB Shorncliffe, July 1968.

Captain E. H. A. Beckett, PWO, from 1 PWO to GSO3 (SD) H.Q. 4 Div. May 1968.

Captain C. M. Robinson, PWO, from 1 PWO to Ground Liaison Gp Persian Gulf, May 1968.

Captain P. J. Willis, Y and L, from Yorkshire Brigade Depot (HS) to 1 Green Howards, March 1968.

Captain P. J. Willis, Y and L, from 1 Green Howards to RMA Sandhurst, December 1968.

Captain L. R. B. Brooke, Y and L, from Zambia Regiment to 1 Y and L, June 1968.

Captain H. de C. Cartwright, DWR, from 1 DWR to OC 12 Cadet Trg. Team, March 1968.

Lt. M. Lacy, Green Howards, from Army Aviation Centre to Section Pilot, 4 RTR, February 1968.

Lt. C. G. Edwards, DWR, from 1 DWR to JIB Shorncliffe, March 1968.

Lt. C. W. Adams, PWO, from 1 PWO to Depot Yorkshire Brigade, May 1968.

Lt. M. de B. Pickard, Green Howards, from 1 Green Howards to Army Aviation Centre (HS), June 1968.

Lt. D. J. Nicholson, Green Howards, from 1 Green Howards to 11 AYT, May 1968.

Lt. M. A. H. Pick, Green Howards, from 11 AYT to 1 Green Howards.

Lt. P. J. Combie, Y and L, from Yorkshire Brigade Depot (HS) to 1 Y and L, March 1968.

#### Quartermasters

Capt. H. Rushworth, PWO, from 1 PWO to Depot Yorkshire Brigade, February 1968.

Captain N. D. Taylor, PWO, from 1 PWO to Singapore Gd. Regiment, May 1968.

Captain N. Maddocks, PWO, from 221 MCA Gp. BAOR to 1 Green Howards, March 1968.

Captain G. Long, Green Howards, from 1 DWR to 1 PWO, February 1968.

Captain L. Bools, Y and L, from HS Depot to 1 Y and L, January 1968.



**Joint Services Staff College**

Major D. W. Hanson, PWO, has been selected to attend Course No. 36 at JSSC assembling August 1968.

**New Officers**

The following were commissioned from RMA Sandhurst in December 1967 and will join the 1st Battalion of their Regiments in April 1968 after attending their Platoon Commanders Courses:

- 2/Lt. D. M. Pinder, PWO.
- 2/Lt. J. N. Sharpe, DWR.
- 2/Lt. C. F. E. Mott, Y and L.

**Appointments to Regular Commissions**

2/Lt. A. D. Roberts, DWR, has been granted a Permanent Regular Army Commission from SSC.

Captain L. Bools, Y and L, has been granted a Regular Quartermasters Commission in the York and Lancaster Regiment from SSC.

**Promotion to W.O.1**

W.O.2 B. Williams, Green Howards, and appointed R.S.M. Green Howards (T).

W.O.2 R. C. Fenn, DWR, and appointed R.S.M. 1 PWO.

W.O.2 D. Batty, DWR, and appointed R.S.M. 1 DWR.

**Redundancy**

The following officers who volunteered for redundancy have been accepted and will retire by March 31, 1969.

- Major T. M. H. Smyth, PWO.
- Major M. A. Stevenson, PWO
- Major J. Halmshaw, PWO.
- Major D. J. C. Green, Green Howards.
- Major R. J. O. Witcher, Green Howards
- Major J. V. B. Pearson, Green Howards.
- Major T. J. Johnson, Green Howards.
- Major D. E. Cartmel, Green Howards.
- Major B. M. Kilner, DWR.
- Major K. W. Brown, DWR.
- Major S. A. Berry, DWR.
- Major R. W. D. Wynter, Y and L.
- Major I. P. Tennant, Y and L.
- Major M. B. Callaghan, Y and L.

**Retirements and Resignations**

The following have resigned or retired:

- Brigadier P. P. de la H. Moran, late DWR.
- Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., late DWR.
- Colonel W. K. Pryke, M.B.E., late Green Howards.
- Major (Q.M.) S. Gibson, PWO.
- Captain I. H. S. Homersham, Green Howards.
- Captain R. M. F. Garnett, Green Howards.

## THE BRIGADE DEPOT

In spite of the political squeezes, foot-and-mouth infection and the Yorkshire winter, fortunately a mild one this year, the Depot continues to collect, train and finally despatch recruits to the battalions of the Yorkshire Brigade.

Both Training and Junior Soldiers Company suffered restrictions to their programmes during November and December in that visits to Warcop and Ollerton for field training had to be cancelled due to the foot-and-mouth epidemic. Even range work on Strensall Common was restricted, and cancelled completely for those soldiers whose homes were in affected areas.

The latest platoon to "Pass Out" from Training Company is Quebec XIII. From this platoon, Pte. Dack (DWR) won the Skill at Arms Medal and Pte. Hatterley (DWR) the P.T. prize. Cpl. Kelly (DWR) distinguished himself as the "Best Loser" in the Northern Command Individual Boxing Championships. He was congratulated on his performance and he now goes forth to take part in the Army Championships later in the year.

Due to foot-and-mouth Junior Soldiers ski-ing in Scotland before Christmas found themselves back in Strensall sooner than expected. However, in January, five lucky Juniors departed for Norway and ski-ing over there. Orienteering, a sophisticated word for hiking over the moors with a compass, was introduced into the curriculum in the autumn

with great success. Several groups of Junior Soldiers, using a Silva compass and map, checked in and out of five out of nine given points within three hours and all parties returned safely to base within the time limit. Later this year it is hoped to enter the Northern Command and Army competitions. Pte. Hogg (DWR) distinguished himself by winning the Army Junior Trampoline Championships at Aldershot in November. Hogg and J/L/Cpl. Jones (PWO) were the winning pair and then he and Jones proceeded to be placed first and third respectively in the individual competition.

L/Cpls. Taylor and Mizzi of "H.Q." Company continue to render service to the Depot Soccer Team. Of the nine matches played so far, we have won three and drawn two, thus improving our position in the League.

The GOC Yorkshire District, Major-General Derek Horsford, spent a morning with us before Christmas looking at Training. He has been to see us again in January to carry out our "Fit for Role" inspection. Fortune smiled upon us and a good report has since been received.

In September we held our autumn Brigade Cocktail Party in the Officers' Mess. Colonel Dick and Constance Cumberlege, Colonel Jimmy and Dorothy Davidson and Lt.-Colonel Barry and Sheilagh Kavanagh were amongst the guests. All Saints' Day saw many local "Dukes" at the

Regimental Chapel in York Minster for the Annual Regimental Service, at which the Bishop of Pontefract gave the address and Colonel Cumberlege read the lesson. Afterwards, Officers and W.O.s and Sergeants foregathered in their respective Messes for drinks. In the Officers' Mess it was good to see Major and Mrs. Kavanagh from Malton and Miss Tish Ozanne. In November, the Battalion Commanders foregathered here for a conference and "Dukes" were delighted to entertain and talk to Lt.-Colonels Donald Isles and Dennis Shuttleworth. A Ladies Guest Night held on January 10 proved an exceptionally good party. Lt. Toby Hirst arranged a splendid dinner and also added to the charm of the evening by bringing along his bride to be, Miss Sue Waterhouse. Dinner was followed by roulette and dancing in the High Bar until well into the small hours of the morning.

Lt.-Col. Mike and Liz Hardy have been in to see us. Major Jeremy and Liz Cumberlege are in transit in Alexandra Road, prior to going to Ghana and John Stacpool has been seen out and about from Ampleforth. It is amazing how well informed John is about us all! Mr. Jackson, our Officers' Mess

Steward, continues to keep the home fires burning brightly, for which we are all grateful. A very slim and cheerful Major Bill Blakey has joined us as BLO. Pte Richardson, ex-1st Battalion Silverman and now Mister, popped into the Barracks with his wife and new car one afternoon. It was good to see them.

We shall be sorry to see Sgt. and Mrs. Quayle leave us for Hong Kong shortly. Mrs. Quayle has done a lot of useful work for us within the MRS. Cpls. Toplis and Gibson have recently been to the altar; every good wish for the future is extended to them and their wives.

In conclusion we look forward to March 6 and the 1st Battalion's fourth successive Rugby Final. Every good wish is extended to the team and we shall be down in force to render our support. Finally, and in all probability before we go to press again, the Yorkshire Brigade Depot will outwardly be showing signs of becoming part of the King's Division. Already Major John Law, Irish Fusiliers, and the GSO2 Trg. and SD is busy at work. To him and those to arrive shortly, Queen Elizabeth Barracks extends a very friendly welcome.

## THE JUNIOR INFANTRYMEN'S BATTALION - SHORNCLIFFE

There are many changes in the Modern Army and one of the most recent is the removal of all Junior Soldiers, except bandsmen, from Brigade Depots for centralised training at a newly formed battalion at Shorncliffe in Kent.

The barracks, which were opened in September 1967, are situated on the cliff tops at the site of the old Sir John Moore Barracks, overlooking the English Channel. At the cost of £1½ m., the Battalion is able to provide every facility for the training education and relaxation of Junior Soldiers.

At present the Battalion has 400 Junior Soldiers undergoing training and has a capacity for 750 at the end of this year. Every infantry battalion is represented by members of both the permanent staff and juniors. With the exception of wearing a uniform cap badge Juniors are all badged according to their respective units.

Companies are organised roughly on the new Divisional System and platoons on the Brigade System, although the latter is likely to disappear as new intakes arrive and are eventually drafted from recruit platoons to existing ones. Thus the Yorkshire Brigade is represented by the Yorkshire Platoon, and in this platoon are four Juniors destined for The Duke's. The Platoon is commanded by Lt. J. F. B. Power, and the Platoon Sergeant is Sgt. R. S. Stewart. The four Juniors who should arrive with the Battalion in May 1969 are J/L/Cpl. Pemberton, currently representing the Unit at Boxing and the Company at Rugby, J./Ptes. Curtis, Bailey and Cunningham.

As its name implies the Battalion is organised on the same lines as a normal infantry battalion, but

here the similarity ends for, of course, this is a training establishment. The usual infantry small arms are taught along with fieldcraft and section and platoon tactics. However, it should be mentioned at this point that it is not the aim of the Battalion to turn out potential N.C.O.'s as at Oswestry; we are here to produce well trained and efficient riflemen, capable of fitting into an infantry platoon at the age of 17. Also, on the military training side, the boys are able to do specialist training in their last term; this consists of support weapons, mortar and anti-tank, driving and signals, hitherto untried subjects in any Junior Establishment. Education plays a large part in the life, and there is an excellently equipped Education Centre, which could put many top class schools to shame; a few boys should be able to sit the Senior Test before they leave. Coupled with education, is a vast array of hobbies, totalling somewhere in the region of 26, from philately to judo, including a motor club, sailing, canoeing and photography.

Sport is organised on a large scale and every boy is able to play a wide variety of games at least three times a week, hockey, football, cross-country running and rugby in the winter and hockey and cricket in the summer, not to mention all the minor sports that are played during hobbies periods.

In conclusion, The Junior Infantrymen's Battalion is geared to meet the present day requirements demanded of an infantry soldier, not only in military skills, but also educationally. By concentrating all boy soldiers in one unit it is believed that the standard should improve beyond all recognition. However, we have yet to see the finished article

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## PERSONALIA

### Births

**Marsay**—On November 20, 1967, at Princess Royal Maternity Home, Huddersfield, to Thelma (née Asbridge) and Captain D. Marsay, a daughter, Deborah, sister for Ursula.

**Freeman**—On June 29, 1967, to Diana (née Davidson) and Lt. M. H. Freeman, Royal Navy, a daughter, Fiona.

### Engagements

The engagement is announced between Mr. Christopher Fitzgerald, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Fitzgerald of Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa, and Alison Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. A. S. Groves and the late Mrs. A. S. Groves of "The Kilns," Beggars Bush Hill, Nr. Benson, Oxon.

The engagement is announced between Michael David Herbert and Susan Isabel, daughter of Major and Mrs. C. J. MacLaren, of Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire. The wedding is to be on April 19.

### Marriage

Christine Ann, daughter of Major and Mrs. Kenchington, was married to Mr. Geoffrey A. Rimmer, of 9 Charles Avenue, Oakes, Huddersfield, at St. Stephen's Church, Lindley, Huddersfield, on February 10, 1968.

### Death

#### Mrs. E. C. Beard

On February 18, 1968, at her home, "Kemys," Churst Road, Hindhead, Surrey, Beryl, wife of Major-General E. C. Beard, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

We congratulate our Regimental Chaplain, The Right Reverend Eric Treacy, M.B.E., on his appointment as Bishop of Wakefield.

Eric Treacy was Senior Chaplain to the Forces in North-West Europe during the last war. He was Vicar of Halifax from 1949 to 1961. In 1961 he was appointed Suffragan Bishop of Pontefract.

Unfortunately, he will not yet be able to bring his acute judgement of men and affairs to the debates of the House of Lords. Three bishops—London, Durham and Winchester—always sit in the Lords. Of the remainder, 21 have seats in the Lords and their entitlement is governed by the date of their appointment as bishop. The average waiting time for admission seems to be about five years.

The Bishop of Wakefield elect will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Law of Leeds University in May.

We also congratulate Mr. Charles Ramsden on his award of the O.B.E. in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

A very old friend of the Regiment, he was

Editor of The Halifax Courier for many years. In 1964 he handed over editorship to his elder son, Michael, but has continued as Chairman and Managing Director.

On the amalgamation of the Dorset County Constabulary and the Bournemouth County Borough Police last October, Major Rudolf Austin was made Chief Inspector and appointed Personal Staff Officer to the Chief Constable.

Brigadier Firth has retired and has taken up a Retired Officer's appointment at Fortress Headquarters, Gibraltar.

### New Addresses

Major and Mrs. Bernard Kilner are now living at 87 Hull Road, York.

Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Denys Hirst are now living at Field Head, Netherton, Huddersfield.

### Appointments

Owing to the above-noted move of Brigadier Firth to Gibraltar the Colonel of the Regiment has invited Colonel J. Davidson to be Acting Colonel of the Regiment.

Major and Mrs. Ince have moved to 4 Wexland Avenue, Netheravon, Salisbury, Wiltshire. Major Ince is now serving with The Support Weapons Wing of The School of Infantry.

Major Jeremy Cumberlege has been appointed as an instructor to the Ghana Military Academy.

Major John Greenway has been appointed GSO2 (Trg./Air), HQ, BAOR.

Captain Dick Mundell has been appointed G3 (SD/Air), HQ 48, Gurkha Infantry Brigade.

Major Rodney Harms has been appointed GSO2 to the British Military Mission to Saudi Arabia.

Lt.-Colonel Hugh Le Messurier has been appointed AA and QMG Northumbrian District, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

### Staff Training

Captain M. R. N. Bray has been selected for staff training at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, on the course beginning on September 30 and to proceed from there to the Australian Staff College in January 1970.

Captain C. W. Ivey has been selected for the course beginning at Shrivenham on October 7 and Captain W. R. Mundell for the course beginning October 6, 1969. Both officers will proceed subsequently to the Staff College, Camberley.

We have received a letter from Mr. M. H. Murphy of 10 Wellington Street, Shotton, Deeside, who was formerly C.Q.M.S. Murphy of "C" M.G. Company and took his discharge on April 4,

1938, after serving 25 years with The Duke's.

Mr. Murphy wrote to tell us that his wife, who spent 15 years in married quarters with the Regiment and will be remembered by many Old Comrades, was last year crowned Deeside Pensioners' Queen. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Queen, Mrs. E. Ellison, at Transport Hall, Shotton. We congratulate Mrs. Murphy on this memorable occasion.

Colonel H. Harvey has been paying another visit to his son in Rhodesia. He sailed in the *Windsor Castle* on December 14. Writing from Que Que he says: "My first impressions on returning are: people much more united and determined; shops stiff with goods—there is a substitute for any British goods not now available, many made here in Rhodesia. The volume of traffic has increased to the extent that traffic lights are now wanted here. Petrol is 6s. 2d. Mostly U.K. cars but fast being replaced by foreign. A £17 million fertiliser plant is going up here, also a cinema and a new hotel. There is a complete lack of confidence in Harold, who is considered to be double-faced and ignorant, leading or being led by a bunch of Little Englanders. Of course, they want a settlement but both black and white have seen the red light across the border and are determined that the chaos there (now, and more coming in the future) will not take place in Rhodesia. So they will not trust their fate to little-minded men, 6,000 miles away, out to appease the Afro-Asian-Communist Block."

## MODERN ART

### II ARCHITECTURE

The Aldershot we knew,  
So gallant and so gay  
With all its rose-red bungalows,  
Is doomed, the planners say,  
As being inconvenient, cramped and shoddy  
And, anyway, red brick is now *démodé*

And in their place we see,  
With half-averted eyes,  
Boxes of grey cement  
Stand stark against the skies.  
To our untutored taste ugly as sin,  
But oh, what wealth of luxury within!

Carpets, they say, and beds,  
Soft as a maiden's lap,  
With music from the air  
Perpetually on tap,  
Induce the toil-worn warrior to forget  
In cushioned ease the travail and the sweat.

Here may our hero rest  
Secure in this retreat  
From winter's icy blasts  
From summer's blistering heat  
For all year round soft, perfumed breezes blow,  
Maintained at 60 Fahrenheit or so

Then bid the age of Elegance good-bye  
And greet the age of Concrete—with a sigh!

## CORRESPONDENCE

From: Lt. Colonel J. F. Skelton, P.W.O.  
Yorkshire Brigade Depot, Strensall Camp.  
12th January, 1968

Dear Editor,

May I use the courtesy of your columns to say that I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of all those members of the Yorkshire Brigade who contributed, a pair of Barr and Stroud 8 x 30 wide angle binoculars to Lt.-Colonel John Newman, who for so long has been P.R.I. at the Depot.

The occasion was the Depot Annual Ladies' Guest Night and we were particularly fortunate in having Mona Newman there as well.

I made but a brief speech since I know that neither the contributors nor John Newman would wish me to labour the point.

The gift-wrapped binoculars were then presented, together with a scroll with a suitable presentation message and the names of all the contributors under the seal of the Yorkshire Brigade. These contributors included each Regimental H.Q., General Halford and all ex- and serving Brigade Colonels and Depot Commanders, all serving officers at the Depot and other friends as well.

John Newman was evidently much moved and thanked everyone who had been so generous.

I should add that, in his typically modest way, John had consistently resisted any presentation. I needed considerable persistence to get this elusive bird in my sights long enough to bring him down.

Yours sincerely,  
JACK SKELTON.

10 Short Bank Road,  
Skipton.

DEAR SIR,

Recently I have read a book, obtained from the local library: Title *Old Contemptible*; Author Harry W. Beaumont (formerly 1555, Royal West Kent Regiment). Published 1967 by Hutchinson & Co. Ltd.

The book and the story of Mons—August 23/24, 1914—particularly the references to 2 D.W.R., agree very much with events described in our History.

A very interesting picture is a photograph of hospital and colliery staff at Hornu-Wasmes Colliery, taken soon after the battle. Lt.-Colonel J. A. C. Gibbs and Major E. N. Townsend are in the group, though not named.

At Mons I was Lance-Corporal in No. 9 Platoon, sent from Reserve to Mr. Russell, and it was on our immediate left that R.W.K. were sent to reinforce. We were ordered to make a barricade across the road. The first time I have seen this barricade mentioned was in the account by those lads from Wellington College. They wrote a grand story.

The map on page 74 of our History is particularly interesting when reading Beaumont's account

of his work at the Hospital and the very poignant account of the last days in hospital of Lt. C. Thompson, No. 10 Platoon, who died on September 17, 1914.

The book is to be recommended for its clarity and interest and I hope you may find that some of the story is worth repeating in THE IRON DUKE.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,  
O. RAMSBOTTOM.

*(It is hoped that it may be possible to print some extracts in a future issue.—Ed.)*

The Stone House,  
Hovingham,  
York.

Sir,

Last year Sheilagh and I had a splendid package-deal holiday in Menorca. On going into the museum in Mahon (from whence cometh the original mahonnaise) I saw the Army List of 1768. This showed the 33rd of Foot as being in Menorca that year. Among officers serving there at the time were:

Lt.-Colonel Oakes, CO  
(the Colonel was Cornwallis)

and (these may be of interest to readers) the following:

Lt. John Roberts  
Lt. Sackville Turner  
Lt. George Burnet  
Lt. William Collins

The officers numbered

One major  
Six captains  
One captain lieutenant (the adjutant)  
Nine lieutenants  
Eight ensigns  
One chaplain  
One surgeon

Unfortunately, I could not discover how many soldiers there were.

I tried to enter the English cemetery, but was unable to get in. It is of interest to note that the Americans send a whacking great Navy ship each year to ensure that their cemetery is well maintained, whilst the British appear to ignore theirs—and the British were there for a hundred years!

No doubt all this information is known to you, but I thought I would write, nevertheless.

Yours sincerely,  
BARRY KAVANAGH.

#### The Nuffield Club

95 Eaton Square, London SW1

The Nuffield Club which offers accommodation and meals to officers of the rank of lieutenant-colonel and below is now offering honorary daily membership to the wives of members. It is hoped that they will arrange to meet their friends there for drinks, luncheon or dinner.

The club has several large rooms suited to private cocktail or dinner parties.

## CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES

The Corps of Commissionaires, the oldest existing organisation for placing ex-regular members of the Armed Forces in employment, was founded by Captain Edward Walter in 1859. For over one hundred years the Corps has been able to help the ex-regular retiring from the Regular Forces to obtain suitable employment on discharge from the services. The Corps acts as a link between the professional Fighting Services, and Industry, and is of equal value to both.

There is little or no problem for the tradesman to find his "niche" in civilian life when he retires; it is the man who has no trade who will find it harder to settle down, and to find the right kind of job. The man whose only asset is the guarantee of his personal fitness, a sense of duty and loyalty to the firm who employs him, this type of man can often be placed in a worth-while position by the Corps, and surprisingly this is the type of man that industry wants.

### Enrolment

1. All ranks—of the Regular Navy, Army and Air Force (whether pensioners or reservists) are eligible for membership on discharge from the Service, provided they come up to the requisite standard of health, physique and education, and bear an "Exemplary" or "V.G." Service Character.

2. It is greatly to their advantage if men join immediately on discharge from the Service, or while on leave pending discharge, but they may apply to join at any time.

3. On joining, the member must deposit the sum of £10 in the Corps Savings Bank as a condition of entry. He may voluntarily deposit further sums up to a total deposit of £250. Interest is allowed on deposits.

4. The scale of Corps Fees, which are subject to prevailing costs and prices, is at present:

Entrance Fee £1.

Monthly Subscription:

To General Fund 5s. (towards Corps working expenses).

For Uniform 38s.\*

\*This sum in the majority of cases is paid by the employer.

5. The full scale of uniform is issued on joining, and replaced annually, after a period of two years.

6. Candidates are not enrolled until employment is found for them.

7. Applications for enrolment should be made at the following address:

Corps of Commissionaires,  
10/12 East Parade,  
LEEDS, 1.

8. Permanent Employment can generally be found for men who may be interested in the following type of work:

Receptionists, Security Police, Bank Guards, Messengers, Postal Clerks, Telephonists, Store Keepers, Gate Keepers, Staff Supervisors, Time Keepers, Watchmen (day and night), Factory Police.

Average weekly earnings range from £16—£20.

## Obituary

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

### In Pensioner W.O.1 G. Finding

At the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on November 6, 1967, aged 89 years, Ex-W.O.1 George Finding late DWR.

No. 5532 George Finding enlisted into the Regiment, at Halifax, September 18, 1897. He served with the 2nd Battalion until 1910, when he was posted to the 6th Battalion as a sergeant instructor. He served throughout the 1914-18 War with the 2/6th Battalion, becoming its RSM in 1917. He took his discharge in 1920. During the 1939-45 War he became an Air Defence Officer with a firm of air and marine engineers in London. He was a very fine shot and attended Bisley for many years until just before his admission to the Royal Hospital in January 1964.

### Major C. R. Hetley, M.C.

Major Claude Raymond Hetley died at Camberley on March 9, 1968, aged 81, as the result of a heart attack.

Major Hetley was educated at Harrow and RMC Sandhurst and joined the 1st Battalion at Lebong in India in 1906. After three years he returned to the Depot and in 1912 was seconded to The West African Frontier Force, as it was then known.

During World War I he was awarded the M.C. In 1920 he rejoined the 2nd Battalion at Collinstown, Co. Dublin, and served with that Battalion in Aldershot and Egypt. In 1926 he returned to the 1st Battalion at Gosport, but retired in 1930, as a result of ill health, with the rank of Major.

In World War II he served with 6th (HD) Battalion The Dorset Regiment in UK until the end of 1941, when he was relegated to unemployment.

Hetley was a man of distinctive appearance, which earned him the nickname to his friends of "The Count".

After his retirement he held for a number of years the appointment of Conservative agent for the Alton constituency, where he was sometimes confused with the sitting Member, himself a distinguished-looking man, somewhat to the latter's embarrassment.

In 1951 he married Mrs. Wynter Bee, of Heather Hills, West End, near Woking. Of recent years he had indifferent health, but was able to drive his car right up to the day of his death.

The funeral took place at West End Church on March 16, 1968, and the Regiment was represented by Colonel Armitage and Lt.-Colonel Cox.

### Mr. A. May

On December 9, 1967, in his 80th year Alfred (Larry) May after many years of ill-health.

Mr. May enlisted into the Regiment in June

1908, and served in France, Gibraltar and Turkey. He will be remembered as a Physical Training Instructor with the 1st Battalion for many years. Discharged to pension in 1928 he joined the Prison Staff at Parkhurst, I.O.W. He retired in 1944 owing to ill-health. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

### Major J. P. Huffam, V.C.

On February 16, 1968, suddenly, Major James Palmer Huffam, v.c.

"Jock" Huffam was born at Dunblane, Perthshire, on March 31, 1897, and educated at Berwick-on-Tweed. He joined the 1/7th Northumberland Fusiliers on February 21, 1915, in the ranks. He served with his battalion in France for two years rising to the rank of sergeant. He was commissioned into the 5th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment on January 30, 1918, and was posted to the 2nd Battalion and served with them in France until the end of the war.

It was during this period of service with the 2nd Battalion that he was awarded the Victoria Cross as a Second-Lieutenant.

The citation for his award read:

*For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on August 31, 1918. With three men he rushed an enemy machine-gun post and put it out of action. His post was then heavily attacked and he withdrew fighting, carrying back a wounded comrade. Again on the night of August 31, at St. Severin's Farm, accompanied by two men only, he rushed an enemy machine gun, capturing eight prisoners and enabling the advance to continue. Throughout the whole of the fighting from August 29 to September 1 he showed the utmost gallantry.*

An interesting fact is that the recommendation that led to 2/Lt. Huffam's V.C. originated from the 2nd Battalion, The Seaforth Highlanders who were on the Regiment's left for the first three days and who supplied a company in close support on the final day owing to the terribly reduced strength through casualties of The Duke's.

After the war Huffam served in India for a brief period. He then returned to England and was seconded to the R.A.F. for four years, becoming a pilot. He rejoined the 1st Battalion at Gosport, and after a year, was seconded to the West African Frontier Force, with whom he served for six years.

He returned to the 1st Battalion in October, 1933. He served with them in Aldershot and Malta. In October, 1936, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in India, with whom he served until 1938 when he returned to England and retired and took up the appointment of Civilian Adjutant R.A.F. Dishforth.

When the second war broke out he was recalled to the Army and went with the B.E.F. to France as Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal to H.Q. Med. Base Sub-Area. He was evacuated to England with the B.E.F. He spent the remainder of the war in England in the Provost Corps, finishing as Assistant Provost Marshal, H.Q. 55 Division. After his retirement he was employed as an Army Recruiting Officer at St. Albans.

He married Miss Marion Huffam, daughter of Mr. L. Huffam of Cloughton, Yorkshire, on April 23, 1935, in Malta. He is survived by his

widow, their son, Robert, who served in the 1st Battalion until he retired as a Captain in 1966, and a daughter, Ann who is married in New Zealand.

In "Jock" Huffam the Regiment has lost a great "character" who had a host of friends among all ranks. His cheery greeting will be sadly missed at regimental gatherings.

The funeral service was held at Golders Green Crematorium on February 21. Amongst those attending were:

Brigadier Firth (representing the Colonel of the Regiment), Major Cowell and Sgt. Middleton (representing the 1st Battalion), Mr. Temple (representing the Old Comrades' Association), Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horsley, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Horsley, Brigadier Laing, Colonel Collins, Colonel Turner, Major and Mrs. Lennon and Miss Lennon, Major Frankis, Major Luhrs, Major and Mrs. Randall, Major Davies and Lt.-Colonel Skelsey.

#### Mr. F. Morley

At his home, 37 Dunsley Terrace, South Kirkby, Nr. Pontefract, on November 3, 1967, Fred Morley aged 58 years.

Fred enlisted into the Regiment in January 1928 and, after serving 18 months with the 1st Battalion, went on to serve six years with the 2nd Battalion in India. On the outbreak of the 1939-45 War he was recalled and served on the Provost Staff at the Depot for two years before being posted overseas for service in North Africa. After demobilisation in 1945 he returned to his job as a miner. For some years Fred acted as secretary of the now defunct South Elmsall Branch of the Association and was latterly our representative in that area. He leaves a widow and one son.

#### Mr. P. B. Price

On September 19, 1967, in Palma, Peter Bartholemew Price, aged 45, Doctor of Political Science in Geneva University; only son of Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Owen Price.

Many older readers will remember Peter as a boy with his parents in the Regiment. He had been in ill health for some time.

*From an appreciation by Mr. Anthony Rhodes in the Times of October 4, 1967.*

'He taught for twenty years at Geneva University (1947-1967) where his courses in English and English literature earned him a reputation which few of his academic compatriots have ever gained abroad. Even if the lecture hall was full students of all nationalities would sit in the gangways to listen to him'.

#### Mr. A. Pells

On December 16, 1967, Albert Pells, aged 61 years, following a long illness. Mr. Pells enlisted into the Regiment in January 1934, and served with both 1st and 2nd Battalions. During the 1939-45 War he also served with the Ox and Bucks LI, with whom he was wounded, and the York and Lancaster Regt.

He was discharged to pension with the rank of Sergeant in 1956 and obtained employment in

the textile industry until forced to retire through ill-health some three years ago. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

The following O.C.A. Members and their wives attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. F. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Copley, Mr. H. Rowlands and Mr. W. Quirk.

#### Mr. W. H. Thornton

Mr. W. H. Thornton, of 81 Storthes Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, died on May 13, 1967, at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield. He was 72.

Harold Thornton was formerly a sergeant in the Holmfirth Company of the 5th Battalion D.W.R. (T.A.). He joined in 1915. He was wounded twice, the second time in 1918, in the right arm which left it incapacitated for life.

Until his retirement from business six years ago he was a senior partner in his father's firm in the carpet trade, Benjamin Thornton and Sons, Pioneer Works, Fountain Street, Huddersfield. He was a keen Freemason, a past President of the Huddersfield Lodge, and had received Provincial Honours. He was keenly interested in cricket and was a member of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club and of the Scarborough County Cricket Club.

#### Major-General G. C. H. Wortham, O.B.E.

As reported in our last number, Geoffrey Wortham died suddenly on October 10, 1967, at Millbank Hospital after a serious lung operation. Like his father, he served in the Regiment and in the R.A.O.C. He was commissioned as a Regular on February 1, 1935, and joined the 1st Battalion in Malta. In 1936 he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion in India. In 1938 he went on the Ordnance Course and finally transferred to The Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1942.

He had a distinguished war record in the Middle and Far East, becoming a colonel at the age of 30 and brigadier (acting) at 32. He attended Staff College in 1947 and then held several senior Staff and R.A.O.C. appointments, including Director of Ordnance Services, F.A.R.E.L.F. Finally, in March, 1967, he was appointed Commander, Base Organisation R.A.O.C., with the rank of Major-General.

General Wortham was a well-known and popular senior officer of the R.A.O.C., with a quiet manner, readiness to listen and a great sense of humour.

A military funeral, with full honours, was accorded to him in the Garrison Church at Deepcut on October 14. Five major-generals and three brigadiers acted as pall-bearers and many distinguished serving and retired officers attended the service. The Regiment was represented by Colonel F. R. Armitage, O.B.E., and Major J. P. Huffam, V.C.

It should be added that Geoffrey Wortham always kept in touch with the Regiment and attended many annual dinners, including the last one as late in his life as June, 1967.

The Regiment can be truly proud of an 'Old Duke', who rose to high rank in the Army and gave such good service to his Country.





## SALISBURY PLAIN

The Captain had come from Aldershot to see the Squad. We were the Demonstration Platoon for the Duke of Wellington's Regiment Territorials and thought we were tough beyond measure. He had news for us. When we joined the 1st Battalion in August we were due to march to Salisbury Plain along with all the other troops of Aldershot. "Grand Manoeuvres" he called this long march. We scoffed at the distance. 60 miles? That was a stroll in the park to we tough Geordie miners. So we thought.

The great day dawned. We had been practising for weeks before that. Two long route marches every week, carrying the load that we would carry to Salisbury, had got us prepared for the long march that faced us. I remember we had marched past the Cemetery at Brookwood and around the Surrey countryside admiring the lovely greenery and the girls. One of our Company had called to a girl and got seven days on his return to barracks for his ill manners. Cpl. Bennett swooped and Captain Huffam, v.c., punished. Its different today. Its expected from the troops. "Pumpkin" Hargreaves was the culprit. It was my first taste of discipline, Duke of Wellington's.

The night before we packed our kits. We marched in Field Marching Service Order, great-coats and groundsheets in our packs. Spare boots. Mess tins filled with odds and ends. Long pre-war

bayonet at our side. A heavy load that got heavier as each mile went by. We started the march at the slope arms position and marched 11 paces and brought our rifles down to our sides, loosened the sling and put it over our shoulders until we approached the next halt. This was known as "march discipline" and had to be performed at every halt and every commencement of the march. After the first day Captain Huffam ordered us to sling our arms and dispensed with the drill.

The Regiments in our Brigade were:

The Welch Regiment.

The Wiltshire Regiment.

The Northamptonshire Regiment.

It was the days of four regiments to a brigade and we set off marching with the senior regiment at the head and changed each day so that each regiment got its turn leading the long column. There were other regiments of other brigades but they marched independently and I was only concerned with our own body of troops. One could look for miles ahead and see a snake-like khaki column wending its way to Salisbury Plain for six weeks field training. (*It may have seemed like six weeks but was, in fact, only three.—Ed.*) An annual event and it was my privilege to take part in the 1934 training.

The bandsmen marched as stretcher bearers and the only music provided was our own voices. The rage at that time was "Wagon Wheels" which ended with a plaintive plea of

"Wagon wheels carry me home."

Matty ranted and raved at us for singing this but we were very sorry for ourselves after the first few miles and sentiment had to have its day. I envied my Company Commander riding his charger "Duchess" but he took his walk as well. He marched two and a half miles and then rode two and a half miles in turn so "Duchess" got her break but she marched the full distance just like us.

Soon the unfit men could be seen staggering. One of my Squad, Walter Wressell, bow legged and footballer's feet, was dizzy and his feet were playing him up. Someone took his pack. Another took his rifle and eventually he only had to carry his uniform but his strength and spirit gave out and at the next halt he could not be brought back to consciousness. We poured water over his face and he staggered to his feet and carried on for about a mile. Captain Huffam placed him on his charger but it was no good. He had passed out again and there was only one thing to do. He was sent on ahead by ambulance. This was the first day of the four days' march. As we approached the first night halt I noticed a man named Davis. Red of face, small and weedy, staggering about in the middle of three men. He was unconcerned on his feet but he never gave up. A grin on face and a shoulder held by the man on either side and he completed the march of the day. This happened for each of the four days. It was sheer guts by a very small man.

We camped each night and washed our aching

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feet and prepared ourselves for foot inspection. Blisters there were many and men were sent to "Butcher Mansell" That was the name he earned amongst the rank and file. I was lucky and had good feet but men who went to see him complained of his methods which to them were not good. He cut their blisters which I suppose was the right thing to do. Reveille next morning had its amusing side. Men went to bed and did not think of the morrow. Dark and dreary and no lights allowed. I heard curses as each improvident soldier could not find his boots or his missing puttee. Curses of "Thee seen ma . . . Puttee?" "Wheres Boots? Thee got im?" And they never learned. Each morning found the same pantomime by the same chaps and I eventually had to tell the secret of it all coming from a recruit. Left puttee in left boot. Right puttee in right boot. And place them under the head for a pillow. Equipment had to be blanched each night and the brasses cleaned and woe betide the idle man who neglected these chores. We were not as keen as in the barrack room but we did show a clean front. We marched through Andover at attention and straightened our backs and gave the Andoverian public an impression of good British soldiers at their best and then into the countryside and relaxation.

There was a man with a pony and trap who followed us all the way just like the good old Indian Char Wallah. At every halt he came around selling tea and slices of rich fruit cake—Tommy's main stand-by in those days. All my money went on such fare and it kept most of us going. Traffic was not very heavy and we were able to swing along

without interference. Then we reached Tidworth Pennines and camped there before setting off across the Plain for Bustard Camp. We called it another name. On our way we passed Larkhill and watched the Gunners playing football. It was Saturday afternoon and I could read the Gunners minds as they muttered "Poor bloody Infantry." The last day's march was only nine miles and as we marched in voices could be heard calling names. "Brown, Bentley, Smith, L/Cpl. Beech. Guard tonight." His announcement was greeted by curses by the unhappy men and by sighs of relief by men who knew they had a night in bed to look forward to. We had arrived and had Sunday to prepare for the training to come.

Church services next day. A huge marquee was the hall for everything. Housey-housey, Church, lectures and any indoor event. As soon as church was over the sharks moved in. "Who says a thrupenny house," they called and I was introduced to that old Army game and discovered so soon what a fiddle it was. The man who ran it bought his discharge with his profits at the end of the training and so saved himself from going to Malta. Poor boob. He invited myself and a few more youngsters to go in one night and all we had to do was play at his expense and shout "House" when he signalled and our reward was a free supper. Very tempting. Suppers were our one great desire and we were hungry young men but we turned his offer down more from fear of disciplinary action than self righteousness.

IMRAY

(To be continued)

# THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL AND OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT HELD AT HUDDERSFIELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1967, AT 17.30 HOURS

In the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, on duty overseas, the chair was taken by Brigadier A. D. Firth, O.B.E., M.C., Acting Colonel of the Regiment.

The Business of the Meeting was as follows:

### 1. Minutes

It was proposed by Mr. J. Horne and seconded by Mr. W. Smith that the Minutes of the last meeting, having previously been published in the Regimental Magazine, should be taken as read and approved. *Carried.*

### 2. Points Arising

There were no points arising.

### 3. Secretary's Report

The Secretary read his report (see below) and, in response to a query from Colonel Cumberlandge, he informed the meeting that 20 more

benevolent cases had been dealt with than in the previous year. The report was unanimously adopted.

### 4. Accounts

The audited accounts of the Regimental and Old Comrades' Associations for the year ended March 31, 1967, were circulated. There being no observations, the accounts were adopted unanimously on a proposal by Colonel H. S. Le Messurier, seconded by Mr. E. S. Watkins.

### 5. Other Business

- (a) It was proposed by Major A. C. S. Savory and seconded by Major W. L. James that a vote of thanks be extended to the various committees for the efficient manner in which they conduct the Associations' affairs.
- (b) It was proposed by Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter and seconded by Mr. F. Kennedy that the Minutes should be read in full at future A.G.M.s.
- (c) Mr. J. Hough asked if the instructions listed in the previous minutes had been carried out. The Chairman stated that he had personally checked these points.

## THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Old Comrades,

I now present my report for the period September 1966 to September 1967.

### Case Work

Since the last Annual General Meeting the Case Committee have received 132 applications for financial assistance. Of these, 117 cases were, after investigation, considered to be in genuine need and were granted a total of £1,452; an average grant of £12 10s. per person. The remaining 15 cases were, for varying reasons, not recommended by the investigating body, i.e. S.S.A.F.A., The Forces Help Society or The British Legion.

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

A summary of monies disbursed in grants and subscriptions during the year is as follows:

O.C.A. Fund	£	s.	d.
15 Grants in Aid .. .. .	187	13	4
IRON DUKE Subs .. .. .	20	0	0
Chelsea Pensioners .. .. .	15	0	0
Pensions List .. .. .	468	0	0
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	£690	13	4

### Regimental Association Funds

93 Grants in Aid .. .. .	1,149	1	2
IRON DUKE .. .. .	20	0	0
Local Charities .. .. .	10	7	0
York Minster Trip .. .. .	8	1	0
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	£1,187	9	2

### Mitchell Trust Fund

Nine Grants in Aid .. .. .	£115	18	8
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### McGuire Bate Bequest

Seven Grants in Aid .. .. .	£459	17	4
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### Pensions List

The Pensions List remains the same as last year with nine recipients, all of whom are visited regularly and are reported to be in good health.

### Accounts

The accounts of the Old Comrades' and Regimental Association Funds, as at close of business on March 31, 1967, are being circulated round the meeting and I ask you to formally adopt these audited accounts as a true record of the financial affairs of the various Regimental Association Funds.



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**Group at 1967 O.C.A. Dinner**

Seated (left to right): Mr. W. Hammond, Mr. E. Watkins, Mr. W. Stead, D.C.M., M.M., Mr. and Mrs. J. Egglestone, Mrs. I. Wardle and Mrs. Stead.  
 Standing: Mr. J. Wardle.  
 In the background can be seen: Mrs. S. Gill, Mrs. S. Code, Mrs. M. McMahon, Mr. D. McMahon and Major J. A. Lennon, D.S.O., M.C.

**Investments**

I am able to report an increase in the capital value of our investments, but, due to market fluctuations, the income from them has decreased by £47 to £2,223 against last year's figure of £2,270. The market value of our investments as at March 31, 1967, totalled £41,306 against £40,080 last year.

However, an increase in investment income can be expected during the current year. This will be due to our Honorary Stockbroker's new investment plan, whereby certain stock was sold and new higher-yielding stock purchased. This scheme, which was approved by the Managing Trustees of the Association at their meeting of June 1, 1967, has since been put into operation and it is anticipated that the resultant increase in our investment income will be in the region of £342 per annum.

**Other Sources of Income**

Income to the Regimental Association Fund from covenants, subscriptions and donations totalled

£1,134, made up as follows:

Covenants .. .. .	£	409
Subscriptions and Donations .. .. .	127	
Sweepstake .. .. .	120	
Legacies—Colonel Ince .. .. .	50	
T. M. B. Williams .. .. .	5	
Day's Pay Scheme .. .. .	433	
	<u>£1,134</u>	

(The O.C.A. Fund received a legacy of £100 from the late General Ozanne.)

**Day's Pay Scheme**

The scheme is much improved since my last report and 336 members have subscribed to the total of £433 mentioned above.

**The Army Benevolent Fund**

We made one application to The Army Benevolent Fund for a major rehabilitation grant under

their Scheme "C". This was on behalf of a serving sergeant, who lost part of his kit and household effects in a railway depot fire whilst moving to an overseas station. The A.B.F. contributed £100 and we gave £25 from our funds, making a total of £125.

### Sweepstake

This year the St. Leger Sweepstake brought in a profit of £176 for our funds against £240 last year.

### Branches

Due to the lack of interest of ex-members of the Regiment, during the past year the Leeds and South Elmsall Branches of the O.C.A. have ceased to function, despite the efforts of the branch officials to keep them in existence. We hope that, as in other instances, these branches will be reformed at some future date.

We are pleased to be able to report that the Halifax, Bradford, Huddersfield, Keighley and Mossley Branches are flourishing. The Sheffield Branch continues to meet, although with a diminishing membership.

### Conclusion

As always, I would like to take this annual opportunity of thanking the representatives of S.S.A.F.A., The Forces Help Society and The British Legion, who so kindly undertake the investigation of cases on our behalf.

In particular, I have to thank Mr. C. Quimby, Welfare Officer of The War Pensioners' Welfare Service, Leeds, for his efforts in obtaining long-overdue pensions for several of our Old Comrades or their dependants.

I would also like to thank our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Whitham, Smith, Mitchell & Co., our Honorary Solicitor, Major J. E. Driver, and our Honorary Stockbroker, Major H. Coop, for their help and advice regarding our legal and financial affairs.

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Have you remembered to pay your annual subscription to  
The Regimental Association and  
The Iron Duke



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**Group at 1967 O.C.A. Dinner**  
In-Pensioner Sgt. J. Yaxley pictured with his niece, Mary, on his right, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fahy during the get-together after the dinner.