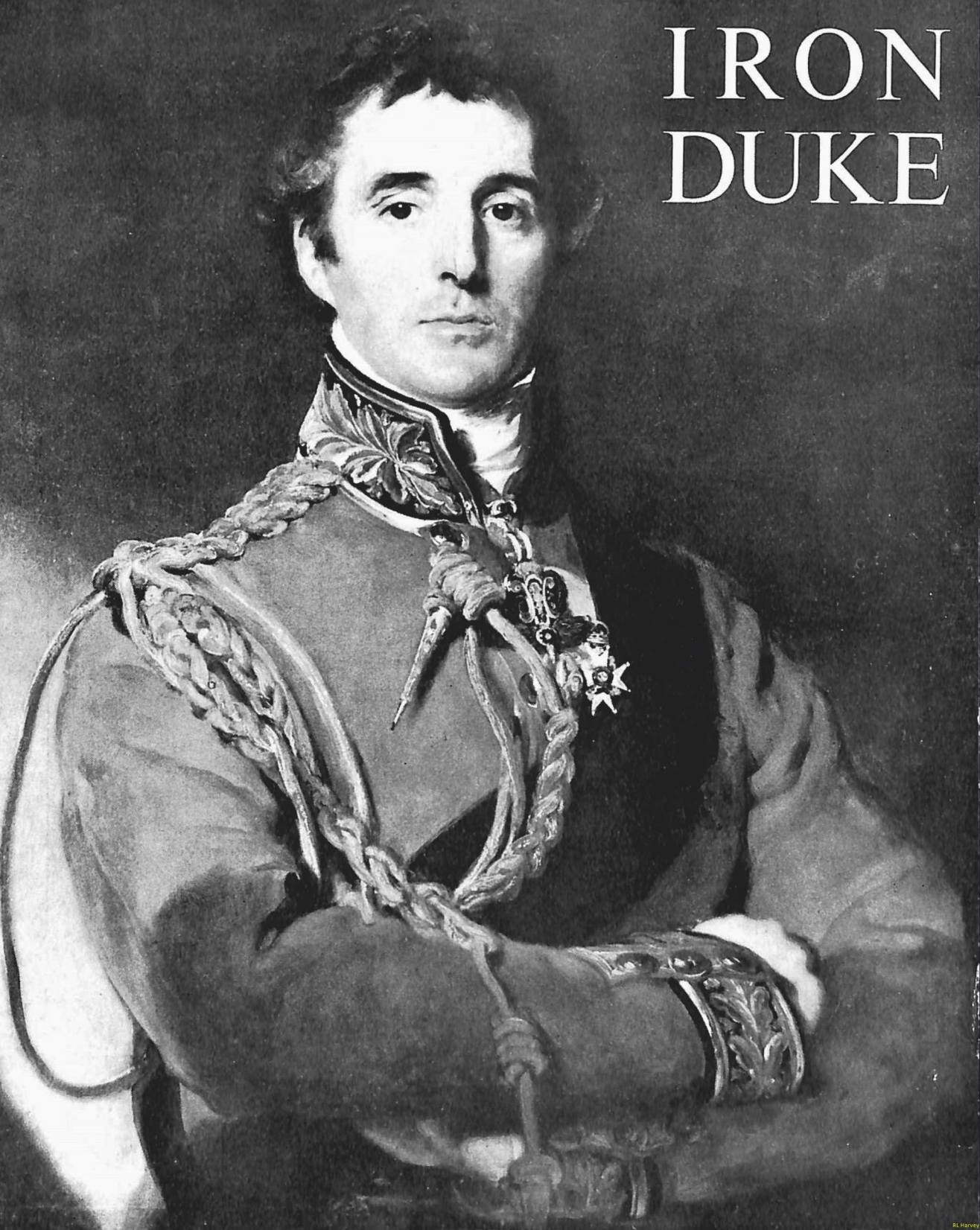


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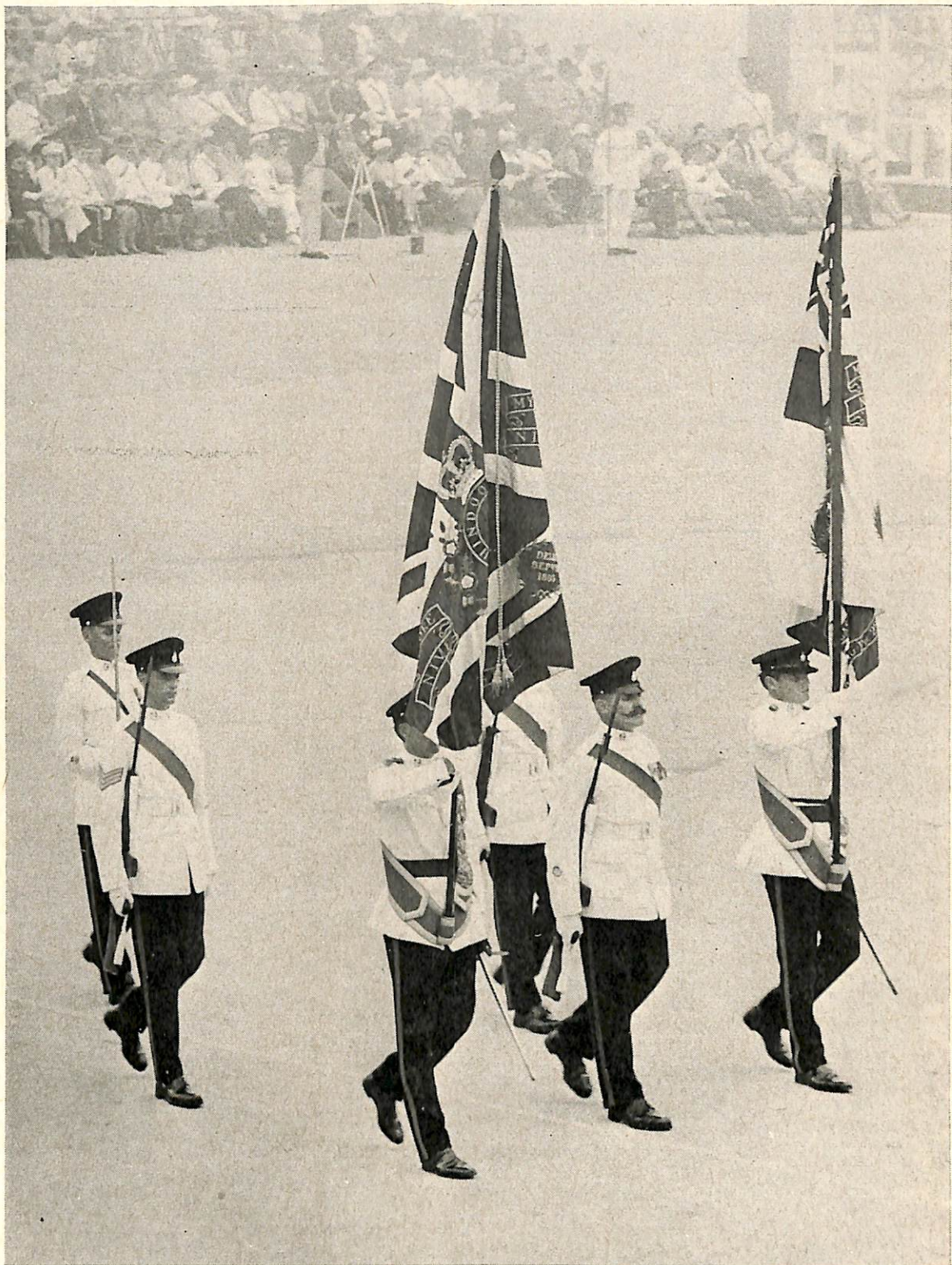


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The New Honorary Colours during the March Past

From The Colonel of the Regiment

This is the 150th number of THE IRON DUKE, the first having been produced in 1925. As a Regimental Magazine it has consistently been one of the better ones produced by units in the British Army. It not only forms a continuous and permanent record of the story of the Regiment but is a valued link between those who are serving and those who have served in the Regiment and, also, with our families.

Such a magazine is not produced without a lot of effort by the many who contribute and by the devoted effort of the past and present Editors and Business Managers. We are all very grateful for their continuing hard work. Our thanks are also due to the many firms which advertise in THE IRON DUKE thereby helping to produce it.

It is fitting that this number should record the story of the new Honorary Colours. As many will know the first two stands of Honorary Colours were presented by the Honourable East India Company and two more by the India Office, the fourth being presented to the Battalion in Lichfield in 1906. Before the 1939-45 War a fund, to which all ranks serving and many retired members subscribed, was started for the maintenance of the Honorary Colours. This was fortunate since the East India Office no longer exists and therefore could no longer replace the Colours. The foresight by a former Commanding Officer ensured that we could pay for the new Colours when necessary. From time to time the Lichfield stand of Honorary Colours was extensively renovated but even so eventually, after 60 years of service in many climates, they wore out and early last year it was decided to replace them. It will be remembered that about the time this decision had to be made, the British Army was being reorganised. No-one knew which famous regiments would disappear or be absorbed into other regiments. It was therefore something of an

act of faith on the part of the Regimental Council to decide to replace them; a decision that was justified by events.

A full account of the parade in Hong Kong on April 12 is given elsewhere in this number of THE IRON DUKE. Suffice it to say that I was privileged to take part in this parade and it was a very proud moment for me. The parade was perfectly organized and brilliantly carried out. It reflected great credit on the whole Battalion which, at that time, had many other duties.

Although the 1st Battalion was unaffected by the recent Army cuts, it is sad that on March 31, 1969, the West Riding Territorials (successors to the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions) were reduced to a small cadre. Apart from their very obvious and important military role the West Riding Territorials have always provided a vital link between the Regular Battalion and civilian friends in Yorkshire, a particularly important link when the Regular Battalion spends so much time out of England. We all admire the spirit in which efforts are being made to keep the Volunteer spirit alive in our home area.

The British Army has recently been basically altered and, although The Dukes continue, many things have been changed. The Battalion will continue to need all the help we can give it. All we do in the way of Old Comrades organizations, dinners and gatherings, even this magazine, is of little value unless we remember that our primary purpose is to support the Battalion, and to help it to be a happy and efficient team, ready always to do its duty to The Queen.

Robert Brown.

THE REGIMENTAL SWEEP

Sweepstake Tickets!!! . . . What, again?

Officers, soldiers, regulars, territorials, cadets, members of the Association, friends of the Regiment, will now have received books of sweepstake tickets for the St. Leger draw, the race to be run at Doncaster on Wednesday, September 10.

All of us are inclined to think it is a bit of a nuisance, nobody seems to win, and who benefits from it anyway?

Over the last five years £1,136 has been credited to our Charitable Funds from the profits on this sweepstake; also, over the same period, nearly £1,000 has been paid in prize money. The prize money is good—£100, £50, £25, and £10, with £1 for every starter. The profits go to our Regimental and Charitable Funds.

Last year the income from this sweepstake amounted to £160, which was a "poor do" com-

pared with £300 in 1965, or even the £200 in 1967. This year our target is £250. Help us to reach it—sell and buy as many tickets as you can. In so doing you're bound to win, either the money or, at least, in the knowledge that your little "flutter" is helping a worthy cause.

Note: If you are unable to get a book of tickets and require some, either for yourself or to sell, please apply to Regimental Headquarters.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner

The 1969 Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner of the Regimental and Old Comrades Associations will be held on **Saturday, September 20, at the Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield.**

Tickets, price 15s. each, are obtainable from RHQ, Wellesley Park, Halifax, or from Branch Secretaries.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

Regimental Badges

In the early New Year the Ministry of Defence stated that, in view of the demise of brigades of infantry of the line, the Army Board had authorised those regular line infantry regiments which were currently wearing the badges of the former infantry brigade to wear regimental cap badges.

We intend to revert to the cap and collar badges worn before the introduction of the Yorkshire Brigade cap badge.

There is about two years' supply of the present collar badges, which closely resemble the old cap badge. There will therefore be some delay before the elephant badges are re-introduced. The cap badge could be introduced sooner, but a decision on the date to take it into use has not yet been made.

Another change is to be the introduction of a D.W.R. shoulder title to replace the present D.W. when the present stocks of D.W. run out in about 20 months' time.

A future refinement in officers' collar badges and badges of rank is that the present shank and cotter pin fastenings, which make holes in the uniform, are to be replaced, as present stocks run down, by a clutch pin fastening.

200th Anniversary of the Birth of the Duke

R.H.Q. fired their cannon at mid-day on May 1 or, to be strictly accurate, a little after as the gun was at safe for the first attempt and the second had to be delayed until a woman, her child and dog had safely moved out of the blast area. A police car lurked in the background to check that no damage was done to the public.

There is, in fact, considerable controversy over the date of the Duke's birth and the book "Wellington, the Date and Place of his Birth," reaches the conclusion it took place on April 29. Wellington himself always regarded May 1 as his birthday. His mother, whose testimony should be final, said it took place at Mornington House, Dublin, on May 1. The nurse who attended her maintained it took place at Dangan Castle in Meath on March 26.

The parish register at St. Peter's Dublin, records that Archdeacon Isaac Mann christened him Arthur on April 30—the day before his mother said he was born. This variation was probably caused by confusion between the old style and new style calendars.

Visitors

Our visitors have included Major-General The Earl Cathcart, G.O.C. Yorkshire District, Major John Law from H.Q. The King's Division, Major and Mrs. Bob Burton and Captain and Mrs. Nichols.

1914-18 War O.C.A. Reunions

On April 26 the 1st/4th and 2nd/4th Bns. D.W.R. held their annual reunion in Halifax, followed a week later by the 2nd/6th Bn. D.W.R. in Skipton.

Both of these reunions are restricted to those who

served overseas in that war which makes the numbers attending, 90 and 36 respectively, very impressive.

The 4th Bn. were holding their 50th Jubilee Meeting. Their chief guest was the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding, the Earl of Scarborough.

Three members are over 90: Mr. George Mabon from the Royal Scottish Masonic Home in Dunblane, Mr. Steve North from the British Legion Home, Lister House, Ripon, and Mr. James Riley of 5, Spring View, Luddenden Foot.

Mr. Clifford Rushworth was elected President for the ensuing year and, not surprisingly, Mr. Fred Bentley was re-elected Treasurer.

A moving tribute was paid to Sir Alfred Mowat by the President for what he had meant to the 4th Bn. Lord Scarborough also added his tribute for what Sir Alfred had done as vice-lieutenant for the West Riding.

The 2nd/6th Bn. reunion was their 40th, the association having been formed in 1923 and there having been a gap in their meetings from 1939-47.

The oldest member present was Mr. Tom Robinson (92) of Brook Street, Skipton. He was once the Regimental tailor. Some had come from a considerable distance to be present; Mr. Ralph Mason from Goring-by-Sea, Sussex, Mr. W. Petty, M.C., from Dudley, Worcs., Mr. J. T. MacLeod, D.C.M., from Defford, Worcs., and Mr. Arthur Steel, who was attending his first reunion from Birmingham.

Mr. James Buckley was President and Mr. W. A. Winter was again re-elected Treasurer. Six members had died during the year.

The reunion was held on the anniversary of the Battle of Bullecourt when 62 (W.R.) Division tried to break into and through the Hindenburg line. The 2/6th suffered 267 casualties in this single action.

Fraternal Greetings

A message of goodwill was sent on the occasion of the parade held to mark the amalgamation of the South Wales Borderers and the Welch Regiment, at which new Colours were presented by their Colonel-in-Chief, the Prince of Wales.

The following reply was received: "Lt.-Gen. Sir David Peel-Yates and all ranks the Royal Regiment of Wales send many thanks for your kind message. We look forward to many encounters in future on the rugby field."

Regimental Ties

Stocks of the standardised Regimental tie are now obtainable from Regimental Headquarters, Wellesley Park, Halifax.

They are of very good quality and are being sold on a no-profit basis at:-

Silk	..	..	..	18/-	each
Crimplene	..	..	..	10/6	„

1st BATTALION

Sub-Editorial

The company and departmental notes which follow describe in fair detail the hustle and bustle of the earlier part of the year. It was nice in the middle of it all to hear from the Commanding Officer that he could "see the light at the end of the tunnel", followed a fortnight later by the Chief of the General Staff, who appears also to have had a few problems recently, telling us of the light he could see at the end of his tunnel!

The main event of the period was the Colour Parade on April 12 which is covered in a special article. The story told there does not describe how much we all enjoyed the visit of General and Lady Bray. Nor does it reveal the important parts played by Major Cowell, who co-ordinated all arrangements, and the Adjutant, who spent many hours preparing the parade programme and assembling the new Colours, the spearheads, the Colour cords, and so on. Others also helped: Major Tony Savory who, on our behalf, supervised the making of the new Colours at Hobsons, Colonel Davidson, who obtained the original spearheads from their resting place in York Minster, and, of course, in many ways, our Secretary and Assistant Secretary at RHQ.

The parade and the ceremony were a great success and the RSM can be proud of the result of his labours over many weeks. Altogether it was a splendid day, the product of a lot of home-work and a typical rising to the occasion by all ranks when the moment arrived.

It was a delight to have with us Major David Miller from Brunei, and the following former "Dukes" now living in Hong Kong: Mr. Martin Curran, Mr. James Hayes, Mr. Michael Miles, Superintendent Brown of the Royal Hong Kong Police.

Since the Colour Parade we have had time to pause, relax and take stock. It has been possible to catch up on leave, visit the beach, do a little "hearts and minds" work, reorganise, and so on.

Of course, some members of the unit may not have recognised that they were in a period of lesser activity. The Queen's Birthday Parade followed the Colour Parade and involved Major Newton as parade commander, Corunna Company and the Band and Drums. MT, Signals and Armourers have been very busy with the annual vehicle and equipment inspections. Alma Company was on Force Guard, and 2/Lt. Roberts and our second group are in Korea with the United Nations Honour Guard. In spite of this, the general level of activity has been lower and the pressure on the unit much reduced.

Somme Company, with one platoon of Burma and administrative elements from Hook, is now at the Jungle Warfare School in Malaysia for five weeks jungle training. Corunna Company group follows in July and Alma group in late August.

In previous issues we have commented on the amount of turbulence among the senior ranks caused by the disbandment of units and redundancy. Fortunately, there has been a levelling off and the order of battle has steadied. This is a good thing for, whilst a shake-up and change-round can be beneficial, too much can be disruptive and damaging. The Malaya training period is a good opportunity for all parts of the unit to settle down together. Readers may also be interested to know that the main aim of our training during our time in Hong Kong, apart from readiness for the obvious operational role here, is to lift the standard of individual training and make each man into a more efficient battle soldier.

At sport we have experienced three successes and one near miss. There was a fine win over the New Zealanders at rugby, described elsewhere, and so is the winning of the Land Forces Athletics Championship. The hockey team won the 51 Brigade league, but in the final of the inter-unit soccer we could not quite hold our main rivals, 4 RRF (formerly Lancashire Fusiliers).

NEWS FROM THE MESSSES

OFFICERS MESS

The lunch, after taking into use the new Honorary Colours, was the highlight of the last three months. The lunch was quite excellent, and Mike Campbell-Lamerton did a superb job in organising the meal. It must be a long time since the Mess catered for over 250 people. The weather, luckily, was good; had it been raining the mind can only boggle as to whether the Mess could have held so many. Those who proclaimed, in typical "Dukes" fashion, "It'll be all right on the day" were once again right in their forecast. We cannot mention the names of

all the guests, but it can be safely said that both service and civil dignitaries were well represented.

Other Mess events have been few and far between. A small cocktail party was held for General Sir Robert and Lady Bray two days before the parade. This was a family affair, only "Dukes" attending. Our other event was another informal dinner for the marrieds superbly organised by John Sharp who, with his cry of "Strength goes in at the Mouth", produced yet another excellent meal.

The roulette that followed was a disaster for the syndicated bachelors who, representing the bank,



General Sir Robert Bray talking to Mr. James Hayes after the Parade.

failed miserably to beat the marrieds. Not one zero all night!

Visitors to the Mess have also been few: Lt.-General Hunt, Army Comd. FARELF came for a hurried lunch, and Col. Donald Isles came in on an informal visit. He was in very good form and we were delighted to see him again. Two weeks after his visit his son, Tim, joined us from Mons and we hope he enjoys himself during his service with The Duke's.

Finally, we are sorry to lose Donald Palmer, who is returning to the KDD on medical grounds. He has been a stalwart in the Mess and will be sadly missed. Robin Newell and Alan Westcob, not forgetting the baby, have also left for courses and then posting to the KDD. The Mess is surprisingly quiet as a result, or could it be the civilising influence caused by the re-emergence of Hugh Cartwright, whom we all welcome back to the Battalion?

SERGEANTS MESS

At last we have had a period of togetherness and it has been possible to see familiar faces for a few days in succession.

Perhaps this year will be regarded as a very eventful one starting from April 10, when General Bray presented LS & GCs to Bandmaster C. Wood, S/Sgt. B. Cooper and Sgt. T. Jackson, after which it was an excellent opportunity for a long-awaited mess photograph. The photographer's words of "Watch the birdie" (in Chinese) made sure of smiles all round.

Of course, the most important day was April 12, the Colour Parade, which will be remembered by all as a memorable occasion. The same evening General Bray and Lady Bray, the Commanding Officer and members of the Officers Mess, were

entertained by the Sergeants Mess and everyone had a swinging time.

A very good evening was enjoyed by all members when WO2 Pat Harris turned the Mess into the "Night Club Tropicana", with the help of camouflage nets. One member who came by taxi thought he had been taken to Wanchai by mistake.

Departures

We have said goodbye to the following who have left us for civilian life: WO2 S. Graham, S/Sgt. N. Crawshaw, Sgt. A. Cook; our best wishes go with them and to their families.

Postings are still to the fore with Sgt. D. Hughes to ACIO, Huddersfield; Sgt. (10 pin) Dowdall, KDD, York; Sgt. J. O'Donnell, Sandhurst Selection Course.

Arrivals

We welcome the following arrivals to the Mess: WO2 G. Clarke, Sgt. D. Blood, Sgt. B. Stansfield, Sgt. T. Conley; all are veterans by this time.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following on their promotions: S/Sgt. T. Delaney, S/Sgt. W. Morris, S/Sgt. R. Kelly, all to WO2; Sgt. J. Collins, Sgt. B. Coll, Sgt. M. Reddy, Sgt. R. Stewart to S/Sgt; Cpl. E. Millar to D/Major; Cpl. J. Wardle to Sgt.; Cpl. A. Craig to Sgt. We had summat for nowt that day when they all came into the bar. Cheers, well done!

CORPORALS MESS

The Mess has been very quiet for the last quarter as regards social activity. But, on the other hand, we have been kept busy with intensive training, border duties and exercises.

On return from Ex "Trident Star" we started extensive drill in preparation for the Battalion Colour Parade which took place on April 12, 1969. A buffet lunch was served in the White Rose Club after the parade for members of the Mess and their families. By 1500 hrs. all members were in good voice to support the Battalion rugby team in their victory over the rest of the Colony side.

The Battalion is now preparing for jungle warfare training which takes place in Malaya starting with the first company going in June, with silent signals becoming a problem for the barman in the Mess as to whether it is "Two Tops" or "Two Straights".

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the following on their promotion to Lance-Corporal and take this opportunity of welcoming them to the mess: L/Cpls. Robson, Stavely, Dailey, Firth, Pickern, Nuttall, Oxley-Bates, Knapton, Raine, Ratledge, Rushworth, Taylor, Sharp and Darcy.

We would also like to congratulate L/Cpls. Hynes, Lyons, Goddard, Hogg, Ruding and May on their promotion to Corporal.

We say goodbye to Cpls. Wardle and Newson who have now moved into the Sergeants Mess and wish them all the very best for the future.

SPORT

RUGBY

Although there is a separate account on the FARELF Cup Final, there is still a lot to be told concerning rugby here in Hong Kong. It has, in fact, been a season of variety and interest seldom equalled for many years.

Once again The Duke's can report on an unbeaten season, and the fact that only two tries were scored against us (both of them in the last game) gives testimony to the side's dominance in local circles. However, due to the Pentangular Tournament held here in which players from The Duke's represent the Army, the regimental side was only able to turn out 11 times. This was disappointing but unavoidable. However, eight or nine players represented the Army on almost every occasion, and helped the Army finish second to the Police. If the Army had not missed key players in the crucial game with the Police the positions might have been reversed.

Apart from our winning the FARELF Cup, the outstanding event of the season was Hong Kong's participation in the first-ever Asian Rugby Tournament, a product of the newly formed Asian Rugby Union. It was held in Japan and resulted in the home country winning the tournament with Hong Kong coming a close second. How close can be seen in the result of the Hong Kong—Japan game which ended in a 24-22 win for Japan, the winning try being scored in the last seconds of one of the best games of rugby that has been seen in Asia.

To IRON DUKE readers who are used to the home international matches, and the occasional visit by New Zealand and South Africa, the significance and importance of an Asian tournament may well seem small. Make no mistake about it, the game has progressed a lot in Asia, with the Japanese very much in the lead. Last year they completed a successful tour in New Zealand which culminated in a shock, but deserved, win over the junior All Blacks. Only a few weeks ago, the hierarchy of New Zealand rugby made mention of the fact that Japan had several nearly world class players, including a gentleman named Sakata whom they rated as one of the finest wingers they had ever seen in New Zealand. We, too, can vouch for that.

Hong Kong won their other matches in Japan: against South Korea 8-3, Taiwan (formerly Formosa) 27-0, and Thailand 32-0. All in all, it was a most successful venture, and the Hong Kong team was considered most worthy representatives, won a lot of friends in Japan, and was rated the strongest all-round team to have represented the Colony.

The importance attached to this from The Dukes point of view is simply that nine of the Battalion team were selected to represent Hong Kong in Japan, out of a total party of 23—indeed a lion's share. They were as follows:

Capt. Reid (fly-half), captain of the Colony team,

Lt. Thorn (prop), 2/Lt. M. P. Bird (hooker), Sgt. Cagilaba (second row), Lt. Gilbert (wing forward), Sgt. Robinson (winger), Pte. Waqabaca (winger), Pte. Cuss (centre), 2/Lt. Newell (centre/winger).

All members had their moments on tour and were on very good form. Reid, Thorn, Bird, Cagilaba, Cuss and Gilbert all played against Japan.

The return from Japan was immediately followed by the Battalion team going off to Malaya for the FARELF Cup Final—in all, three of the most hectic weeks of rugby ever experienced by a group of "Dukes" players.

The last game of the season was played on April 12, the same day as the Colour Parade. Appropriately enough, the opposition was the Rest of the Colony under the guise of the "Co-optimists". The game was won comfortably by 22-8, but it was marred by injuries on both sides which did not help the game as a spectacle. It was, however, interesting to see reserves coming into the side, in the absence of the Bird brothers, and doing so well. It was even more interesting to see Major Campbell-Lamerton who, prevailed upon at the last minute to play, gave a tremendous performance and produced his very best form.

Three of our stalwarts have left. They are Lt. Gilbert and the brothers Mike and Gerry Bird. Chris Gilbert and Gerry Bird formed the back row during the last two or three seasons and bring back memories of the Gilbert-Smith, Renilson era. Both of them were outstanding individually and, as pair, were much feared by opponents. Mike Bird was an excellent hooker, a student of the game, and we were lucky to get hold of him after Tony Redwood-Davies departed. He led the Colony pack and will be remembered by every player who was in Japan.

A word or two now about the players during the past season. In the pack Lt. Thorn has taken care of all opposite numbers. Sgt. Cagilaba has had an outstanding season, being the most consistent forward in the Colony, particularly in Japan. Cpl. Basu, and newcomers like Lt. Roberts and Lt. Gardner have had their moments. One must not forget the senior element: Major Hoppe played consistently throughout the season, and hooked in the Cup Final, and Major Newton played in the back row later in the season.

In the backs we have had some sparkling performances from Pte. Cuss, whose attacking ability and snatching up of half chances were inspirational. He tries to vary his play as he is a closely-marked player. Pte. Waqabaca had an explosive start to the season when week after week he had the opposition running in circles trying to stop his agile running. However, a bad injury curtailed his appearances. Sgt. Robinson ran as strongly as ever; he needs some sprinting practice, though, and a lot more of the ball than he is getting. Capt. Pettigrew played with his usual lack of deference to the opposi-

tion, but a tackle in the Cup Final, at a most crucial time, as a lonely full back showed that he was really meaning business. 2/Lt. Newell, who arrived after Christmas, showed his potential as a strong runner, and will be a force to be reckoned with next year. Lt. Stone deputised for Capt. Newell most effectively, and improved with every game, and Capt. Reid presided happily over his team.

The 2nd XV must not be forgotten. The side was ably led by 2/Lt. Sharp who engendered great spirit in the side. The team's results were most heartening even though denuded of players by the 1st XV frequently. L/Cpls. Gill, Shadbolt, Lyons, Cpl. Robson, Ptes. Barnes and Kelly played consistently well throughout the season.

Well that's it, except to mention that next season starts off with 1 DWR playing in Japan in late September and early October against three or four local sides. This is part of British Trade Week and there is no doubt that The Dukes are in for a rough time.

FARELF ARMY CUP FINAL

March 22, 1969

1Bn RNZIR (Malaya) v. 1 DWR (Hong Kong)

1 DWR arrived in Malaysia on March 17 and had a few days acclimatisation before the game itself on March 22. For nine of the players it was the culmination of three weeks rugby, the first part of which was spent in Japan with the Hong Kong team for the first-ever Asian Games. The change from near freezing temperatures to the well-known climate of Malaya took some getting used to.

The final practice provided an upset when 2/Lt. M. Bird tore the ligaments in his knee, and was declared unfit for the game. This was particularly upsetting for him as it was to be his final game for The Duke's, and for the team it was catastrophic to lose their only hooker on the eve of the match. It was decided to switch Major Hoppe to hooker and bring Lt. Gardner in as prop. The team, therefore, was: Capt. Pettigrew; Sgt. Robinson, Pte. Cuss, 2/Lt. Newell and Lt. McGlynn; Capt. Reid (Captain), 2/Lt. Stone; Lt. Thorn, Major Hoppe, Lt. Gardner, Sgt. Cagilaba, Major Campbell-Lamberton, Cpl. Basu, 2/Lt. Roberts and Lt. Gilbert.

After the New Zealanders had performed their traditional "Haka", 1 Battalion RNZIR kicked off. The early exchanges were close and hard fought and 1 RNZIR missed an easy penalty. The Dukes quickly settled down, with the forwards producing good ball from lineout, scrums and the loose in the early stages. Capt. Reid's use of the box kick and the touchline penned 1 RNZIR in their own half, and their defence became shaky dealing with the high kicks. After 10 minutes the full back was caught in possession by Robinson, Gilbert and Basu. From the scrum on the line, 1 DWR heeled and Stone dived over round the base of the scrum to notch the first points. The try was not converted. The Dukes were now very much on top, and continued to put heavy pressure on the lighter RNZIR forwards. Another box kick in the RNZIR 25 saw McGlynn again catch the full back in possession; Gilbert and Cagilaba produced the ball, the latter driving

through before handing on to Campbell-Lamerton who, in full flight, crashed over in the left-hand corner. A textbook try made into five points by an excellent conversion by Pettigrew.

The RNZIR side was thoroughly shaken by all this and, although getting a fair share of the ball, tended to waste it by individual efforts, countered by stern "Dukes" tackling, or by kicks straight into Pettigrew's hands where they were dealt with most competently. During this time, Gilbert sustained concussion but continued to play on, dropping back as an extra three-quarter. Basu also pulled a leg muscle, and stayed outside of the pack. However, the six "Dukes" forwards retained the upper hand, and RNZIR could not break loose from the stranglehold. An infringement in the scrum 30 yards out gave Pettigrew the opportunity to kick another penalty goal which put the "Dukes" up 11-0. The same player kicked another goal shortly afterwards.

Now, almost ceaseless pressure was bringing its reward. Another kick ahead produced a loose heel, some quick interpassing was halted but again the "Dukes" heeled. Stone went blind and passed out to Newell who transferred it to Robinson who then put Cuss over in the right-hand corner. This try was unconverted. A pity, as it was the try of the match.

Some good "Dukes" handling from the backs, produced a searing break from Cuss, and Robinson was hauled down just short of the line. From the resultant lineout the RNZIR made a grave mistake by throwing in hard and low. The ball bounced over the line where an alert Sgt. Robinson just got his hand to the ball for a very good opportunist try—which, again, was unconverted. This brought the score to 20-0 at half-time.

The tremendous efforts of the first half took heavy toll of the "Dukes" team; the heat and humidity told on them from this point on. Also, Gilbert had a knee injury, which further incapacitated him, and Basu and he spent most of their time in the second half in the three-quarters. The RNZIR, to their credit, stormed back into the game and, except for brief intervals, penned the "Dukes" in their own half. They began to get unlimited possession from the tight, but in the lineout, thanks to Campbell-Lamerton, Cagilaba and Roberts, we held our own. The "Dukes" tackling was superb, and one remembers particularly efforts by Basu, McGlynn and Pettigrew, the latter saving a certain try.

The second half seemed interminable: long spells of RNZIR pressure punctuated by odd sorties by 1 DWR. Three of these nearly produced tries for Roberts, Reid and Newell. The latter, in fact, looked a certain try but the referee blew his whistle and awarded 1 DWR a penalty instead, which Capt. Pettigrew converted easily near the posts. Mid-way during the second half Stone collided with a table on the side-line and sustained a bad cut on the back of his hand which later required six stitches. He stayed on and completed his best-ever game for the "Dukes". A little later, Gilbert hurt his leg yet again, and had to leave the field. Under the international rules, Cpl. Robson replaced him and played for the final 10 minutes.



WINNERS OF THE FARELF CUP

Back row left to right: Capt. Pettigrew, Sgt. Robinson, Lt. Thorn, Major Campbell-Lamerton, Lt. Roberts, Lt. Gardiner, Lt. McGlynn, Sgt. Cagilaba.

Front row left to right: Cpl. Robson, 2/Lt. Stone, Lt. Gilbert, Pte. Cuss, Capt. Reid, Cpl. Basu, Lt. Newell, Major Hoppe.

As time wore on the RNZIR efforts foundered on resolute "Dukes" tackling. They became more dispirited and, if anything, the game became easier. The "Dukes" at the final whistle were exhausted but very happy to win by 23—0. The efforts by the team deserved the highest praise which came from the British element of the Commonwealth Brigade and also from a very generous RNZIR team. It takes some good play to score 23 points against a New Zealand team, and the fact that the "Dukes" played in foreign territory only accentuates this achievement.

General Sir Peter Hunt presented the trophy and shields to the 1 DWR team.

GOLF MEETING

Thanks wholly to the efforts of the Secretary, Shek O Golf Club threw open their doors to an invasion from the Battalion on Monday, April 14. Shek O Golf Club is a delightful little course tucked in along the coast on a peninsula on Hong Kong island. It is a privately owned club, with a restricted membership. The club-house is a delightful building, with a swimming pool attached.

For the first time the event, this year, was not entirely for the benefit of officers, as an Open Cup has been purchased for which all ranks are at liberty to compete. As usual, the silver putter and the wooden spoon were the trophies on which the sights of most commissioned competitors were set.

Since arriving in Hong Kong, owing to a combination of wishful thinking and high-pressure salesmanship, a number of officers have been conned into becoming the owners of complete matched sets of brand new clubs. Thus tension ran high at the outset, as certain officers had been seen to be practising furiously on the sports field well before the scheduled event.

The handicap committee has an impossible task in trying to equate the silver putter competitors,

who range from the semi-professional to the complete amateur, and, once again, all was not quite right. Particularly so in the case of Capt. Dick Mundell who, claiming a bad back injury from a recent rugby game, managed to persuade the committee to let out his handicap by four strokes. This proved to be the medicine required as Dick came in with a net score of three under par to walk off with the putter.

The wooden spooners set off with the aid of two strokes per hole to put together a Stapleford score. Capt. Ian Reid had obviously entered the wrong competition, as his winning score of 47 points was well clear of the rest of the field. It was noted, however, that Lt. Dick Ward was no mean performer either, and complaints from the QM's department as to "unwanted professionalism" will receive due consideration for next year. Some members never made it past the half way house, where one officer deserted his ball at the tenth green when the scent of San Miguel proved a greater temptation than a man of his fibre was able to withstand. Needless to say, his partners were both heavily outranked and needed only gentle persuasion to call the golf to a halt.

The open competition proved a close battle with S/Sgt. Walker producing good golf, but not good enough when compared to the longer handicaps. His gross 75 was the best of the day (repeated in the afternoon), but Capt. Robin Newell ran out the winner with a three under par round. In order to ensure that this competition does produce the best golfer as the winner in future years, the rules are being rewritten and the best net score of two rounds of golf with a maximum handicap of 18 will probably be the answer. This in no way reflects on this year's results, but is designed to give the "pros" a better chance against the amateurs.

An excellent lunch and full use of the bar facilities rounded off a thoroughly good day, and softened the blow for those whose bodies can no longer keep pace with their minds on the course.

FOOTBALL

Whether it was because the sub-editor was the captain of the XV or your correspondent's English was unpublishable, no football notes appeared in the last edition. This was a pity, as the side has done well throughout the season though it always found one side too good for them. In the Football League we lost twice, which was only good enough for second position, and we were beaten in the final of the knock-out 2—0 by the 4th Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. This latter game was marred by atrocious weather conditions which nullified any attempts to play sophisticated football, and both sides were reduced to kick-and-run tactics. In such a game it would be invidious to single out any particular person, but it is enough to say that all members of the team played as well as conditions allowed.

If the side could be said to be weak in any department it was in defence. This was due mainly to injury as it was only in two matches that the full defence were able to play. Our half-back line was probably the best in the Colony, with Cpl. Heron, Bds. Haigh and Pte. Marr all playing really well throughout the season. In front we had a fast combination who never really managed to utilise their speed; this was due to their inability to

combine as a team and their tendency to play as individuals. This, again, was a legacy of the recurrent injuries that beset the team. Cpl. Willans, Bds. Sollitt and Pte. Pennington were the leading goal-scorers.

Now to the future. Next season we will probably be entering the Civilian Second Division which will give us some invaluable experience for future Army games. In this division, we will be up against both professional and amateur teams and it will need real keenness and effort to keep our heads above water. However, with a little more luck than last season, there is no reason why the side should not go from strength to strength and might even contend for promotion. It is with great hope that we look forward to next October and the start of the new season.

SAILING AND WATER SKI-ING

As anticipated in the last notes, once the warmer weather arrived very many more people have started sailing and water ski-ing.

During the past month the sailing section of the club has sailed in three regattas. There have also been two smaller events in which crews and dinghies from the club have taken part.

Over the week-end May 3/4 five Enterprise dinghies sailed in the Gordon Hard Yacht Club Regatta. Because of the difficulties of transport it was decided to sail the dinghies there, escorted by the club's cruising yacht *Peta Anne* for safety. This sail was quite a marathon for an Enterprise, as the trip took about five to six hours to complete. Fortunately, the tide and wind were all in favour and the passage was survived without any serious mishap.

The two days of the regatta provided some excellent sailing with nearly 40 dinghies massing on the start for some of the open event races. Unfortunately, no prizes came the way of any of our crews, who entered the many events, but much valuable experience was gained.

The Land Forces Inter-Unit Sailing Championships closely followed the regatta weekend on May 7, 8 and 9. This event was again held at Gordon Hard using eight of the 48 Brigade's dinghies for the team racing. Each team consisted of four crews which had to sail a match of two races versus each other team taking part. Before each match teams drew for dinghies which were changed around after the first race of a match. Unfortunately, only three units entered teams for the regatta in the end which was rather spoilt through a fourth team dropping out at very short notice.

The following teams took part in the races. The MCTC, 50 Comd Wksp from Kowloon, and 1 DWR.

In the first match the Battalion team was drawn to sail against the MCTC and, after two close and exciting races, won on overall points having lost the first race, but gaining a very good victory in the second, thus being awarded nearly maximum points and winning the first bout of the regatta.

In the final event the 50 Comd Wksp team beat the Battalion team by a fair margin. The first



Lt-General Sir Basil Eugster meeting members of The Duke's football team before the final v. 4 RRF.

Left to right: Pts. Keyworth, Mathiot, Sollitt, Haig, Backhouse, L/Cpl. Ingram, Cpl. Heron (capt.).



The Battalion sailing team before setting sail for "Gordon Hard Regatta".

Names from left to right: L/Cp. MacLachlan. Bds. MacArthur, Ptes. Orwin, Hutchinson, Knight, L/Cpl. Lowth, Cpl. Gunn.

Seated in front: L/Cpl. D'Arcy, Ptes. Hepworth, Preece.

race of this match had to be re-sailed and, although we did very much better than in the first two races against the Workshop team, it did not help the final result to come our way. The main prize of the regatta was to represent Hong Kong in the FARELF Championships in Singapore in July.

The following represented the Battalion: Major Hoppe, Cpl. Gunn, L/Col. Lowth, L/Cpl. D'Arcy, Pte. Preece, Bds. MacArthur, Ptes. Hepworth, Knight and Hutchinson.

The final result of the Championships was as follows:

1st.	50 Command Workshop		
	Kowloon	.. ..	49 pts.
2nd.	1 DWR	.. ..	76½ pts.
3rd.	MCTC Stonecutters Island		89 pts.

The final event of a very active month was the Harbour Cup Race run by the Little Sai Wan Yacht Club. In this very long race, being run for the first time, Pte. Preece helming, and Bds. MacArthur crewing for him, came a very good second in one of the club's dinghies. Only four dinghies finished the race of the 14 that started. The other 10 were all defeated by either the gusty conditions or the strong tide running in the harbour. In the afternoon, Bds. MacArthur won the Novices Trophy.

The water ski-ing has also been active with *Waterwitch* once more seaworthy and back in service. Trips to nearby beaches in either *Peta Anne* or *Waterwitch* are also becoming popular and a number of families have ventured forth and returned safely to tell the tale and encourage the faint-hearted.

ATHLETICS

The season, although short this year, has proved very rewarding. First of all, platoons organised teams for an inter-platoon competition which brought many promising performers to light. This was taken one step further with an inter-company match

held on the Battalion sports field. The standard in many of the events was high, especially in the sprints. Alma Company is to be congratulated on winning a very closely run competition, Hook Company was second.

We then began the month-long intensive training which led up to the Major Units Athletics Championships at Government Stadium. Although we

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experienced difficulties in getting people to training because of regimental commitments, a great many individuals are to be applauded for their hard work. For the last three days SSI Norwood was able to book the track at Government Stadium for training; this proved immensely helpful in working out our tactics.

The competition itself went much as was expected. The 1/6 and 1/7 Gurkhas were very strong in the long-distance events; 25 Light Regiment RA were useful field event contenders and we were good all-rounders with an emphasis on sprints. The competition lasted for two days, and at the end of the first we were one point behind 1/6 Gurkhas. However, all the sprint finals were on the last day when we completely wiped the board, winning 4 x 800, 4 x 400, 4 x 200 and 4 x 100 metres in succession. We finished up by winning 8 out of the 14 events and were well placed in the remainder. On the way, we broke three Land Forces records and came close to a Colony record. The three were the high jump, broken by Sgt. Horne and Cpl. Parrott, the pole vault, taken by Capt. Pettigrew and Pte. Walker, and the 4 x 100 metre relay by 2/Lt. Newell, Cpl. Walker, Ptes. Peat and Vuro.

Winning the competition seemed just reward for all the hard endeavour put in by the team which was as follows: Major Hoppe, Capt. Pettigrew,

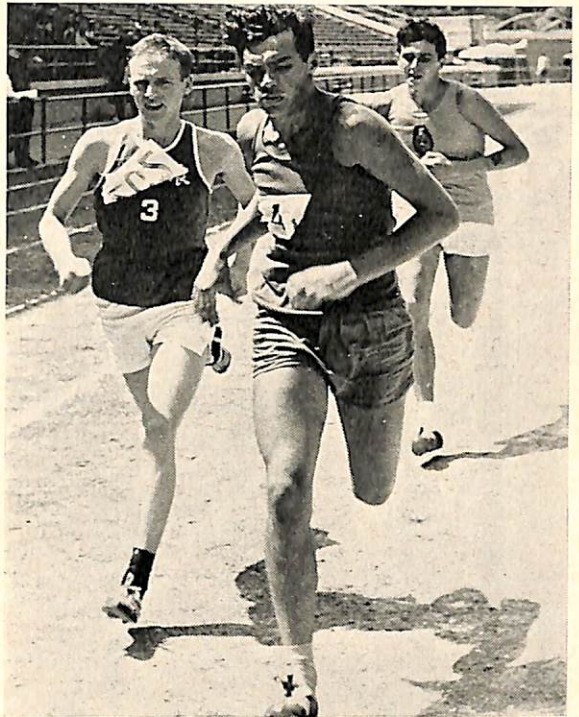


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Pte. Welburn leading in the 800 metres.

Capt. Cumberlege, 2/Lt. Newell, Sgt. Cagilaba, Sgt. Horne, Sgt. Robinson, Cpl. Walker, Cpl. Parrott, Cpl. Bebbington, Cpl. Thornton, L/Cpl. Pashby, Ptes. Marr, Welburn, Cuss, Kelly, Vuro, Peat, Mathews, McArthur, Fisher, Gilgallon, Sollitt, Wilson, Evans, Kennedy.



2/Lt. Newell, team captain, receiving the Athletics trophy from Brigadier MacWilliam, Deputy Commander Land Forces, Hong Kong.

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Company Notes

HOOK COMPANY

Two main highlights have been a second social evening and the Company and Battalion athletics.

The inter-platoon athletics were held on Wednesday, April 9, and S/Sgt. Norwood ran a well-organised competition. The Band and Drums team won the meeting easily as they had by far the strongest and best organised side.

In the Battalion meeting, held later in April, the Company team were runners-up to Alma Company. This was an extremely close result with the Hook and Alma teams battling out the last two or three events in order to decide the winning team.

The following members of the company team did well in the Battalion meeting:

100 yards. Pte. Peat (MT) 3rd
120 yards hurdles. Cpl. Thornton 1st Capt. Cumberlege 2nd
1 mile. Bdsm. Sollit 1st
High jump. Cpl. Parrott (Sigs) 2nd
Long Jump. Cpl. Thornton (Drums) 1st, Pte. Peat 2nd
Shot. Sgt. Cagilaba (Sigs) 1st
Discus. Sgt. Cagilaba (Sigs) 1st

At the end of April Sgt. Wilkinson organised a Company social evening in the White Rose Club. Many members of the Company and their families attended the evening and enjoyed the two floor shows and excellent buffet supper that had been arranged.

Unfortunately, the White Rose Club failed to anticipate such a whole-hearted turnout and the beer ran out. This caused rather an upset as a large number present had then to try and quench their thirst on whisky or gin. This had a good effect on the White Rose Club's takings, but a very bad effect on the following day's alertness on parade. Fortunately, the Commanding Officer decided to inspect Alma Company that morning.

Personalia

Births

Congratulations to the following: Cpl. and Mrs. Bower, L/Cpl. and Mrs. O'Shea, Bdsm. and Mrs. Rochelle, Pte. and Mrs. Davis, Cpl. and Mrs. Lambton.

Promotions

To corporal: L/Cpl. Hogg.

To lance-corporal: Ptes. Darcy, Pickern, Firth, Coates and Raine.

Farewell

Cpl. and Mrs. Fearn—to School of Inf., Warminster.

L/Cpl. Wilson—to KDD.

Cpl. May—to Sek Kong
and to demob: S/Sgt. Crawshaw, Sgts. Cook and Stanforth, Cpls. Buckingham, Cameron and Higgins, L/Cpls. Garlick and Sykes, Pte. Earl.

MT PLATOON

The last MT Platoon notes ended with: "The future months for the Platoon will, as usual, be busy". This has proved to be no understatement. We have certainly been kept busy. A quick look at the programme for the period March 1 to May 31, 1969, reads:

March—Border duty.

Bn exercise "Canter II."

Bde test exercise "Golden Lion."

Bde amphibious exercise "Trident Star."

April—Presentation of new Honorary Colours.

Support weapons concentration.

Queen's Birthday Parade.

Unit cadres.

Internal security exercise.

May—Platoon camps.

Somme Coy cadres.

Advance party for "Long Wander."

Unit equipment inspection.

The most interesting exercise for the MT was "Trident Star." In addition to providing vehicles for the exercise we also provided a platoon of 30 drivers, under Sgt. Harding, who provided the loading and lashing teams and trailer handling parties. The vehicles were loaded on LCM, from LCM to the assault landing ship, back to the LCM and landed. When the last vehicle was landed the Platoon joined up with Somme Company and carried out the exercise as a rifle platoon. The exercise closed with a tactical withdrawal. The MT Platoon had to RV at the beach and take on the task of getting the vehicles back to the assault ship and off-loading in Hong Kong.

A very tired platoon at the end of the exercise, but much more experienced.

The unit equipment inspection is always a busy time for the MT Platoon and, no doubt, some of the ex-members of the MT, reading these notes, will think, "There's no real problem, we always managed all right." Well, things have changed, and where in the old days transport details before and during the unit equipment inspection were cut down to the minimum, this is not the case today, and more so in Hong Kong. The basic daily details require 24 vehicles, with 120 families living in town to be moved to and from work. A split Battalion and eight vehicles each day provided to HQ Land Forces for pool duties. Problems of spares which, at times, have to come from UK gives very little time to prepare vehicles. It is almost a case of vehicles off detail one day with inspection the following day. Needless to say, a very busy time for the Platoon.

MT driving cadres are going ahead. Cpls. Mann and Lambton, having attended the Driving Instructors Course in Singapore and obtained good course reports, have a 100% pass record on cadres up to date.

Pte. Peat was a member of the Battalion athletics

team who were very successful at the Command Athletics Meeting. Well done!

Arrivals

Welcome to Cpl. Pye, Pte. Peat and Pte. Hanson ex-York and Lancaster Regiment. S/Sgt. Wilson and Pte. Butcher from Sig. Platoon. Pte. Burke and Pte. Lamont from ERE, and L/Cpl. Orchard from Emp Platoon.

Departures

Cpl. Buckingham, REME Demob. Pte. Hart, CASEVAC. Pte. Ibbitson to Burma Coy. Sgt. Harding to Alma Company (much wiser in the problems of MT).

SIGNAL PLATOON

To any past signaller the Platoon will be unrecognisable within the next few weeks. The RSO is being succeeded by Capt. Walker; S/Sgt. Wilson has been replaced by WO2 Kelly, and Sgt. Shaw is about to take over from Sgt. Wilkinson. However, work goes on and the problem of finishing the cadre in between exercises in Malaya, education, border duties, patrols, "Hearts and Minds" projects, etc. is now firmly in the hands of the new team. The cadre, for so long in the planning stage, has suddenly become very real and the expression on the faces of Ptes. Furness and Squires shows to all what they think of Antenna Theory. Pte. Verrall never stops laughing, which makes one think something is wrong somewhere, and "Ginger" Morton is not only permanently laughing but, for some extraordinary reason, doubles everywhere—as often as not in the wrong direction.

In between these activities L/Cpls. Coates and Raine managed to succeed in doing particularly well on an NCOs Cadre and are to be congratulated on their promotion. L/Cpl. Pickern has also managed to achieve promotion; although it was well deserved, not even his platoon commander knows through which channel authority was finally given. Well done!

Cpls. Minto, Basu and L/Cpl. Barnett are off to Warminster on courses and will be badly missed for the next three months. By September, with five recent arrivals from Warminster, the Battalion radio net will be unbearable. Certainly it will be no place for the novice.

Other activities in the last quarter that will no doubt be remembered were the unit equipment inspection and another platoon social. The former went well, but seemed to denude us completely of all radio sets, while the latter will be remembered for the various presentations to those departing and the dancing of Sgt. Wilkinson. No one knew he had such hidden talents.

Finally, one word about Pte. Waqabaca. He has been in hospital for the last three months and we wish him a speedy recovery.

THE BAND

The most recent notable event in the Battalion was the Colour Parade with all the pomp and circumstance which is associated with such an occasion. The Band and Drums with their display of march-

ing and counter-marching was one of the highlights of this memorable day.

The holiday season in the Colony brings thousands of tourists to our shores. To welcome the rich British, and even richer Americans, the Band "play in" the large luxury liners at the Ocean Terminal, the point of arrival and departure in Kowloon for ships of all nations. Many a handkerchief dabbing wet eyes can be seen as, to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne", the ships slip their cables and sail majestically through the beautiful harbour of Hong Kong.

We had the delightful pleasure of playing at a charity show in the China Fleet Club. The stars of the show were none other than Professor Jimmy Edwards and the cabaret artist Jill Day, who were brought to Hong Kong by one of the famous hotels to appear for six weeks. Jimmy Edwards is not only a first-class comedian, but is also an accomplished musician and his interpretation of such pieces as "Crown Imperial March" and the Overture "1812" by Tchaikowsky received the applause which they richly deserved.

The "Blue Tones" and "Blues Syndicate," the two Regimental dance bands, are going from strength to strength. Every week-end they are playing for private parties and functions in Messes or hotels such as the Hilton and Peninsula.

The Band and Drums took part in the traditional Bun Festival on the island of Cheung Chau. This festival consists of colourful processions, festive atmosphere, culminating with the climbing of the 50ft high towers made of small bread loaves. The person who reaches the highest bun is supposed to be protected from the evil spirits.

We wish every success to Sgt. Cook and Cpl. Higgins and L/Cpl. Garlick who have left the Band for civilian employment. We also wish BM Mr. Wood every success in his appointment as Director of Music of The Royal Hong Kong Police which he will shortly be taking over.

We welcome to the Band Bds. Clough, who has recently joined us, and BM Mr. Alexander, who succeeds Mr. Wood as Bandmaster of 1 DWR.

THE CORPS OF DRUMS

During the past three months we have been very busy. We have had two periods at the border, which were spent at Fan Gardens Camp. We also went on exercise "Canter II" and the Brigade exercise in which we spent two days on board HMS *Intrepid* as guests of the Royal Navy; we found this to be an interesting experience, if a little cramped.

In between times we have been carrying on with our own job as drummers. The Colour Parade on April 12 was a great success, followed almost immediately by the Queen's Birthday Parade. We also played at the Hong Kong football cup final between Jardines and the Hong Kong Police.

The CO's bugle competition was held on April 22 with Dms. Sullivan and Gowing emerging as CO's and Adjutant's Buglers.

We would like to welcome L/Cpls. Nellist and Foulds and Dmr. Boyes who have recently joined

us from 1 Y & L. We also welcome L/Cpl. Bebb and Dmr. Fogg.

Our best wishes go to Dmr. Earl and his family who have departed for civy street, also Cpls. Wilkinson and Tolley, the first to be a soldier, the latter to be manager of the White Rose Club. Best wishes to S/Sgt. Allerton who has taken the post of Officers Mess Staff Sergeant.

ALMA COMPANY

The first three months of 1969 proved to be exceptionally busy. During the period we performed two spells of two weeks each on border duty; one week Force Guard at Victoria Barracks; two Battalion exercises and one Brigade exercise; and prepared for and completed the Annual Administration Inspection. At the same time there was the requirement for parade rehearsals, remote area patrols and the permanent need to train and be prepared for any IS situation.

We are now fairly familiar with the routine for border duty which was rapidly followed by another familiar routine duty as Force Guard at Victoria Barracks with ceremonial guards for HE the Governor, Commander British Forces, and more tactical guards for the Victoria Remand Centre, Shouson Hill Ammunition Depot and an immediate, though small, stand-by force in case of sudden emergency.

Force Guard duty ended on January 29, 1969, about the same time as the most welcome reinforcements arrived from the York & Lancaster Regiment. For February, the programme was hectic with less familiar duties to perform, such as final preparations for the Administrative Inspection on February 11, the Battalion Exercise "Canter II" from February 13-15 and exercise "Golden Lion," set by Brigade HQ for February 23-26. Despite the new station, acclimatisation, and the hectic programme, our new arrivals performed magnificently. For the inspection on February 11 CSM Pickersgill and two platoon commanders, Lt. Wonson and 2/Lt. Newell, had been with the Company for only two weeks.

On exercise "Canter II", 3 Platoon under Lt. Wonson showed considerable tactical flare with their record of enemy captured. These included an enemy fighting patrol, sent to attack the position by night, which obligingly walked straight into 3 Platoon's carefully prepared ambush. 3 Platoon continued their success story on the first day of the exercise set by Bde in the mist and cloud high above the Sai Kung Peninsula. They spotted an enemy party moving in the distance and gave chase. 2 Platoon was diverted to act as cut-off and 3 Platoon then lost contact as the enemy party moved into the cloud and mist. In the end, 3 Platoon tracked down the umpire-controlled enemy and some half-dozen casualties were awarded against 3 Platoon with 25 enemy recorded as dead or wounded. This was duly reported to Battalion HQ who understandably refused to believe the report as the enemy were only supposed to operate in groups of 10. Eventually, after several counts of "heads" and checks of numbers of European and Chinese amongst the enemy, the figures were accepted. The enemy party were released into the



Left—Dmr. Sullivan—CO's Bugler. Right—Dmr. Gowing—Adjutant's Bugler.

mist and an hour later ran into the cut-off party of 2 Platoon. Another umpire-controlled skirmish took place and similar casualties were again awarded by the umpire but, regrettably, were not allowed to count in the final tally. The Brigade exercise "Trident Star" was mounted aboard HMS *Intrepid* and there was little doubt that officers and soldiers alike found much of interest. The emphasis was clearly on the mounting of the exercise and the tactical side of things was dull compared with earlier exercises.

The first two weeks of March were taken up with border duty. Then parade rehearsals started in earnest, with the problems of fitting and cleaning of No. 3 dress for the Colours Parade on Saturday, April 12. After the parade there was little time to prepare for the Battalion athletics meeting held at Stanley Fort on April 18-19. The athletics team trained hard when they could and, despite lack of time for training, and being very hard pressed by Hook Company, won the inter-company trophy. Mr. Sharp, who trained the athletes, and the whole team deserve praise for what proved to be essentially a team effort.

After the athletics meeting we moved into a period that was largely relaxation. In the six weeks that followed we fitted in seven days leave for each platoon, an IS stand-by on May Day and platoon projects to Lantao which were an essential part of training that, owing to a full programme to date, had been neglected. Each platoon commander had to use his initiative to arrange a "Hearts and Minds" project through the District Officer

South. Each platoon had an opportunity to operate independently, and the tasks completed were much to their credit. Lantao Island can now boast of its own properly laid-out beach barbecue; a school was repaired and redecorated; and in a small village, a stage was built for their first-ever amateur dramatics.

By mid-May we were concentrating on individual training with particular emphasis on weapon training. Force Guard duty is at present being performed by "The Alma" and we are preparing for another spell of border duty at the end of June. Thereafter, the emphasis will be on training for Jungle Warfare School, and there should be much to report after our planned five-week visit.

Capt. Hugh Cartwright has just joined Alma Company as 2IC. We were all sorry to see the departure of Mike Bird to civilian life; we wish him well and thank him for his splendid efforts for his platoon and the Company.

Personalia

A number of new arrivals are welcomed to the Company. They are: Sgt. Wardle from Corunna Company, Sgt. Harding from Hook Company MT, Sgt. Stansfield from KDDY, Cpl. Wilkinson from Drums, Cpl. Cookson from Somme Company Mortars. Inevitably there are postings out from the Company who go with our good wishes in their new employment.

Sgt. Hughes to recruiting at Halifax, Sgt. Dowdall to KDDY, Cpl. Kelsey to Officers Mess, Singapore, L/Cpl. Wren to discharge after completion of 22 years.

Finally, congratulations for the following for various reasons. Sgt. Hewson, "B" Grading on a Jungle Warfare Course. Cpl. Lowney, "B" Grading on a First Aid Instructors Course. L/Cpl. Hey, "Pass" on a B II Clerks Correspondence Course. Cpl. Hewson, on promotion to Sgt. Sgt. Reddy on promotion to S/Sgt. Pte. Ratledge on promotion to L/Cpl. Cpl. and Mrs. Mitchell on the birth of a girl.

BURMA COMPANY

As, unfortunately, our last set of notes were too late for the April edition it is convenient to start these notes at the time of our return from New Zealand.

We found awaiting us at Lyemun, Cpl. Grey, L/Cpl. Wilson, Ptes. Huntley and Williams, who had returned from the first Korea Honour Guard, and also a draft from 1 Y & L. The annual inspection was imminent, so we cleaned ourselves up for this in the happy knowledge that the Brigadier had exempted the Company from any exercise and merely wished to visit us.

The CO's work-up exercise, "Canter II", followed with the Company providing the enemy for the remainder of the Battalion. Our Sunray excelled himself by getting captured on the first night. This was followed by exercise "Golden Lion" and then we were off to the border for our second tour, having missed one while in New Zealand. We were at Man Kam To and our fortnight followed the usual pattern. We did have a minor excitement when a deputation of 30 suddenly

appeared at the police station gate. They were very peaceful and well-behaved but it proved to us all how quickly an incident could blow up. Major Mitchell went down with an escort into the lairage area and is believed to be the first British Army Officer to have stood on the bridge since 1947.

Then came exercise "Trident Star" a brigade amphibious exercise. This proved to be a physical test of no mean order and we had a massive night withdrawal across the island of Lantao in which it took 2½ hours to get off the feature we originally held down to a track. This was a matter of 800 yards down the side of a very steep hill. It was a very tired company which re-embarked on HMS *Intrepid* the following morning.

The Colour Parade came next for which we provided No. 2 Guard. At the time of writing we are running an adventure training camp on a remote beach in the Sai Kung peninsula. This is proving very popular and the canteen which is being run by Cpl. Dodson should give our funds a welcome boost.

Unfortunately we cannot go to Malaya as a company and each of the platoons is going with other companies. This means that we will have a platoon away throughout the summer.

We have a couple of "Hearts and Minds" projects in the planning stage for our area of Lantao island. One is to build a playground and the other a stream diversion. We hope to complete these during the coming weeks.

Personalia

We have had a number of changes. Capt. Newell, S/Sgt. Coll, whom we congratulate on his promotion, and Cpl. Young have left us for the Battalion Training Team. Cpl. Grey has gone to the Depot as an instructor. We welcome Capt. Puttock as 2IC, Lt. McGlynn as OC 5 Platoon, in place of Mr. Bird who has gone to the depot, and Sgts. Waller and Conley.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Delaney and Taylor on the birth of their sons, and L/Cpl. Taylor on his promotion. Also Cpl. Walker and Pte. Evans 86 who did well in the Battalion athletics competition and have been selected to train for the Battalion team. Cpl. Mortimer is to be congratulated on achieving a "B" grading on the weapons course in Malaya.

Finally, the following have joined us from the Depot: Ptes. Thompson 99, Thomas, Woodward, Bentley, Burton, Robshaw, Elgar and Dykes. We are glad to have them and hope they enjoy their time with the Company.

CORUNNA COMPANY

Whoever coined that phrase to the effect that soldiering consists of short periods of boredom did not know much about Hong Kong. Our problem seems to be fit in all the things that must be done, plus the things that we would like to do, and then, at the last minute, throw in something that should have been done yesterday.

Since our last notes, and running through to August, our programme in outline is as follows. March; two weeks on the border, and a five-day amphibious exercise with HMS *Intrepid*. April: the

Colour Parade and the Queen's Birthday Parade. May: platoon camps on Lantao island and a week's leave. June: three weeks' preliminary jungle training and another border tour. July-August: five weeks jungle training in Malaya, and yet another two weeks on the border. Add the odd day on the ranges, IS exercises, administration, remote area patrols, and routine training, and I think the point is made—Hong Kong is not a rest camp for weary BAOR soldiers.

The amphibious exercise, exercise "Trident Star," and the two parades were, perhaps, the highlights of the period. "Trident Star's" most memorable incident for Corunna was the night march up the side of a mountain immediately after the beach landing. During the climb L/Cpl. Brennan fell badly, cutting his chin, which later required several stitches, and twisting his knee. Two hours later, having kept going, he took part in a section attack. And that is what Corunna is all about. It is not quite certain whether his "Ahhh!!" during the final assault was blinding pain or pure aggressiveness—probably a bit of both.

The Colour Parade has been fully reported elsewhere. Sufficient to say that Corunna, like every other company, put in a lot of hard work on it, and, according to the spectators, this paid off. Exactly one week later we were at it again when Corunna provided the Army element of the joint service parade for the Queen's Birthday. This was another good parade, and it received a lot of favourable comment in the local press both from the journalists and readers' letters. The whole ceremony was shown live on the local television, and even the commentator's obvious lack of homework could not detract from a first-rate spectacle.

Since Corunna arrived at Stanley from Lyemun the profits in the White Rose Club, our unit-run "pub", have shown a definite increase. In fact, we run the club at present, and after an initial quick turn-round of barmen, for rather typical Corunna reasons, we have settled for our present steady team of Cpl. Tolley, Ptes. Ellis, Conway and Butterworth as "mine hosts". One could see how steady they are after Butterworth found a bamboo snake in the bar and knew straight away that it was a real one. Certain other ex-barmen would merely have gone for a lie down and an Alka Seltzer.

Our particular bit of excitement during the period was the helicopter crash which, fortunately, was exciting rather than tragic. Lt. Palmer and Ptes. Wragg, Harris and Sugden were returning from a remote area patrol in a RAF Whirlwind helicopter when the aircraft ditched in the sea off Lantao island. The helicopter sank in 10 seconds, but all were able to scramble out in time. Sugden only just made it as he made determined efforts to punch his way through the side of the chopper rather than leaving by the normal exit. A sampan picked up the party from the rough water just as they were getting rather tired, and the only casualties were the patrol's equipment, weapons, and the helicopter. The latter was recovered from 50ft of water the next day, and apparently will be fit to fly again—but our boys have got its registration number!

There has been a considerable amount of movement in and out of the Company. Capt. Pugh has gone off to be a General Staff Officer at 24 Brigade. David has been with us since early Gillingham days, and his unfailing enthusiasm and sense of humour will be missed. Capt. Power is due to join as 2IC in June. Lt. Gilbert was posted to the Depot in April, and Lt. Palmer and Lt. Westcob have both got their MFO packed for a move in June. Lt. Tighe (8 Platoon) and 2/Lt. Stone (9 Platoon) are recent arrivals, and 2/Lt. Isles (7 Platoon) is expected within the next two weeks. Sgt. Wardle moved to Alma on promotion, and Sgt. Hewson is expected to join us when he can tear himself away from the Training Team. Cpl. Dooley has gone ERE to Singapore, Cpl. Laherty to the Depot, and also posted are Ptes. Senior (Resettlement Course), both the brothers Winstanley (Hook) and Pte. Fogg (Drums). Recently joined are L/Cpl. Parkinson and Pte. Chadderton.

Other Personalia

Promotions

L/Cpl. Goddard and L/Cpl. Ruding to corporal; Pte. Blackburn to lance-corporal.

Births

To Pte. and Mrs. Hoyle a son, March 11, 1969.

To Pte. and Mrs. Wilden, a son, March 6, 1969.

To Pte. and Mrs. Wilkinson a son, March 11, 1969.

SOMME COMPANY

It seems almost impossible that IRON DUKE notes are upon us once again, which goes to show that life is still as hectic as ever. At the time of writing these notes we are busy packing up ready for our six week training period in Malaya.

Since our last notes the chronological order of events has been a border tour, exercise "Trident Star", the Colour Parade, support weapons concentration and platoon cadres.

In March we were on the border at Sha Tau Kok. This was greatly enjoyed because it was the first time we had been on the border as a complete company. The fortnight went off without any major incident. We did, however, award the company Sha Tau Kok Star to Mr. Gardner and his patrol for avoiding a dozen odd bricks showered at them during their primary fence patrol. The Star was also awarded to L/Cpl. Cook for showing coolness in crisis, he was bitten by a dog whilst on a GIS news patrol, his only remark was "That !!!! dog must have been a commie !!!!!" (we watched him carefully in case he had been brain-washed).

A week after the border we went on exercise "Trident Star," when at last we had a support platoon role, the Mortar Platoon were employed in direct support and the Recce Platoon as a surveillance force. The remainder of the Company, with an additional platoon from Hook Company, was commanded by Capt. Andrews in a rifle company role. It was a good exercise and was enjoyed by all.

The Colour Parade was the next major event. This was a great day in which we were all proud to have taken part. The Company, as escort to the Colours, like the remainder of the Battalion,

came through in true "Dukes" style, including all those who were not fortunate enough to be on the parade.

The week after the parade we had our support weapons concentration at Port Shelter, which was highly successful despite the loss of one day's shooting due to poor weather conditions.

There was tremendous rivalry between the Mortar and Anti-Tank Platoons as to who could make the biggest bangs; fortunately, their firing points were separated by about a mile; otherwise it was on the cards that physical combat might have been incorporated. Not to be outdone the Recce Platoon fired their Brownings mounted on Ferrets. The Anti-Tank Platoon were restrained from proving that their sub-calibre could knock out a Ferret!!!

The month of May was our cadre period in which all platoons ran very successful cadres in preparation for our training in Malaya. During this period the Company Commander went to Netheravon on a course and Capt. Andrews took over. There was only one incident in which the Anti-Tank Platoon gave the company a rendering of a new type of "Fire Dance"; joking apart, Mr. Gardner burnt his hand, but we are happy to say that all is well now.

In the sporting world, we have done well, especially the soccer team, who have been beaten only by the Hong Kong international youth team; the Company manager, Pte. McAloon, gave the boys a roasting for losing but admitted quietly that their performance was much better than expected.

We had a very successful sports day against Corunna Company when we won all events: soccer, basketball and volleyball.

Socially we had a very good Company farewell party to CSM Middleton in the White Rose Club, at which he was presented with a tankard from the Company. We take this opportunity of wishing CSM and Mrs. Middleton every success at Dover, and we warmly welcome CSM and Mrs. Delaney.

Personalia

We welcome Pte. Sykes from Burma Company who has joined the Anti-Tank Platoon.

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to Cpl. and Mrs. Blood who have been posted to the Depot; we wish them every success.

We congratulate the following proud parents with additions to their families:

Cpl. and Mrs. Ineson, a daughter; Cpl. and Mrs. Blood, a son; L/Cpl. and Mrs. Hall, a son, and Pte. and Mrs. Tuener, a son.

BORNEWS

Yorkshire Visit for Walker

Mr. P. J. Walker, head of P. J. Walker & Co. Ltd., is to visit Yorkshire, beginning in June 1969, in order to teach the natives the finer arts of golfing in the bogs on the North Yorkshire Moors. Mr. Walker will remain there for two years, during which time it is expected that he will begin negotiations with Yorkshire Volunteers and Co. Ltd. and probably take up a part-time directorship with them.

Rumours of Brain Drain Confirmed

Rumours that a rival organisation has been making attractive offers to company representatives were confirmed in March this year when the Senior Documents Official, Mr. R. L. Carr, officially declared his intention to leave BOR in favour of a position elsewhere. In a personal interview with one of our reporters, a BOR spokesman declined to make a statement on this particular instance, but said that there was great concern within BOR's Board of Directors on the subject of members being lured away to other employment.

Famous Yachtsman Involved in Accident

Sir Miles Darcy, who made headlines when he sailed single-handed around Stanley Bay, was admitted to MRS Sek Kong on May 9 suffering from a knee injury sustained during a yachting competition. A hospital bulletin, issued shortly after Sir Miles' admittance, said that his condition was "as well as could be expected". At a press conference held last week, members of BOR, where Sir Miles is the newly-promoted Manager of Registration, expressed hopes that he would have a speedy recovery.

Aggressive Policy

Mr. J. M. Thorn, youngest member of BOR's Political Advisory Committee, declared recently that in future he will try to ensure that crises be resolved in combat, and not around a conference table, as he was suffering from lack of exercise and too much sleep.

BOR Official Observes Effect of Malaysia Crisis on Singapore

BOR's Senior Legal Representative, Mr. J. E. Manion, was visiting Singapore on business when the recent crisis in Malaysia developed. Mr. Manion's reports, received daily, say that there is no sign of unrest in Singapore despite an increasing flow of Chinese from Kuala Lumpur and the temporary closure of the Stock Market to avoid speculation. Mr. Manion will be returning to Hong Kong in early June.

Milner Corporation Expected to Gain Government Contract

It is expected that Milner Corporation will win the Government contract for Personnel, Office Machinery and Publications following the recent withdrawal of the Asian Branch of P. J. Walker & Co. Ltd. This contract would give the Milner Corporation an absolute monopoly of all internal affairs concerning BOR. Mr. D. R. Milner, Managing Director of the Corporation, said last week that he was "optimistic about the outcome of the Government debate now in progress".

Holiday Before Retirement

A statement issued by the BOR Public Relations Dept. last week revealed that Mr. C. R. Cumberlege, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who is due to retire in July, will take a six-week holiday before his retirement is made official. Mr. Cumberlege, a keen big game hunter, will visit Malaya, where he hopes to gain some sizeable specimens of

THE HONORARY COLOURS PARADE

At daybreak on April 12 most of Stanley Fort was covered in a tantalising mist which was to last most of the day. This, nevertheless, did not deter a large crowd of guests and families from coming to witness the unique ceremony performed by the Battalion during the morning. As the sun tried hard to break through the swirling mist the spectators watched a very colourful, moving and dignified spectacle.

Months of hard work, detailed preparations behind the scenes, and a succession of rehearsals together produced one of the most successful ceremonial parades ever performed by the Battalion.

We were honoured and fortunate that His Excellency The Governor, Sir David Trench, was able to take the salute and that our Colonel and Lady Bray were able to travel from Europe for the Ceremony. Among the distinguished guests were

Lieutenant-General Sir Basil Eugster, Commander British Forces Hong Kong; Commodore Higham, R.N.; The Attorney General; Group Captain Williams, Commander R.A.F. Hong Kong; Brigadier MacWilliam, Deputy Commander Land Forces, and Brigadier Illing, Commander 51 Brigade.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

The Battalion was drawn up in line to receive His Excellency the Governor with a Royal Salute.

"Troop" was then ordered by the Commanding Officer. The Band and Drums crossed the parade ground in slow and quick time in salute to the Colours.

The Escort for the Colours, now in charge of the Lieutenant of the Guard, and accompanied by the Regimental Sergeant Major, moved out to receive

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hartebeest with his Mk. 4 Service Hockey Shooting Stick. Interviewed while selecting jungle boots and pith helmet for his expedition, Mr. Cumberlege told our reporter, "I'm just thrilled to be making the trip. I derive great satisfaction from pitting my wits against the ferocious three-toed sloth or a wart-hog disturbed while rooting in its yam patch".

To Stay With BOR?

In a radio broadcast last week, Mr. E. Craig, BOR's Senior Adviser for Spiritual and Social Affairs, said that he had postponed his intended trip as a missionary to the lower reaches of the Boggeragh Mountains. When questioned as to his future plans, Mr. Craig declined to comment.

New Chairman to Revolutionise Office System

Mr. C. N. St. P. Bunbury, late Director of the Semaphore Signal Company, is expected to join BOR in June to begin preparations for his inauguration to the appointment of Chairman of the Board of Directors vice Mr. C. R. Cumberlege. Mr. Bunbury, himself a quiet man, has made it known that he will introduce a new system of office communications to BOR whereby no one will be allowed to speak and will communicate only by means of hand signals.

Impossibility of Merger

Mr. B. G. Bell, who spent a month with BOR on a liaison visit, returned to the Corunna Trading Co. last week. Mr. Bell commented on "the impossibility of a merger at the present time", and also declared that he had declined BOR's offer of a position in the Excise Department "for personal reasons".

Magnet Gains Control of Chartered Airways

Mr. K. C. Hogg, BOR's Senior Catholic Representative for Unpopulated Areas, admitted last week that he had been buying large quantities of shares in the Chartered Airways Company. After a quick calculation on his rosary beads Mr. Hogg said that he should have controlling interest in the Company "in the near future".

Postal Inspection by VIP

Mr. Kenneth Wishart, founder of "The Upper Orinocco Appeal Fund" and formerly of the Municipal Mattress Co., spent a week in May inspecting BOR's Postal Services. In a speech given at the Annual Dinner, Mr. Wishart said "I am very impressed. Now I know what has happened to all that mail that I have not received".

Coming-of-Age Party

The celebrated but somewhat caustic-tongued critic, Mr. B. E. Mortimer, will hold his coming-of-age party in June, at a time when most of BOR's officials will be away on tour. Mr. Mortimer explained to our correspondent why he had chosen to have a quiet celebration by saying, "I prefer not to be submerged by too many guests on this occasion; in fact I would rather become submerged alone".

Visit of Works Study Engineer

Mr. P. L. Winstanley, at present engaged on a study of work methods used within BOR, revealed recently that he would consider introducing BOR's methods into his own firm if he continued to meet the high standards of efficiency and workmanship that he had so far encountered during his stay.

the old Honorary Colours which were received by the Regimental Sergeant Major who handed them over to the Ensigns for the Colours.

The old Honorary Colours were trooped down the line of the guards and were then marched off parade to the 76th Foot slow march, "Scotland the Brave." Their spearheads were then removed by an officer.

The Adjutant formed the parade into a hollow square and the new Honorary Colours were brought into the centre.

The Colonel of the Regiment addressed the parade. He then affixed the original spearheads to the new pikes and ordered the Colours to be taken into use. He then asked the Chaplain to bless them.

The parade reformed into line and the new Colours were received with a General Salute.

The guards were then formed into column and marched past His Excellency the Governor in slow and quick time. Finally the parade advanced in Review Order and gave a Royal Salute.

ADDRESS BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

"Commanding Officer and all ranks of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

"This is rather a special day in the story of our Regiment. 165 years ago our Honorary Colours were awarded. This first stand of Colours was carried in action in Spain, Flanders, France and Canada. They were replaced when the 76th were in Dublin. They were renewed again in Bermuda and then some years later in England. Today in Hong Kong, we are carrying out this ceremony for the fourth time.

"Many here today have fathers or other relatives or friends who have paraded with the Colours which we have just trooped, the Colours which we have marched off parade for the last time. They served those Colours and the Regiment well.

"Let us make certain that we, who are taking into use these new Honorary Colours, keep the reputation of the Regiment as well as they did.

"Let the new Colours be a symbol of our pride in The Duke's, of our loyalty to Her Majesty, and of our determination to do our duty to our Queen in fit and proper fashion.

"As a token that these Colours never wear out, but go on from generation to generation, I now transfer the original spearheads to the new pikes.

"Colonel Shuttleworth, I charge you and the 1st Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment to take these Honorary Colours into use again. To treat them with reverence and respect, to protect and honour them at all times. Let no one of you ever be unworthy of them."

THE BLESSING OF THE COLOURS

The Colonel of the Regiment said:

"Reverend Sir, on behalf of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, we ask you to bid God's blessing on these Colours."

The Chaplain said:

"We are ready to do so.

"For as much as men in all ages have made for themselves signs and emblems of their allegiance to their rulers, and of their duty to uphold those laws and institutions which God's providence has called them to obey; we, following this ancient and honoured custom, stand before God this day to ask His blessing on these Colours, and to pray that they may be an abiding symbol of our duty, and of a sign of our resolve to guard, preserve and sustain the great traditions of bravery and self-sacrifice of which we are the proud inheritors."

After a prayer for the Queen the parade was called to attention and the Colours lowered.

The Chaplain, laying his hand on the Colours, said:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do bless and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of our duty in the of God. Amen."

The Colours were raised. The parade stood at ease and all present joined in saying the Lord's Prayer.

The Chaplain said:

"O Lord, who rulest over all things, accept, we beseech Thee, our service this day. Bless what we have blessed in Thy Name. Let Thy gracious favour rest on those who shall follow the Colours now committed to their trust. Give them courage, and may their courage ever rest on their sure confidence in Thee. May they show self-control in the hour of success, patience in time of adversity; and may their honour lie in seeking the honour and glory of Thy great name. Guide the counsels of those who shall lead them, and sustain them by Thy help in the time of need. Grant that they may all so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that they fail not finally to obtain an entrance into Thy heavenly Kingdom, through the merits of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Regimental Collect

"O Lord of hosts, who three times commanded the leader of thine ancient people to be strong and of a good courage, and promised him good success, grant that we of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment may ever prosper in obedience to Thy Law and thus do valiantly, so that we may tread down the enemies of our souls, in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and ever more. Amen".

The service was conducted by:

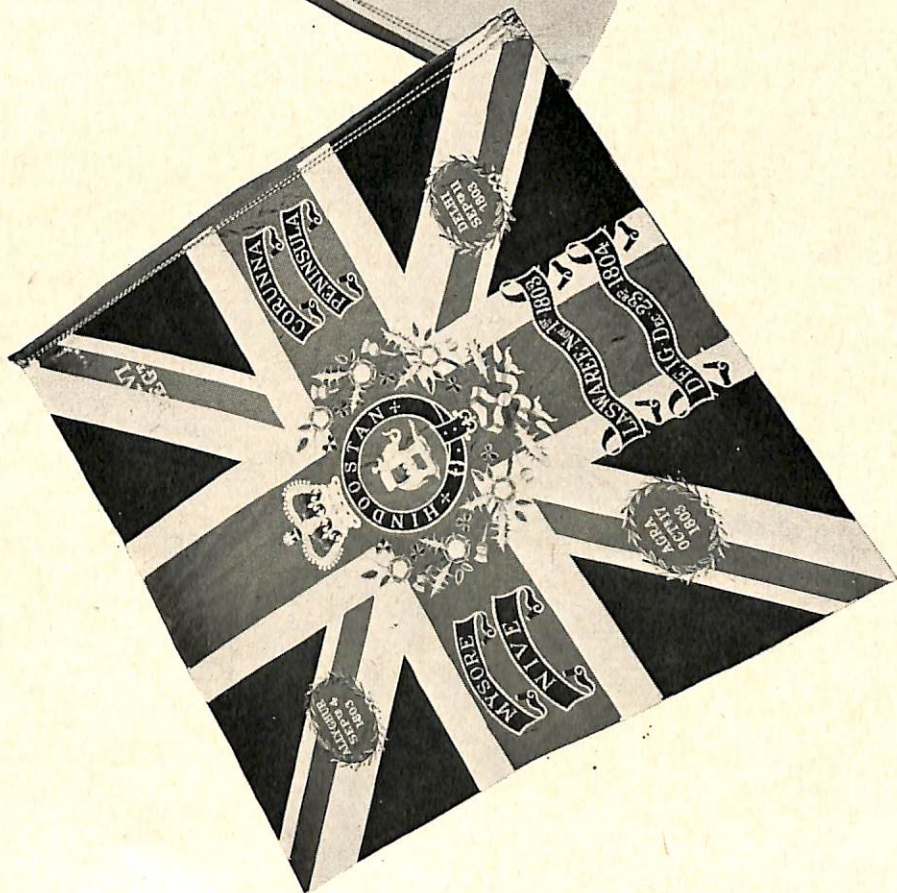
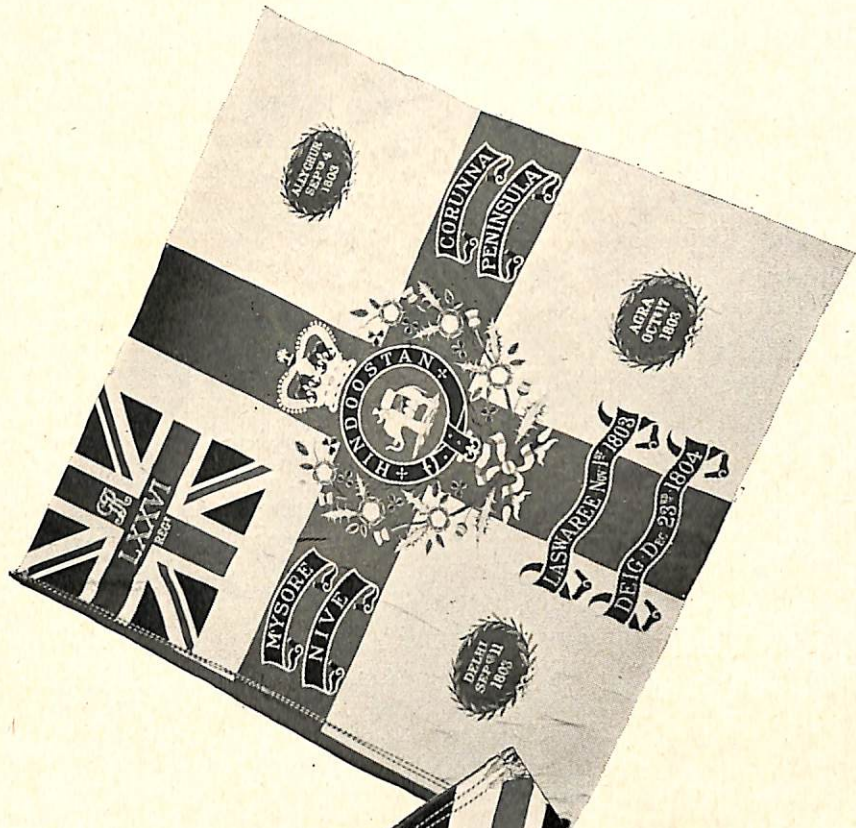
The Rev. K. E. Kendra, O.B.E., M.A., C.F.

Assistant Chaplain General, Far East Land Forces, assisted by:

The Rev. A. G. Williams, M.A., C.F.

The Rev. Father W. O'Hara, C.M., O.C.F.

The Rev. C. S. Clarke, O.C.F.



The New Honorary Colours

ORDER OF PARADE

Commanding Officer : Lieutenant-Colonel D. W. SHUTTLEWORTH

Adjutant : Captain C. R. CUMBERLEGE

Old Colours Party

Lieutenant T. J. NICHOLSON
 Lieutenant P. J. MELLOR
 Company-Sergeant-Major J. E. SERGEANT
 Sergeant N. BUTLER
 Sergeant G. QUAYLE

New Colours Party

Lieutenant P. GARDNER
 Second-Lieutenant A. D. ROBERTS
 Company-Sergeant-Major J. WELSH
 Sergeant D. BLOOD
 Sergeant M. CARTER

Escort for the Colours

Major M. J. CAMPBELL-LAMERTON
 Lieutenant A. D. PALMER
 Company-Sergeant-Major R. MIDDLETON
 Staff-Sergeant T. HUDSON

Number 2 Guard

Major T. D. LUPTON
 Second-Lieutenant J. N. SHARP
 Second-Lieutenant N. J. NEWELL
 Company-Sergeant-Major T. PICKERSGILL
 Staff-Sergeant G. HOLLIDAY

Number 3 Guard

Major P. A. MITCHELL
 Lieutenant G. I. MCGLYNN
 Lieutenant J. R. A. WARD
 Company-Sergeant-Major R. CHILVERS
 Staff-Sergeant B. HARTLEY

Number 4 Guard

Major J. E. PELL
 Lieutenant C. J. GILBERT
 Lieutenant R. A. TIGHE
 Company-Sergeant-Major W. MORRIS
 Staff-Sergeant N. WRIGHT

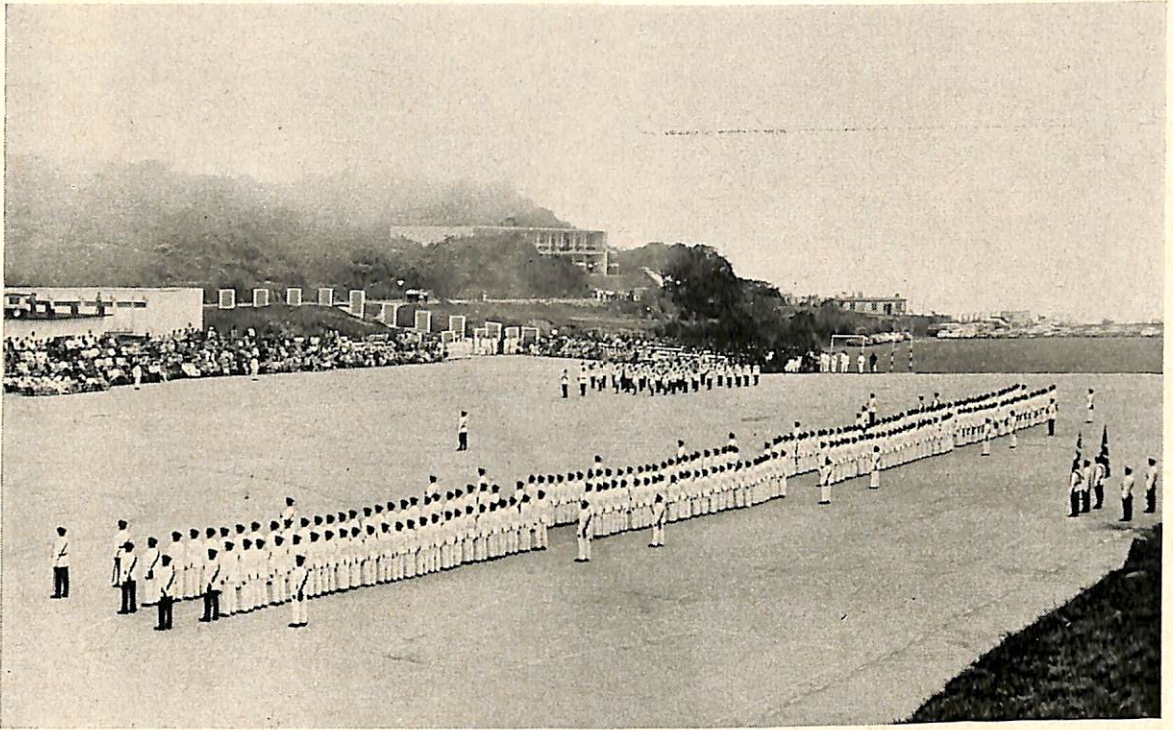
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Band-Master : Band-Master C. WOOD

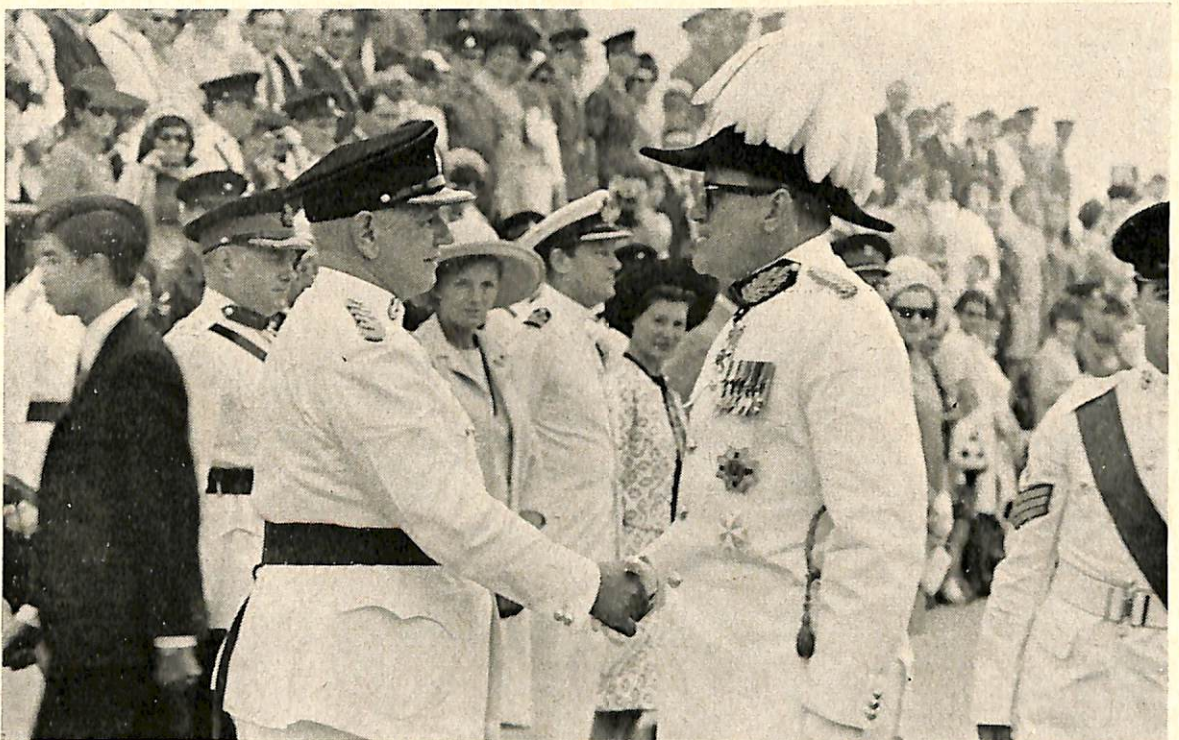
Drum-Major : Drum-Major E. MILLER

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

The March On	Duke's March	The Old Colours March off Parade	
General Salute	"Calvary Brigade"		"Scotland the Brave"
Band and Drums Slow March	"By Land and Sea"	March Past in Slow Time	"Garb of the Old Gaul"
Band and Drums Quick March	"Sons of the Brave"		"Scotland the Brave"
Escort for the Colours takes Station		March Past in Quick Time	.. "The Wellesley"
	"British Grenadiers"	Advance in Review Order	"British Grenadiers"
The Troop	Grenadiers' Slow March	Colours March off Parade	.. "Point of War"
		The Battalion Marches Off	"The Wellington"

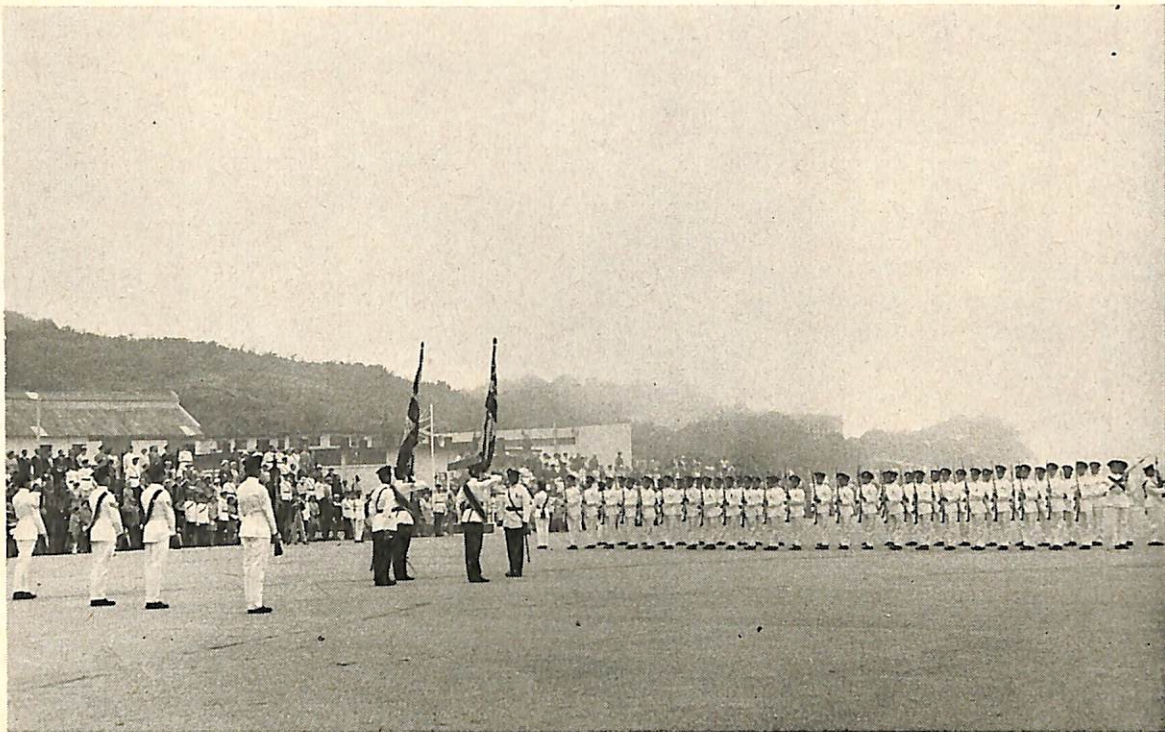


The Parade awaits the arrival of Commander British Forces, the Colonel of the Regiment and His Excellency the Governor.

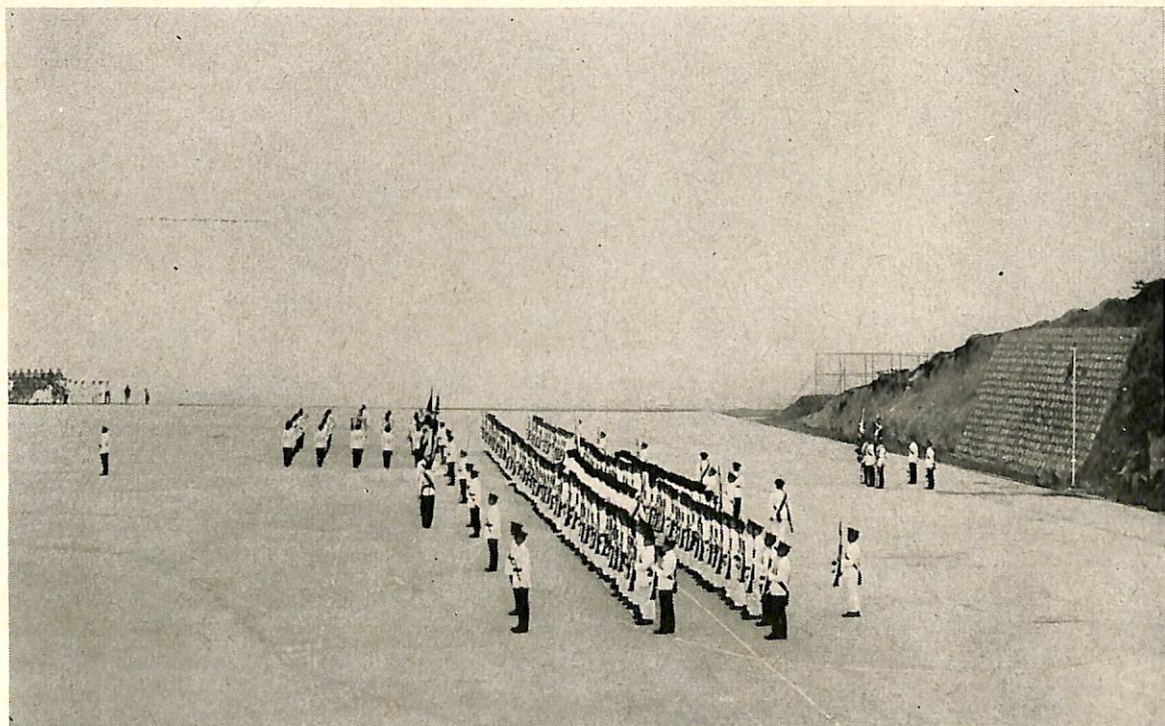


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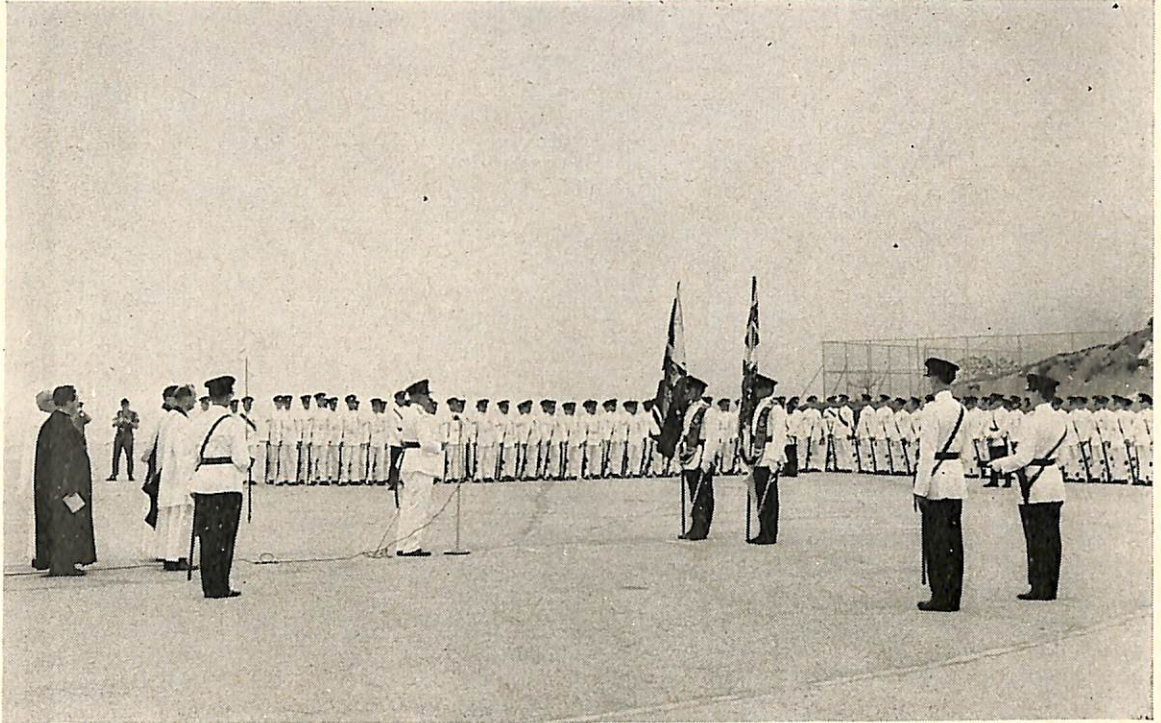
His Excellency the Governor is greeted by the Colonel of the Regiment.



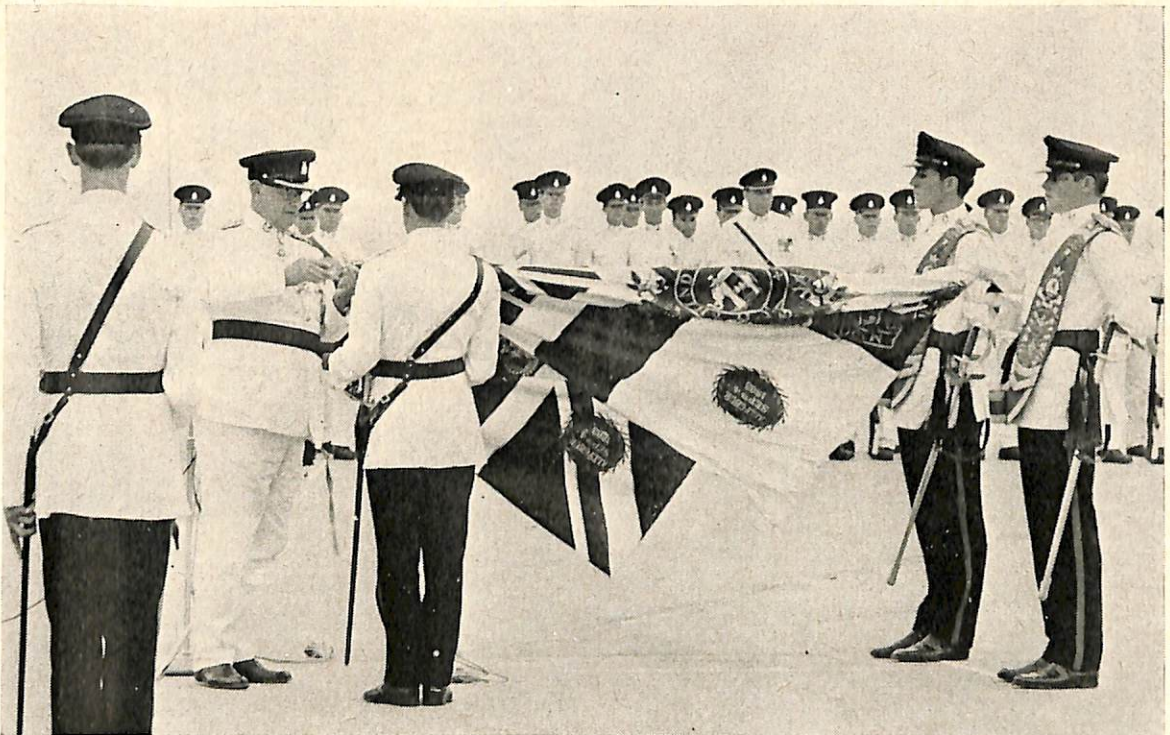
The Old Honorary Colours are received by the Escort



The Old Honorary Colours are trooped for the last time. The New Colours can be seen to the right of the picture.



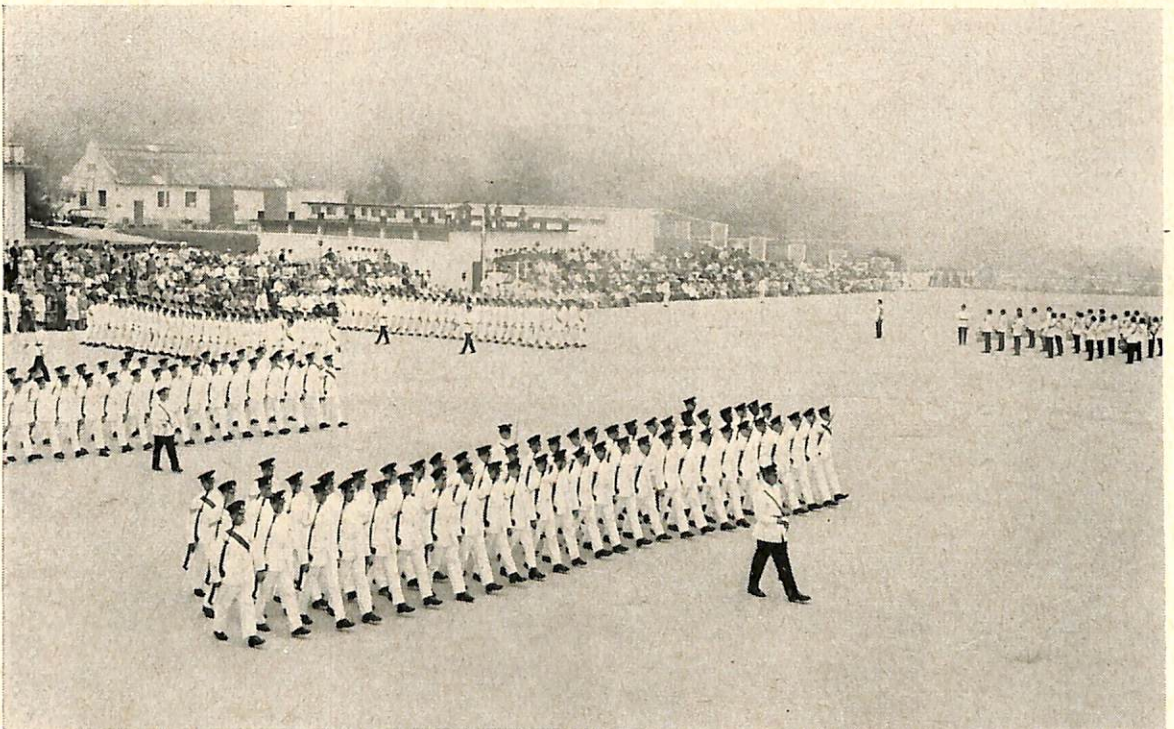
The Colonel of the Regiment addresses the Parade.



The Colonel of the Regiment places the Spearhead on the new Honorary Regimental Colour.



The Chaplains accompanied by the Commanding Officer move out for the Service of Blessing of the Colours



The March Past.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF ANZIO CAMPAIGN

I. Anzio Revisited 1969

by
Major John Streatfeild

After 25 years it was only to be expected that there would be considerable changes in the area that was once the Anzio Beachhead, but I was not prepared for the way in which the whole face of the countryside had been altered. Thousands of trees have been pulled down and the ground converted to vineyards and other forms of cultivation; large areas have been built up—the erstwhile Battalion “B” Echelon area is now a vast complex of factories—and very little is still recognisable apart from natural features like the wadis, the railway bed (now a main road), the railway line from Anzio to Rome and the notorious flyover bridge which has been left untouched.

The occasion of my visit was a pilgrimage in which I was privileged to take part as a representative of the Regiment, organised by the British Legion for next-of-kin and ex-servicemen who took part in the campaign. The party, 136 strong, left Luton Airport on May 1, in a chartered Britannia and, on arrival, were housed, amid well-remembered Italian confusion, in five hotels, three in Anzio and two in Lavinio, a few miles to the west. The pilgrimage was to the war cemeteries and was not a battlefield tour. Various additional entertainments and excursions were laid on but I shall not describe them here.

Next day, after the laying of a Legion wreath on the War Memorial in the town, we were accompanied by the Deputy Mayor and other civic dignitaries to the Beachhead cemetery, where they produced an immense wreath which they laid on the Monument. I then laid a Legion wreath on behalf of the Regiment.

As far as I could ascertain, there was no next-of-kin of any member of the Regiment taking part in the pilgrimage. I took various photographs of the cemetery and of individual graves, including that of Major Benson, but the names, which are engraved in the stone, do not show up very well. We then went on to the Anzio cemetery, on the outskirts of the town, which contained the graves of those who were killed during the landing—and up to the middle of February 1944. Both cemeteries were most beautifully kept.

We then went to see the Foresters’ Memorial, which had recently been moved to conform to a new town plan. Apparently it will eventually be in the centre of the Piazza Roma, which is to be the main square.

On the following day we drove to Rome by coach via the coast road and went first to the war cemetery, which has about 400 graves. There were graves of five members of the Regiment, Privates J. Hill, C. Moore, J. New, O. J. Pelly and C. W. J. French, who presumably died as prisoners of war. An interesting feature of this cemetery was a piece of Hadrian’s Wall, the northern boundary of the Roman Empire, which was presented by the people of Carlisle and fixed to the Memorial. A special

memorial service in the cemetery was conducted by the acting chaplain of the English Church in Rome, and was attended by the Military Attaché, Colonel Gill. The rest of the day was taken up with sight-seeing in Rome.

For the third day, a tour of the Alban hills was laid on. As I had had no opportunity to visit places which were of particular interest to the Battalion I got off the coach at Campoleone and spent the rest of the day trying to retrace our footsteps. There are now so many cultivated fields and vineyards where it was once open country that it was difficult to find some places, even though they were so vividly impressed on one’s memory.

I made my way back to the railway bed and had lunch in a small restaurant about 50 yards south of the bridge. I had a long conversation with the landlord, who had been on the German side of the line during the campaign but knew all about the caves where the Battalion had been based for a few days in the middle of February 1944. He offered to arrange for his son to take me there in his car. We set off but, after turning down a track, which I felt sure was the wrong one but my driver insisted was the way, and then walking for several miles over ploughed fields, we failed to find the caves.

I then went to have a look at the flyover bridge. This is just as it was, and presumably will sooner

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or later fall to pieces. Standing in the angle formed by the lateral road and the main road, and very close to the southern tip of the wadi Bottaccia, is a brewery, with four huge chimneys, which is a rather bizarre contrast to the grim relic of the past nearby.

Never having been back to the area after the breakout, I was able for the first time to see the area of the wadis in daylight. It is always easy to be wise after the event, but I am sure that, if anyone had been able to walk along the lateral road in daylight towards the end of February 1944 and observe the lie of the land, we should never have been allowed to stay in the wadis, which by their very nature comprised the lowest ground. The commanding ground at Pantoni is the key to the whole area and, had it not been possible to secure this feature—which was in fact done by the Batta-

lion two months later to begin the breakout—the next best line of defence would have been that of the lateral road itself from which there is an excellent view of the entire front. It is only fair to say that this opinion was inevitably influenced by the fact that the area south of the lateral road, which was previously densely wooded, is now open country.

Having walked round the Culvert, now completely overgrown, the “Boot” and the Bottaccia, which has fencing all round to prevent passers falling down its steep slopes, I made my way to find the “B” Echelon area, only to find the factories which I mentioned earlier.

In the morning we had a last look at Anzio—many of the buildings could do with a coat of paint, and it hardly seems to live up to its claim to be the Riviera of Rome—and very soon we were on our way home.

2. Entry into Rome 1944

by Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter

Twenty-five years ago, on June 8, 1944, the 1st Battalion made its ceremonial entry into Rome at the close of the Anzio operation.

We first heard of this proposed event on the evening of June 3. It had been, for the Battalion, a comparatively quiet day. On May 22 we had “had the honour” of making the initial assault from the beach-head. On what the Divisional History calls “a lovely spring evening” we had attacked, with two companies up, the well-established German positions to our front, occupied by troops of the 4th Parachute Division. These troops were described by the intelligence staff as “fanatical”. Any Germans who fought well were fanatical: ours, of course, were heroic. Our attack was successful.

Today, the other two battalions of the Brigade were having their turn and The Duke’s were in reserve. “H” hour was at 12 noon, and by 1100 hrs. I reported to the Brigadier with whom I was to stay unless either forward battalion required reinforcement. The Brigadier was an embittered man. He had some reason for this: some 18 months before he had been a major-general, deputy chief of staff to the C.-in-C., Middle East, and, in practice, the chief of staff. Then the Auchinleck regime was overturned and a new order established. Our brigadier was the scapegoat and lost his rank and appointment. He had been commanding our brigade for about two months.

At 1200 hrs. the barrage started. I thought of “Bunny” Careless of the KSLI and Jimmy Hackett of The Foresters advancing at that moment. “Time for lunch”, said the Brigadier briskly. I followed him into a small bell tent and batmen produced our lunch on tin plates. It consisted of slices of bully beef fried in batter—“bully in battledress” the troops called it. I had no appetite for it.

Reports from the assaulting battalions began to come in. The Foresters on the left were making good progress, but the KSLI were having considerable difficulty. It looked at one time as if we

should be committed but, by 1600 hrs., the situation seemed well in hand.

Division chose this moment to signal a list of immediate awards which had been approved. The Brigadier looked at the signal. “They’ve seen fit to give you a bar to your DSO, I see” he said to me with more than his usual felicity of phrase

At 1630 hrs. I was allowed to rejoin the Battalion. There was a general air of relief. However, the day was not over. A signaller gave me a message which had just come from Division via Brigade. It started “1 DWR will have the honour . . .” Oh, NOT again, I thought—“. . . to represent 1 Div. in formal entry into Rome on June 8”. The reason for our selection was not hard to seek. Our casualties in the Anzio operation were the highest in the Division—somewhat over 100%. In the rifle companies who, as ever, bore the brunt, it must have been nearly 170%.

The next day was devoted to sartorial problems. The Staff Captain arrived early. Large supplies of khaki blanco were to be made available to us. A new cap had been devised for the inoffensive soldiery, called “Cap, General Service”, which could be delivered to us. With natural suspicion I asked if I could see one and, a trifle sheepishly, the Staff Captain produced one. It was a cap of startlingly repulsive appearance. Made of a sort of denim it had the shape of the headgear affected by the *Chasseurs Alpains*. I decided we would march in steel helmets.

Next day we moved with the rest of the Brigade a march nearer to Rome. The Americans entered it that day. General Mark Clark, the Commander of the 5th Army, haunted by an unfounded fear that the British were planning to enter Rome first, adjusted his advance to the north to cut Routes 5 and 6, so cutting off the German retreat from the Cassino front, and made for Rome direct. Thus, most of the agony of Anzio was rendered valueless.

The following few days were devoted to making ourselves as presentable as possible and the morning



ANZIO 1969.
The Flyover

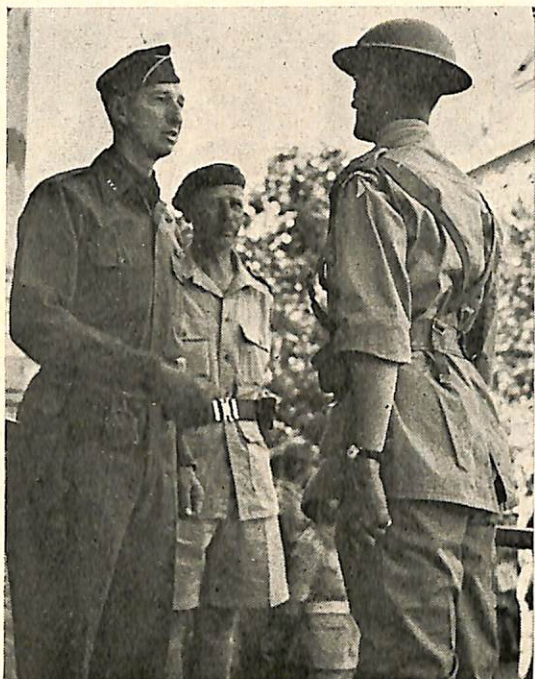


ANZIO 1969.
The Railway Bed
(now a main road)



ROME, JUNE 1944
1 DWR marching past Gen-
eral Mark Clark.

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"You have a good outfit there, Colonel."

of June 8 dawned. The Divisional RASC three tonners were to convey us to Rome and they presented a most impressive appearance, glittering in fresh paint. We embussed and motored along the road to Rome. The American Second Corps had passed this way as we could see by the enormous blue traffic signs they had erected. The largest said:

"Follow the Blue
For Shiny Two
Rome, Berlin and
Tokyo too".

Quite!

We arrived in the suburbs and debussed. The Brigadier inspected us as we formed up. Fighting his lonely and inevitably unsuccessful feud with the Higher Command he had refused to go on the saluting base.

The only British music available was from the massed pipes and drums of the Scottish and Irish battalions of the 1st and 5th Divisions. We gathered that we were representing not only the 1st Division but the British Army and that, instead of the Divisional Commander taking the salute, this office was to be performed by General Mark Clark.

To the strange skirl of the assorted pipers we set forth. The CMP had clearly marked the route and presently we were giving eyes right to General Clark. I left the Battalion and marched to the saluting base. I could see that the Divisional Commander was there and also Sir Darcy Osborne, our Minister the Vatican. The troops marched well and looked what they were—an experienced and tough battalion of British infantry. I saluted General Clark. "You have a good outfit there, Colonel", he was good enough to say.

The Battalion marched on to the Italian barracks we were to occupy. My staff car, which had been lurking discreetly in the background until the exalted personages departed, drove up and I rejoined the Battalion.

We did not enjoy the fleshpots long. The Vatican, understandably, were anxious to get all formed bodies of allied troops out of the Holy City. After only five days, during which The Duke's behaved beautifully, we were back in a bivouac some 14 miles out of the city. Our Roman triumph was over.

H.Q. THE KING'S DIVISION

Regimental Headquarters The Royal Irish Rangers closed on March 1 and the Councils of Colonels of The Yorkshire Brigade and The Royal Irish Rangers on March 15. The handover from Brigades to Division is now therefore complete.

It is pleasing to be able to report that recruiting appears to have recovered a bit. The figures for the first three months of the year were up on last year. The figure of 88 for March was only two short of the maintenance figure required for the Division of 10 adult recruits a month for each battalion.

There are now 402 junior soldiers of The King's Division under training out of an establishment of 620. These figures are a considerable increase on the Spring term and most satisfactory. The total of junior infantrymen at the Junior Infantrymen's Battalion, Shorncliffe, is 114, only 9 short of our target figure of 123.

The Ministry of Defence have indicated that the choice of Strensall for the Division Depot is agreed. Ballymena is to continue to train recruits and

juniors for the Royal Irish Rangers. The timing of the closure of Preston will depend on the reports of two committees now sitting in the Ministry, one concerning the long-term policy for training of junior soldiers, the other the long-term plan for location of the Army in the United Kingdom.

All regiments of the Division have expressed the wish to return to the wearing of regimental cap badges. This will be a relatively simple matter for The King's Regiment, The Green Howards, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and The Royal Irish Rangers but will involve the design of new badges for The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, The Prince of Wales's Own and The Queen's Lancashires. It is understood that production will take about 12 months from date of approval by the Army Dress Committee.

The Colonel Commandant would like to take this opportunity of congratulating The King's Regiment boxing team. Army winners in 1968, it was a great disappointment that they were unable to achieve

the "double" in 1969. However, the 3rd Green-jackets proved worthy victors and the Kingsmen very gallant runners-up.

By the time these notes are published the 1st Battalion The King's Regiment will have moved to BAOR and the 1st Battalion The Green Howards and 1st Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own will be busy preparing for their moves to BAOR and Cyprus respectively. The PWO are expected to

return from Northern Ireland by the end of August. The 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment return from Cyprus early in the new year 1970 to be stationed in Colchester.

The second annual Colonel Commandant's Meeting with Colonels of Regiments, Regimental Secretaries and Commanding Officers is to be held at Strensall on November 19 and 20, 1969.

KING'S DIVISION DEPOT, YORKSHIRE

Training Company

Life in Training Company is as hectic as ever with recruiting going well and therefore providing the staff with plenty of work. During the last few months we have lost Sgt. P. A. Stansfield and Sgt. Blood back to the Battalion and in their place we have acquired the services of Sgt. Dowdall, Cpls. Blood and Jackson. Lt. Chris Gilbert has also arrived to replace Lt. Toby Hirst who goes to 10 AYT.

Lt. Gilbert and Cpl. Glasby are at present occupied in training for Bisley, and the team is apparently doing very well. We wish them the best of luck.

Lt. Jerry Bird and Cpl. Grey are enjoying a few sunny days at Warcop prior to a well deserved period of leave, whilst Lt. Toby Hirst and Cpl. Smith are about to take 10 days holiday. It would appear that we do insufficient outdoor work here as Cpl. Smith is off camping with his family in his newly-acquired bus.

In conclusion, we wish all those "Dukes" who have left recently the best of luck and a warm welcome is extended to the new arrivals.

Dukes personnel attached to Training Company and present job:

- Lt. P. T. Hirst, Training Platoon Commander.
- Lt. C. Gilbert, Admin Officer Bisley Team.
- Sgt. Dowdall, Training Platoon Sergeant.
- Cpl. Grey, Training Platoon Instructor.
- Cpl. Smith, Training Platoon Instructor.
- Cpl. Jackson, Training Platoon Instructor.
- Cpl. Glasby, Bisley Team.

Junior Soldiers Company

Since our last notes the Company has taken on an active role in the adventure training field. Lt. Jowett finally found some snow at Aviemore and had a successful week's ski-ing in March at the end of the Easter term. Hopes are high of getting some of the boys in the Army Championships next year.

The Summer term is always the term when the Company likes to get out of barracks as much as possible, and this term has been no exception. A good camp site on the North Yorkshire moors was found and parties have been walking on the moors every week-end, ably led by Lt. Jowett, the Drum Major and Sgt. Bisby. (But where was their Company Commander?)

The New Intake Platoon, which began with an all-time record of 20 members, spent an energetic week at the T & AVR hut at Ambleside enjoying

the sunshine, at a time when the rest of the country was under water.

The Company sailing team is about to depart for Ullswater, in the Lake District, whilst the rest of the Company attempt the Lyke Wake Walk (yet again!), canoe and climb for a few days.

Plans are in hand for the camp at the end of term; this year's venue is Ullswater, familiar stomping ground for old boys of the Company.

By way of a contrast (to prove it's not all play that makes Jack a dull boy) the Band and Drums have finally reached a standard at which their perfection-seeking lord and master, the Bandmaster, allows them to be seen and—more especially—heard. They performed very creditably for the officers attending the King's Division Record Meeting, and are now to be seen playing in their scarlets at all the local "do's".

Finally a word of congratulations to our hard-working company clerk—Cpl. Murray—who has recently passed his B.I.

DWR Personalities

Lt. A. C. Jowett, WO2 R. W. Keily, Cpl. A. K. W. Melvin, Cpl. K. Almond, Cpl. M. Murray, L/Cpl. A. Cole.

King's Division Recruiting Staff

The summer is always a hectic time for the recruiters. Sgts. Cooper and Lofthouse are at the present deep in the heart of the West Riding going round the shows showing what the Army of the 70's is all about.

Personalities

Sgt. H. Cooper, Sgt. N. Lofthouse, L/Cpl. K. Uttley, Pte. Wooley, Pte. D. Afford, L/Cpl. K. Wood.

Officers Mess

After the disruption caused by the decoration of the Mess the peace was once again shattered by the arrival of Messrs. Gilbert and Palmer who, in inevitable "Dukes" style, are trying to liven up our rather staid Mess. The trouble is there aren't enough of us!

Numbers are always fluctuating, and are now at their highest so far this year with two resident ADCs and the Secretary to the Strensall Show now in residence.

The Mess was host to the King's Division Records Meeting, which Lt.-Col. Shuttleworth attended, in May with all the commanding officers of the King's Division regular battalions—surely a unique occasion.

T & AVR II

"C" COY (DWR) THE YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

Camp this year was a great get-together for the Volunteers and for former colleagues in the T.A., now serving in the various cadres. We were pleased to have at camp with us: Major Webster, Capt. Fillan, W.O.II Haigh, S/Sgt. Rutherford, Cpl. Payne, Pte. Fitzgerald, all of whom, we are told, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Everyone gained from the liaison—the Volunteers in experience and the Cadre in technical and physical ways.

The Company performed well at camp with our new C.S.M. and Colour-Sergeant Dave Peckett is now known as "Torchy"—no doubt some reference to being "switched on" produced this. Particularly creditable were the efforts of the corporals in the Company who received a great deal of praise from instructors outside the unit. Hill climbing seemed to be a feature of the training, and the above-mentioned Cpl. Payne has already decided to go on a diet and leave off the ale before next year's endurance test.

"A" and "C" Companies got together for their night out in the second week, and it can be truthfully said that this was one of the most enjoyable parties we have had at camp for many years.

We have now re-organised the Company so that all evening training is to take place at Halifax and

Huddersfield on Tuesdays. This will enable a better team spirit to be built up, particularly in the H.Q. elements, which are divided between the two towns. Cpl. Lamb has been promoted to Sergeant to take charge of 8 platoon in Huddersfield and his target is to get 40 men in the platoon. In addition, signallers and drivers will be training and building up their own strength. Sgt. Simpson is voluntarily returning to Signals in order to build this up again, to its former high standard. He has some good material to work with and should produce some quick results.

Perhaps the major reorganisation is the re-distribution of support weapons in the unit. "C" Company will now have a platoon of four mortars and every effort is being made to get everyone retrained from the B.A.T. S/Sgt. Glencross will play a major part in this, and our cadre officer, Capt. Fillan, has kindly agreed to add his wealth of experience. Our aim is to get this new platoon in fighting form by autumn of this year.

Recruiting has taken a turn for the better, and we are particularly pleased with the way Huddersfield has responded to our attentions. A lot has been said in the press about the "death of the T.A.", but this is far from the case. The T.A. has no more died

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than when it was formed from the Volunteers earlier this century. The Volunteers are the T.A and are very much alive and going. If any one doubts this, then visit Halifax or Huddersfield any Tuesday after 7.30 p.m. and see for yourself. We hope, with support from the "old guard" in Huddersfield such as we have had in Halifax for the last two years, to be as much a part of St. Paul's Street as any other T.A. unit in the past.

The promotions in the Company are too numerous to mention in detail, but congratulations are due to all these who have well earned their rise. We also welcome Capt. Tetlow to the unit as a training officer. At camp he did sterling work, taking over a platoon at short notice—a far cry from his more accustomed armoured cars. Congratula-

tions on the award of his T.D. that most coveted decoration.

For the future we look forward to some useful training in the summer months, one advantage of a late camp, and a build up of course and battalion training over the autumn and winter. There will be reports on these events in the next IRON DUKE Perhaps A.D.W. will give R.C.C. more than 24 hours reminder of the due dates for note submission next time.

Finally, as commander of the unit, Major Curry would like to thank all members for their earnest efforts in making camp in particular a great success. This applies to the aforementioned A.D.W. and, of course, our P.S.I.'s. Let's keep at it.

THE WEST RIDING TERRITORIALS (DWR)

The Cadre

Mention was made in the last issue of the forming of a Cadre to retain Regimental property, Colours and traditions of the Territorial Battalions of the Regiment.

The Cadre has now been in existence for three months and not one of its eight members had any idea when they were selected that their time would be so fully occupied.

WO2 Haigh has made the transition from the "Pay Dept." to the Orderly Room and now, instead of aquittance rolls, handles the files, etc., as to the manner born. S/Sgt. Rutherford is coping with the stores ledgers as only an Assault Pioneer could, whilst Sgt. Brook seems to be here, there and everywhere, which, after all, is only natural, he being ex-Recce Platoon. Cpl. Payne, having finally lost his wireless sets, nets in wherever asked and is the Canteen 2IC to Mr. Binns. (Overheard in the bar on Cpl. Payne's return from camp "GLAD . . . your back!") The last, but by no means least, Pte. Fitzgerald, is achieving success with the typewriter. After all, from cook to office clerk is quite some change.

The Cadre has recently returned from annual camp with the Yorkshire Volunteers and, although some rather cryptic comparisons with the "old days" were overheard, the general opinion was a "good camp".

Camp 1969 will no doubt go down in the bar and Mess talk of the future years as the camp of "first times". The first time . . . two members of the Sergeants' Mess slept on the floor for two nights (not drunk—no beds). The first time . . . two field officers (Exercise DS) had to beg food for three days (not slimming—no Compo). The first time . . . a field officer and a captain have carried their Regimental Colours on another regiment's parade (not demoted—no Subalterns). The first time the Padre (our ex- Padre) has done a very energetic DS on the three-day exercise (not a volunteer—just persuaded).

But, seriously, a good camp where all members of the Cadre both brushed up existing knowledge

and also learned a great deal. Our thanks to the Yorks Volunteers in general, and Col. Hardy in in particular, for taking us under their wing so successfully and making us feel at home.

The Cadre, of course, is very closely tied with the newly formed Association, notes on which appear below, and working for the success of this, coupled with the running of the TAC and its other duties, is going to keep the Cadre very much occupied in the future.

The Association

Since the inauguration we have "moved". Not too fast, but "moved" and we are now "established". Two film shows, arranged by that ever faithful friend "Jock Norman", have taken us over the European campaign and Burma. Both thirsty work but remedied by our bar host Frank Binns. Dickie Bye and George Radcliffe seemed to be recalling some amusing incident and it was good to see the "old stagers" wander back. At the time of going to press arrangements are in full swing for a social evening, when, during the evening, a presentation will be made to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. Barnes, rather belatedly, for all they have done for the Territorials.

The Band have really moved, though, and reports of their activities "in the field" or "in the clubs" prove that what seemed a rather precarious adventure has turned into a huge success. This is very encouraging for everyone when such a set of versatile volunteers are available, at very short notice, to either play the "Wellesley" in a serious mood or accompany the "Pop Idols" of the moment. Praise to Mr. Vallance and Mr. Pickles for their really successful venture.

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LONDON DINNER

The Annual Reunion Dinner, London Branch, presided over by Major Savory, Branch President, was held at the Royal Horticultural New Hall, Westminster SW1, on May 17, 1969.

The change of venue was considered by all a great success as the lounge gave much more room and comfort for the "Get-together" before and after the dinner. If branch funds allow, it is hoped the 1970 dinner will be held at the same place.

At the commencement, grace was said by our chairman (Dave Benson) who also proposed the toast to H.M. The Queen.

The toast to the Regiment was proposed by Mr. Imray—an excellent speech and he thoroughly earned the applause at the end.

Our distinguished guest General Sir Robert Bray (Colonel of the Regiment) was asked to respond to the toast. His first words were quoted from a telegram received from the Private Secretary to H.M. The Queen, "Please convey to the members of the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association, dining together this evening, the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal greetings which Her Majesty greatly appreciates".

He then went on to give an excellent account of the 1st Battalion's activities, sport and training, also the presentation of new Honorary Colours to replace the old after more than 60 years' service.

Dave Benson concluded the speeches by thanking the Yorkshire Branches for attending in such good numbers; he extended a special welcome to Ted Smith and Jim Yaxley from the Royal Hospital to Mr. Imray and last, but not least, to General Sir Robert Bray.

It is hoped that all had an enjoyable evening and will make every effort to attend next year.

Among those present were:

General Sir Robert Bray, Colonels Turner and Harvey, Lt.-Col. Skelsey, Majors Davis, Lennon, Savory, Connolly, Lyons (and son), Capt. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Owers, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Daykin, ex-R.S.M. Smith, ex-Sgt. Yaxley (Royal Hospital Chelsea).

Messrs. Smith, Martin, Temple, Richardson, Imray, Benson, Higginson, Guy, Hammond, Smith (Tiny), J. McGovern and two others. Also 42 from Yorkshire.

Apologies were received from:

Major-General R. K. Exham, Brigadier Laing, Brigadier Firth, Col. Armitage, Lt.-Col. F. P. Woods, Lt.-Col. W. A. Woods, Lt.-Col. Johnson, Major Sills, Major Huskisson, Major Kavanagh, Major Schofield, Capt. Barber, F. Crouch, H. Tandy, E. Storran.

THE WEST RIDING WAS THERE

For some years now the Halifax Branch has attended the London and Home Counties annual dinner and on many occasions members of other

branches and localities have availed themselves of the opportunity to travel with us. This year was no exception, and we were pleased to have the company of Mr. and Mrs. Copley and Mrs. M. Robinson (Bradford Branch), Mr. and Mrs. D. Mitchell (Keighley), Mr. and Mrs. J. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. Bramham, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dearnley, Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, Mr. J. Iredale and Capt. and Mrs. G. Macken (all of the Huddersfield Branch). The Halifax party comprised: Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Code, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Jagger, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kennedy, Mrs. M. McMahon, Mr. D. McMahon, Mrs. K. Pells, Capt. and Mrs. H. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. E. Samples, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stringer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood and, to complete the party of 41, the Misses Chadwick and Kennedy.

The outward journey upon which I need not dwell—"anticipation" covers it most concisely—commenced at 4.30 p.m., from the Halifax bus station, with a "pick-up" in Huddersfield and a meal at Leicester Forest on the M1, and ended at the Victory Club at 10 p.m., thanks to the engineers and builders of the motorway and the excellent offices of our driver, Mr. E. Dixon. The bar staff at the club were not long left in any doubt that a further influx of members had arrived, and in the hour remaining a not insignificant amount of "lotion" had been disposed of. Ere the larks or the pigeons were astir on Saturday morning, many of our party were fully aware that neither the density nor the volume of the noise of the passing traffic along Edgeware Road had decreased in the preceding 12 months. However, the full day was before us.

Saturday is always important, but this particular Saturday has an allure all of its own. The shops of Oxford Street and the West End, the sights to see, the restaurants to be patronised, the rendezvous to be kept, the Rugby League Cup Final and the dinner. I must make mention of one rendezvous before I pass on, for I am certain that many Keighlians—without making it too obvious, of course—will hear, "By gum laad, two glasses of ale and two sherries in t' Cumberland. Does'ta know how much they were? Tha'll never guess, fourteen and bloomin' five pence". Castleford won the cup and then it was time to make ready for the real reason for our being in London, the London and Home Counties annual dinner. This will have full coverage in other pages of this journal, but mention must be made of two salient facts. The meal itself was by far the best thus far placed before us at this function and, secondly—but not in importance—the really splendid and historical "Toast to the Regiment" given by Jock Imray and our Colonel's reply. How pleased we all are that the unique "Elephant and Howdah" will again grace the lapels of serving "Dukes".

We, from the north, do not travel some two-hundred or so miles for the sake of sitting around a



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table to eat a meal and listen to speeches, nor do we go because it is a "duty". Those of you in the south do not arrange this function because it is something that is "done" each year and thus is expected of you. Then why do we travel, and why do you go to this trouble? From snatches of conversations here and there one may get the answer but not, even then, completely. Is it the meeting of "Tiny" Smith with Pat Connolly, David Benson with Fred Stringer, "Busty" Mitchell with "Paddy" McGovern, Frank Kennedy with Jock Imray or the dozens of others? Is it the "Do you remember's?" "Wasn't that in '47", "Do you still see so and so?", "How about when Geordie did so and so", or the many, many names that are recalled of those who, over the years, have "faded away"? The "incidents", the "events", the "places", the "characters". The "laughs", the "trials", the "disappointments", the "fun", the "heart-breaks"? There at least we get the answer—the "Pride" of belonging, of being "One" of it all.

The Royal Horticultural Hall was "alive". "Alive" to the deserts of Egypt, the jungles of Burma and Malaya, the freezing hills and burning plains of India and Korea. "Alive" to barracks of England, Malta, Germany, Singapore, India and Africa. "Alive" to the fields of rugger, soccer, hockey, boxing, ski-ing, swimming—to names and places and the trophies. The "Rookies Squad", the Depot, Sandhurst, Staff College, the Courses—was there any subject not touched upon? It was a place where private soldiers met the general and furthermore met "easily".

Yes! Put all that together and there, I think, is the answer to why we travel, and shall continue to travel, to London each year. Those who do not attend—never attend—can have no conception of how much they are missing nor, for that matter, how much they could add were they to attend. Then there is our leave-taking, and grand it is to hear. "See you in Halifax in September, wouldn't miss it for worlds". Of course, that is not the end for us. We have the coach trip, the raffle to help defray expenses for next year and our own "chota Wembley", with Fred Stringer on the rostrum leading the community singing and song sheet waving. Ah well, all good things come to an end!

SAX.

HUDDERSFIELD BRANCH

Considering the severe weather in January and February our meetings were well attended. On March 8 eight members and their wives attended a social evening arranged by the Mossley Branch and held in the Social Club at Greenfield Paper Mill. After a film of the parade when the Freedom of Mossley was conferred on the Seventh Battalion, and a European campaign film "True Glory", all members and guests enjoyed a really fine supper, after which songs old and new were rousingly sung and, as the night wore on, it was hard to tell whether "Nelly Dean" was "Hanging Washing on the Siegfried Line" or waiting for the "Dukes to come up the hill". Thank you, Mossley.

On April 19 our Branch held a social evening which was well attended by the Halifax, Bradford and Mossley branches, and RHQ—approximately

150. During the evening we were entertained by the Bradley Townswomen's Guild Drama Group to whom we extend our hearty thanks for their wonderful show. Again that "Old Rough Diamond" (Mr. J. Chaddick) from Mossley set our hearts aglow with his fine song leadership. On this occasion, the supper was provided by Sgt. FitzGerald of the old West Riding Battalion, and, as usual, was excellent.

Together with the Halifax and Bradford Branch members we hied away to London for the London Branch Dinner on May 16. The "Rugby Final at Wembley", Piccadilly by night, the comfort of the "Victory Club", and a really first-class dinner, this year at the Royal Horticultural New Hall. General Sir Robert Bray spoke of our Regiment, its activities, distinction and future, and maroon and french grey ties literally "glowed" amongst all members re-united, with many past and present stories to tell. This time our thanks to Bob and Dave and the Halifax Branch, headed by Harold Rowlands, for their really faultless and appreciated organisation.

At our Annual General Meeting at Huddersfield on June 6, Lt.-Col. G. Taylor, DSO, TD, accepted to continue as Branch President and the following were re-elected:

Vice-President—Mr. N. Bramham.
Chairman—Mr. G. H. Machen, MBE.
Secretary—Mr. J. E. Horne.
Treasurer—Mr. W. Downs.

Over the year we have enrolled six new members and we extend a hearty welcome to any serving or past member of the Regiment who would like to come along. Our monthly meetings are held on the last Friday of each month in the canteen of the West Riding Battalion DWR at St. Paul's Street Drill Hall, Huddersfield.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Two elderly ex-members of the Regiment have spent a very enjoyable two weeks' holiday at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home, Lowestoft, Suffolk. They both returned looking well and tanned and their praise for this home knew no bounds.

The holidays, sponsored by the Association in co-operation with the Lord Kitchener Home, came about through the Home requesting a DWR Regimental plaque for the wall of their new lounge. We hope to be able to send more members later.

Applicants must be bona fide ex-servicemen and must be reasonably fit and capable of fending for themselves. Disabled men are not debarred provided that they can manage for themselves and need no nursing, therapy or regular medical attention as the Home cannot provide any of these facilities. The Home is for men only and no wives or female relatives can be accepted.

The widow and two young children of an ex-"Duke" who died last year will be attending a free week's holiday at Pontin's Holiday Camp, Blackpool, in July through the generous offer of Mr. Fred Pontin in liaison with the Army Benevolent Fund and our Association.

The Regimental Dinner Club

The officers' Regimental Dinner Club held its annual dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, May 16. The Colonel of the Regiment presided. The guest was to have been Brigadier The Marquess Douro, MVO, OBE, MC. Unfortunately, he contracted influenza and was unable to attend. Considering the absence of the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong the attendance was good; 65 officers sat down to dinner.

The luncheon was also held at the Hyde Park Hotel. The attendance was noticeably better than last year. It was particularly pleasant to see again Mrs. Molly Lawlor who came with her daughter Mary, the wife of Lt.-Col. Charles Huxtable.

Those who attended the two functions were:

THE REGIMENTAL DINNER

General Sir Robert Bray.

Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Savory.

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

Brigadiers: F. R. St. P. Bunbury, G. Laing, P. P. de la H. Moran, B. W. Webb-Carter.

Colonels: F. R. Armitage, P. G. L. Cousens, C. R. T. Cumberlege, J. Davidson, H. Harvey, D. E. Isles, R. G. Turner.

Lt.-Colonels: J. H. Dalrymple, F. R. Gadd, C. R. Huxtable, H. S. Le Messurier, A. E. H. Sayers, W. Skelsey.

Majors: W. Blakey, K. W. Brown, A. E. Buckingham, J. E. V. Butterfield, M. J. Campbell-

Lamerton, R. V. Cartwright, H. M. Crowther, J. H. Davis, S. G. Dunn, E. J. P. Emmett, P. R. Faulks, B. Hindley, R. H. Ince, C. C. Kenchington, L. F. H. Kershaw, J. H. S. Lane, J. A. Lennon, C. J. Maclaren, K. M. McDonald, C. D. d'E. Miller, J. S. Milligan, J. A. Randall, W. F. C. Robertson, A. C. S. Savory, H. J. T. Sills, J. Streatfeild, G. C. Tedd, B. N. Webster.

Captains: M. R. N. Bray, S. F. Bruce-Lowe, R. D. Campbell-Lamerton, C. G. Fitzgerald, H. Middleton-Hands, D. M. Pugh, The Lord Savile, R. L. Stevens, E. J. W. Walker.

Lieutenants: M. P. C. Bray, C. G. Edwards, J. H. Gladwin, R. A. Innes, T. J. Isles, T. L. Mesquita, J. A. Shenton.

THE REGIMENTAL LUNCHEON

Col. and Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Bairstow, Mrs. Boutflower, General Sir Robert and Lady Bray, Major and Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Chatterton, Col. and Mrs. Cumberlege, Col. and Mrs. Davidson, Major and Mrs. Davis, Major Dunn, Major-General and Mrs. K. G. Exham, Major-General and Mrs. R. K. Exham, Capt. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Gadd, Mrs. Lawlor and Mrs. Huxtable, Major and Mrs. Ince, Lady Landon, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Le Messurier, Major and Mrs. Maclaren and Miss Maclaren, Mrs. Orr, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Sayers, Lt.-Col. Skelsey, Col. Turner, Col. and Mrs. Wathen, Brigadier Webb-Carter.

PERSONALIA

Engagement

The engagement is announced between Jeremy John Gaskell, The King's Regiment, elder son of Major and Mrs. J. R. Gaskell of Stourton Ford, Ilkley, and Jacqueline Shelley, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. H. S. Le Messurier of 5 Richmond Road, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

Marriage

On April 19, 1969, Mr. Philip Seccombe, Royal Marines, son of the late Mr. Ralph Seccombe and Mrs. Seccombe of Hawks Lane House, Chedworth, Gloucestershire, to Joanna, elder daughter of Major and Mrs. R. H. Burton of the Old House, Cirencester.

Silver Wedding

On February 22, 1944, at Wilton, Salisbury, Major Rudolf Edmund Austin to Dinah Margaret Sykes. Present address: Woolcombe Farm, Toller Porcorum, Dorchester, Dorset.

We are informed that Major Austin is now Chief Superintendent R. E. Austin, MC, Dorset Special Constabulary.

We congratulate Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter on being appointed a Commander of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in May. Brigadier Webb-Carter relinquished the post of Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for Hampshire on June 24.

We have received an interesting letter from Brigadier Firth, who holds a retired officer's appointment at Fortress Headquarters, Gibraltar. He writes:-

"This withdrawal of Spanish labour has produced some tragic scenes. Men who have spent their whole lives here, 30 to 40 years some of them, just having to give it all up with no hope of a job in Spain. The Spanish were a nice lot and it was sad to see them go.

"It will only affect our life here by making it less easy and pleasant. Life will go on with unskilled Moroccans or semi-skilled locals doing the jobs. It will be difficult to get one's hair cut, one's suit mended, one's car repaired, one's shoes resoled, or one's boat fitted out, but there will be people of a sort to do these jobs. The cost of living will rise

sharply and standards will drop. It will not affect the visitors so tourism will continue to flourish. The ferry is still working so we can go to Spain—so far. I think the Spanish will continue to impose restrictions and the future is unsettled”.

Wing-Commander J. L. Wallace, O.B.E., has recently retired from the post of Organising Director of Music of the Royal Air Force. He started his musical career as a bandboy in the Regiment in 1924. He made his farewell public appearance at the Royal Air Force anniversary concert at the Royal Festival Hall when he shared the podium with Fistoulari, conductor of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. In reply to our congratulations, he wrote:-

“Dear Major Davis,

“Thank you for your very kind letter. You will be pleased to know that the concert was a tremendous success and the very large audience received me very warmly indeed.

“I am very grateful to The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment for setting me on the right road in my formative years.

“With warmest wishes to an excellent Regiment,
“Yours sincerely,
“J. L. Wallace”.

Major Hubert Coop, T.D., who has given such valuable service to the Regiment as our Honorary Stockbroker, has moved to “Dukes End”, Beemire, Windermere, Westmorland. The “End” refers to the location of the house, which is at the end of the road—nothing more ominous than that, we are glad to say.

Not to be outdone, Mr. J. S. Bailes, who recently left the 1st Battalion for civilian life, has called his house at 6 Winshields, Cramlington New Town, Northumberland, “Paardeberg”. He is C.S.M.I. with Newcastle City Detachment A.C.F. He writes:-

“My copy of THE IRON DUKE is placed in the cadet rest room. The photograph of the four Colours on parade aroused quite a bit of interest. When I’ve bashed them into shape we may get a few future ‘Dukes’ out of them”.

Major Bill Blakey describes his job as running an operations room for a firm of metal brokers in the City. He finds it both exacting and exciting. His present address is Temple Close, Banbury Road, Bloxham, near Banbury, Oxon.

We hear from Major P. Bruce Lowe that he has been appointed to the committee of the Army Bird Watching Society. He has been chairman of the executive committee of the Surrey Ornithological Society since it was founded 12 years ago.

His son, Bruce, passed his London BSc in Estate Management and, earlier this year, took a job at Sleaford, between Nottingham and Grantham. Formerly, he played for a number of seasons for the Cambridge City Rugby XV, and was captain in the 1964-65 season—this in spite of the fact that he was living first at Bishops Stortford, and then at Bedford, so consistently travelled 30 miles for a “home” game.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

The following Majs. retire on retired pay, March 31, 1969: B. M. Kilner, T.D., D. S. Gilbert-Smith, M.C.

2nd Lt. J. N. Sharp to be Lt., June 15, 1969.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Short Serv. Commn.

2nd Lt. M. P. Bird, from Active List to be 2nd Lt., May 5, 1969.

Class III

Lt.-Col. C. Barnes, T.D., from T & AVR Category III, W. Riding, to be Lt.-Col., January 1, 1969.

The following from T & AVR Category III, W. Riding, to be Maj: Maj. P. H. Haws, T.D., January 27, 1969; Maj. K. M. McDonald, T.D., February 1, 1969; Maj. H. M. Crowther, T.D., January 30, 1969.

Lt. A. E. Dye from T & AVR, Category III, W. Riding, to be Lt., February 14, 1969.

Class IV

Capt. A. E. Hutchinson, from T & AVR Category III, W. Riding, to be Capt., April 1, 1969.

TERRITORIAL & ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Category III

Lt.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) J. B. Sugden, T.D., J.P., D.L., relinquishes his appointment as Honorary Colonel, The West Riding Territorials, March 31, 1969.

Capt. R. Callaby, M.B.E., M.M., W. Riding (Res. of Offrs., D.W.R.) resigns his commn., March 31, 1969.

Appointments

The following appointments have been announced:

Lt.-Col. R. W. Nicholson (Special List) to be GSO 2 (W) RARDE, August 1969.

Major J. A. Pell, for JSSC, November 1969–May 1970.

Major J. S. Milligan, Housing Comdt., York, December 1969.

Major A. Denison, Malawi Rifles, February 1969.

Capt. D. M. Pugh, for GSO 3 (Int) HQ 24 Bde, July 1969.

Capt. D. R. D. Newell, for Adjutant, King’s Division Depot, Yorkshire, August 1969.

Capt. W. R. Mundell, RMCS Shrivenham, September 1969, then Camberley, January 1970–December 1970.

WO2 J. Sargeant, to be RQMS, KDD Yorkshire, August 1969.

New Addresses

Mrs. Marian Huffam has settled in Halifax. Her address there is 91A Dudwell Lane.

Other new addresses of which we have been notified are:

Lt.-Col. Colin Barnes, T.D., 2 Alexandra Road, Lindley, Huddersfield.

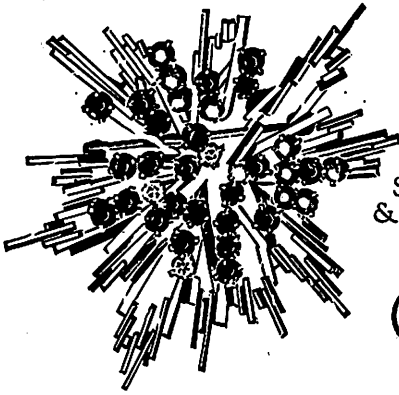
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Major-General J. W. N. Haugh, Scio House
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Brigadier George Laing, CBE, Uplands, Belton
Road, Camberley.

Colonel R. de la H. Moran, OBE, The Shireburn,
Effingham, Surrey.

J. R. A. Ward, Esq., The Governor's House,
H.M. Prison Northeye, Bexhill-on-Sea.

Major Derek H. Wood, Pinetrees, Snells Lane,
Little Chalfont, Bucks.

Corrigenda

Mr. E. Smith has asked us to correct some details regarding his career which were given in the last number of THE IRON DUKE. Mr. Smith was R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion in Devonport, Aldershot and Malta. On his discharge he served only a few months with the War Department Constabulary and then became a Barrack Warden. He served as a Barrack Inventory Accountant for 19 years until he was compulsory retired on reaching the age of

65. We offer our apologies to Mr. Smith for the inaccuracy of our previous report.

We also have to apologise to all concerned for a wrong attribution in the last issue. Mr. Christopher de la H. Moran, who was married in February, is the son of Colonel and Mrs. R. de la H. Moran and not of Brigadier and Mrs. P. P. de la H. Moran as stated.

Portsmouth Cathedral D-Day Memorial Appeal

The D-Day and Battle of Normandy Fellowship, formed in connection with the Portsmouth Cathedral Completion Appeal, continues to build up steadily. Membership, now several hundred strong, includes people from the USA, Canada and other overseas countries.

An application leaflet can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, D-Day Fellowship, Flat 2, Cathedral House, St. Thomas's Street, Old Portsmouth.

Biathlon Trophy

To mark the Regiment's success in cross-country ski-ing during the Battalion's four years in Germany, the Regiment has presented the Army Ski Association with a trophy for annual competition in the Biathlon Relay Race.

The trophy is a silver biathlon skier mounted on a rectangular base of York stone. The skier is dressed as a racer carrying rifle and ammunition belt and is shown travelling fast along a ski track.

The competition is held at Oberjoch in Bavaria towards the end of January and most keen ski-ing units in BAOR enter teams. The race is a combination of cross-country ski-ing and target shooting, with accuracy at shooting playing as great a part as skill on the cross-country track. It is as exciting for the spectators as for the competitors.

It was appropriate that an Infantry team won the Biathlon Relay this year. The team was composed of three infantrymen from different units, presently training with the Olympic Biathlon Team, and set a record by completing the course without incurring a single shooting penalty. Cpl. Hirst, who frequently represented the Battalion in ski-ing events and who is now with the Green Howards, was one of the three infantrymen.

That team was performing *hors concours*. The trophy, being given for a unit team, was won by 94 Locating Regiment. It is to be hoped that when The Duke's are once again in Germany, and have an opportunity to ski, they will win the Dukes'



Trophy. With the emphasis on shooting and fitness, cross-country ski-ing should be essentially an infantry sport.

General Ozanne left a legacy to The Duke's to provide something tangible to promote keenness in sport or all round military efficiency. Part of this legacy has been earmarked towards provision of this Biathlon Trophy, whilst a golf trophy and an inter-platoon association football trophy have also been bought from the legacy.

Obituary

Mr. J. W. Jackson

Mr. Jim Jackson died suddenly at his home in York on December 20, 1968.

He joined the Regiment, following his father who served in the Regiment for 30 years, in January 1928. After two years with 1st Battalion he sailed for India in February 1930 where he was awarded the India General Service Medal for service on the North-West Frontier in 1935 with 2nd Battalion.

Subsequently he rejoined the 1st Battalion and, after a year in Malta, was appointed a Depot Instructor in 1937. He rejoined 1st Battalion as a sergeant and accompanied them to France and Belgium on the outbreak of war in 1939.

He joined 6th Battalion as Company Sergeant Major in 1940, spent two years with them in Iceland and accompanied them to north-west Europe in 1944. In 1946 he was appointed Regimental Sergeant Major of 6th Battalion.

He rejoined 1st Battalion in 1947 in Khartoum as Regimental Sergeant Major and was in this appointment until he retired in 1951.

He will be remembered best as RSM of 1st Battalion in Strensall from 1948 to 1951 where he was in a position to influence many young soldiers who are senior warrant officers today. He was a man of tremendously high sense of duty, liked by both his seniors and juniors and with a great ability to get on with everyone and get things done.

All his service he took a keen interest in sport and was a great enthusiast for sport in the Regiment.

In 1951 he joined Infantry Records, York, as a clerical officer and remained there until his death. He continued to show great interest in the Regiment and was always present at Regimental functions. He was a keen member of the Bootham Conservative Bowling Club and his brothers have donated a cup, "The Jim Jackson Memorial Trophy", for annual competition there.

The Revd. H. G. Keet, DSO, MC

The Revd. Hubert Keet died on February 8, 1969, after a short illness. He was in his 75th year.

Hubert Keet won his DSO and MC during the 1914-18 war throughout which he served with distinction in The King's Regiment. Starting as a second-lieutenant in 1914 he was wounded twice and also mentioned in despatches three times. He reached the rank of major by 1918 and after the war was appointed to command the 5th Battalion, The King's Regiment.

In 1921 he obtained a regular commission as a lieutenant in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and joined the 1st Battalion, serving with them in Gibraltar. After a tour of duty at the Depot

from 1922 to 1924 he joined the 2nd Battalion in Cairo and moved with them to Singapore.

There, in 1928, he left the Army for work in the Colonial Service and remained in Malaya until it was overrun by the Japanese. He was interned for three-and-a-half years.

On returning to England he was trained for the ministry of the Church of England, being ordained deacon in 1951 and priest in 1952. He served in several parishes in England until he retired some four years ago and settled in Folkestone.

He married his wife, Jean, in 1927, shortly before he left the Regiment. A son was born to them in 1928 and a daughter in 1930.

Colonel R. Rippon

Col. Reginald Rippon died on June 6 at his home, Honley House, Honley. He was 79. A native of Huddersfield, he was educated at Giggleswick School. After leaving school he entered the family coach-building and motor dealing business and was a director for 40 years. For the past 16 years he had been chairman and managing director.

In 1908 he joined the 5th Battalion and commanded it from 1928 to 1932. During the second world war he commanded the 26th Battalion (Huddersfield) Home Guard from 1940 to 1944. Despite a very wide variety of interests and public duties, he took a great interest in Regimental affairs until his death. He was a regular visitor to annual camps and social functions. He leaves a widow and three daughters. A funeral service was held at Honley Parish Church at which Lt.-Colonel Walter Skelsey represented the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Earl of Scarborough, K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O.

It is fitting to add a small tribute here to the many which have appeared in the national papers following the death of Lord Scarborough on June 29.

They recorded his long and distinguished career in many fields. Our concern is his connection with the Regiment. This began when he became Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding in 1948 and was strengthened when, in 1955, he consented to become a Patron of our Regimental Association. As such he proved himself to be always willing to do anything that was asked of him and the Association is the poorer by the loss of his ready interest.

The last Regimental function which he attended was, as is recorded on another page, the 50th Annual Reunion Dinner of the 4th Battalion D.W.R. Old Comrades' Association, on April 26, at which he was the principal guest.

He is succeeded by his only son, Viscount Lumley.

A Memorial Service was held in York Minster on July 14. Lt.-Colonel H. S. Le Messurier represented the Colonel of the Regiment and the Regimental Association.

Late News

The death occurred suddenly at Keighley on July 23 of Major Hugh Dixon, O.B.E. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

More Memories of Malta

by Imray

It was a wonderful life. Most days we worked until 12 noon and spent the rest of the day playing sport. In the summer we went swimming and there were few men who could not swim half-mile which was the regulation test. It has been said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and I have always believed that the Battle of the Sittang River was won in St. George's Bay. Very few men could swim when we arrived. When we left nearly everyone could pass the half-mile test and one of the MMs won on the Sittang was won by Freddy Fox, who learnt to swim in Malta, and at the Sittang swam across with a rope and got any poor swimmers across that wide and swollen river.

Not much rugby was played, but in one Services' game there were eight "Dukes" in the 15, and Cpl. England got a broken leg. Did I know it? He was my Platoon NCO. One second late out of bed and one was on a charge. He lay in his corner bed and life was hectic until he was fit and well. Football came into its own and we had a great team. Sax Rowlands, a very good goalie, who represented the Army along with Jimmy Hall, who was on Darlington's books. Connelly, a fine outside-right, and that jack of all sports, Dolly Dawson, who played for the Regiment at football, rugby, hockey, cricket and later was the Captain Quartermaster of the 1st Battalion.

Bill Bacon ran a service of his own and kept all his utensils on top of the gun store. He sold tea at half the price of the NAAFI charged. Their business dropped and there were spot checks, but we never lost. It became the joke of the company. Anything lost, everyone cried, "Top of the gun store," which we climbed by way of a tree and Sgt. Smith, of the Provost Staff, never found. We had our fifth column in his staff and we were never caught. It was all great fun and life was enjoyable. The Band played every Wednesday on the top square, and the Drums Beat the Retreat every Tuesday, so if men were unhappy it was their own fault because the CO and the officers and NCOs did everything to make men happy. The food was first class and in Major Dillon we had a fine PRI who fed us on the best.

Every now and then we went to Floriana to mount guard on the Palace in Valletta, and St. Salvadore Magazine and I had the honour to be the sentry when Capt. Huffam, vc, married his bride and Sgt. Jim Myatt, later my CSM, turned out the guard in their honour.

I remember lying on the shores of St. George's Bay and remarking to Bill Hunter that millionaires were paying a fortune for what we were getting for nothing and my words are coming true. Now if I want a holiday in Malta it will cost me

all of £100 at least for two weeks and we had three years.

The officers played hockey and polo on the Marsa and some of us often helped the officers out at hockey, and we got a pint of beer after the game from Mr. Strangeways. At athletics we had the finest sprint team on the island: Lt. Upjohn, L/Cpl. Colin Dawes, Reggie Swain, Harry Stacey, Cpl. Glegg were some of the better known. In the last Command sports we shared the top place with the Rifle Brigade, but we were about 450 strong to their 960 because they were on foreign service.

Boxing and we produced the finest in the island in Pte. Jim Coogan, who knocked his men out as fast as they were put in front of him. The South Wales Borderers came to Malta with their ABA champion, "Killer" Richards, and Coogan boxed a good draw with their champion, who knew a little bit too much for our young soldier.


There was little serious crime and no fatalities due to swimming or other causes. Mussolini came to the fore and lots of wives went home and we took up battle stations and hundreds of subs were supposed to surround our home, but Mare Nostrium never became a fact and Musso heard The Duke's were in Malta and he never attacked. We camped at Mehlieha, which is now a European housing estate if you are rich enough to settle there. I wonder if the residents can hear the ghostly laughter of about 50 laughing lads returning from our nightly cross-country runs? Tommy Hunter turned us out night after night and Jim Myatt and Stanley Gill could never understand why the sport was so popular. We ran to Armier Bay and danced and drank with the ex-Jack Tar's wife and daughter and we sang bawdy songs and they joined in, but could not understand and then Tommy shouted, "Fall in," and we returned to our hard earthy beds and stares of the orderly sergeant, who scratched his head and wondered what the Army was coming to.

Ghain Tuffieha, another camp, and the CO gave us a series of tough marches to do. Some men did not like the medicine and at a concert when the CO sang "My little Grey Home in the West," they tried cat calling him, but the RSM soon had the ring leaders inside and they were earmarked for the next draft to India. Transportation was not a new thing even in those days and the bad hats were often sent to that country where they soon learnt to soldier and generally had seven years in which to do it.

The next and last draft was due to go after the Regiment left for home and as one had to have at least three years' service on arrival in India, men with three to four years' service were doing all kinds to miss the draft. India sent a shiver down the spines of most young soldiers. We heard of all the ills from the old Indian campaigners in the Regiment: Deolali tap, malaria, and all the ills that came from that country and all around me I could hear men plotting how to avoid the last draft they could be caught for.

Sportsmen were gods. Some of them had never

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His Exalted Highness the Nizam

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In 1935 I became ADC to General Sir Douglas Baird. He was then GOC Bolarum District with his Headquarters outside Secunderabad and a few miles from Hyderabad. I joined him at Deccan House and much enjoyed my time with him. Sir Douglas had been ADC to General Sir Douglas Haig during World War I and, when we dined alone, there was hardly a night when he did not mention his name. My Sir Douglas had served in Probyn's Horse. He was still a good horseman and I had the pleasure of always riding with him before breakfast. I owed him a lot for everything he taught me both about horses and many other things.

Hyderabad is a very large city and there lived His Exalted Highness the Nizam. I was told that, in their line, the Nizams had always been either great money spenders or misers. The late Nizam's father was apparently a big spender whereas I can tell the following true stories about his son (who died recently).

As most readers will know the late Nizam was reputed to have been much the richest man in the world. Years ago the British Government was worried at the way in which the State was being run and, with the Nizam's approval, they put in three or four key persons such as a financier, a senior police officer, etc., to improve the situation. Most of these men were still there when I arrived and they told me some interesting stories.

One story I remember was that, when they arrived, the late Nizam could seldom be persuaded to give a dinner party. When he did, he always used a dining room with about six separate tables in it. Any guest who was lucky enough to sit at the

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been further than Halifax because they played that godly game called rugby. But the lads who played lesser sports thought that, by being better at sport, they would surely be indispensable and would be taken back to dear old Blighty with the 1st Battalion and not go to the 2nd Battalion in India. Alas, that year the Government dropped the ruling that a man had to do an extra year after he had completed his seventh year, so there were two drafts to send to replace two years' home going from the 2nd Battalion.

So many men were wanted in India that not even great sportsmen like Dawson were exempt. We were told in the rule books that only the fittest and the toughest could go there, so we paraded for our medical thinking the MO would surely turn most of us down, but he looked along the line, and, with a huge grin on his face, remarked, "I HAVE NEVER IN ALL MY BORN DAYS SEEN SUCH A FINE BODY OF MEN." We were on our way to Pongo, to India, the land of the elephant and howdah, and another story of my wonderful and adventurous comrades who were The Duke of Wellington's of that day in 1937.

Nizam's table would be served with the full dinner and perhaps be given a couple of glasses of champagne. On the other hand, the unfortunate persons at the sixth table could expect to be given the first course, already laid on the table, but to see nothing more and to be lucky to get half a glass of champagne. There was a popular story that people who dined at the palace always had dinner before leaving home. To end the story, apparently the Nizam usually left the table directly after the meal to check the number of bottles of champagne consumed. Money certainly was his major concern!

He had two sons who were both quite unlike their father and whom we got to know on the Bolarum polo ground and who sometimes dined at Deccan House. Each was married to a Turkish princess who were two of the loveliest girls I had ever seen. When in Hyderabad they lived in purdah but came out of it when leaving the State.

One of the most interesting times in Hyderabad was the Viceroy's four-day official visit to the State. Before then the Nizam used to travel in a really ramshackle old Ford car. However he bought a completely new fleet of cars for the visit and we saw him arrive at the station in one of his purchases to meet his guest. The car drew up and the door was opened. As the Nizam was getting out he collided with one of his policemen who had his back to the car. There was an outburst of rage from the Nizam which must have lasted for a full minute and could be heard at least two hundred yards away. After the visit, I was told that he sold the fleet of new cars and returned to the old Ford.

The Nizam was at his best at the State Banquet which he gave that night for the Viceroy. Sir Douglas and I were invited and the interesting fact was that it was held in the Nizam's biggest palace at which, on this occasion, 235 guests were seated at one huge table. The other memorable point was that everything on this table, apart from the cutlery and glass, was solid gold. It is hard to remember but I feel sure that the dinner that night was excellent.

This, I think, is all I can say about Hyderabad and its ruler except for one small and amusing incident connected with my departure from Bolarum. In fact, the General left at the same time and we both called on the Nizam to say good-bye. The incident occurred after a cup of tea. We both knew that our host did not smoke and that he never allowed his household to smoke in his presence. However, on this occasion, he clapped his hands and, when the butler appeared, he asked for cigarettes. The fact that Sir Douglas did not smoke must have been known for, when the butler returned, he was carrying a huge silver tray and on it lay one solitary Woodbine, not even in its packet. This was offered to me but, of course, was refused. It is hard to believe that this cigarette incident could have been associated with the richest man in the world!

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