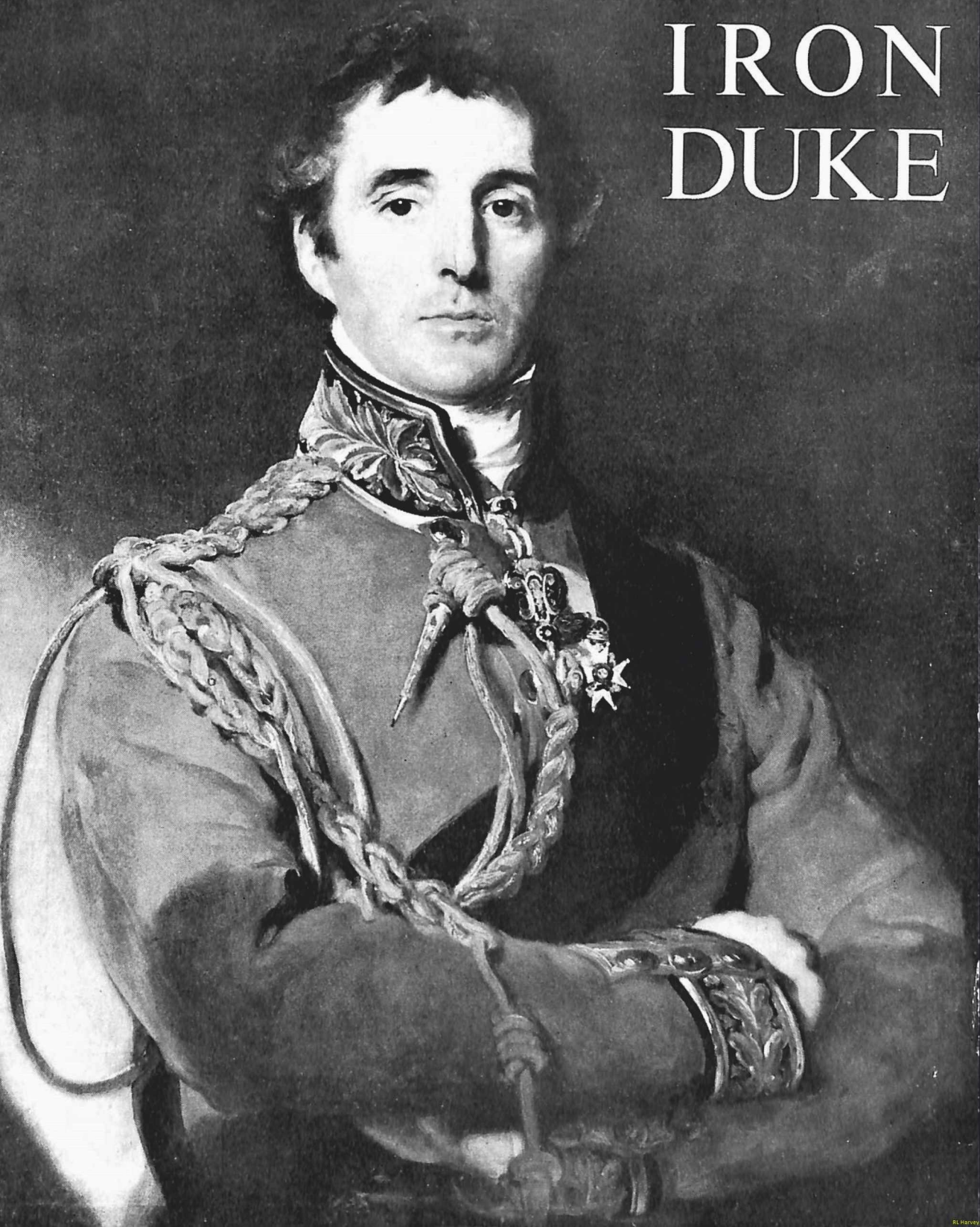


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IN THE JUNGLE



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Ptes Matthews, Potter and Briston, Alma Coy, completing a river crossing during their training at the Jungle Warfare School in Malaysia. Companies in turn spent a five-week period at the school and returned to Hong Kong with enough tall stories to fill a new "Jungle Book".

REGIMENTAL NEWS

RHQ NOTES

By the time this IRON DUKE reaches you The Duke's will again be wearing the old cap badge. The day selected was November 1. The 1st Battalion had to change slightly later, between periods of duty on the Chinese border.

Of the 64 individual infantry units that existed at the end of the 1939-45 war, only eight are left unaffected by disbandment or amalgamation. Four are in the Scottish Division—The Royal Scots, KOSB, Black Watch and Gordon Highlanders; two in the King's Division—The Green Howards and The Duke's, and two in the Prince of Wales's Division—The Royal Welch Fusiliers and Cheshire Regiment.

The most severely amalgamated regiment is the Lancashire Regiment. The Loyal Regiment has recently been added to the already amalgamated East and South Lancashire Regiments.

Lt.-Col. Skelsey

We regret to have to report the resignation of Walter Skelsey who has been Assistant Regimental Secretary since January 1962. He is leaving to work for the Church foundation of Scargill House, near Kettlewell, in the Yorkshire Dales.

We wish him every happiness in his new appointment.

No decision has been made on his successor as we are awaiting the result of the recent MOD review of all Regimental HQs. The Colonel of the Regiment hopes to find a Duke's successor.

Walter Skelsey has also been business manager of the IRON DUKE for the last seven years and will be sadly missed in this capacity by your editor.

REGIMENTAL SERVICE

This year, the annual Regimental Service was held on Saturday, November 1, in the Garrison Church, Strensall. The Regimental Chapel in York Minster is undergoing major structural repairs as part of the general restoration of the Minister. It is hoped that it will be ready for use next year.

A party of about 110 Old Comrades and their families came from the West Riding. It had been felt that retired and serving officers attending the service did not have enough chance on this occasion to meet the Old Comrades' party. Accordingly, it was arranged for all to meet for coffee in the Junior Ranks' Club in Queen Elizabeth Barracks for half an hour before the service. This innovation was very much appreciated. After the service the Old Comrades were entertained in the WO and Sgts Mess. In the afternoon they went on a sightseeing and shopping tour in York, returning to the Mess for a social in the evening.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. J. G. Matthews, Chaplain to the Yorkshire Volunteers.

The Rev. J. N. M. Davies, MBE, Assistant Chaplain General, Northern Command, gave the address on the subject of the place of the soldier in the community. He said that in a simple community people with certain basic skills, such as the farmer, the carpenter, the doctor and the priest, were always needed. As long as human nature remained what it was there would also be a need for the soldier and the policeman—the forces of law and order. The soldier had three great qualities to offer any society: a community spirit, tolerance and friendship, and service without motive of personal gain. These were essentially Christian qualities.

Prayers were asked in memory of Major H. R. Kavanagh, MBE, whose obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Chaplain to the Regiment, The Right Reverend Eric Treacey, MBE, Lord Bishop of Wakefield, who has attended every service since they started in 1960, was unfortunately unable to come this year owing to illness. He was missed very much.

DATES FOR 1970

Officers' Dinner Club

The annual luncheon and dinner will be held on **Friday, May 22**, at the Hyde Park Hotel.

The Regimental Association

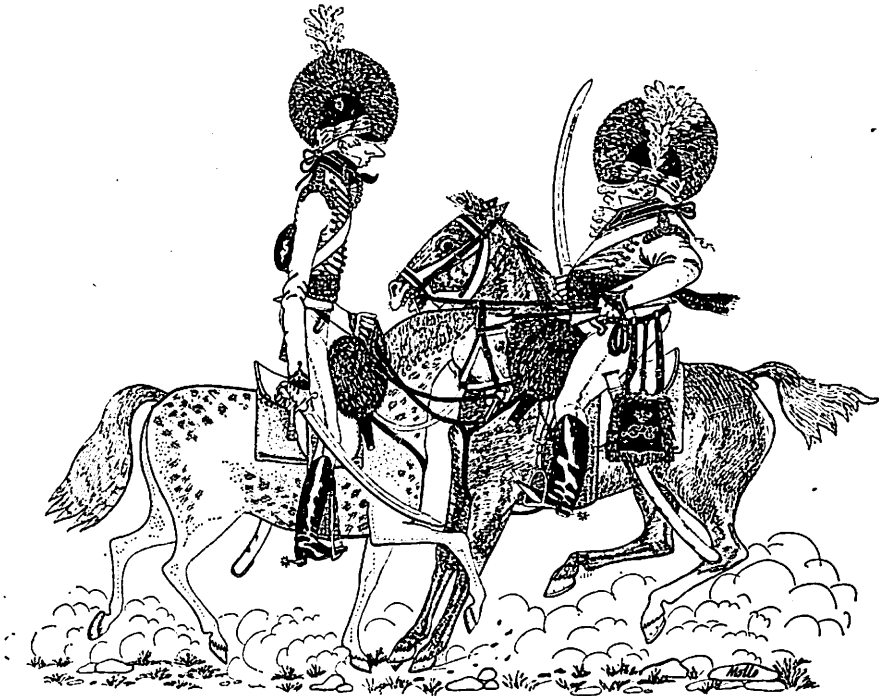
The annual reunion dinner of the London and Home Counties Branch of the OCA and Regimental Association will be held on **Saturday, May 9**, at 56 Davies Street, London, W.1 (a new venue).

REGIMENTAL SWEEPSTAKE

The following were the winners in the Regimental Sweepstake on the St. Leger:

- 1st Prize .. Mr. J. Carter, Keighley.
- 2nd Prize .. Mr. P. Middleton, Cottingley, Bingley.
- 3rd Prize .. Mr. F. Stringer, Halifax.
- 4th Prize .. Mr. J. Sayse, London.
- Runners: Mr. G. S. Samples, Halifax.
- Mr. W. Imray, Cullercoats.
- Mr. J. R. Moon, Seaford.
- Mr. J. Matthews, Keighley.
- Mrs. Lepper, Seaford.
- Mr. F. Shaw, Rochdale.
- Pte. Howarth, 'B' Coy, 1 DWR.

The Sweepstake raised £164 for the Regimental and Charitable Funds, a very slight increase on last year.



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1st BATTALION

Sub-editorial

It was a great relief to hear that in November next year the Battalion will move back to UK and join 24 Brigade, one of the formations of 3rd Division in the Strategic Reserve. A relief because, when the official announcement is made, it means an end to rumour and something firm to work towards. In these days it is extremely important for units to have full, active, interesting jobs and to move steadily forward in their "professionalism". In recent years we have done well with APCs in Germany, UN work in Cyprus, and the present variety in the Far East. So the next and different challenge with the first-line division in the Strategic Reserve is just what we need. However, there is a lot still to be done in the Hong Kong area before then.

The notes which follow reveal the story of jungle training in Malaya. All our rifle companies and support company together with drivers, signallers, and so on, have each done five weeks training at the Jungle Warfare School. This has been a most valuable and rewarding period and individuals and companies are that much better for it. In the jungle each individual's performance is important and it was interesting to see how this was quickly realised, and to note the way all responded. Companies found that the smoothly run base camp established at the school was a great help during the training. Capt. Robins set it up, WO2 Curling and his staff ran it extremely efficiently and Capt. Burke helped to wrap it up with no problems—altogether a very satisfactory performance.

We imagined that during the Malaya period we might be excused Border duties. We were wrong, and manned the Border posts twice during this time. It was quite a strain to maintain ourselves in three places, Malaya, Stanley Fort and the Border area, and particularly hard on the administrative staff. However, with the help of a Gurkha company on each occasion, the duty was done.

From mid-April to mid-July we provided our second contingent for the UN Honour Guard in Korea. This was led by 2/Lt. Roberts and Sgt. Hodgkinson. Readers will recall that Lt. Palmer's group earlier this year set high standards for this commitment. Our second contingent did equally as well and enhanced The Dukes' reputation in Korea. A letter from Brigadier MacWilliam, Deputy Commander HQ Land Forces, is at the bottom of this column.

The Commanding Officer and Capt. Robins visited Korea at the end of the second contingent's tour of duty. Regrettably, due to foul weather and poor roads, they were unable to carry out the planned pilgrimage to the DMZ (Demilitarised Zone) and the Hook.

On August 4 Hook (Headquarter) Company ceased to exist and from it were formed Command Company and Administrative Company. This

change is in line with a new infantry battalion establishment which is due to be introduced in the next two years. The change at this particular time has no tactical significance for Hong Kong. Its main importance is that it breaks up the large Headquarter (Hook) Company into two, and this makes the supervision of individual training standards and welfare so much easier and efficient. It also produces a better organisation for the supervision of NCO cadres, continuation training, senior soldiers' courses and upgrading testing.

In recent years our Regimental Band has touched new heights in its musical efficiency and its ability to entertain. There has been a continuous story of success in Germany, for a short time in UK, and in Hong Kong. Of tremendous importance to the Battalion is the fact that the Band is really a part of the unit, with it and for it in every way. Much of the credit for this recent success is due to Bandmaster Wood who joined the Regiment from Kneller Hall in 1966. Since arriving in Hong Kong he has been released from the Forces, and taken up the attractive and well-remunerated post of Bandmaster of the Royal Hong Kong Police. In his place we now have WO1 Alexander and it is already clear that we have again done well from Kneller Hall, and have a bandmaster with flair and ability who clearly intends the Band to continue its improvement, and has already produced excellent performances here in Hong Kong and in Tokyo.

Tokyo and the British Fairs Week is another story and it is being told elsewhere. The tour for band, drums and rugby team appears to have been a great success except for the disappointment with the rugby results. However, the standard of the opposition was extremely high and, regrettably, we were nowhere near our strongest team.

As this sub-editorial leaves the unit we are looking forward to a week's visit by the Colonel Commandant of the King's Division, Major-General Bredin.

From Brigadier M. E. M. MacWilliam, DSO, MC, TD,

"You will be pleased to hear that Brigadier Wilson, Head of the Commonwealth Liaison Mission, Korea, has written to me concerning the very high standard of discipline and turnout shown by your recent Honour Guard Detachment. He reports that it was generally agreed on all sides that they were one of the best detachments seen in Korea for some time and that the Turkish and Thai Detachments who served in the same Platoon with them were equally generous in their praise.

"I would like to add my congratulations to you and to Alastair Roberts, Colour Sergeant Hodgkinson and all the NCOs and men of the Detachment for having put up such an excellent showing".

NEWS FROM THE MESSES

OFFICERS MESS

With companies going to Malaya one after another, Border duties and courses, the Mess has been virtually empty at times. It should also be explained that the officers of the Lyemun Company use the Lyemun Mess, which aggravates the position. However, while it has not been a socially hectic summer, we did give a junk party to say farewell to 4 RRF, a curry lunch to welcome 1 RWF and a pool party or "swim-in" at the Stanley pool for our own amusement.

We were delighted to see Charles Grieve (junior), now at RMAS, who came out during his summer leave to spend a couple of weeks with the Battalion. After getting a taste of Hong Kong for a few days he went down to Malaya with Alma Company.

We have had various other visitors, including a charming Japanese major who was well looked after by Jim Pell and found the heat and humidity a little too much after lunch.

We have at last got round to brightening up the Mess, and the whole building reverberates as walls are torn down and rebuilt in new positions and various other improvements take place.

We welcome Jimmy and Elizabeth Nash who have just arrived. Jimmy takes over from Jim Pell who, together with Carmen, takes our best wishes for a happy and successful time at the JSSC. Our best wishes also go with Alan and Gel Westcob and Robin and Jill Newell, who have left for Strensall, and Wilf and Viv Charlesworth who have returned to SAS.

Finally, a word of thanks and praise for the Mess staff who, headed by WO2 Harris, have made the Mess function efficiently and happily at all times.

SERGEANTS MESS

Since our last notes the list of arrivals and departures of Mess members begins to look like a British Railways timetable. We welcome to the Mess, Bandmaster Alexander and his wife and family, WO2 Figgins (ACC) and Sgt. Shaw, wife and family, all from UK.

The departure timetable is even more lengthy; Bandmaster Wood has left the Army and taken a similar position with the Hong Kong Police Band, WO2 Johnny Sargeant has departed for King's Division Depot, Strensall as RQMS. CSM Bob Middleton has gone to the Junior Leaders Infantry Battalion, Shorncliffe, S/Sgt. Pete Walker, complete with golf clubs, to the Yorkshire Volunteers, S/Sgt. Malcolm Allerton to civvy street, Sgt. Geoff Wilkinson to the Jungle Warfare School, Malaya to join forces with S/Sgt. Joe Collins.

Congratulations to the following on their recent promotions: Sgt. Milner to Staff-Sergeant and Sgts. Parkinson, Lever, Craig and Hewson on joining the Mess.

During the past three months most of the companies have been to Malaya and, although the strength of the Mess suffered, we still had our socials. On May 30 we dined out Bandmaster

Wood, WO2s Sargeant and Middleton and S/Sgt. Walker, followed by a dance which was really swinging from the beginning; it must have been the wine.

We then had the Mess transformed into something which looked like a cross between Wigan Pier and Blackpool, complete with sand, boat and swimming tanks. Needless to say, everyone had rather a wet time—inside and outside.

The darts season is once again upon us and this year we are determined to do better than last year when we finished runners-up. This year we have two strong teams and the only thing which may stop us from winning is the number of our commitments.

CORPORALS MESS

Exercise "Long Wander" died a natural death with the return of Alma Company from Malaysia on September 19, 1969, and, for the first time in four months, the Mess is alive with its full quota of NCOs.

Needless to say, there are as many tales which have come back from the jungle as there are soldiers who went into it. Some are hair raising and some are funny, but one which never fails to raise a laugh is the one about a corporal who shall be nameless, who, after emerging from the jungle two days overdue from a navigational exercise, was asked, "What happened?" he replied, "My compass kept pointing the wrong way".

The vast majority of us who went to Malaysia for jungle training agree that it was a worth-while and enlightening experience, and sincerely hope we never have to go back.

Cpls. Lever and Young, L/Cpls. Noble and Scriven returned from Korea in August where they formed part of the UN Honour Guard. It's nice to see their smiling faces back in the Mess even if we don't believe all the exotic stories they tell. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Cpl. Lever shortly after his return and we would like to wish him all the best on his new promotion to Sergeant.

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE many young soldiers have found themselves tottering on the ladder to success. We would like to congratulate those men on their promotion to Lance-Corporal and hope they soon find their balance; they are: Peat, Arundel, Blackburn, Coates, Stephens, Knapton, Raine, Ratledge, Taylor, Hutchinson, McGurty, Harrison, Hynes, Woodward. Further up the ladder the following receive our hearty congratulations on their promotion to Corporal: Thompson, Pashby, Brennan.

On the entertainment front we managed to fit in a social evening in July. We turned the NAAFI into some resemblance of a night club with the aid of cam nets from the MT and coloured lights gratefully borrowed from the Sergeants Mess. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope to promote more socials in the near future.

British Week in Tokyo

(An edited edition of a Press release during the British Fairs Week)
THE "RED BAND" STEAL THE SHOW IN BRITISH WEEK

The regimental band of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment have a new name. To the people of Tokyo, who flocked to see the displays, exhibitions and sporting fixtures of the current British Week, they were simply the "Red Band" because of their scarlet jackets.

The "Red Band" stole the show wherever they performed. Their colourful uniforms and spiked period helmets attracted much attention at the beginning of the week, which increased when they started to play at concerts in parks and stores.

"The secret is probably that we encourage audience participation," said Duke's Bandmaster, Warrant Officer I Michael Alexander. "For instance, we don't play on a bandstand—we play among the crowd—allow a child to conduct. The

sort of performance which includes the audience."

Not quite as successful, but just as much appreciated by the Japanese, was the rugby team of The Duke's who have been narrowly defeated in three of their four fixtures to be played in Tokyo and decisively beaten once.

The British Services provided a large contribution to the British Week. As well as the "Red Band" four others, three from Singapore, appeared daily in concerts, displays, exhibitions and sporting fixtures, throughout Japan's bustling capital.

The three Singapore bands were the Royal Marine Band of the Commander Far East Fleet, the band of 3 Commando Brigade, Royal Marines and the band of the Far East Air Force. The pipers and drummers of the 1st Battalion Queen's



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HUDDERSFIELD IN TOKYO

Three Huddersfield members of the band seen visiting the "Britain in Tokyo" exhibition at the Budokan.

Left to right Lance-Corporal McGurty, Bandsman Williams and Private Boyes.

Own Highlanders flew to Tokyo from the Persian Gulf to participate.

A hovercraft of Singapore-based 200 Hovercraft Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, with an attendant team of specialists; a "Stalwart" all-purpose cross-country vehicle, the only one of its kind East of Suez; hand-picked drivers for the Services' transport, the most experienced from Singapore and Malaysia, made up and completed the tri-Service team.

A universities' soccer team drawn from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, two stagings of Scottish Highland Games with all the features of the traditional highland athletic contests—cabers-tossing, wrestling, hammer-throwing and performances of Scottish Dance provided the British Week's sporting attractions. Royal Marine, Duke's and pipe bands played before and during the events and made the occasions a double treat for the enthusiastic Japanese spectators.

Red double decker buses towered above Tokyo's traffic snarl; "Fashion Flight to London" a flight of fashion fantasy to Britain's swinging capital, played to capacity crowds three shows a day, showing the latest British fashions to an increasingly fashion-conscious generation of young Japanese.

The film "Battle of Britain", the gala performance of which was attended by HRH Princess Margaret

and her husband, Lord Snowdon, was on show in downtown Tokyo, with queues forming outside the box offices hours before performances were due to begin.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra, Guitarist Julian Bream, the Festival Ballet, Frank Ifield, Cliff Richard and the Shadows, provided the complete range of classical and popular theatre-going entertainment—the whole providing a rich and colourful backdrop to the efforts of British Industry and achievement which was in Tokyo for all Japan to see.

The Servicemen, both on and off duty, playing at concerts, gazing wondrously at the colourful spectacle of the Ginza skyline by night, shopping in the stores, walking in the parks and exhibitions provided the human contact with the Japanese. Crown jewels, art, books, industrial and consumer goods are a product of possession; the British Serviceman is representative of his country's ordinary citizen and it is as an ambassador of this citizen that he plays his part. By the time British Week ended on October 5 and HMS *Fearless* had sailed out of Tokyo Bay, thousands—if not millions—of photographs had been taken of the men of the three British Services at work, on parade or just enjoying their off duty time in one of the world's most cosmopolitan capital cities.

The Band in Tokyo

After an uneventful voyage in the assault ship, HMS *Fearless*, accompanied by the supply ship, RFA *Stromness*, we arrived at Harumi Pier, Tokyo, on the morning of September 22. Our first engagement was at the National Stadium for a football match between a combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities' XI and a Japanese University Selection the English team winning by 3 goals to 1 goal.

The Opening Ceremony, graced by the presence of HRH Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon, was performed on the following day at the National Theatre. We were at the time awaiting the arrival of the Royal Party to open the British Exhibition at the Budokan, a notable Tokyo landmark, where the main judo bouts are held. At 1030 hrs., to a fanfare provided by the Corps of Drums, HRH Princess Margaret arrived, cut the tape, and looked around the exhibits on show, finishing up in the Lord Nelson, an "English Pub" for a "quick one". During this period we were entertaining a very large and appreciative audience with western and oriental music. Dressed resplendent in our scarlet uniforms we were soon dubbed by all as the "Band in Red". That same evening we played at the first rugby match of the tour.

On the Saturday we played all day at the Budokan and on Sunday all day in one of the large public parks, Hibiya Park. By Monday we had gathered what could be called a fan club. "This Band has something different to offer" reported a Japanese TV network, and along came the crowds to see what it was. They were not disappointed.

It was at this point that Mr. Alexander met Mr. Kinuku, a musical adviser to RCA Victor, who showed a great interest in the Band and had something of interest for us to do. Tuesday was spent again at Hibiya Park. Then a mad dash to the Prince Chichibu Stadium for the second rugby match.

Wednesday saw the Band all day at the Budokan entertaining the thousands of tourists and locals alike.

On each of the Bands' programmes, one day had been set aside for a rest day. Thursday was ours. Since we had arrived in Tokyo we had been living on haversack rations as it was found to be impossible to commute to and from the ship for meals; therefore we were looking forward to some good, wholesome Navy grub by the end of each day.

We were still wondering what Mr. Kinuku had for us when the bombshell was dropped, "Be at the RCA Studios at 1700 hrs. to cut an LP Record". After five hours' exacting work we left the studio feeling very pleased with ourselves. It probably won't make the charts or even a Gold Disc but sales should be quite good. At the moment it is only for the Japanese home market, but the Victor Studios are confident it will be released in Europe and the United Kingdom. The title is:—"Here Comes the Band".

Black Friday came. We played again all day in Hibiya Park, and then straight over to the Prince Chichibu Stadium for the third rugby game. To the strains of "The Duke's are Coming up the Hill", our brave boys took the field. Dmr.



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Meeting Mr. Fortnum and Mr. Mason
 Left to right Private Fisher and Bandsman Willson, from Bradford, and Lance Corporal Moore from Keighley.

Gallagher, leading the cheering of the small Supporters' Club with his Zigger Zagger Oy Oy Oy, very much amused the Japanese spectators.

So far we had only been playing at the Budokan or Hibiya Park. Now was the time to go to work in the city. On the previous Monday we had played in the Ginza, Tokyo's main shopping thoroughfare, amongst other attractions, and now on Saturday we performed in the vast Seibu Department Store in Ikebukuro.

The week was drawing to its close. The closing ceremony was held at the Budokan on Sunday evening and all participants were invited for drinks at the Lord Nelson. A selection of the Band were invited to a reception given by the Trade Fair Organisation, attended by the British Ambassador and the Lord Mayor of London, in one of Tokyo's leading hotels.

The following morning, in Procedure "Bravo", we slipped Tokyo harbour, all battened down and secured for bad weather. A typhoon warning had just been received. Luckily the weather held reasonably well and we had all regained our sea legs in time to last out the small storm which did materialise.

The trip back became very interesting as HMS *Fearless* was replenished at sea by the RFA *Stromness* who had accompanied us on the tour. She had been fitted out as a "Floating Exhibition" for the tour. The replenishing was quite a tricky manoeuvre as all of us experienced. With the Band of the RAF we transferred stores, for five hours, ranging from beer to lubricating oil. One of the finest sights at sea was also experienced on the trip; we rendezvoused with the Fleet Tanker RFA *Tidepool*, who replenished the *Stromness* and us simultaneously with fuel oil.

Finally, on Saturday morning we sailed into Hong Kong harbour and docked at HMS *Tamar* at 0900 hrs.

Reflections

An enjoyable tour. Not a lot of free time to see the city. Plenty of hard work. Very impressed by the friendliness of the Japanese people, who, in turn, were very much impressed by our performances. A great success for the promotion of British goods; also, through the efforts of the party, great credit has been reflected on the Regiment.

evident in the Self Defence Force game. If nothing else will convince some of our players that the referee is always right, perhaps reading the score of the Waseda game in the paper will. There is no point in wasting energy hating the referee, apart from which it stops you playing your own game.

As a final paragraph, I would say that we were outclassed, as we expected to be. It is hardly surprising when you consider the respective numbers to select from. It was nevertheless a grand effort by all those who took part on the tour and a great deal of good was done for British/Japanese relationships. What we have lost in pride we have gained in experience, and we are now nicely primed to explode onto the scene in the new Hong Kong season.

CRICKET

It's a little early to be writing notes on cricket, as the season has just opened (September 21). The Colonel, Major Mitchell and Capt. Cumberlege are playing for the Army XI. Capt. Bunbury played in the last Army game as a last-minute reserve and seems likely to be selected again owing to an innings of 12 not out at a crucial stage (taking his average to even more astronomical levels) a display of virile fielding, as befits a Norwegian rugby international, and the potential of his so-far-unused bowling.

Sgt. Read and Cpl. Tolson have been selected for the Army 2nd XI, while Lts. Thorn and Roberts threaten to play seriously after the Tokyo rugby tour. There is also our doctor, Capt. Bird, who is a left-handed batsman of obdurate quality, a wicket keeper and occasional donkey dropper. There is also L/Cpl. Caddle who is batting well in the nets and should have a chance with the Army 2nd XI soon, while we have hopes of coaxing Capts. Reid and Pettigrew and 2/Lt. Newell onto the field from time to time.

Altogether, as was reported this time last year, there is plenty of potential in the Battalion and we have hopes of a successful season.

HOCKEY

The hockey season officially starts on October 1 and, at the moment, our first match is arranged for the 23rd. Having been runners-up in the knock-out competition and winners of the league last year we have something of a reputation to keep up.

The team this year will be without several of last year's stars. However, there is enough young blood around to arouse optimism for a successful season. Members of last year's team who are still with us are: Major Mitchell, Lt. Nicholson, S/Sgt. Reddy, Sgt. Ellis, Cpl. Walker, Cpl. Richards, and several others who represented the Battalion on a few occasions.

FOOTBALL

As these notes are written in late September, we are just beginning the season proper but we have been training and had the team out for a few friendlies and trials during the preceding weeks.

There are a number of changes within Service, soccer in the Colony since last season and, as expected, we find ourselves running a side called

Army (1 DWR) in the HKFA 2nd Division. As the Colony Army team were unfortunately relegated from the HKFA 1st Division at the end of last season it was decided to enter the "Dukes" team into the 2nd Division, with a call on other military players on the Island, whilst the 1 RWF team, who have recently arrived, were entered in the HKFA 3rd Division, under the name of Army (1 RWF), with a similar call on players in Kowloon. From our point of view this is fine as it will give us opportunity to meet many good local sides.

Things have also changed in the Colony Major Units Inter-Services League as the three Gurkha Battalions, 25 Regt. RA and all of 48 Gurkha Inf. Bde. have dropped out in favour of a 48 Bde inter-company league. The teams for the Major Units League are therefore: Royal Navy, RAF, 31 Regt. RCT, 1 RWF and 1 DWR.

There will be the usual Service major and minor units knock-outs and some Colony inter-company sevens during December as well as a couple of HKFA knock-out competitions for which an Army Hong Kong side will be entered.

Within the unit the Inter-Company League has started with great enthusiasm and there will probably be an inter-platoon knock-out towards the end of the season.

From all of this you will see there is lots of soccer ahead; now for some results and details of play to date. We started the season with a number of friendlies, to weigh-up the opposition, get one or two players fit and to spot any likely talent from other units for our side in the HKFA 2nd Division.

During the course of these games the Duke's side beat 31 Regt. RCT, 4—1, HK Fire Services (HKFA 1 Div.) 4—3, The Swans (HKFA 3 Div.) 8—1. Our Army (1 DWR) team beat Eastern (HKFA 1 Div.) 4—2 and Royal Signals HK 5—1. The second team also had a good win over a HK Police side and we have plenty of potential.

Our first game to count was in the Major Units League when we met Royal Navy HK and came out 9—1 winners. Unfortunately, although the Navy players played gamely to the end, they were not fit and, with the heat and humidity of the climate, this is fatal for any team.

The first game in the HKFA 2 Div was on Saturday, September 27 when we met Happy Valley, a local "Left Wing", "All Pro" side, who are attempting to fight their way back to HKFA 1 Div. from which they resigned in protest during the "troubles" of 1967. Last year they came through the 3rd Div. without losing a game and with only two goals against—some side to meet in the first game, particularly as we were short of three key players due to the Band tour in Tokyo.

However, with a team boosted by three players from the R Sigs and one from the RCT, we were determined to give them a hard game and most spectators, except their own, of course, considered our side unlucky to come out at one goal to nil down. Their goal came from a very well-taken break away and though we lacked a little "punch" up front, we thought we did enough to earn a draw. The return game later this year should be well worth seeing!

We have fixtures on most week-ends, and Wednesdays, and, on the strength of our performance against Happy Valley, we have been invited to take on the Army FARELF touring side from Singapore in late October.

It's too early in the season to name individual players; most of last year's stalwarts are there, but we are always on the lookout for new blood and the soccer officer and his scouts watch the inter-company games with a critical eye. Inter-company results so far:

Corunna Company 6 v Somme Company 6; Alma Company 1 v Burma Company 4; Command Company 0 v Admin Company 5; Somme Company 1 v Command Company 0; Burma Company 2 v Corrunna Company 3; Alma Company 4 v Admin Company 4.

As many can guess from the result, the Corunna v Somme game was a real battle.

HINDOOSTAN SAILING CLUB

The last three months have been occupied with normal club sailing within our own St. Stephen's Bay. There has definitely been an upsurge of interest in sailing and the dinghies have been well used these summer months.

During the summer holidays the club ran three successful sailing courses for teenagers of the Battalion and of other families belonging to the club. Altogether 45 boys and girls were taught to sail with most of the older and stronger pupils being able to helm a dinghy by the end of the week's course. Fortunately, the weather has been particularly fine and good for sailing and the dinghies have only had to be pulled up to the Fort once for a nearby typhoon called "Viola". The club is well able to do without such disruptions.

A number of sailing regattas are programmed for the near future and at present the keen dinghy

helmsmen are preparing their dinghies for these events.

The water ski-ing has had rather an on-and-off season due to engine failures and repairs. However, when boat and engine have been functioning well the ski-ing has been well supported.

The Battalion entered a team for the Hong Kong Motor Boat and Ski Club's marathon race round Lama Island on Sunday, August 24. The team picked were as follows: Pte. Preece—ski-ing, Sgt. Ellis—engineer and co-driver, Major Hoppe—driver.

The competitors were divided into classes depending on engine horse-power. The team's 40hp Evinrude was grouped into Class A which included engines up to 50hp. Class B was engines up to 80hp, and Class C engines up to 100hp. The sea on August 24 was extremely choppy and it was feared it might cause some boats to break up if driven too fast.

The Battalion team drew starting card No. 1 and set off with the three other teams in Group A on the starter's gun at 4 pm. The sea was certainly very rough and, at times, our 14ft ski boat *Fairyland* left the water and jumped from wave to wave. Sgt. Ellis sat at the back and had to hold the engine cover on during the whole race as the cover catch failed to stand the bumps. Pte. Preece did very well to complete the 18-mile course in 63min; he only fell on three occasions while running up the south side of Lama Island where the sea was very rough. The team came 3rd in Class A, just 3min behind the class winner. Of the 18 boats that started the race only nine completed the full course. For a first effort, in such rough conditions, the result was not unsatisfactory. All three members of the team enjoyed competing in the race and each had some tender bruises with which to remember the exciting moments for a number of days.

SECOND KOREA HONOUR GUARD

Under the excellent instruction of Lt. Palmer and Sgt. O'Donnell from the previous guard, the second Korea Honour Guard left Hong Kong on April 18 thoroughly well prepared and with a full knowledge of what was in store. This was just as well because our 'plane was delayed, and the handover period was cut down by a day. Sgt. Hodgkinson was there to meet us, having left 10 days earlier, and he guided us smoothly through all the documentation and first contact with the Americans.

We arrived at the same time as the Spy Plane incident, so things were humming. Our first job was to attend the meeting at Panmunjon, which must have been one of the shortest on record, as the UN walked out after 40 minutes. However, it was very interesting for those who were there. Unfortunately, this was the only meeting we attended and no-one else managed to see big politics at work.

If this side of our job in Korea was virtually non-existent we were kept extremely busy with parades. Not only did we hit the peak period (21 parades in 25 days) for visiting generals, but we also had Memorial Day and Independence Day parades to contend with. The 4 R.R.F. guard did eight parades in four months.

On Independence Day, to compensate for the fact we were marching on a parade celebrating our defeat, the Americans played "the Wellesley" to march on to. Other ceremonies included a wreath-laying on ANZAC day, another to commemorate a famous American battle, and two functions at the British Embassy. One was the Queen's birthday, and the other the visit of Lt.-General Sir Basil Eugster, the CBF Hong Kong. After so many parades for Americans, Koreans and other foreign dignitaries it was a great pleasure to hear "God Save the Queen," see the Union Jack flying, and to find that the CBF was taller than

all the American Honour Guard.

If you read Don Palmer's notes about the last guard, you will have realised it was not all work. What really makes Korea such a good tour is the tremendous after-duty life. The Americans were very hospitable and everyone made a lot of friends, including, I believe, one or two Korean girls. Japanese Village, where those famous bars are, was well frequented by the "Dukes". The Platoon Commander and Platoon Sergeant were also seen there often—keeping an eye on things, or so they said!

Several trips were arranged. A tour of Seoul, a trip to the DMZ to see Gloucester Valley and the Hook, and two visits were made to Lake Champion, where the CLM kept a boat. These were extremely popular because there was good swimming and water ski-ing. We took hamburgers, hot dogs and cooking equipment, and really made a day of it.

Many other things spring to mind but there is not room to tell everything and these are just a few:

Football games versus 24 Psyops where beer was

the refreshment before, during and after the game.

Col. Steel's generosity towards the guard whenever he met them.

L/Cpl. Noble's 21st party in the lower IV club.

Pte. Mullen taking out General Knapp's daughter.

Films with the 8th Army band in their room and the close link between us.

Our American and Korean friends.

All these things and many more went towards making the three months' tour a very enjoyable and memorable one for everyone of the guard.

Personnel: Pl Comd .. Lt. Roberts
 Pl Sgt .. Sgt. Hodkinson
 NCOs .. Sgt. Lever
 Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Noble,
 L/Cpl. Scriven
 Ptes. .. Elvidge, England, Grinsdale, Hallam, Mullen, Peacock, Smith, Taylor, Wilson, Wydell, Hattersley, Small.

Company Notes

ALMA COMPANY

The month of June started with our completing a Force Guard and ended with our departure for another Border Duty. In the middle of the month we managed to complete a variety of individual training and enjoy a Company social. Thanks to the efforts of Capt. Cartwright and his co-opted committee the social was even more sophisticated than usual and was particularly enjoyed by the ladies.

The June/July Border Duty was more interesting than usual, being the first time the Alma had taken on Sha Tau Kok. Duties were much the same as usual but nowhere else on the Border does one get treated to the occasional fire-works display. The difference at Sha Tau Kok is that the fireworks and rockets are aimed at you. This can prove entertaining providing you remember to duck and there are no casualties.

The period July 8 to August 15 presented us with an interesting challenge. By August 15 we (a) were determined to entertain the children from Sandy Bay Orthopaedic Hospital; (b) had to complete a large-scale project for Hearts and Minds on Lantao Island; (c) hoped to give every man in the Company one week's leave; (d) had to do some very determined navigation and fitness training for, and be prepared to move to, the Jungle Warfare School (JWS) in Malaysia. In the middle of all this the Company had to move complete from Stanley Fort and relieve Burma Company at Lyemun.

The entertainment of the children from Sandy Bay Hospital was most rewarding. A band concert, weapon circuit, refreshments and a splash in the swimming pool were all that was needed to give them a great day out and their gratitude was

obvious. The Hearts and Minds project on Lantao was full of ups and downs. We were converting an old barn-like structure into a social centre for the young people of the island. This involved clearing and cleaning the site, painting the hut inside and outside, planting nursery trees and digging the garden, fitting windows (done by experts), repairing doors and locks. We also fitted curtains, laid lino from wall to wall, provided a table-tennis table, dart board, notice board, children's library and sundry other items. The laying of a 200 yard concrete footpath over very rough and hilly ground was the most difficult part of the project and the least publicised. Despite having to abandon work in the middle of the project for a typhoon the work was finished on time. The navigation and fitness training for JWS was continuing all the time, and let it suffice to say that every man got his week's leave. The move to Lyemun was an exercise that tested the Chiefs more than the Indians as did the preparation and packing for the move to Malaysia.

By this stage we were ready, willing and only too pleased to fly off to JWS.

The five weeks' stay at JWS was unforgettable and invaluable training. We were lucky in obtaining most of the best that JWS can offer in training. Lectures from experts on jungle survival, tracker dogs, mines and booby traps, ambush, jungle helicopter support, recent development and trials on clothing, equipment and weapons. It was frequently rewarding after longish lectures on any of the above subjects to listen to the flood of sensible questions put to the lecturer.

There was plenty of practical work which included the live firing of all platoon weapons and the use of three jungle field firing lanes. The jungle exercises were stimulating and full of

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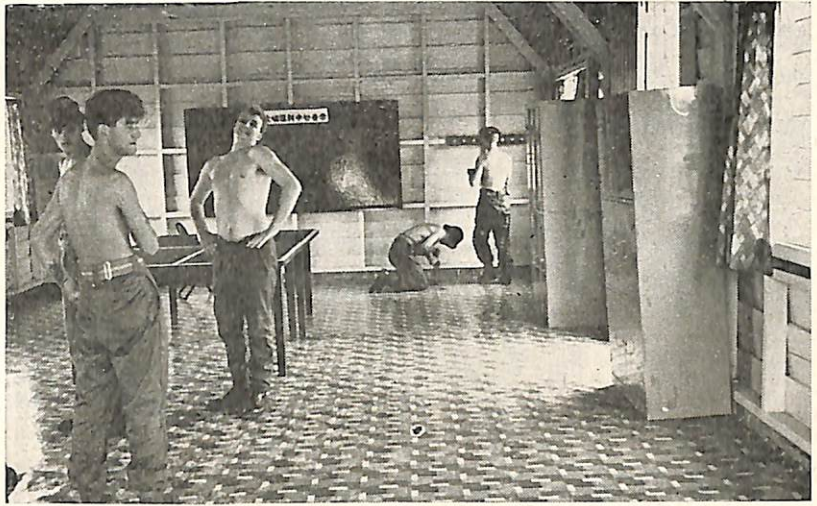
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HEARTS AND MINDS PROJECT

Ptes. Welburn, Molin, Nicholls, Alma Coy, putting the final touches to the Social Centre on Lantao Island before handing over to the local Chinese.



incident. The tales of snakes, leeches, and one elephant in particular, are legion. The first exercise was a section navigation and endurance exercise over a distance of about 22,000 yards with some 36 hours to complete it. One section having been "temporarily uncertain of its exact position" for 48 hours after the 36-hour period was up, and having had no rations for that 48-hour period, the Company Commander decided to mount a river line serach. This exercise being mounted at short notice, having a "live task" and being quite unscheduled was probably the most beneficial of them all. The patrol was quickly found and many useful lessons had been learnt.

There were many humorous incidents. One concerned a very new recruit who caught up with us a few days late at JWS. He had just drawn all his jungle kit and his friends were helping him to check it off. "Australian camping kit", "Yes", "Insect repellent" "Yes", "Mite repellent" "Yes", "Elephant repellent"—"NO, haven't got that". It appeared there was criminal neglect in the stores as he had also been issued with two left puttees. A baffled storeman was asked next day to issue one bottle of elephant repellent and exchange one left for one right puttee. If time would permit our intrepid Company Clerk could explain why he wished he had drawn up his elephant repellent. As was said earlier, useful lessons were learnt by all.

We arrived back in Hong Kong just in time to take part in the 24-hour IS exercise "Dog-House". Now we are preparing for two periods on Border Duty before Christmas. We also start training our shooting team for the Brigade minor units shooting competition and we hope to produce good results for the next issue of THE IRON DUKE.

Personalia

We welcome two new arrivals from the Depot; these are Ptes. Butterworth, Hunter.

We welcome back from Korea Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Noble, Ptes. Hattersley, Elvidge, Peacock, Wydell who formed part of the Korea Honor Guard.

Finally, congratulations for the following for various reasons: Cpl. Cookson, "C" Grading on a Jungle Warfare Course, Pte. Hutchinson on promotion to Lance-Corporal. Pte. and Mrs. Bone on the birth of a boy.

BURMA COMPANY

It has been an interesting if somewhat disjointed summer for the Company. The Platoons each went down to Malaya with another company and acted as demonstration platoon and enemy as well as carrying out normal training. The break from Hong Kong proved generally popular and the training value was excellent. 6 Platoon have now rejoined us and so the Company is all together for the first time since the end of May.

With one platoon always away we have devoted a great deal of effort to "Hearts and Minds" tasks. 4 Platoon have been to Tai O, on the island of Lantao, three times to rebuild breaks in the sea wall and have also built up a considerable liaison with the local villagers. This culminated in a lunch given by the Rural Committee for Sgt. Waller and representatives of the Platoon at which an inscribed flag was presented to the Company Commander. 6 Platoon spent a week tidying up the local Cheshire Home for the handicapped, while 5 Platoon has a mammoth playground task, again on Lantao, in the planning stage. We have also taken out parties of Chinese children for beach picnics, using an LCM to get there.

The Company camp earlier in the year, was a great success and the associated canteen made a handsome profit.

Ptes. Lee and Cassidy are in Malaya doing an underwater swimming course; Ptes. Ellwood and London are also in Malaya, learning judo, while Ptes. Moore and Atkinson have gone to Tokyo with the rugby team as supporters. Thanks to OIC sailing we had six men on a week's sailing course. No one should be able to complain of a dull or uninteresting life.

We have had one small cross-country navigation course exercise. This was run on an inter-section

basis and was won by Cpl. Greenwood and his section who performed most creditably.

We have hopes of a successful soccer season in the inter-company league. So far we have played Corunna, and narrowly lost by 3 goals to 2, and Alma, whom we beat 4-1.

We welcome Capt. Cumberlege who is "resting" with us until December, Cpl. Heron from Somme, Cpl. White from 1 Y & L, L/Cpl. Allen from Corunna, Ptes. Duckett and Gannon from the Depot, L/Cpl. Loxam from the Regimental Police and Ptes. Firth and Smith from Command Company, we hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Woodward on his promotion.

Finally, it is only right to draw attention to the departure of CSM Chilvers from the Company which occurred in April and the notice of which must have become separated from our last set of notes. He had been in Burma for many years both as CQMS and CSM and all who served with him during that time recognise the amount of effort and devotion he gave to the company.

CORUNNA COMPANY

As was anticipated in our last notes, the period June to September has been one of intense activity. We began on a mundane note by being on the Border for a fortnight. However, we had one interesting moment when a Chinese militiaman swam the river and climbed the wire fence on our side. Having escaped into British territory he was so overcome and confused that he ran in a full circle and arrived once more at the wire fence which he climbed back to the Chinese side. Having realised his mistake, he yet again climbed the fence and was last seen heading for Hong Kong.

After the Border, packing and preparing for Malaya was the order for the next three days, followed by the move to the Jungle Warfare School. Once settled in, the Company moved out to conquer the jungle and very soon found it should be treated with considerable respect, particularly when it comes to navigation. It is not quite as simple as the American film companies would have you believe.

A vast amount was learnt and achieved during the five weeks we spent there, and everyone now knows how to live, move and eat in the jungle, and, to a limited degree, how to fight. Leeches, as always, provided great entertainment as long as the other person had one on; if the reverse was true the humour ceased. Ptes. Heath, Anderson and Wragg had the privilege and fortune of coming into contact with a very large version of a bull leech; however, history does not relate the outcome of the incident. Did they stay and fight or withdraw hastily?

The crowning glory to the whole stay in Malaya came after the "final whistle" had gone on the last exercise and we were returning to camp. The Company convoy was moving down the jungle track headed by the Company Commander in his Rover; his driver was Pte. Banks and Signal Operators Cpl. Wood and L/Cpl. O'Shea were sitting in the back. As the vehicle rounded a corner the Major stopped it and was seen to go

round the rear of it to a steep jungle bank; he then proceeded to heave two large bricks at the bank. From the bank, at lightning speed, shot a king cobra! This vicious looking snake, measuring 10-12 feet, reared up and prepared to strike. The Major withdrew, I use the term lightly, he fled to the safety of the land rover. However, the snake continued to advance and would have struck at Cpl. Wood and L/Cpl. O'Shea had the vehicle not moved in the "nick of time"! It took several cigarettes and many soothing words to calm the "Signals" down.

After several hectic beery evenings we returned to Hong Kong and, three days later, to the Border. This time there were two incidents: the first was when 7 Platoon were subjected to rocket fire (Chinese spirit-scaring type) for about one hour; the other was the continual stoning of military vehicles which went on for most of our stay there, about which we were able to do nothing. Towards the end of our tour it began to drop off; the locals were obviously fed up with getting no reaction from us.

While we were in Malaya the Korea Guard returned bringing with it Cpl. Lever and Ptes. Taylor 44 and Grinsdale all of whom had the privilege of being chosen from Corunna.

Now that we have returned from our wanderings life has taken on a slightly relaxed atmosphere and we are able to carry on with normal daily training, not to mention, of course, fitting in the usual exercises, standby, Force guards and remote area patrols. Those who play rugby are able to visit Tokyo instead, like Lt. Stone, Sgt. Robinson, and Cpl. Hunter, not to mention Pte. Hughes, who managed to squeeze himself on the boat on what can only be called a "Swan".

The only thing left to do now is to say goodbye to Major Jim Pell. "The Major", who took over in Gillingham and has been with us now for two years, leaves us to go to the Joint Services Staff College. Corunna would like to take this opportunity to wish him and his family all the best for the future. In his place we have the pleasure of welcoming Major Jimmy Nash, we all hope that both he and his family will have a happy and successful tour with us.

Personalia

Promotions:

Cpl. Lever to Sergeant.
L/Cpl. Pashby and L/Cpl. Brennan to Corporal.
Congratulations all three.

Births:

To Pte. and Mrs. Hayes a daughter, on August 25, 1969.

To Pte. and Mrs. Wileman a son, on August 27, 1969.

The following have left Corunna: Lt. Tighe to be Families Officer, Pte. Watson 82 to MT, Sgt. Leachman to KDDY, Pte. Earnshaw to MI Room, Pte. Dalladay to the Officers' Mess, Pte. Newton 258 to MT.

The following have joined Corunna: Capt. Power as 2IC. Sgt. Hewson as Platoon Sergeant 8 Platoon.

SOMME COMPANY

The highlight of the past four months, without doubt, has been the company's five weeks jungle training in Malaysia. For everyone it proved an interesting experience, ranging from the hilarious to the down-right terrifying. In retrospect, everyone admits that they enjoyed it and it was well worth while.

The training covered all aspects of jungle warfare, with an aggressive enemy to fight against (ably done by 4 Platoon, Burma Company) and a million ferocious creepy crawlies as a counter attack force! Contrary to popular belief, our training was not based on Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book"!!

We were fortunate in having Capt. Pettigrew, Lt. Ward, Sgts. Reid, Waller and Nash as jungle advisors and, on behalf of all the Company, we say thank you.

Our programme was alive and varied. We did three weeks basic rifle training and two weeks support training. In addition, we had lectures on "Vietnam", by the Australian K Force Commander, "80-day patrol in the jungle", by Lt.-Col. Crosse, "Dog tracker teams" and "Future weapons of the Army in the 70s".

This gave us a well-balanced programme.

The first lesson we had to learn was navigation, and it was a proud record that *nobody was lost* and all turned up at their respective RVs throughout the whole five weeks. It was rumoured that there was the odd moment of doubt! Lt. Ward (OC 4 Platoon) claimed, on one of these occasions, that Sgt. Lindsay went to the wrong base; he failed to be aware of Sgt. Lindsay's logic and map reading ability, only to discover that *he* was in the wrong place after a short discussion with Sgt. Lindsay!

Unfortunately, not all the funny things that happened were recorded. One of the really funny ones, verging upon cruelty, was poor old Pte. Kemp, Assault Pioneer Platoon, who was allowed to continue on his patrol unaware that a leech was on his ear and the boys behind him were laying wagers on how much blood it would take. It was rumoured, after the leech fell off, that Kemp's reactions were quicker (only a rumour!) Watching the Platoon Commanders, Messrs. Mellor, Nicholson and Gardner, preparing for the jungle, was like some long-forgotten religious ritual! The amount of insect repellent used would make the Ord boys have a fit. The story goes that Mr. Gardner had a bath in the stuff.

Company headquarters had its amusing side, especially during the final exercise. The Company Commander, Major Campbell-Lamerton, walked down a river for about two miles; it was all right for him, 6ft odd, but CSM Delaney, L/Cpl. Fielding, L/Cpl. Zepo, Pte. Smith (Int Sect), Pte. Wearing and Pte. Aspinwall almost had to swim the whole way! Talking of swimming, the Company did a river crossing and L/Cpl. Oxley-Bates and Pte. Williams, both non-swimmers, showed remarkable guts by going across the river which was some 50 metres wide. The technique in getting them across was hilarious; they had hundreds of empty water bottles secured to their persons and Sgts. Carter and Nash (both very strong swimmers)

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escorted them across. There were frightening moments when L/Cpl. Oxley-Bates' and Pte. Williams' centre of gravity changed and, instead of their heads being above water, all one saw was two pairs of feet thrashing the air!

General Hunt visited us during our final exercise. He, unfortunately, came up via the Mortar Platoon who were giving covering fire to the Company attack. Certain nameless members of the Platoon threw an incredible number of thunder flashes in the vicinity of the General. Fortunately, the General was in tremendous form and wanted to join in the firing. He met all the Company after the attack, in which one really felt rather sorry for him because we were a heaving mass of stinking soldiers, having been in the jungle for five days. To give you some idea of how bad we smelt, the Platoon Sergeants refused to kip anywhere near their Platoon Commanders! (Even Sgt. Lindsay spoke to Mr. Mellor at a distance). The General's visit was a great success and we are grateful to him for sparing us the time.

Our support fortnight was a tremendous success and a great deal was achieved by being able to exercise in our proper role. The Mortar and Anti-Tank Platoons live-fired continuously for 48 hours in support of an imaginary battalion on the ground. It was the first time for several years that either of the platoons had done night firing. There was the usual rivalry between the platoons which became a range safety officer's nightmare, as each platoon commander tried to outdo the other.

The Assault Pioneers, not to be outdone, had a field day when they gave the Company a demonstration of their capabilities. CSM Harris, Sgt. Nash, Cpl. Adams, L/Cpl. Timson and Pte. Rushworth had to be closely watched because they became booby-trap mad! Their greatest moment came when they caught the public relations film unit in a series of booby traps; the film unit asked for realism and they got it — much to the evil chuckles of Ptes. Tones, Nee and Stagg.

The Recce Platoon were also able to train in their proper role and were fortunate in borrowing from the Trials Wing, HQ Far East, all the latest surveillance equipment. They modelled themselves on the TV Series "Star Trek" and all tried to become budding "Mr. Spocks".

On the recreation side, we held soccer, volleyball, basketball and swimming competitions. The Recce Platoon won the soccer with Cpl. Heron, L/Cpl. Bell and Ptes. Lang and Gilgallon keeping the side together. The Mortar Platoon won the basketball with Cpls. Dickens, Toulmin, L/Cpl. Caddle, Ptes. Lewis and Mathiot popping baskets from all angles. The Company officers, not to be outdone, won the volleyball and became so confident they took on the Royal Thailand Army Officers and won!

The swimming competition turned into a realistic medical evacuation exercise, with L/Cpl. Butterworth winning the high diving competition by landing on a "rock" and L/Cpl. Sharp winning the most original dive by falling over a waterfall! Fortunately, neither was seriously hurt.

We have devoted all our space to Malaysia, because, in our opinion, it has been the highlight of

our past four months. During this period we have also been on the Border and Force Guard, plus running a Mortar and Assault Pioneer cadre.

Personalia

We say goodbye to Sgt. Blood and L/Cpl. Cook and their wives who have been medevaced back to UK and we wish them every success.

Many congratulations to Pte. and Mrs. Nee on the recent birth of a daughter, Catherine, and L/Cpl. and Mrs. Arundel on the birth of their daughter, Heidi Marie. We are thinking of asking the ante-natal clinic to move to Lyemun.

The Company congratulates the following on representing the Battalion:

Swimming: Lt. Gardner, Sgts. Carter and Kendrew.
Soccer: Cpl. McGivern, L/Cpls. Nuttall, Knapton, Bell, Ptes. Lang, Gilgallon and Mathiot.

Rugby: Lt. Gardner, Cpls. Dickens and Lyons and Ptes. Cuss, Vuro and Barnes.

We welcome back to the Company Ptes. Small, Hallam and England who have been on the Korean Honour Guard.

We unfortunately say goodbye to Mr. Mellor, who is leaving the company to attend the Junior Staff Course, and welcome Lt. McGlynn in his place.

MT PLATOON

The platoon is back to full strength with the return from Malaysia of the Long Wander party. Time passes quickly; it hardly seems four months since they left. It was a welcome change for them and all appear to have enjoyed it.

During the period the Battalion had two tours on the Border and all the Platoon managed to get a few days' leave. Driving cadres are continuing and, within the Platoon, cadres are being run to upgrade the drivers to Standard II Class II.

We continue to make full use of the MT Wing, FETC. L/Cpls. Willson, McLachlan, Peat and Rockett have passed the Standard I course and L/Cpl. Lockett the MT Accounts course.

Members of the Platoon represented the Battalion in the two major sports, rugby: L/Cpl. Shadbolt and Cfn. McDonald, REME; football: L/Cpl. Peat, Ptes. Backhouse, Pennington and Sullivan.

Arrivals: S/Sgt. Hudson, from Somme, Ptes. Taylor, Watson and Newton from Corunna and Cpl. Thompson, REME.

Departures: S/Sgt. Wilson to Company HQ, L/Cpl. Laycock, Ptes. Duerden, Lennon, Joyce, Corcoran and Panks to demob.

COMMAND COMPANY

At the beginning of August a violent upheaval occurred in the midst of Hook Company. As a result of this traumatic experience Hook Company passed into history, and Command and Admin Companies were born. These notes concern Command Company.

Command Company, at present 113 strong, consists of the following departments:

Coy HQ	Capt. Pettigrew, CSM Chilvers
Bn HQ	.. CO, 2IC, Adj, RSM, Chief Clerk
BOR	.. Asst Adj and clerks

Sig Pl	..	Capt. Walker, CSM Kelly, Sgt. Shaw
Int Sect	..	Lt. Nicholson, Sgt. Wilkinson
Med Sect	..	Capt. Bird, Cpl. Jagger
Pro Sect	..	Sgt. Read, Cpl. Waite
Def Sect	..	D/M Millar
Trg Wing	..	Lt. Ward and trg team
PT Instr	..	SSI Norwood

As in the conception of any great work of art, there are accompanying birth pangs. The worst of these have now been weathered, and the finished article starts to emerge.

Most departments continue with their normal role in Battalion life, the place where the new things are happening being the Training Wing. We have now taken over the responsibility for the training of junior NCOs and have already embarked on a comprehensive programme to raise the standard. A further burden the Training Wing carries, with the aid of other Comd Coy Depts, is the testing of all soldiers wishing to attain the grade of Standard I Infantry Soldier.

The Company has set out to train itself in all the basic functions of an infantry soldier, shooting and PT being centrally organised, and on every Thursday afternoon a training circus is run with all departments producing instructors to teach Comms, map reading, unarmed combat, circuit trg, first aid, weapon trg, and pure physical endeavour. This promises to be a success if we can stand the pace.

Life continues at its normal furious pace, and sometimes the pads are lucky enough to get home for the odd night. We even have on record the odd Saturday when nobody had to get up in the morning.

The Signals are breeding hard, with Cpls. Kench and Bowler, and Pte. Dobson already having added to the world's population problems. The CSM is battling with ammunition problems, the IO has retired behind a wall of plaster secrecy, the Drum Major has been likened to a famous personality, and the orderly room continues to fight an unending battle with the b.....

We hope by the next production to have something of interest to pass on, but at the moment, like a new baby, we are just getting used to our nappies, and you must excuse the lack of information.

BOR

At last we are established in the annals of those who have achieved fame and acclaim! We in BOR were all delighted to see that our last issue of notes "hogged" one of the main pages in THE IRON DUKE, and that our attempt to be original had not been refuted by the powers that be. This time, however, we must return to sanity and to convention in order that events be construed as they actually happened; we do not want a recurrence of the incident when one of our member's wives was heard to remark, "Oh, look, darling, there's somebody here with the same name as you!" and who did not, in fact, appreciate the comparison.

So here, then, are the "personal occurrences" which must be published in accordance with Unit Documentation, Part II, Appendix A.

Two new members have recently joined us: L/Cpl. B. Wilson, from Burma Company, and, from farther afield, Pte. K. Hashim who has been posted in from 1 Loyals. We extend a warm welcome to you both, gentlemen. It is with regret that we announce the departure of Pte. R. L. Carr who has left us to join the RAOC. He will be missed by us all and we offer him our best wishes for the future. Cpl. Hogg has had another success in the field of education by passing "O" Level GCE in History—congratulations. On similar lines, S/Sgt. Milner (and please note the extra S) is at present engaged searching for the truth each morning at Osborn Barracks, where he attends ACE I classes. Sgt. Craig is also to be congratulated on his promotion. There have been three successes in the clerking field, with Cpl. Manion passing his BI and L/Cpl. Wishart and Pte. Winstanley passing B III. Congratulations again seem to be in order. Of L/Cpls. Darcy and Mortimer we have no word, except that L/Cpl. Darcy is conspicuous by his absence! It is believed that he is on leave (in England, or somewhere)!

Capt. Bunbury has by this time found his sea legs (although the comparison is appropriate only when storm warning signals are received addressed to "All ships"). The going has been hectic, however, owing to a general shortage of staff—Lt. Thorn away in Tokyo, clerks on courses, etc.

We can now, as we once again have a full complement of bodies, brace ourselves for the period ahead: Border periods, exercises, and the usual trials and tribulations encountered with the advent of the cooler weather.

SIGNAL PLATOON

Since the last issue of the magazine time has, indeed, been full with everyone in the Platoon kept pretty busy. The Standard Two Cadre, despite numerous interruptions, heads towards fruition during the month of October, and we hope soon to see a few more qualified signallers. Other "items of interest" include visits to Malaysia, two more Border tours, the return of Sgt. Shaw to the Platoon from Warminster, together with Cpl. Minto, Cpl. Basu and L/Cpl. Barnett from signals courses at Warminster. Many people will be interested to know that the Signals Wing is now located at Warminster after the closing of the School of Infantry at Hythe.

Throughout the summer period we have been fortunate to get some of the Platoon on company training at the Jungle Warfare School in Malaysia. Although only working over short distances, a great deal was learnt about signalling in the jungle. Pte. Holden's agility in tree climbing proved invaluable on several occasions, showing that he is fully aware that it is the position of the antenna that counts! Singapore also exposed some of its latent attractions to various members of the Platoon; so, generally, the JWS was of good value.

Apart from the cadre, the normal routine of life in Hong Kong has continued as usual. Two more Border visits completed, leaving two to go before Christmas, rebroadcast stations for remote area patrols, assistance to outside units, typhoon warnings, leave, and IS practice. Exercise "Dog House"

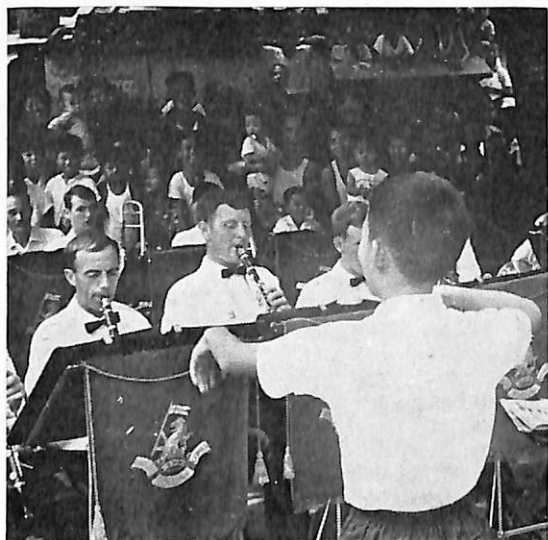
a battalion reinforcement IS exercise on Kolwoon side, proved to be an extremely interesting variation for us.

On the games side, we have played basketball, volleyball, swum and bowled (skittles type). We are now taking to water ski-ing under the careful eye of L/Cpl. Bowler—if only he could guarantee the efficiency of the boat engine. Pte. Brown is to be congratulated on his part in the Battalion winning of the Colony swimming championships. The rugby season is with us, and Cpl. Basu, Cpl. Parrott and Waqa have guaranteed a strong Fijian representation with the XV on the trip to Tokyo. It is good to see Waqa running around again, and we hope soon to see him once more dazzling us, as well as the opposition, with his great play. Pte. Squires, who has been likened to George Best (without the ball!), has accompanied the rugby team to Tokyo, though we are not quite sure of his role!

On the personalities side we were very sorry to say goodbye to Sgt. Wilkinson after many years in the Platoon and we wish him the best of good fortune in the future. However, we welcome back Sgt. Shaw, together with his wife, and congratulate them on the birth of their son. Others to be congratulated on the arrival of offspring are Pte. and Mrs. Dobson, a boy; L/Cpl. and Mrs. Bowler, a girl, and Cpl. and Mrs. Kench, also a baby girl. Cpl. Basu and L/Cpl. Barnett have just returned from a Standard One course at Warminster, when they both produced creditable results—well done. L/Cpl. Bowler is off shortly on his Standard One course and we wish him luck. L/Cpl. Raine and Pte. Morton 66 have recently completed a sub-aqua course in Singapore and we are pleased to hear that Morton qualified as a snorkeller!

ADMIN COMPANY

Admin Company now includes the following platoons and departments: MT Platoon, Band,



The Band performs under a young conductor.

Messing Staff, Officers and Sgts. Mess Staff, Quartermaster Dept, Families and PRI, ACC, RAPC, REME, and Hong Kong soldiers who are attached to the Battalion.

Altogether a pretty formidable list and a group that is difficult to parade at one time because of their fissiparous tendencies. Unofficially they are called the "O and S" Company which is a description that fits the facts better than most.

As the Company has only been formed for a short while its prowess on the sporting field is as yet unknown. However, high hopes are entertained for the football team in the Inter-Company League about to start.

As is usual there have been a large number of changes and comings and goings within the departments. Some of the more pleasant events are recorded in the Company personalia column below.

Personalia

Births

We congratulate Pte. and Mrs. Underwood on the birth of their son, 'Michael William'.

Promotions

We congratulate the following on being promoted to Corporal: Pye, Webb, Robson, Bower, Lambton, Hynes.

Education

We also say "Well done" to the following on obtaining their Second Class Certificate: Cpl. Bower, Cpl. Bonnelame, L/Cpl. Craven.

THE BAND

As mentioned in our last notes, Bandmaster Wood departed to take a new position as Director of Music, with the Hong Kong Police Band. After a delay of some weeks Bandmaster M. Alexander finally arrived to take up the baton and install himself as our new Bandmaster. Regular readers of our column will know Mr. Alexander as he was with us for a short time in Germany.

We were invited by the Brigade of Gurkhas to take part in a Combined Concert Spectacular at the City Hall in August, in aid of the Gurkha Benevolent Fund. Unfortunately, the Director of Music of the Gurkha Staff Band was taken ill at the last minute, and Mr. Alexander very ably directed this concert. The three performances held at the City Hall were very successful and this led to the management of the Hall approaching us to repeat one performance later on in September.

We had another trip to the island of Lantao, performing two concerts for the villagers of Tai O, one of the small settlements on the sparsely populated Island.

Cpl. K. Almond arrived here from KDD to replace Sgt. Cook who left us for Civvy Street. We wish every success to L/Cpl. and Mrs. R. J. Foster who have also ventured into Civvy Street. We welcome Mrs. Alexander and family and hope they will have a long and pleasant stay with the Band.

KING'S DIVISION DEPOT, YORKSHIRE

Training Company

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE, there has been a further influx of "Dukes" to the Company. We now have Capt. Alan Westcob as 2IC, Lts. Jerry Bird and Chris Gilbert as Platoon Commanders; Sgt. Dowdwall as Platoon Sergeant and Cpls. Blood, Grey, Jackson and Smith as Platoon Instructors. It also seems likely that Sgt. Blood will be rejoining the Company once more, when he is discharged from hospital. This will more or less complete the "Dukes" stranglehold on Training Company.

Cpl. Smith is at present on a long APTI Course at Aldershot which, from all accounts, he is enjoying. The rest of the staff are hard at work churning out recruits for the various regiments of the Division.

It is strongly rumoured that the Depot (2nd Battalion) may be entering a team for the Army Cup as a result of so many "Dukes" rugby players being in the area!

Finally, we say farewell to Cpl. Glasby, who has completed his service, and wish him the best of luck in the future.

Junior Soldiers Company

Looking back to the summer term and those lazy, hazy, crazy days the boys seemed to spend more time out of camp than in. Every Junior had at least two or three week-ends camping and walking on the north Yorkshire moors.

A party of boys, under Capt. Peters and Cpl. Melvin, took part in the Northern Command Sailing Regatta at Ullswater where they finished high up amongst a fleet of experienced helmsmen.

A party also took part in the Northern Command

Canoe Slalom Championships, sampling the white water on the River Swale above Richmond in July.

The term finished off with two weeks concentrated adventure training based on Ambleside and Ullswater in the Lake District from July 24 to August 8. The weather was at times glorious and at times downright terrible, in fact typical of the area.

The Company finally departed for three weeks' well-earned leave on August 10.

The September term started on the 18th and everybody was extremely glad to be back. In fact, some of the boys came back early, having run out of leave money!

The term began well with the arrival of an extra large new intake of 32, which is now being looked after by Lt. Palmer, a welcome arrival in the Company. At the time of writing, he has just come back from the new intakes' termly pilgrimage to the Lake District for a week's climbing.

From September 28 to October 5, Lt. Jackson, Lt. Jowett and a party of Juniors spent a week on *Sir Percivale*, one of the Board of Trade's LSLs going over to Denmark on a "Familiarisation Exercise". Unfortunately, they were only in Denmark 48 hours, not long enough to get really familiar with anybody!

Officers Mess

Since our successful Summer Ball the Mess has had a reasonably quiet time. An entertaining guest night was held on September 11, at which the GOC, General Blacker, and the Deputy Mayor of Bradford were the chief guests. The latter left at 3 am to the dawn chorus of singing

"Quite Sir! I couldn't agree with you more."

Lt. Palmer is presented to Field-Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O., at the Royal United Service Institute. (see page 120)



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"Dukes" (Dick Mundell, up on a visit, among them).

"Dukes" are once again in the majority at the Depot. A year ago you could not move for Green Howards, now the "Dukes" outnumber everyone else.

A red-white-and-blue party, organised by Roger Chapman, was held on October 2. Jerry Bird provided the grub and Don (alias Harry) Palmer provided the booze. It was an enjoyable evening by all accounts, as everyone left very late.

THE WELLINGTON MEMORIAL LECTURE

On Wednesday, September 24, 1969, Field-Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, KG, GCB, DSO, delivered The Wellington Memorial Lecture at the Royal United Service Institution. The lecture was to commemorate the bi-centenary of the birth of the Duke of Wellington who was the first President of the Institution from 1831-1852.

The Director-General of the RUSI wrote to Lt.-Col. Cubiss asking if a representative party

of "Dukes" serving at the Depot could be present for the occasion. The party was sent and consisted of Lt. A. D. Palmer, Sgt. R. D. Parkin, Cpl. M. Murray, Cpl. P. R. Taylor, and Junior/Cpl. E. Smith. The lecture was for members of the Institute only, and the chair was taken by General Sir Charles Harrington, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC. Col. J. Davidson, Vice-President of the Regimental Association, was present to welcome His Grace the Duke of Wellington, KG.

Before the Field-Marshal delivered his speech, in which he praised the "Iron Duke" as a great soldier and a great statesman, Lt. Palmer was fortunate enough to be introduced to the distinguished speaker.

Despite the grandeur of the occasion and a splendid display of some of the old Duke's uniforms and treasured possessions, we were unable to obtain any recruits.

It was a great day for us all and one we will not forget.

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"C" COY (DWR) THE YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

Our contribution to the magazine is coming in two parts this time. One part from your usual scribe, the other being some notes from the CSM which, we hope, will add a different touch for our readers.

The early camp this year has provided plenty of time for the Company to engage in adventure and platoon training, and all the platoon commanders have taken the opportunity to get away from Halifax with the boys, well out of the way of company commanders, commanding officers, and other sundry interested persons. The residents of Ingleton and Clapham were no doubt very surprised to wake up one week-end to find Lt. John Widdup teaching gun drills on the village green with rather pale-eyed soldiery rocking gently in position around the gun after sampling the local brew the previous eve. Perhaps, however, one of the best efforts was by the Huddersfield-based "A" Platoon who indulged in initiative training. This involved pairs of soldiers with limited funds covering the maximum distance in 24 hours. Cpls. Andrews and Garner succeeded in making London and obtaining proof of delivery from the Houses of Parliament, The Lord Mayor's secretary and other very high-powered people. This was a very creditable performance, and there is no doubt that these platoon exercises have had a great morale uplift effect on the Company.

Two Company training week-ends have been held, one at Leek, the other at Warcop. At Leek, we indulged in map and compass work and, in view of the dense fog conditions, the results were excellent. There is always a moment when a company commander, having launched his men into the gloom with nought but a compass, thinks briefly of the form for Regimental Inquiries. Fears were groundless, as all arrived at the RV in

time. Without any doubt, everyone on these schemes really got to know how to use a compass—they had to. At Warcop we tried an idea new to the Volunteers, although well known to all regular soldiers and former National Servicemen, to wit, fire and movement in pairs. This, again, was a most valuable exercise and a great deal was learned by all. It was on this same week-end that a certain visiting commanding officer gleefully watched the Anti-Tank Platoon digging out after he had just put forward a few tactical suggestions about digging in.

Recruiting is now on the upward trend with a vengeance, ably assisted by the news that "C" Company is to train in BAOR next year. We have waited our turn for three years and patience is now to be rewarded, subject, of course, to any last minute changes of plans. A fairly intense competition is developing between our two centres and the great hope now is that Huddersfield will have better figures than Halifax. No offence to Halifax, but this would be a real achievement. In this respect, we welcome Cpl. Hollis from the Regular "Dukes" and look forward to benefiting from his experience.

A battalion week-end was held in October. Although numbers were not too good, the general result was excellent, and augurs well for the future. The Officers Mess at Strensall saw more activity in two days than it has done for months, probably years, some 40-odd officers sitting down to breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday! Our apologies to the bachelor officers living-in, with many thanks for hospitality and dry beds for a change.

Shortly coming up is our annual inspection where the usual skeletons get rattled and the fire buckets get their annual dusting. We hope to

come through unscathed, but any changes in the personalia in the Company will be announced in the next IRON DUKE.

PART II

Training in August was much on a platoon basis. September was occupied with normal company training at Warcop and battalion training at Strensall. October, of course, was occupied by admin duties, etc. and involved mainly the admin staff. A revised decision means we keep our anti-tank guns and carry on training normally.

Life in the Sergeants Mess has been swinging lately what with the Psychedelic Night in October being a huge and hilarious success due to the help of our PSIs, "John Lennon" Fee being in charge of all the "hippies" who took over "Wellington Mews" one Saturday evening. Around 160 members and guests were crammed into the Mess, at least 50 of them paying fines for not being dressed for the occasion. Even "Hippy" Curry came with his accordion.

By the time these notes are being read we will have had our next social (November 18). We are hoping for the same success and on this occasion are trying something different, a Discotheque Night.

Xmas Draw at the time of writing stands at over £100, so we are hoping for at least £130-£150 worth of prizes. This social will be on Saturday, December 13. Some good prizes have been bought including a tape recorder which, at the moment, looks like being Fee's if we are not careful; so we will have to stop him buying any more tickets! So much for socials at the moment.

We welcome to the Mess, Sgts. Taylor and Burnside on their promotion, and congratulations to Dave Peckett and Brian Dolan on their being promoted to top soldier and 2IC respectively.

Life in the Canteen rolls on. The boys are just waiting for the place to be redecorated and then some stick will be given for socials in the canteen I expect. At the moment it looks like a pub with no beer, etc. due to no "ladies" adorning the walls, from magazines, etc.

The Company Dinner and Dance is on January 3, 1970, and one week later, on January 10, the Children's Party will be held.

Congratulations to Cpl. Thompson on his promotion (he pulls a good pint!), and also Cpl. Widdop (might keep him quiet). Congratulations are also due to L/Cpls. Spruce, McNeish and Gillespie on their promotion to that heady height of lance-corporal.

THE ARMY CADET FORCE

HUDDERSFIELD AREA (DWR)

"The time has come", the Walrus said, "to talk of many things . . ." and indeed the ACF scene is alive and kicking, making it difficult to condense our notes for THE IRON DUKE.

Comings and Goings

With regret we record the resignation of Capt. David Wilkinson who, for varying reasons, is unable to soldier on with us. We shall miss his infectious enthusiasm and administrative ability. Capt. John Tyler of our Halifax Detachment now assumes the mantle of Area Training Officer with 2/Lt. John Clegg taking over as Detachment Commander at Halifax.

A warm welcome is extended to SMI Dennis Roberts, SI Bill Fitzgerald and SI Frank Poulton, who join detachments at Mirfield, Huddersfield, and Skipton respectively. All are former serving members of the West Riding Battalion, TA, and we now look forward to the benefit of their varied experience. The Area has been well briefed about the excellence of Bill Fitzgerald's curries, and, consequently, winter cannot approach quickly enough.

Annual Camp

GTA Warcop provided an admirable location for our camp this year, and, apart from an initial deluge on the Monday, the weather was superb. Tank firing, assault boats, field firing, demonstrations of a regular infantry platoon in action, ambushes and internal security sweeps galore well

and truly wetted the appetites of "Dukes" cadets. Despite a packed programme the officers managed to squeeze in a little horse riding under the guidance of John Clegg, whilst the cadets climaxed their week with a trip to Morecambe (and the inevitable fish 'n chips).

Training

Week-end camps have flowed freely and thickly, including a recent one on September 27/28 at the CTC Strensall, when Major General the Earl Cathcart, GOC Yorkshire District, honoured us with a visit. On this occasion York Police provided an excellent demonstration of dog handling and police vehicles, together with a most illuminating talk on police activities. The more adventurous of our cadets were "apprehended" in no uncertain manner by the dogs, and, as the audience swelled, it became apparent that Yorkshire Volunteer personnel enjoyed the spectacle equally as much as the cadets.

Cadet NCOs from the Area continue to impress with their standard of IQ and turn-out, and Yorkshire Volunteers confirmed this with very commendable reports on Area NCOs attending their Signals Cadre in September.

An adventure week-end at Ripon, led by Lt. Trevor Windle, proved most exciting, despite the discovery that a leap into a "6ft depth of water" can occasionally turn out to be into a most unexpected "5ft 6in depth of water".

Lt. John Evans accompanied a party of some 25 cadets to 9th/12th Royal Lancers RAC Training

Regiment, Catterick Camp, on October 4, 1969, and a most stimulating visit was had by all. The amount of good these visits do towards indirectly encouraging our cadets to join the Regular Army cannot be over-estimated. More and more, please, at regular intervals.

No. 10 AYT have become a most decided "hit" with the cadets in recent months, due mainly to the continuing enthusiasm and skill of Lt. Toby Hirst and his team, and a great variety of training.

No. 10 CTT continue to provide us with the best of technical training, and, at the time of writing these notes, a new series of evening cadres

are being formulated. Capt. Peter Rogerson and his team have long been established with the Area, and we are old friends.

Conclusion

For the ACF, the future looks well settled; recruiting is on the up and up, and the Army Board have decided upon a comprehensive review of the ACF in general. In the Area we now have an abundance of instructors although there are a few vacancies for officers. In this latter respect applications from men of the right calibre and experience are always welcome for consideration.

A farewell to the Dukes

from David Gilbert-Smith

Being restricted by time and distance I have been unable to say my farewells in person to The Duke's and therefore requested space in THE IRON DUKE. However, I neglected to say how much space, and my epistle, containing a kaleidoscope of people and events, ran into 12 typewritten pages, which turned out to be 10 pages too many. In consequence, the Editor has asked me to say my farewells in one edition and space out the rest for subsequent ones.

To say farewell to The Duke's poses quite a problem because a spate of memories comes flooding in of people and events and of happy and sad times.

Of the 18 years I spent in the Army, eight were

spent with The Duke's. Those eight include some of the most memorable of my life, memorable both for events and for the meeting of great personalities and the forming of close and enduring friendships. In that period I was to be the witness of, and participator in, great and stirring events undertaken by The Duke's. From times of action when I was to witness Rodney Harms' outstanding daylight raid across the Samichon valley, to the dour defence of the Hook and to successful counter-terrorist action in Cyprus.

Also in sport where we were to reach our peak post-war greatness to date. I remember the time when one could sit down to a meal in the Mess and be surrounded by an international rugby player or two, a Barbarian, an Army boxing champion, a British Olympic athlete, an ex-Lion and double Blue (Major Charlie Grieve) plus the odd cricketer of Army standard. Can any regiment beat that in the Officers Mess alone, not forgetting the great sporting personalities then also with us from the Rugby League world?

Now I have retired altogether from the Army. I live in a 400-year-old cottage and have just completed building another alongside it in my spare time. My wife owns and runs a bistro (very successfully) and I now have the job of setting up and organising training within Bulmers. (In future drink cider at your peril.)

My only Army connection is to be in the Reserve Squadron of the Regular Regiment of SAS—a happy compromise of playing soldiers for real in one's spare time. However, I often cast my mind back to a great and wonderful family—The Duke's—and offer fervent prayers for their long continuation. For to amalgamate or disband The Duke's would amount to cutting out a great slice of our personal previous histories with which we are all identified. The Duke's has a character and personality all of its own and it would be a great loss to the Army to wipe it out, particularly as it has achieved great success in war, and will continue to do so because of its character.

Finally, I would say farewell and good luck to all "Dukes" and particularly to those of my close friends with whom I have played rugby, climbed and canoed and who have been my comrades in arms in time of war. No one could wish for better companions.

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Lt. Colonel F. R. Blakes's Papers

An interesting acquisition

Some papers relating to Lt.-Col. F. R. Blake have recently been acquired by the Regiment from the Ministry of Defence.

Frederick Rodolf Blake was the commanding officer of the 33rd in the Crimea. His father had bought him a commission in the 85th Regiment in 1825 for the sum of £450. Blake himself purchased his captaincy in the 33rd in 1833.

An extract from the *Morning Herald* of October 16, 1854, describing the Battle of the Alma, said the 33rd crossed the river in deep water up to their armpits under a shower of balls and were the first to reach the other side. Col. Blake rode down so steep a pitch to the river that his horse went in headforemost and was completely under water for some seconds.

The story of the recovery of the papers now in our possession is in itself interesting and fortunate.

They were found in Cairo, in 1943, by Squadron-Leader J. C. Allen, RAF, in a flat which he had taken over from Capt. Patrick Blake of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Capt. Blake is dead, so it is not possible to find out how, as must be supposed, he came to be in possession of the papers. He was no relation of Col. Blake—though, by a coincidence, he was the signal sergeant of 1 DWR in Malta when Lt. Beuttler, the signal officer, married Miss Pamela Blake, Lt.-Col. F. R. Blake's great grand-daughter. Mrs. Beuttler, however, suggests that the papers probably belonged to her cousin, son of Col. Blake's daughter, who died in Cairo in 1942 and that they may have been given to Capt. P. Blake as the combination of his name and regiment might make him seem a suitable recipient even if it was realized that he was not a descendant.

The most interesting letter in the collection found in Cairo is the following:

"Danesbury",
Welwyn, Herts.
22nd November, 1852.

My Dear General,

Now that the last honours have been fired to the Great Duke I cannot refrain from expressing to you the universal feeling of gratification and pride expressed by the 33rd Regiment in having been especially selected to assist in rendering the last trioute of respect to his memory.

If Her Majesty were graciously pleased to permit the 33rd Regiment to be called The Duke of Wellington's Own Regiment and to bear his name on their colours and appointments it would be an honour most thoroughly appreciated by every individual in the Corps.

It would moreover do away with the ignorant prejudice against the red facings which certainly considerably checks the success of our recruiting parties. At the same time we should be very sorry that any change should be made in the facings as they were worn by the Great Duke himself who belonged to the Regiment for 20 years and therefore

we shall feel a particular pride in continuing them.

From the letter now in your possession written by the Duke in reply to a similar proposal made to himself it is clear that he would have been gratified by the Regiment being permitted to bear his name, although he justly considered that he could not personally move in the matter. May I therefore hope that you will interest yourself in forwarding the request and in bringing it under the notice of the General Commanding in Chief with a view to its being submitted to Her Majesty's consideration.

Believe me, my dear General,
Ever Sincerely Yours,
F. R. Blake.

To
Lt.-General D'Oyly,
Colonel, 33rd Regiment.

In very recent IRON DUKES it was recalled that the desire of the Regiment to take the Duke's name was first proposed to the Duke, himself, in 1842 by Lt.-Col. Harty, a forerunner of Col. Blake as CO, and that the Duke replied that, while he was much gratified by the suggested honour, he must decline to be a party to its solicitation and suggested that the Regiment should submit their desire through some other channel.

We commented then that, so far as we knew, the submission "through some other channel" had not been traced. Here, now, we appear to have it.

The allusion to the scarlet facings is also of considerable interest. In IRON DUKE No. 83 Brigadier Webb-Carter gave the full history of these facings and of the "ignorant prejudice" against them. This, in short, came from the fact that scarlet facings on a scarlet jacket looked like no facings at all so that ignorant men of other regiments would taunt the men of the 33rd that they had been deprived of their facings as a punishment. In the words of a rude jingle:

The 33rd—a lousy crew:
They lost their facings at Waterloo.

The Duke, himself, in one of his conversations with Lord Stanhope, said that it was "inconceivable" how often he had been called on "to allay quarrels and arrest fights arising from this petty cause".

That the Duke was called on to intervene thus personally shows that there was trouble over the facings in the days, long before Waterloo, when he was the 33rd's commanding officer. Lt.-Col. Blake's letter shows that they were still something of an embarrassment in his day but also that the Regiment was, nonetheless, proud of them. This remained the case. In 1881 a by-product of the Cardwell reforms was that our facings were changed to white. Instead of accepting this with relief the Regiment agitated to have their scarlet facings restored and this was eventually granted in 1905.

Now, of course, the ignorant prejudice has gone and our pride remains.

PERSONALIA

Births

Greenway

On August 23, 1969, at the RAF Hospital, Wegberg, West Germany, to Judith (nee Cheverton) and John Greenway a daughter, Jennifer Mary.

Miles

On September 24, 1969, in Hong Kong, to Carol (nee Berg) and Michael Miles—a son (Henry James Pearson).

Engagement

Docker—Ozanne

The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Mr. J. L. Docker, of Alveston Hill, Stratford-upon-Avon, and the late Mrs. C. H. Docker, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of the late Major-General W. M. Ozanne, CB, CBE, MC, and the late Mrs. S. M. Ozanne.

Marriages

Jowett—Austin

The marriage took place on August 16, 1969, at West Park Congregational Church, Leeds, between Mr. Arthur Christopher Jowett, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mrs. B. Jowett, 202, Mount Vale, York, and Miss Ann Katherine Austin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Austin of 12 Moor Park Mount, Leeds.

Siegl—Strangeways

The marriage took place on September 13, 1969, at The Church of The Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, between Mr. Christian Franz-Joseph Siegl and Miss Janet Anne Strangeways, only daughter of the Reverend David and Mrs. Strangeways of The Vicarage, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.

Gaskell—Le Messurier

The marriage took place on October 18, 1969, at St. Joan of Arc, Catterick Camp, between Mr. Jeremy John Gaskell, The King's Regiment, and Miss Jacqueline Shelley Le Messurier, elder daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. S. Le Messurier of 5 Richmond Road, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

Death

Bunbury

On September 12, 1969, Pamela, wife of Brigadier F. R. St. P. Bunbury.

The address at Miss Jacqueline Le Messurier's wedding was given by Dom Alberic Stacpoole, who writes that the reception was "no mean occasion" attended by many "Dukes" and "out of the gloom of the past our Korea medical officer, Ernest MacKay, full of life and now at Harrogate". His presence recalled that The Duke's and the bridegroom's regiment, The King's, were the two regiments which had most intimately shared the experience of The Hook.

On November 5, Lt.-Col. E. M. Liddell, the Regiment's oldest officer and, it is thought, our last Boer War veteran, celebrated his 90th birthday at his home, 46 Gerrard Road, Barnes, SW13. A message of congratulation was sent from the Colonel and all ranks of the Regiment.

Capt. Chris Edwards, who resigned his commission on September 17, is now learning Arabic. He is taking up an appointment with the armed forces of the Sultan of Abu Dhabi.

In Tokyo for the British Week, in addition to the Regimental Band, rugger team and supporters, was Miss Rosemary Miles, daughter of the late Brigadier "Bonzo" Miles. She is a member of the Festival Ballet company which was dancing there during the week.

Col. Donald Isles has been elected a Selector for the Army Rugby Union—a fitting tribute to his own and the Regiment's record on the rugby field. Col. Donald was very sorry to miss the OCA Dinner in Huddersfield owing to a duty trip to Canada.

Another to miss the dinner was Col. H. Harvey who, we are sorry to report, has been in hospital in Bath for some time with an abscess on the bladder. He has to have another operation when he has regained sufficient strength for it but hopes to be marked "M & D" before Christmas.

It was mentioned in our last issue that there was some uncertainty about the date and place of birth of the great Duke. Lt.-Col. Maurice Davie has sent us a photostat of the Duke's entry in "Debrett's Peerage" for 1820. This shows him as being born at Dengan Castle (with an "e") on May 1, 1769, which confirms that this date is what the Duke himself accepted. As regards the place, Col. Davie suggests that when the Duke's mother said he was born at Mornington House she meant Dengan Castle which, as the seat of the Earl of Mornington, would also be commonly known as "Mornington House" and that it was only mistakenly assumed that she meant Mornington House in Dublin.

We congratulate Mr. George Beddoe on his appointment as Deputy Editor of the *Halifax Evening Courier*. Mr. Beddoe was born in Harrogate and was educated at Crossley and Porter School. He joined the *Courier* in January 1930 and, apart from his war service, he has been with the paper ever since. He became chief reporter in 1950 and news editor in 1966.

He joined the 4th Battalion DWR (TA) in 1937, just before they were converted into the 58th Anti-Tank Regiment. He served with them until 1940 when he was transferred to the 74th

Anti-Tank Regiment. In 1943 he was transferred to the Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Rangers, then part of the 52nd Mountain Division. With them, as part of the sea-borne echelon of 52 Division, he took part in the invasion and subsequent fighting in north-west Europe. For the greater part of his service he was a warrant officer. He was demobilised in November 1945 in that rank and rejoined the *Courier*.

In the years after the war he made many visits to the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland, Germany, Kenya and Norway. His interesting and very full reports of these visits were widely read in the West Riding and have done much to maintain the good name of the Regiment in the area. He has a wide circle of friends in the Regiment who will join us in wishing him every success in his new appointment.

We also congratulate Major Sam Robertson on a very good year at Bisley—one of the best he has ever had. He came 2nd in the Henry Whitehead Cup, 2nd in the Queen Mary and 2nd in the Secretary of State for War Cup. He was in the top half of the Army Hundred and was selected for the Regular Army VIII which won the United Service Cup, defeating teams from the other Services and from the Canadian Army. He is now Personnel Selection Officer, Northern Command, and is living at 10 Alexandra Road, Strensall.

Mr. E. Smith, DCM, has decided to leave the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and return to Canada. His address will be 4340 Glandford Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia. This will leave Mr. Jim Yaxley as our sole representative at the Royal Hospital.

All those who have ever visited Denmark with the Regiment will remember Major Claes Frost. As a liaison officer his experience, kindness and hospitality played a major part in making the visits as enjoyable as they were. For those who don't know him it is sufficient to say that Major Claes Frost is to the Danish Life Regiment as Major Douglas Jones-Stamp is to The Duke's. By a happy chance, these two grand masters in the art of living met in Cyprus this summer—Major Frost on duty with his Regiment as part of the United Nations Forces, Major Jones-Stamp as Permanent President of Courts Martial. Major Jones-Stamp is now on holiday in Scotland.

Mr. Sidney Code remains very fit and active in retirement. He has recently been made chairman of the Halifax Branch of the British Legion.

We recently had a query from an old 2nd Battalion man, Mr. A. Sykes of 72 Primrose Hill Court, King Henry's Road, London, NW3. He was asking for the details of a cricket match in the late thirties when the 2nd Battalion gained a victory over an RIASC side by a quite fantastic margin. Many old 2nd Battalion men will remember this match. It took place at Peshawar in January 1937, and sets a target which our present 1st XI will find difficult to beat. 2 DWR batted first and made

430 for 5 declared (Lt. Rivett-Carnac 171, Bandmaster Caldicutt 195 not out). The RIASC side made 9 in the first innings and 83 in the second. In the first innings L/Cpl. Kingston took 6 wickets for 4 runs and QMS Smith 3 wickets for 3 runs. There were 2 extras. A Regimental record, perhaps?

We have received good news of another Sykes. It is of Mr. Jack Sykes, who left the 1st Battalion as a staff sergeant in September 1967. He started working for Rolls-Royce but found indoor work uncongenial. In 1968 he got an appointment with the Road Transport Industrial Training Board as a staff instructor, which he finds very satisfactory. His address is 7 Brookview, Off Castle Lane, Comber, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. He adds that he has a spare bed in his house and he and his wife would be delighted to see any old friends from the Regiment, should they happen to be in that part of Ireland.

We apologise to Mrs. Jessie Gadd, of 63 Grassmere Road, Gledholt, Huddersfield, if the list of those attending the Regimental luncheon at the Hyde Park Hotel on May 16, 1969, which was published in our last issue, gave the impression that she was present at the luncheon with her husband.

New Addresses

We have been notified of the following new addresses:

Major-General E. C. Beard, CB, CBE, MC, Flat 3, Nutcombe Height, Portsmouth Road, Hindhead, Surrey.

Major J. E. Driver, MBE, TD, LLM, Mulberry House, Comberbach, Nr. Northwich, Cheshire.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE D.W.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. C. R. Huxtable, MBE, to be Lt.-Col., June 30, 1969.

Capt. R. L. Stevens to be Maj., June 30, 1969.

Lt. A. R. Westcob to be Capt., Aug. 2, 1969.

Lt.-Col. R. W. Nicholson is appointed to the Special List, Aug. 17, 1969.

Capt. C. G. Edwards resigns his commn., Sep. 17, 1969.

SHORT SERV. COMMNS.

2nd Lt. D. W. Townsend to be Lt., June 4, 1969.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. J. A. Iredale, from T & AVR, Category III, W. Riding, and is restored to the rank of Maj., Mar. 5, 1969.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Lt. C. M. B. Bateman, Yorks, from T & AVR, Category III, W. Riding, to be Lt., Jan. 1, 1969, with seniority Mar. 27, 1968.

A holiday in Ghana

This article is the result of considerable nagging from your editor that either Major Jeremy Cumberlege or his wife should send some account of their life in Ghana. We were sorry to hear that a bout of malaria was also needed to give Mrs. Cumberlege the leisure to write this while convalescing. We hear, however, that she has been seen looking very well at functions in Yorkshire and is due to follow Major Cumberlege to Hong Kong in December, so hope that she is fully recovered.

Soon after our arrival in Ghana we visited the western region, and during our exploration of the coast line we came across an old British fort at a place called Dix Cove.

It caught our imagination immediately. It was situated on a hill overlooking a very picturesque fishing village, with the sea surrounding the fort on three sides.

We drove up a very steep path and were met by the caretaker who showed us around. It was perfect—completely unspoilt—and to our joy we found it was a rest house and that we could book the entire fort for ourselves. That was the beginning. We made a vow that, as soon as Jeremy could get some leave, we would go back.

A few months later we set off with our car groaning with a stock of food and equipment, plus our steward, and, somewhere under and between everything, two very excited little boys.

And so began a week when we seemed to go back in time, and when we felt that we were seeing Africa properly and through the same eyes as our colonial forerunners of previous generations.

The "facilities" were every bit as primitive and, after having spurred my horrified steward to go into moral combat with the giant cockroaches lurking in the so-called kitchen, we set to and settled ourselves into the fort.

All water was drawn from a deep well in the forecourt (a mother's nightmare with two inquisitive little boys!). Bathing was a question of our tipping buckets of water over each other. And we blessed our modern civilisation when we did a quick sortie into Takoradi to buy cans of aerosol air fresheners.

But all inconvenience was forgotten when we sat on the battlements that night listening to the sea that thundered in to the rocky coves below. As darkness fell we watched the little village below spark into light with hundreds of little kerosene lamps. The peace was broken only by the odd party of people singing or playing instruments, and there was the permanent undercurrent of the chatter of crickets and night life in the jungle.

Whilst drinking all this in we heard a bugle being blown in the distance and Jeremy immediately thought it would add to the romance and "history" of our fort if we could get hold of the bugler to play the last post every evening at sundown while we were there.

So, next morning, Mr. Moshe, the caretaker, a dear old boy who had been in the Burma campaign and insisted on wearing his medals for our benefit the whole time, was despatched to contact the bugler.

However, unbeknown to us, the simple-minded Ghanaian villagers were thrown into slight dismay by this request and I suppose an all-day "palaver" went on as to why the British major should want this. Anyway, at six o'clock that evening a very upset Mr. Moshe said that a deputation was waiting for Jeremy. It was all most difficult to sort out as everyone wanted his say while our steward decided to take up the cudgels on our behalf. So there ensued a terrific "hooaha". Eventually Jeremy managed to gather that they thought he had taken command of the fort and, as they had not been warned of any such development, they were a trifle upset and worried. So we calmed everybody down with assurances of peaceful co-existence—and lost our chance of the last post from the battlements of Fort Metal Cross.

The rest of the week passed uneventfully and was, without doubt, one of the most romantic we have known; having our dinner served to us on the battlements under a dark star-spangled sky, with the moon making a great silver splash over the

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sea: getting up with the sun to watch the fishermen with their gaily painted longboats pushing their oars through the surf and out to their fishing grounds, becoming little black silhouettes against the pink and orange sunrise.

For the children it was a holiday they will never forget, with the cannons pointing out to sea and the dungeons where the slaves used to be kept and

where now the entire tribe of Mr. Moshe seems to live. And the goats and chickens wandering all over the fort—the whole unchanged through all the years.

We feel that we found something of the atmosphere and peace of life of centuries ago—though without it, it must be said, too many of the privations. E.C.

A glimpse of the Duke in 1842

In 1842 my maternal grandfather left his native Scotland and visited London for the first time before embarking on a voyage to the Far East. In London he saw all the sights and the following short extract from his journal may be of some interest:

"We went to the House of Commons and, as it was a 'Bear Garden' night—a jolly row—we heard Sir Robert floor a few of the noisy talking gentry. We also heard Sir James Graham, Lord Russell, Col. Sibthorpe, Sir Geo. Grey and, in fact, all the leading men.

"Next day we went to the House of Lords which, in comparison to the Commons, is like leaving a tavern and going into a drawing room, the one all

roaring and hissing and the other quiet gentlemanly conversation.

"In the House of Lords we heard Lord Brougham and then the Duke. His Grace looks healthy and well and, afterwards, mounted his horse firmly. We took off our hats—as did a number there—but His Grace did not prove 'gracious', taking not the slightest shadow of notice of us poor individuals. His Grace appears to have too much of that sort of thing. I liked him all the better for his paying not the slightest attention to us—not, in fact, caring twopence for popularity. He has had the worth of that proved to him often already".

R.G.T.

BALLADE

To celebrate the restitution of our badge

The news, alas, is not so good today:
Gibraltar may be handed back to Spain,
Another deep depression's on its way,
And soccer fans have wrecked another train;
MPs have gone on strike for extra pay,
Lord Muttonhead has softening of the brain;
But though the prospect's looking somewhat grey,
Cheer up! The Dukes can wear their badge again.

My wife's eloped with somebody called Smee,
Hippies are camping out on Laffan's Plain,
In Fleet Street crowds have mobbed the PMG,
A High Court Judge was certified insane.
Great-aunt Jemima's asked herself to tea,
My stocks and shares have all gone down the drain,

But still I laugh and rub my hands with glee,
For now the Dukes can wear their badge again.

If I were still a slender twenty-two
And youthful blood ran coursing through my vein
I'd dance the hours away the whole night through
Till, with the dawn, the stars began to wane.
But, with my figure, were I so to do
I'm doubtful if my legs would stand the strain.
So here's a toast: Good luck to those of you
Lucky enough to wear your badge again!

Envoi

So fill the festive glass and raise it high,
Let all your voices swell the glad refrain:
"Long live our Lion! Long may his pennant fly!"
For now the Dukes can wear their badge again.
O.P.



Photo D. Y. Davidson Ltd, Halifax

One of a pair of silver candle holders presented by the York and Lancaster Regiment on their disbandment.

Obituary

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

Mr. F. Dearnley

Fred Dearnley died suddenly in the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on August 31, 1969, aged 54. He leaves a widow and three sons.

He served with the 2/7th DWR and went to France with them in April 1940, being evacuated again through St. Valery. He later served with the Royal Corps of Signals.

Fred was a staunch member of the Huddersfield Branch of the Regimental Association. He was also a leading figure in the Boy Scout movement and rose through the ranks to his recent appointment as Group Scoutmaster.

Members of the Huddersfield and Halifax branches of the Regimental Association attended the funeral service at Slaithwaite Parish Church.

Major H. Dixon, OBE

As briefly reported in our last issue, Major Hugh Dixon died suddenly on July 23, 1969, at the age of 77.

Colonel F. S. Longden-Smith writes:

Hugh Dixon joined the 6th DWR in 1909 and went out to France in April 1915 as second in command of "A" Company. After long service in France he was made second-in-command of the 9th Battalion, The Essex Regiment in 1918.

Although he did not rejoin the TA after the war he maintained very close relations with the 6th Duke's and was recalled in 1939 as second-in-command for a short period and then commanded a battalion of the Home Guard till the end of the war as a lieutenant colonel. It was typical of him that he afterwards insisted on being known as Major Dickson, his World War I rank.

During his life he gave much public service. A stalwart of the British Legion, he did much good work on the welfare side. He was appointed a magistrate in 1936, retiring in 1956 owing to illness—from which he fortunately recovered. He served for 21 years as a member of the committee of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club and was then elected a vice-president.

Brigadier C. H. Lowther writes:

I write as a non-Yorkshire man but an ex-Duke about a much-loved company commander of the First War.

Since I first joined "A" Company of 1/6th DWR, at Humbercamps in Belgium in January 1917, as a second-lieutenant aged 19, Hugh Dixon (Dickie) has been my best friend. He was loved and respected by his young officers and all his NCOs and men, mostly from the Craven Valley in Yorkshire.

In World War II he rallied many of the same

stout fellows in the Home Guard. His contemporaries in many West Riding villages can tell of his always cheerful example and influence in those bygone days—also of his work for the Conservative party in Keighley for many years.

I only know that he was a wonderful leader and an inspiration to a very young officer who never had the chance of Woolwich or Sandhurst training but was in the trenches as a teenager and had the luck to survive and retire as a brigadier. Though he never mentioned it, he was very proud of his son, Norman, a regular Sapper officer, Staff College, and now a lieutenant-colonel at HQ SHAPE.

I have ventured to take this chance of saying good-bye from an ex-Regular "Duke" to a wonderful ex-TA "Duke".

Major-General J. W. N. Haugh

Many ex-members of the 7th Battalion will be sad to read of the death on October 31, at Scio House, Putney, of General Haugh (late the Cameronians) who took over command of the 7th from Col. Howcroft in February 1940, until, in turn, handing over to Col. Bishop in 1941.

They will remember a stocky figure, always accompanied by Dmr. Wood, visiting his companies and keeping them on their toes—no mean feat in the context of Iceland 1941.

He was always very proud of the 7th and continued to subscribe to THE IRON DUKE up to his death.

Major H. R. Kavanagh, MBE

"K" died on October 9, aged 79 years.

Henry Richard Kavanagh was born on August 11, 1890. He was commissioned from the Royal Guernsey Militia into the Royal Irish Fusiliers in 1910 and served with them in France and Belgium from December 1914. He was promoted to captain in December 1915. From November 1917 to March 1918 he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps as an adjutant and continued to be employed under the Air Ministry until 1919.

He was posted as adjutant to the Hallamshires in 1919 and joined the 1st Battalion of The Duke's in 1924 as a captain. On promotion to major in 1929 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion and joined them in Ahmednagar. He remained in India, where he and his wife, Sylvia, made many friends, until his retirement from the Army in 1936. He then rejoined the RAF and served with them until finally retiring from the Services in 1950 after 41 years' service.

He was created MBE in 1919 for services in World War I.

He is survived by his widow and his son, Major Barry Kavanagh.

Mr. E. C. A. Moseley, MSM

On October 11, at 6 Alderson Crescent, Crossgates, Scarborough, aged 77 years, following a long illness.

Mr. Moseley enlisted at Halifax on April 13, 1910. After recruit training he joined the 2nd Battalion with whom he went to France in 1914 and served as a sergeant at Mons. He remained with the Battalion throughout the war and came home with the Cadre in 1919. Promoted WO2 in 1918 he later became RQMS at the Depot. In 1930 he was promoted WO1 and appointed RSM at the Depot until discharged to pension 1934.

During the 1939/45 war he enlisted again and served as a CQMS at the ITC Halifax until discharged in 1942 when he took up employment with the local DCRE as a civilian clerk.

From 1938 until October 1945, Mr. Moseley, it will be recalled, was Secretary of the OCA (1st and 2nd Battalions), a job he did exceedingly well.

He leaves a widow and two sons, Bruce and Gerald. Mr. Moseley was known by his contemporaries as a warrant officer of exceptional abilities with a real sense of duty, and loyal to the core. A good disciplinarian and respected by all for his sterling qualities.

Mr. Code represented the Regiment at the cremation.

Mr. T. Woodcock, BEM

Tommy Woodcock, late of 5th DWR, died suddenly on September 18 at Huddersfield.

Tommy enlisted in 5 DWR in 1923, and served throughout all the changes in role and title of the unit until 1962. He remained in the employment of the TA as a civilian storeman until 1968.

He was awarded the BEM in 1954 for his services to the TA. He also gained the TA Efficiency Medal, with four bars.

He leaves a widow.

Correspondence

From Major A. C. S. Savory

The Making of the New Honorary Colours

Dear Sir,

At the request of the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion I maintained a watching brief over the making of the new Honorary Colours and for this purpose paid several visits to Hobsons, the firm in Soho who were commissioned to carry out the task.

On one of my first visits I was shown how Colours are embroidered, which, briefly, is by stretching the silk over a wooden frame with rollers at each end: the embroiderer only having in front of her the actual piece of silk she is currently working on. As the work is completed she winds it forward to display a new area to be worked on.

Obviously, for the Honorary Colours, a frame was required that was considerably larger than the frames normally in use, and Hobsons told me how delighted they were when they found a frame of the right size in their store. What really intrigued them (and me), though, was the fact that a label attached to the frame clearly indicated that it had last been used in 1903 when they made the Honorary Colours which were presented to the 2nd Battalion in 1906.

It would also seem that the Honorary Colours made in 1903 were probably one of the first stands made by Hobsons as, about that time, they acquired the business of the old-established firm of colour makers called D'Almaine. In the process they also acquired a book containing hand painted representations of the Colours of many regiments, including one of the Honorary Regimental Colour of the 76th Regiment. Hobsons still have that book and I spent some time trying to work out when the painting had been made. The paintings do not appear to be in a strict chronological order and only a few are dated. The earliest date shown is 1836 and the painting of the 76th Regiment Colour appears to have been done about that date.

However, this is after 1830 when the second Honorary Stand was made and well before 1888 when the third stand was made.

The painting shows an elephant without mahout and there is no sign of the distinction "Hindoostan". These omissions and the probable date of the painting make it difficult to guess why the painting was made. However, I thought the above details might be of interest in the year in which new Honorary Colours were made and worthy of being placed on record.

Yours sincerely,
TONY SAVORY.

BOOK REVIEW

The Duke of Wellington: A Pictorial Survey of his Life (1769-1852) by Victor Percival (HMSO 27s 6d.)

This admirable book is by the Director of the Wellington Museum at Apsley House who is well qualified to produce such a work. Apart from the ample resources of his own museum he has been given access to the present Duke's private collection.

As the Duke points out in his foreword, the problem facing the compiler is one of selection rather than research. Mr. Percival has selected well. In addition to a number of the best-known portraits, such as the Hoppner of the Great Duke as Lt.-Col. of the 33rd Regiment, there are a well-chosen number of lesser-known sketches and of caricatures. The frontispiece is a really splendid reproduction of the Lawrence, painted in 1814, which is also reproduced (by kind permission of the Director) on the cover of this journal.

There is one "howler" in which a print of the Battle of Vittoria in 1813 is stated to show the capture of an Eagle by the 87th Regiment. This achievement occurred during the Battle of Barossa in 1811.

B.W.W.C.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

General Notes

On the Saturday following that of the annual reunion dinner (see report below) members of the Huddersfield Branch spent a very enjoyable day at The Army Apprentices College, Harrogate. On this "Open Day", which included a tour around the quarters, class-rooms, gymnasias, hobbies centre, laboratories, swimming baths, etc., the party watched an action-packed display including jet aerobatics and free-fall parachuting. The day ended with the "Beating of Retreat" and the Evening Hymn. Thanks to Sgt. Malcolm Smart, Royal Signals, of the Army Careers Office, Huddersfield, for arranging this outing.

On October 18, Halifax Branch visited Mossley Branch at their Social held at the Greenfield Paper Mill Social Club. Guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Mossley and, as usual, it was a memorable evening. Bingo, meat and potato pie were only curtain-raisers to another lively sing-song with songs old and new, "army" and otherwise and, if the fog was a little dense over Standedge, apart from drivers nobody cared a damn. Thanks to Major Mowat and all organisers.

Thanks

The "Not Forgotten" Association have provided a TV set for one of our First War disabled soldiers.

THE AGM AND DINNER

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner were held at St. Paul's Street Drill Hall, Huddersfield, on Saturday, September 20, 1969.

The Acting Colonel of the Regiment, Col. J. Davidson, took the chair at the annual general meeting in the absence, on duty with NATO, of the Colonel of the Regiment. About 40 members were present. The report of the General Secretary and the Minutes of the Meeting are published on a later page.

The Reunion was very well attended and over 200 members and their ladies sat down to dinner. Col. J. Davidson presided. By kind permission of Major B. N. Webster, the Band of the West Riding Battalion Association, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, under the direction of Bandmaster D. Vallance, played during dinner.

Lt.-Col. W. Skelsey proposed the "Loyal" toast and Sgt. D. Hughes the toast to "The Regiment". Sgt. Hughes, who has recently returned from the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong for a tour of duty with the recruiting staff at Halifax, spoke of life with the Battalion in Hong Kong, their role and the many and varied duties assigned to them. Riot drill in co-operation with the Hong Kong Police, Border Duty on the Chinese border and innumerable other duties to ensure no incidents occur. Making quite a good name for themselves are the sections and platoons engaged on con-

struction of public works in the small villages of the remote islands surrounding Hong Kong.

He spoke with feeling about the parade when New Honorary Colours were presented to the Battalion, of the relief and joy when news came through that The Duke's had not been affected by the recent amalgamations and disbandment programme.

Our reputation in sport, particularly rugby, was again being enhanced out in Hong Kong, our latest trophy being the Far East Land Forces Cup. Eleven "Dukes" also went to Japan and played for the Colony in the first-ever Asian Rugby Tournament in which Hong Kong were runners-up to Japan.

Sgt. Hughes said how proud he was to have had the honour of proposing the toast to "The Regiment" and the pleasure it had given him to be at this reunion dinner and to meet so many of his army friends. He said it was very important that serving members had the opportunity to meet ex-serving members of all battalions and that the friendships formed would ensure that the link between them would ensure the survival of The Duke's for all time.

Concluding, Sgt. Hughes reminded all present that they could help Regimental recruiting for The Duke's simply by telling any young men contemplating joining the Army about The Duke's and what a fine Regiment it is.

Col. J. Davidson replied to the toast to "The Regiment". He began by saying that he had received a letter from The Colonel of The Regiment, who was on duty with the Allied Fleets in the Baltic, apologising for his absence and instructing that his greetings and best wishes should be conveyed to all present.

Col. Davidson said that we had exchanged greetings with The Green Howards Association who were also dining tonight and that he had received greetings to all present from 1st Battalion.

Col. Davidson then referred to the death of The Earl of Scarbrough, Patron of The Regimental Association, earlier this year. He said that at the annual general meeting held earlier this evening a resolution had been passed recording Lord Scarbrough's service both to the Regiment and to the Association, and that a letter of condolence on behalf of the Association was to be sent to Lady Scarbrough.

Col. Davidson then complimented Sgt. Hughes on his excellent address and said he was sure everyone present was delighted to hear news of 1st Battalion from a young sergeant who had returned so recently from the Battalion. He then spoke of the 1st Battalion activities in Hong Kong and particularly of the visit, earlier in the year, of the Colonel, which was so well reported in The IRON DUKE.

Col. Davidson then turned to THE IRON DUKE which, he said, was one of the most outstanding of all regimental journals and of which we were so justly proud. He said THE IRON DUKE was not bankrupt but, with rising costs and loss of income through loss of advertisements, it needed more support. He spoke of the current issue which was available in the hall and appealed to all present who were not already subscribers to start tonight.

Col. Davidson closed by thanking the Volunteers and the TA Cadre for the use of this great drill hall, and all those concerned with making the annual dinner such a success.

After the dinner the usual group, drink and dance activities took place, well into the early hours. Quite a few sleeping bags, borrowed from The West Riding Battalion DWR Cadre, were put to use and so ended yet another "Dukes" Annual Reunion.

6th BATTALION O.C.A.

A happy evening was enjoyed by a numerous gathering of members of the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades' Association, at their annual meeting and dinner, held at the Unicorn Hotel, Skipton, on Saturday.

The general meeting again appointed Col. F. Longden Smith as their president. Major J. D. Horsfall was appointed vice-president, Mr. W.

Minnikin became chairman, and Major T. P. Brighthouse was confirmed as hon. secretary and treasurer.

During discussion it was decided to invite younger members of the 6th Battalion to come along and join the association.

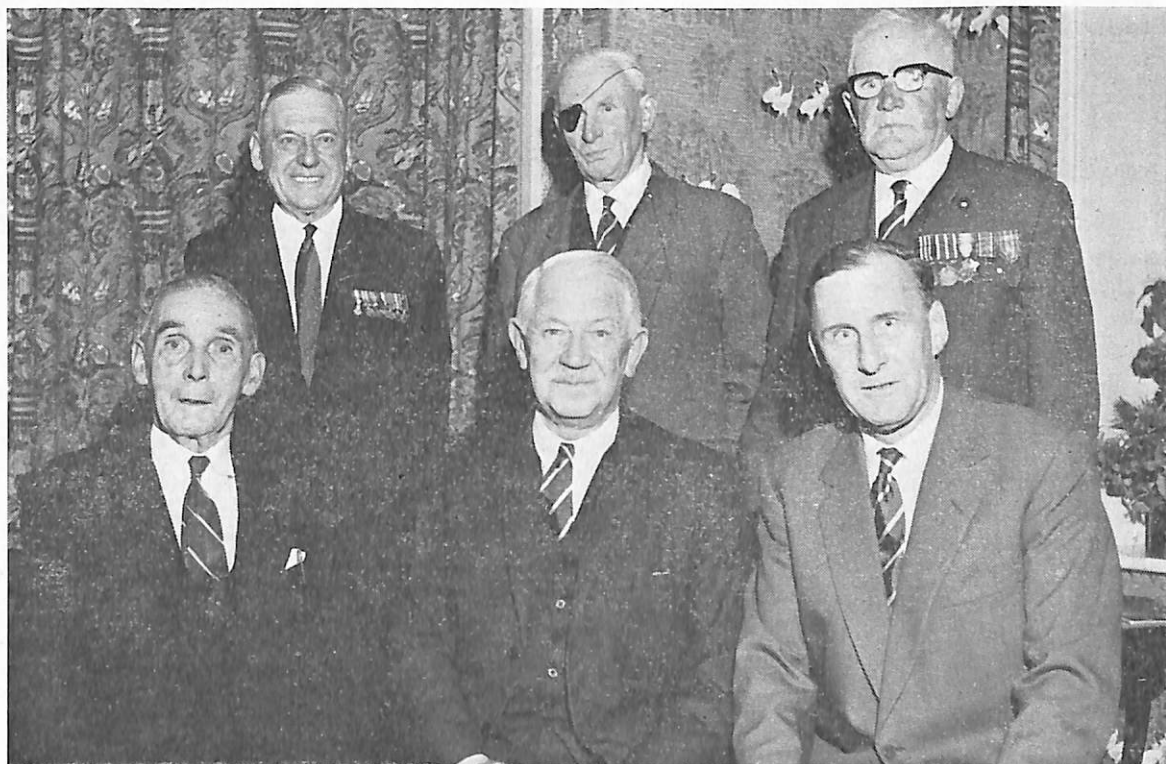
The large dining hall had been tastefully decorated by Mrs. Slingsby and her staff. A large Union Jack hung behind the president's table, and the tables, laid for 41 guests, were well filled.

The main course was, naturally, the roast beef of Old England, plentifully backed by Yorkshire pudding and various vegetables dishes, preceded by soup and followed by a sweet, biscuits and cheese and coffee.

When all the diners felt and looked satisfied, the president called on the company to honour the Loyal Toast, followed by a silent tribute to "Absent Friends".

Col. Smith then spoke about the tragic death of Major Hugh Dixon, who had been chairman for many years. Major Dixon had been a faithful member of the 6th Battalion Old Comrades' Association from its formation and had always taken a great interest in its members, visiting the sick in hospital whenever possible, and attending the "final offices" of any members of the association that came to his notice.

Col. Smith said he would like to see many



6th BATTALION REUNION

Back row (left to right) CSM W. L. Routledge, T.M., Major T. P. Brighthouse, T.D., RSM W. E. Gibson, M.M., M.S.M. Front row CSM W. Minnikin, T.M. and Bar, Colonel F. Longden-Smith, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., Major J. M. Horsfall, M.C., T.D.

younger men coming along to the Old Comrades' Association; the old original members were becoming fewer as the years passed by, and now that the 6th Battalion, along with the rest of the TA, had been abolished by our present Government, the memory of the battalion would only be kept alive by the OCA.

Major Horsfall, in a short, witty speech, thanked the assembly for appointing him vice-president and stated that he would faithfully support his president in upholding the traditions of the 6th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment through its Old Comrades' Association.

After the dinner and speeches the old comrades enjoyed the rest of the evening, talking of old times and experiences, helped by the excellent and various beverages supplied by the landlord, Mr. W. Slingsby, who is also an "old comrade". And so, as the evening wore on, the gathering gradually faded away, looking forward to next year's reunion.

8 DWR/145 RAC—DRIUK 25 from Col. F. R. Armitage

At the end of June 1940 I started to raise the 8th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in Yorkshire. This was one of about 100 infantry battalions raised after the Dunkirk evacuation.

The 8th Battalion continued until November 1941 when it was one of the first three of these battalions selected to be converted into armour and we became 145 Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps—an army tank battalion. Its evolution from The Duke's was perpetuated by a scarlet patch worn behind the RAC badge.

After distinguished service in North Africa and Italy, 145 RAC had to be broken up to provide reinforcements for other units and, in January 1945, it ceased to exist.

The total life of this war-time unit was only four-and-a-half years but its memory was not to die so easily. Later in 1945 officers of the regiment then in England met in London for dinner. They discussed making this an annual event and this was fully aired in a newsletter which was circulated to all officers. There was unanimous agreement that DRIUK (Dukes Reunion in United Kingdom) should be held in London each year.

DRIUK 2 was held in November 1946 and Lt-Col. Jackson, our third commanding officer, who had just arrived home, presided, and has continued to do so since then. Col. Pickering, then Colonel of the Regiment, was the guest on this occasion. Thus was DRIUK born.

As I was in the Far East over this period I was unable to attend a dinner until 1949. I don't think I have missed one since. This year, on October 25, DRIUK 25 was celebrated with a splendid gathering at the St. Ermin's Hotel, London.

I feel that this is a tremendous tribute to the spirit of those days and the manner in which it has been carried forward into civil life. Considering that the unit existed for such a short period of our Army's history it is surely an achievement which cannot have been exceeded and will rarely have been approached, that its officers should gather

together each year for a quarter of a century after its disbandment.

Obviously, no new entry has been possible and death and departure to places far afield are bound to reduce our potential over the years. But our highly successful 25th reunion is an indication that the spirit of the Regiment is unabated and will not be lightly discarded. Nevertheless, we hope that many of those who send in apologies for non-attendance at the reunion each year will endeavour to turn up and keep it alive for years to come. They can be assured of a most excellent evening.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, the chair was taken by Col. J. Davidson, Acting Colonel.

The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that he had received a letter from the Colonel regretting that he could not be present as he was with the Allied Fleets in the Baltic, and requesting that his best wishes be conveyed to all present.

The Chairman then referred to the death of the Earl of Scarbrough, Patron of the Association. He proposed that:

- a. This meeting should pass a resolution recording the great interest in, and the many services rendered to, both the Regiment and the Association by Lord Scarbrough.
- b. A letter of condolence on behalf of the Association should be sent to Lady Scarbrough.

Mr. J. Horne seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

The business of the meeting was as follows:

1. Minutes.

Lt.-Col. Skelsey, General Secretary, read the minutes of the last annual general meeting held at Halifax on October 5, 1968. The minutes were approved on the motion proposed by Mr. H. Rowlands and seconded by Mr. F. H. Stringer.

2. Points Arising The Regimental Tie

The Regimental Secretary told the meeting what had been done to reduce the number of varieties of the Regimental tie and that Terylene and silk ties were now available at RHQ.

3. Secretary's Report

The General Secretary read his annual report (see below).

4. Accounts

The audited accounts of the Regimental and Old Comrades' Associations for the year ended March 31, 1969, were circulated. There being no observations, the accounts were adopted unanimously on a proposal by Major-General K. G. Exham, seconded by Mr. W. G. Smith.

5. The Future of the London Branch Dinner

The Chairman explained that this item had been included on the agenda at the request of Mr. R. H. Temple, Secretary of the London and Home

Counties Branch. The Chairman asked Mr. Temple to speak.

Mr. Temple spoke of the increasing problems in running the annual London Branch Dinner. These were mainly financial, the provision of a suitable venue and, in addition, his own retirement from business in the future. He suggested that possibly the time had come to amalgamate the annual London Dinner with another Yorkshire Regiment.

Mr. H. Rowlands, Halifax Branch, after saying how much was owed to Mr. Temple for all the services he had rendered in organising the dinners, told the meeting that the Halifax Branch members did not wish to amalgamate with any other regiment and that they wished the dinner to continue to be held for as long as possible as The Duke of Wellington's Regiment London and Home Counties Branch Dinner.

General Exham said that it would be interesting to know the general view of the meeting. Various members then spoke, including Branch Secretaries, and it was obvious that it was the general wish that the London dinner should continue to run for as long as possible as the London and Home Counties Branch Dinner.

The Regimental Secretary said that he knew the Colonel of the Regiment would not favour an amalgamation with another regiment for the dinner.

General Exham proposed that the London Branch should make a full report to the Management Committee. This was seconded by Major Savory, President of the London and Home Counties Branch, and carried unanimously.

6. Other Business

Lt.-Col. E. M. P. Hardy, O.C. The Yorkshire Volunteers, issued a cordial welcome to all members of the Association to any of the sergeants' messes in his unit at Halifax and Middlesbrough.

The Chairman told the Meeting that Lt.-Col. W. Skelsey, the present General Secretary, was retiring at the end of September to take up an appointment at Scargill House in the Dales. He spoke of Col. Skelsey's 35 years' service to the Regiment as a regular officer and, latterly, as a retired officer at Regimental Headquarters. On behalf of all members of the Regiment he presented Col. Skelsey with a silver tankard and wished him the very best of luck and happiness in his new venture.

He said that Mr. Arthur Wood, Clerical Officer at Regimental Headquarters, would take over the duties of General Secretary.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 18.45 hours.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Old Comrades, I present my report for the period April 1, 1968, to March 31, 1969.

Case Work

During the period the Committee dealt with 125

cases. 118 were helped and seven, for various reasons, were turned down. The grants thus made totalled £1,395, which was divided between the funds as follows:

	£	
OCA Fund	60	(3 grants)
Regimental Association Fund	1,320	(114 grants)
Mitchell Trust Fund ..	15	(1 grant)

The average grant per person was approximately £12; the same figure as last year.

Other Expenditure

	£	s.	d.
Subscription to THE IRON DUKE ..	40	0	0
Chelsea Pensioners' Christmas Grant	7	10	0
Local charities	21	0	0

Our total expenditure for the year has been £2,959, an increase of £185 on last year.

Income

	£	
Interest on Investments	2,659	(an increase of £179)
The Day's Pay Scheme ..	641	
Covenants	394	
Donations and subscriptions ..	197	

Our total income from all sources has been £3,891, an increase of £317 on last year.

McGuire Bate Bequest

Three grants were made totalling £213.

Pensions List

I regret to inform you that Mrs. D. O'Shea of 47 St. John's Park, Tralee, Eire, died at the beginning of this year. The Finance Committee have approved the grant of a pension to Mr. G. W. Guy of 73 Skena Hill, Wandsworth, London SW17. The list, therefore, remains at nine. The pension rate is £1 a week and the amount paid out on this account during the period amounted to £455.

The Day's Pay Scheme

The number of serving soldiers who subscribe has risen from 341 members to 495, resulting in an income of £641.

The Army Benevolent Fund

Three resettlement loans, totalling £1,200, have been made to serving soldiers taking their discharge from the Army to help them to make a start in civilian life. The Army Benevolent Fund have been most helpful and prompt in their handling of these cases.

Sweepstake

The Regimental Sweepstake made a profit of £160 this year as against £150 last year.

Acknowledgments

I will conclude, as my predecessor Mr. Code always used to do, by thanking the representatives of the organisations without whose help our



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charitable work could not function effectively: SSAFA, The British Legion, The Forces Help Society and Mr. Quimby of The War Pensioners' Welfare Service, Leeds.

I would also like to thank Messrs. Whitham,

Smith, Mitchell and Co., our Honorary Auditors, Major J. E. Driver, our Honorary Solicitor, and Major H. Coop, our Honorary Stockbroker, for their help and advice regarding our legal and financial affairs.

Location List of Serving Officers

(as at December 1, 1969)

General

SIR ROBERT N. H. C. BRAY, GBE, KCB, DSO, *Deputy Supreme Commander, SHAPE.*

Colonel

D. E. ISLES, OBE, *Col. GS (W) AEP5, MOD.*

Lieutenant-Colonels

H. S. LE MESSURIER, *AQMG Northumbrian District.*

R. W. NICHOLSON, *RAR & Development Centre, Sevenoaks.*

E. M. P. HARDY, *OC Yorkshire Volunteers.*

D. W. SHUTTLEWORTH, *OC 1 DWR.*

C. R. HUXTABLE, MBE, *GSO1, SC, Camberley.*

Majors

C. F. GRIEVE, *Inf. & GSC Records, York.*

D. S. D. JONES-STAMP, *PPCM, H.Q. NEARELF, Cyprus.*

R. H. INCE, *SO2, School of Inf. (SWW), Nether-avon.*

J. S. MILLIGAN, *Housing Comd., York.*

G. C. TEDD, *DAAG (M) HQ King's Division.*

W. F. C. ROBERTSON, *PSO York.*

J. D. P. COWELL, *GSO2 (Cadets), HQ Yorkshire District.*

R. M. HARMS, MC, *GSO2, BMM to Saudi Arabia.*

P. B. L. HOPPE, *1 DWR.*

J. N. H. NAUGHTON, *GSO2 (W), School of Inf. Warminster.*

J. M. NEWTON, *2IC 1 DWR (DAAG, Yorkshire District, wef Jan 70).*

P. A. MITCHELL, *1 DWR.*

C. D. D'E. MILLER, *Royal Brunei Malay Regiment.*

J. E. PELL, *1 DWR.*

T. D. LUPTON, *1 DWR.*

S. J. NASH, *1 DWR.*

M. J. CAMPBELL-LAMERTON, *1 DWR.*

J. R. P. CUMBERLEGE, *1 DWR.*

A. DENNISON, *Armed Forces of Malawi.*

A. E. BUCKINGHAM, *GSO3 (ASD 2) MOD.*

J. B. K. GREENWAY, *GSO3 (Trg/Air), HQ BAOR.*

R. L. STEVENS, *SC, Camberley (GSO2 (Liaison), Commonwealth Liaison Mission, UN Command Korea, wef Jan 70).*

Captains

M. R. N. BRAY, *Australian Staff College.*

D. MARSAY, *1 DWR.*

C. W. IVEY, *SC, Camberley (DAQMG (Maint), H.Q. Wales, wef Jan 70).*

D. M. PUGH, *GSO3 (Int), HQ24 Inf. Bde., Plymouth.*

W. F. CHARLESWORTH, *22 SAS.*

W. R. MUNDELL, *SC, Camberley (Jan 70).*

M. G. L. M. STACPOOLE, *1 PWO.*

P. J. PUTTOCK, *1 DWR.*

I. P. REID, *1 DWR.*

C. R. CUMBERLEGE, *Instructor PCD, School of Inf.*

J. D. MOIR, *Att. RAOC pending transfer.*

P. D. D. J. ANDREWS, *SC (Q Maint), HQ Eastern Dist.*

P. A. PETTIGREW, *1 DWR.*

C. N. ST. P. BUNBURY, *Adj., 1 DWR.*

H. DE C. CARTWRIGHT, *1 DWR.*

E. J. W. WALKER, *1 DWR.*

J. F. B. POWER, *1 DWR.*

D. R. D. NEWELL, *Adj., King's Division Depot (Yorkshire).*

A. R. WESTCOB, *King's Division Depot (Yorkshire).*

Lieutenants

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A. R. REDWOOD-DAVIES, *1 DWR.*

T. J. NICHOLSON, *1 DWR.*

G. I. MCGLYNN, *1 DWR.*

D. W. WONSON, *1 DWR.*

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A. D. PALMER, *Att. King's Division Depot (Yorkshire).*

P. T. HIRST, *10 AYT.*

M. P. C. BRAY, *1 GH.*

P. D. GARDNER, *1 DWR.*

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J. M. THORN, *1 DWR.*

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J. R. A. WARD, *1 DWR.*

J. N. SHARP, *1 DWR.*

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N. J. NEWELL, *1 DWR.*

QM

J. M. HALL, MBE (CAPT.), *SSO, Dusseldorf.*

W. ROBINS (CAPT.), *1 DWR.*

F. NICHOLS (CAPT.), *1 Div. HQ & Sig. Regt. BAOR.*

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A. T. J. STONE (2/LT.), *1 DWR.*

T. J. ISLES (2/LT.), *1 DWR.*

W. BURKE (CAPT. Q.M.), *1 DWR.*

SRC

R. A. TIGHE (LIEUT.), *1 DWR.*