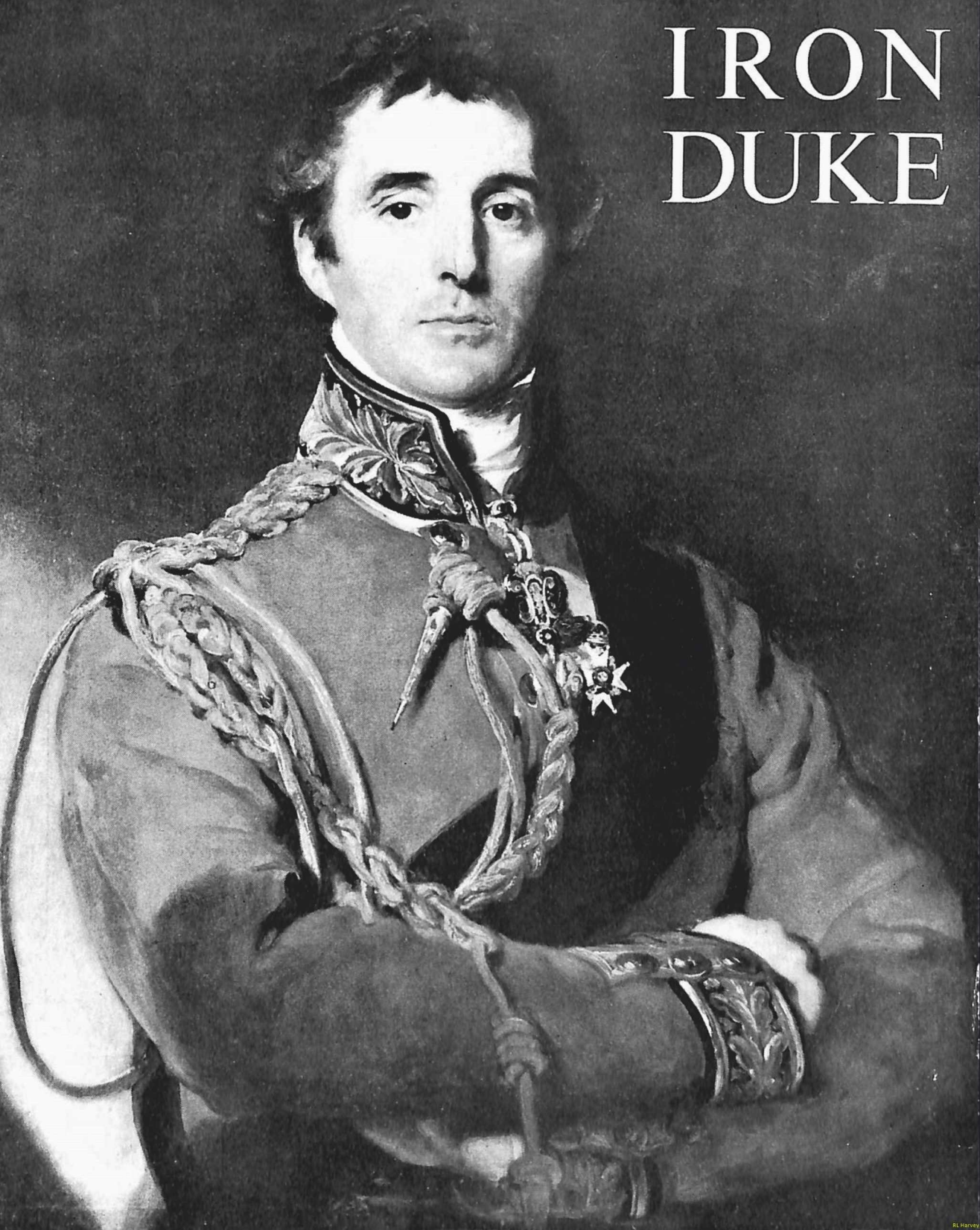


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By God! I don't think it would have done if I had not been there.

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1st BATTALION

Sub-editorial

On April 1, 1970, the new military salary came into effect. This new salary system for the forces is the result of one of the most far-reaching reviews of the serviceman's pay ever carried out and it has had a considerable impact on the battalion. Some of the major changes are certainly worthy of comment.

The new salary recognises that a soldier should be paid for the work he does, regardless of his family circumstances. Consequently, all soldiers, married or single, of equal skill and ability are paid the same. Similarly, the single soldier living in barracks is now required to pay for his housing and food in the same way that the married soldier has paid for his housing in the past. This has, of course, produced certain administrative difficulties in that not all barracks are of similar standard and thus they are classified into various categories for which the occupant has to pay varying amounts of rent. Under field conditions no one is expected to pay for his trench or his "compo".

Skill recognised

More important than all this, the skill required of the modern soldier is given some recognition in that he is now paid a sum comparable to his civilian counterpart, plus an increment to make-up for the ever-present problems of service life. The knowledge, leadership and responsibility required of the modern infantry section commander is acknowledged in that he is now grouped for pay with those who were previously on a higher rate of pay as Group A tradesmen.

Of course there are anomalies, but these will be ironed out in the next year or so; of course it is regrettable that the single soldier should have had his increase spread over two years; of course the factor added to the pay is very small in relation to the differences between service and civilian life. (One can make a case for this being a minus factor rather than a plus!) However, leaving aside the extra money, which everyone was pleased to get, the new salary is a most important step forward for the infantry and one which, by recognising the high standards required of the modern infantry soldier, can only help to raise the status of the infantry.

The daily round

Within the battalion the daily round has continued. Border tours, The Honour Guard in Korea, Force Guard, community relations projects and the continued emphasis on individual training have all helped to fill our days. Two important ceremonial occasions have been the St. George's Day parade and the Queen's Birthday parade. On St. George's Day a simple parade was held on the battalion square at which Mrs. Shuttleworth presented the roses, and the prizes

to the winners of the battalion rifle meeting. The Queen's Birthday parade was held at Queen's Pier in Victoria; the battalion was represented by a colour party, in which 2/Lt. Sherlock carried the Queen's Colour and 2/Lt. Isles the Regimental Colour, Somme Company and the Regimental Band. The detachment provided two of the four guards and the parade commander was Major P. A. Mitchell.

On April 8, we were pleased to welcome Major-General D. G. T. Horsford, CBE, DSO, Deputy Commander Land Forces, on his first visit to the battalion. Some readers may remember General Horsford from 1953 when he was battle adjutant of 1 King's in Korea. Another distinguished visitor to the battalion has been Brigadier H. M. G. Bond, our Brigade Commander for the last part of our stay in Osnabruck and now in Hong Kong as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Land Forces, whom we have been delighted to see again.

Catterick

Since the last edition of THE IRON DUKE, one very important item of news has been that on our return to the United Kingdom in November the battalion is to move to Somme Lines, Catterick. We are no strangers to Catterick and the news has been well received in the battalion — we shall look forward to renewing many regimental associations in Yorkshire. The nine-month unaccompanied tour to Gibraltar, mentioned in the last edition of THE IRON DUKE, has been cancelled for us. However, it would be a bold man who assumed that we would be left in Catterick without a trip somewhere in 1971! It may seem strange to some readers that these two important items of news should not have been mentioned earlier in this sub-editorial. However, all of us in the battalion can well take a moment or so to remind ourselves that, although our thoughts may be turning to Catterick, it is no time yet to be saying farewell to Hong Kong. There is a lot to be done here in the next six months, apart from writing another edition of IRON DUKE notes!

Elsewhere in this edition of THE IRON DUKE will be found full reports of the successes of the rugby and soccer teams. They are both to be congratulated on very successful seasons, the rugby team on winning the Far East Land Forces Cup and the Hong Kong 7-a-side competition, the soccer team on winning promotion to the 1st Division of the Hong Kong Football Association and on winning the Hong Kong Major Units Cup and League.

Finally, of course, we cannot allow the departure of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Dennis Shuttleworth from the battalion to pass without comment. They have done so much in the last two and a half years for the battalion. We shall all miss them and wish them well in Germany and in the future.

Sport

RUGBY

The last rugby notes ended with a short description of "Dukes" players' efforts in the 2nd Asian Games in Bangkok, and the hope that the "Dukes" side would give a good account of itself in the remaining games of the season.

On the face of it a very good account was given, although we lost our unbeaten record to the Co-optimists in an excellent match, by 20-17. However we finished up as Hong Kong League champions, winners of the Blarney Stone Sevens and, most important of all, FARELF Champions. This in spite of a growing catalogue of injuries which dogged us as the games progressed.

Taking first the FARELF championship, we very nearly came unstuck in the 1st round against a well drilled, hard, spoiling, 48 Brigade side, who were determined to knock the "Dukes" out of their stride. They held a 5-3 advantage at half-time, our three points coming from a Pettigrew penalty goal. The "Dukes" regained the lead just after half-time with a dropped goal by Reid. We were then subjected to heavy pressure which resulted in 48 Brigade regaining the lead by another penalty goal. The "Dukes" began to fall apart somewhat with time running out, but a last desperate thrust by Cpl. Basu brought us on to the 48 Bde line. From a well struck heel by Lt. Redwood-Davies Capt. Reid dropped another goal just before the final whistle blew to give us a somewhat undeserved victory 9-8.

The final (Hong Kong) was against 1 RWF and was played at Stanley in a very strong cross wind and drizzle, conditions which possibly were more to the liking of 1 RWF. However the "Dukes" were on top from the start and, except for a slack period in the second half, never looked in any trouble. Two tries by Waqabaca, one by Reid, two drop goals by Reid, and a penalty and two conversions by Pettigrew were answered by an interception try by 1 RWF. This game in its performance gave us confidence for the final against our friends, 1 RNZIR, whom we had beaten in the corresponding match last year.

The final was played in ideal conditions except that the annoying cross-wind was still in evidence. The first half belonged justifiably to 1 RNZIR who hustled and hustled the "Dukes" pack right out of their stride and scored a remarkable try following a hanging penalty kick which was caught on the full by their centre who crashed over under the posts to give 1 RNZIR a five-three lead at half-time. With the advantage of the cross-wind more to our liking, Reid directed the heavier "Dukes" pack into the New Zealand twenty five where for long periods the game was placed. Pettigrew, who had fielded everything beautifully in the first half, went from strength to strength. A well struck penalty in the first

half was followed early in the second half by another which put the "Dukes" ahead by 6-5. With few minutes to go strong "Dukes" pressure was rewarded by a try. Redwood-Davies produced a heel against the head and Reid floated a kick ahead to the left of the posts where the agile Waqabaca with one hand took the ball out of the full-back's grasp, and was under the posts in a flash.

Pettigrew easily converted and minutes later kicked a beautiful penalty from the left touch-line to give the "Dukes" a 14-5 win. Pettigrew scored 11 points in this game and had an outstanding match. The "Dukes" wore down the opposition in the second half and were unrecognisable from their first half display. A word about the 1 RNZIR. They were one of the most pleasant teams, socially, that we have encountered, and won many friends both on and off the field. The XV we faced this year was, to a man, completely different from the previous season owing to commitments in Vietnam, and to win through to the final again is a tribute to the dedication of New Zealand Rugby. General Sir Peter Hunt, GOC FARELF, who was up in Hong Kong on a visit, kindly presented the trophy.

A bruised "Dukes" seven produced themselves at Happy Valley on the following Monday to participate in the Blarney Stone Seven-a-sides, with three other "Dukes" sevens who performed creditably with no practice and, in two cases, against strong opposition. The first "seven" beat Police "B" 13-5 in the first game, and the RAMC 13-0 in the second round. The finals were played on the following Saturday and comfortable wins in the quarter-finals and semi-final, against Police "C", 25-0, and Little Sai Wan, 16-0, saw us through to the final against Police "A". Newell who was declared unfit after the first two rounds was replaced by Barnes.

The final was a rugged affair which was highlighted by superb "Dukes" tackling, which snuffed out Police moves at source, and a more knowledgeable display with the ball. Two good breaks saw us 8-0 up and the Police, although always trying, became far too individualistic to penetrate a resolute defence. Thus, to the surprise of some, the "Dukes" carried off the trophy with only four members of the side who won the Bill Riach "Sevens" when we first arrived in Hong Kong, but only two changes from the side which won the Army Sevens before Christmas. The local press were generous in their praise saying that the "Dukes" just played better and better in each succeeding game.

The League championship, innovated this season, was decided at Stanley on March 30 between the "Dukes" and the Police. Two weary teams struggled to a 3-3 draw which typified just to

what extent the number of games in a season, hard grounds and injuries had done to probably the two best sides in the Colony. A try by the Police in the first half was answered by a neat drop goal by Pettigrew in the second half. By the final whistle injuries on both sides made the pitch resemble a battlefield, and players and spectators alike I believe were only too thankful that both the game and the season had at last drawn to a close.

Well that's it. A season which started disastrously in Japan, at least ended on a high note. Players had a very hard time, and the side responded nobly to disruption. The future bodes well as we have "blooded" new players. The likes of Sullivan, Barnes, Sherlock, the maturing of Dickens, Gardner, Hunter, Basu, and the re-emergence of McGlynn and Waqabaca from injuries were all a blessing after the losses of stars both at the end of the last season and during this one. Cuss was badly missed but should be fit for the next season, and some newcomers may arrive who will replace further departures.

Two "stars" who will be leaving, this time for good, are Capt. Peter Pettigrew, who has served the Battalion excellently for eight seasons, and Sgt. Caqilaba. Pettigrew has kicked innumerable goals and played extremely well either at centre or full-back. In his last few games for the Battalion he showed brilliant form, and virtually won the FARELF match by his kicking alone. He was also a fine "sevens" performer. Sgt. Caqilaba has played for us for only two seasons but became an outstanding forward in Hong Kong and represented the Colony in all the important matches. His tremendous drive, strength, and real skill made him a much feared player. Perhaps it was his willingness to keep going although suffering from a damaged knee for the last three years, and a sprained ankle, that has really shown the qualities of the man. We shall miss him and Capt. Pettigrew very much. A final thanks to Major Campbell-Lamerton whose coaching, particularly for the final of the FARELF championship, made a lot of difference.

Note by the Commanding Officer

Capt. Ian Reid has now left the battalion for a staff appointment. It is right, therefore, that his outstanding contribution to "Dukes" rugby should be covered by someone who has watched him closely over many years. Naturally a captain's modesty prevents him from referring to himself in the rugby notes he writes.

I have always been sad that Ian Reid did not get into the Scottish team for he has had an abundance of talent and, once in, I believe he would have stayed.

He has captained the battalion team for five years, and under his guidance the side has won the Army Cup three times and the FARELF Cup twice. This simple statement of fact is sufficient to show his mettle.

Seven-a-side rugby is one of Reid's specialities. He learned his skill with London Scottish and has trained successive unit sides to play in the

same intelligent, controlled manner.

Personally I have always enjoyed watching him play. He is a competent performer at all the facets of the game. However, to me the memory of Reid which will remain is of his easy, smooth, graceful acceleration on an outside break — only a few at the highest level have this ability.

SOCCER

The season just ended has been our most successful for many years. The standard both at company and battalion level has been very good and the results in local competitions have been very pleasing in that we won both the Major Units Cup and League and, by retaining second place in the HKFA 2nd Division, we assured the Army of promotion to the 1st Division next season. In addition to this, nine "Dukes" received their Colony Army Colours.

HKFA 2nd Division

We retained our position in second place to Happy Valley without too much difficulty although we did allow the RAF to hold us to a draw in our final game. Without a doubt we have had great enjoyment and value out of this competition and we are sorry not to be here long enough during next season to have a crack at the 1st Division.

Major Units League

Our main opponents in this league were 1 RWF and, as we managed to beat them 2-0 at Stanley after drawing 1-1 in the first leg at their home ground, the final position was never really in doubt. A good competition, though it's a pity that only five teams entered.

Major Units Knock-out Cup

Having beaten Royal Signal HK 3-1 in the first round we drew 1 RWF in the second. The game was at Boundry Street, Kowloon, and ended in a not-too-satisfactory 1-1 draw. However, we made no mistake in the replay at the Soo Kun Poo Ground, Hong Kong, when we beat them by a very convincing 5-0. In the final at the Hong Kong Stadium we played RMP Hong Kong whom we beat quite easily 3-0. At the end of the game the Commander British Forces, Lt.-General Sir Basil Eugster, presented the league and cup trophies and Army Colours.

Army Hong Kong Games

The Colony Army side played a number of games during the season and Duke's players formed the backbone of the team. Colours were awarded for five appearances or more and the following "Dukes" received the award: L/Cpl. Jagger, L/Cpl. Pennington, Cpl. McGivern, L/Cpl. Backhouse, Cpl. Heron, L/Cpl. Ingham, Bds. Sollitt, L/Cpl. Haigh and Pte. Marr.

Inter-Company League Competition

The inter-coy league competition was won by Admin Coy with Somme Coy in close pursuit. How close may be judged by the fact that the top position was still in doubt until the last game was

played. A good standard of soccer throughout and plenty of spirit made this competition a great success. Final league positions were as follows:

Company	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Admin	10	6	3	1	37	16	15
Somme	10	5	4	1	33	15	14
Command	10	5	2	3	21	19	12
Corunna	10	2	3	5	28	40	7
Alma	10	2	2	6	21	36	6
Burma	10	2	2	6	15	29	6

A word of thanks here to CSM Chilvers, our one and only Class I referee, who refereed almost all of the inter-coy games throughout the season. His firm hand and unflinching control of the game did us all a power of good and helped greatly to improve the standard of soccer.

Goal scorers

The leading goal scorers in battalion games during the season are as follows:

Name	HKFA		Units	Total
	League	League Cup		
Bdsm. Sollitt	22	10	5	37
Pte. Mathiot	12	10	2	24
L/Cpl. Pennington	12	7	2	21
Pte. Lang	6	2	0	8
Cpl. Heron	7	0	1	8
L/Cpl. Ingham	7	0	1	8
Pte. Marr	6	1	0	7
L/Cpl. Haigh	2	1	0	3

The "23" Trophy

This is a local trophy which is based on marks awarded after each game by the referee for: administration, punctuality, turnout and sportsmanship. Hence the name which implies 22 players plus one referee. The Dukes were runners up to St. George's School in this competition and a pennant was presented to L/Cpl. Pennington on behalf of the battalion by the Chairman of the Army (Hong Kong) Referees Association, Major D. McAllister, RCT, who, it may be interesting to note, many years ago served at the Depot Halifax as a sergeant RAEC.

HINDOOSTAN BOAT CLUB

During the early part of the year the sailing section of the club has been very active. The club team and individual members have sailed in all the spring regattas held in the Colony. And a number of team matches have been arranged. The successful results were

Club Match v. Little Sai Wan Yacht Club: Won.

Club Match v. Stonecutters Yacht Club: Won

Club Match v. HMAS Melbourne: Won (by one point).

The Hong Kong "Festival of Sport" Regatta was sailed over two weekends and club members gained the following results in the Enterprise Class:

L/Cpl. P. McArthur 1st place

Mr. N. Turnbull 2nd place.

Pte. J. Knight 3rd place.

Taipo Inter-Club Team Regatta. The club team were beaten in the second semi-final by the

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The Gordon Hard Boat Club Spring Regatta. The club team won the Inter Unit Team Race from our old rivals 50 Command Workshops, REME, and came second equal in the Inter Club Team event. Individual team members also sailed with success throughout the two day event.

Pte. J. Knight 7th in Enterprise Series Race (Pte. Knight also won the Novices Race).

Pte. K. Hepworth 3rd in the Novices.

In addition to the sailing regattas the club has run four one-week sailing courses for the rifle companies which have been well supported. The results achieved in the sailing test at the end of course have been good. Everyone seems to have enjoyed learning to sail and now many more men are starting to use the dinghies. As a follow up to these courses it is intended to organise an Inter-Company Regatta early in the summer, probably some time in July.

Midway through April the club received the two new Bosun Class dinghies so kindly given to the club by the Nuffield Trust. They are fine looking craft and arrived in excellent condition from UK thanks to the Royal Navy who shipped them to Hong Kong for us. They have now been christened Sea Urchin and Sea Sprite and are already giving us much enjoyment. The Bosun is an ideal dinghy in which to instruct as the large size allows a much better instructor-student ratio than the Enterprise. The Bosuns arrived just in time to take part in the most enjoyable and closely fought match against the Australian Aircraft Carrier *Melbourne*.

During the past few months several of our keener members have been putting in much time and hard work on the Enterprise dinghies by fitting transome flaps and such other refinements. Five of the Club Enterprises have been officially measured and belong to the newly formed Colony Enterprise Association. They are also hard at work practising for the Colony Enterprise Championships which are due to be held at Gordon Hard over two weekends at the end of September and the first weekend in October. Notable among our keener sailing members are Pte. Knight, L/Cpl. D'Arcy, Pte. Hepworth and L/Cpl. Hutchinson. It is hoped that all their hard work will produce good results once the racing starts in earnest again.

During the summer holidays the club will once more organise and run sailing courses for boys and girls on holiday from UK.

The Water Ski-ing Section have only recently come to life since the cold water and weather have departed. However the water ski-ing is well under way now and the new 55HP OBM is proving very popular.

Finally the yacht "Peta Anne", so kindly lent to the club by Mr. Johnson, has been returned to him as he has other plans afoot for her. All club members are most grateful to him for allowing us to have the use of her for well over one year. For several of our members her name will always conjure up memories of far away places!

ATHLETICS

Unfortunately we were not able to repeat the success of last year by winning the HQLF Athletics Championships. The meeting took place at a time that was extremely inconvenient to us as there were too many other events in March of a higher priority than athletics. With the time available some of the team were able to do a little training and some good results were achieved, even if the team position of 3rd place was slightly disappointing.

As does happen on these occasions, there is always somebody who produces a good result. Much to the surprise of everyone present, the 4 x 110yd relay team of Sgt. Walker, Lt. Newell, Pte. Vuro and L/Cpl. Peat produced an excellent win, thanks largely to a superb final leg from Peat. It was, sadly, too late to affect the result of the competition, as we were rather convincingly beaten by the Gurkhas in the longer distance track events. We came second in the 4 x 880 and in this event Pte. Kendall of "A" Coy showed that with training he could be a fine performer over this distance. Other individuals to do well were Bds. Walker, who came second in the pole vault with a height of 10ft, and Pte Waqabaca who threw the javelin 178ft to come second also. The latter effort was particularly good as it was only his second day of "practice". The hurdles team were unlucky to come second, but here Bds. Sollitt showed that he too could be a class performer with practice.

Some athletes have had the opportunity to take part in other meetings. Sgt. Walker, Sgt. Horne and Pte. Welburn all represented the Services in a match versus the Civilians and all justified their selection. The highlight of the season was the HKAAA Championships, where we had a good "Dukes" turnout, this time representing the Army. The 4 x 110yd relay team, Pte Barnes replacing Lt. Newell who was injured, had a great victory, much to the annoyance of the locals. Sgt. Horne came second in the high jump and Bds. Walker second in the pole vault. Pte. Waqabaca reversed the order in the javelin by beating the man who had beaten him in the HQLF meeting. Later they all had an enjoyable evening at The Peninsula where prizes were presented by the Chief Justice, Sir Ivo Rigby.

SQUASH

The management of the Battalion Squash Team moved into the hands of Major John Greenway as soon as he arrived in early February. Luckily for him, Major Duncan Lupton, the previous incumbent, remained in Hong Kong for some weeks and acted both as adviser and player until his departure.

Although a number of officers and soldiers have played squash for exercise and recreation, the highlight of the season was the Land Forces Championships which the battalion entered once again, having lost to the Chinese Language School in 1969 at a fairly early stage.

As luck would have it we drew the Chinese Language School in the first round. The pres-

sure of other activities made team selection, let alone team practice, very difficult and two hours before the match we had still only unearthed four players. In the search for a No. 5 string, which lasted from the afternoon of the day before the match until one hour before it, the team captain telephoned the following to ask if they could play the game and were available for the morning match: 2IC, OC Burma, OC Corunna, OC Somme, OIC Rugby, a No. 8 forward, the doctor, the dentist, the paymaster, L/Cpl. Haigh. The following are some of the replies received.

"Sorry, I'm going to the races and am being given a big free lunch by some Taipans first".

"Sorry, cricket is my game".

"I used to play, but I promised to take her shopping".

"I'd rather not play on the morning of the Army Cup Game, but if you're pushed . . ."

"Never played in my life".

"You must be joking".

"Certainly Sir, I'll be there" — and he was.

As L/Cpl. Haigh took the trouble to appear at some personal inconvenience it was unfortunate that the opposition only produced four players, thus providing no opponent for him. Our remaining four players were able to defeat the opposition.

Our next opponents were 25 Lt. Regt RA who informed us in advance that they could only produce four players. This let our secret weapon, Capt. Peter Pettigrew, off the hook and the remaining four players were able to achieve a 3-1 win. The Commanding Officer turned in a particularly good performance in defeating his opponent who had been the winner of the Plate Competition in the FARELF Championships.

For one reason and another the finals were then delayed until May by which time Major Duncan Lupton had left and OIC squash was unable to play through injury, so the secret weapon was invited not only to play but also to practice.

The day of the final dawned and players assembled from various corners of the Colony to meet our opponents, 656 Sqn Army Aviation, who were reputed to have a very strong side. In the event, Nos. 5 and 4, Capt. Johnny Walker and Lt. Alistair Roberts respectively, won their matches. Nos. 3 and 2, Capt. Charles Bunbury and Capt. Peter Pettigrew lost to doughty opponents.

In the deciding match, Col. Dennis was up against a very accomplished and fit player but took him to 7-9 in an excellent fast-moving first game. Sadly he pulled a calf muscle during the second game and, although he continued to play until the end of the game and was preparing for a third, he was retired by his team captain to prevent him from aggravating the injury unnecessarily.

We therefore lost the final 2-3, runners-up in the Land Forces Championships.

SWIMMING AND WATER POLO

Up to press we have had no swimming competitions but hope to have an inter-company competition in the near future.

Water polo training has started and we have played two games. The first game was against Ordinance Depot, Kai Tak, which we won 9-6; we then played BMH and lost 10-6. Unfortunately, due to border tours, courses, etc., there has been difficulty in getting experienced players but, now that Lt. Thorn is back from Korea and Lt. Gardner is back from England, our prospects are beginning to look very promising.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

We were able to teach about 15 people the arts of developing, printing and enlarging, and the ball was then pushed into their court to produce results without supervision. Unfortunately, only a few use the facilities regularly and get any real benefit out of them. The results achieved by this minority, however, have been encouraging and, by experimenting, some unusual and interesting prints have been produced.

Naturally it is hoped that more will really get the bug, which will enable the club to buy better equipment and explore further possibilities.

News from the Messes

OFFICERS MESS

During the spring months Mess life has been punctuated by a number of highly successful parties which we managed to arrange for the periods in between border tours and exercises.

There have been guest nights and to one we invited various members of the Hong Kong rugby scene. Needless to say it was a most enjoyable occasion.

In February we held a cheese and wine party; the decorations were kindly provided by Di Mitchell, and several generous wives gave up an afternoon to prepare the Mess. This was followed by an informal dinner and in early May by a very large curry lunch. The more sober managed to get away in time to support Mike Sherlock and his team in the Stanley Village Dragon Boat Races.

We had the pleasure of a week's visit by Brigadier Billy Armour who brought us local news from Yorkshire and we were very pleased to see him. It is hoped that he enjoyed his somewhat hectic stay in Hong Kong.

Finally, we end on a sad note in that we have said goodbye to three very loyal "Dukes" families who have left. Peter and Anne Pettigrew have flown home where Peter is to train for his next job; eventually they plan to return to Hong Kong where we are sure that they will enjoy life. In the meantime, however, we expect to see them both on our return to UK and hope they will come and visit us.

Also departed are the Reids who have moved to 24 Brigade Headquarters in Plymouth but as the battalion are to become part of this brigade in a few months we are sure to see Merle and Ian again soon.

In early May Col. and Mrs. Shuttleworth gave a cocktail party in the Mess to say farewell to their many friends. The party continued into the late hours and we should like to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciated their hospitality. They have been with the battalion for two-and-a-half years and have now moved to Rheindalhen where we hope they will enjoy yet another tour in Germany. They will be very much missed by all.

The Mess extends a very warm welcome to Col. and Mrs. Huxtable and we hope that they will have time to enjoy our last six months in Hong Kong.

Last but not least we must extend our thanks once again to the Mess Staff who have worked especially hard this period.

SERGEANTS MESS

In this quarter of the moon we moved out of the training season and into what is called the calm after the storm (some calm).

The preparation for Admin takes up most of our time, but this year we couldn't allow this to happen as three days later we were holding our Paardeberg Ball and our very able Ball Committee were seen scurrying to and fro between Repulse Bay and Stanley.

The ball was held in the Repulse Bay Hotel of which the decor dates back to the colonial days—wide entrance, stairs with potted shrubs in a typical tropical setting. We hired the whole of the ground floor and the resident guests, many of whom were American, moved out onto the verandah for evening meal and drinks.

We invited the officers and their ladies and representatives from all the other Messes on the island and the New Territories. Whilst the guests arrived in splendourous attire the Americans on the verandah uttered the American equivalents of "ooh" "ah" "cor" "look at dat," and spent more of their hard-earned cash photographing the ball. Word had slipped out that the "Dukes" Paardeberg was to be a ding-dong night and the reception committee were heard to whisper (discreetly of course) "Excuse me, Sir, but the PMC of has already arrived," but, being perfect hosts, they managed to accommodate the husky gate-crashers. The Band gave an excellent performance throughout the evening which was highlighted by a musical interlude conducted by the BM who looked as though he had been there since the Ark. An excellent evening was had by all, and the early or late birds, blinking their eyes in the cold, grey light of dawn said, "When's the next Paardeberg"? Well done, the Ball Committee.

In March we were pleased to welcome Brig-

dier Armour of The King's Division to the Mess where he spoke about the King's Division. Whilst we were trying to pick his brain on our future in UK, he was trying to find out whether Leeds had won their game the previous night. We took this opportunity to give him lunch.

When the battalion played the New Zealand Regiment in the FARELF rugby final we accommodated their senior ranks in the Mess. It has been said that the "Kiwis" are good mess members (bar profits) but our own stalwarts entertained them admirably and, though there was the usual back-slapping and ribbing, our "die-hards" didn't die hard this time but helped things along and a good session was had by all.

This year we celebrated St. George's Day by holding a short parade and the usual hand-out of white roses, after which the CO declared the rest of the day a holiday. The weather was not conducive to outdoor activities so the Mess bar opened soon after the parade for drinks all round. It closed later in the day and anyone who didn't know St. George will at least remember him for a time. It is rumoured that we have members who are unaware that there are steps outside the Mess.

Entertainments this year got off to a slow start as so much time was spent away during the training season. To start the ball rolling we held a tramps ball there was some speculation as to whether all and sundry from the highways and byways had been invited in view of the bizarreness of dress; some of the efforts at dressing up were excellent. The buffet was typical "fish n three" or pie and chips served in newspaper parcels.

The other social event which earns itself a mention was the "Take your Pick Night," which took place as a farewell to Col. and Mrs. Shuttleworth. At the same time we welcomed Col. and Mrs. Huxtable. Unfortunately, Mrs. Huxtable was ill, but the new CO came along and said "Hello" to old faces and met many new ones. We drew contestants for "Take your Pick" and the old CO was drawn among them. He managed to get through the "Yes, No" interlude and earned himself five dollars. Then came the questions for the boxes of which the CO had no difficulty with the first two; with the third one Gladys Jackson gave him a hint and helped him win a fortune. He eventually turned down 75 dollars for his key and won himself a "Trip to Kowloon for two people" and was given the money immediately: 50 cents to pay for two first-class ferry rides. The other contestants did equally well with Walt Morris turning down 105 dollars for his key and winning the star prize which was a dinner and tea service, with other culinary accoutrements; a worthy star prize. Once again, thank you to the entertainment committee who put on a first-class show.

Arrivals

We welcome in this period Sgt. Hemmings from the recruiting world of the West Riding, Sgt. Coatsworth, Royal Signals, and Sgt. Pickering, APTC and hope that they all enjoy their stay with "The Dukes".

Departures

We lost Sgts. Brookes and Wardle to civilian life, the former with thoughts of settling in Germany and the latter of joining the Australian Army. Our good luck and good wishes go with them and I am sure we all hope they settle down happily in their new environments. In the near future Walt Morris will be leaving for Halifax to relieve John Fee. Good luck Walter.

Promotions

It would take a page to tell of promotions this time and when this edition goes to press they still will not all be settled. So we just say "Well done", to all who have been promoted and, to new members, "Welcome".

CORPORALS MESS

Over the last few months the Mess has been slowly increasing its social life. In February we held a very successful "Stag — half price night". Sir Miles Darcy once again entered for the boat race but lost out and received another soaking to boot.

In April we had a social evening for Lt.-Col. Shuttleworth's "farewell do". We took this as an excellent opportunity to present him with our Mess Drum — lest he should ever try to forget the Corporals, "Bang it"!!!

Thanks are due to the cooks and pay corporals (not forgetting the Orderly Room executives, Cpls. Manion and Mortimer) for without these people Mess functions would be extremely difficult to organise.

In our last notes the author forgot to mention the list of those newly promoted to sergeant. It could be this was intentional, for with the new infantry establishment promotions are so thick and fast, it would be a monumental task to list all the names, let us just say congratulations to you all.

Has anyone noticed how much weight "Nat" Lofthouse has lost? He has taken up skipping . . . he skips breakfast, dinner . . . etc., etc.

It is rumoured in the Mess that Cpl. Theodore has gone into business. From the amount of time and money he has spent, it is believed that he is now a major shareholder in the Stanley Hilton (The Shack).

Late last month the Mess was put on "Stand by" believing that two rather dangerous beasts were at large in the camp. They were later found to be in the Unit Pay Office whereupon Cpl. Paul Richards, with complete disregard for his own safety, attacked the beasts and rid the camp of two very dangerous animals. The bodies were later disposed of by an anonymous member of the Mess . . . Toddy!?! It has since been discovered that these animals did not belong to Corunna Coy (as was first thought). Their names were "Tibby and Ginger".

Our most sincere condolences are offered to Cpl. "Bill" Pollard for the breakdown of the Mess television. Flowers and sympathy cards were received from all points of the globe, including RTV. We hope your bereavement will not be a lengthy affair.

Ist Battalion Company Notes

ALMA COMPANY

It is fitting that these notes should begin with a word of appreciation for Major Duncan Lupton, whose successor is conscious of the fact that he has taken over a happy and competent company, most of the credit for which must go to its last commander. Those who served under Major Lupton are grateful to him for all that he did, and also for the part played by his wife, in moulding the Alma into the successful company which he has now handed over.

The new manager is Major John Greenway who appeared from the remoteness of HQ BAOR to be faced immediately with the Annual Inspection by the Commander British Forces. However, the company took this in its stride. Shortly afterwards we took part in a Brigade four day counter-insurgency exercise in hilly country in the New Territories. For the company this entailed a night move by vehicle to a staging point, a dawn helicopter move to a coastal landing point behind suspected enemy positions, two days of stiff up and down hill approach marches and, finally, a company assault up the side of an extremely steep feature. This resulted in the capture of the position and of several Gurkha "enemy." A further move on foot (while the men of Admin Company were, it was noted, helicoptered from peak to peak) was followed by a quiet night and a dawn attack, shared with Burma Company, on what turned out to be the final enemy position. The return to Lyemun was carried out in LCM's of the RCT. From the company point of view, all systems had worked and the exercise was a success. In the absence of 1 Pl. in Malaya the A/Tank Pl, brought up to strength by some men from Admin Company, acted as the third platoon and did very well.

Notes for any regimental magazine tend to become a chronological list of events and it is, perhaps, appropriate to break that sequence and insert some comment. There is no doubt that Hong Kong is held up in the eyes of British Soldiers serving in Europe and elsewhere as some sort of military paradise. Although there are many perks, particularly material ones in the shape of cheap household and luxury goods, there is no doubt that British infantry battalions here are under just as much pressure as those in BAOR, or elsewhere.

Separation for the married soldiers is as frequent as in BAOR. For example, in the four months February 4 to June 4, 1970, this company has spent 41 days and nights away from camp. This is in no way a complaint, merely a statement of fact to illustrate a point. However, the activities undertaken do offer considerable variety as the remainder of these notes will show.

After Exercise "Nine Dragons" the families of

the company were able to get together for a pleasant evening out, although it was, regrettably, also a farewell dinner for the Luptons.

March found the company away at Fan Gardens Camp in the New Territories for a spell on the range before a welcome Easter break.

The Battalion's turn for Border Duty came round once again at the beginning of April and we found ourselves in reserve for the first week. Instead of the normal peaceful week the Alma found itself alternatively assisting Gurkha Engineers in digging trenches and assisting the Fire Services in controlling some major heath and forest fires which swept across acres of hillside—both warm work.

Our week as forward company at Sha Tau Kok passed without major incident, although the Police Inspector accompanying one of our patrols had a finger broken by a stone thrown from Communist Territory.

More variety: this time, shortly after returning from the Border, the Company was based once again in Victoria Barracks carrying out the near-ceremonial Force Guard on the residences of HE the Governor and the Commander British Forces. One day in our own barracks, and we moved once again to Fan Gardens Camp in order to take part in a troop trial of a new design of weapon sight. Although this entailed some rather repetitive (but beneficial) shooting, it was a rare opportunity for all ranks to test and comment on a new piece of military equipment. We have all wondered in our time who on earth designed or tested this or that "useless" piece of clothing or equipment. It was nice to have a go at the testing ourselves. As these notes are being compiled the Company is once again in a forward position on the Border, this time for week at Man Kam To, having completed our 1970-71 Annual Classification based on Fan Gardens Camp.

In between the major commitments affecting the whole company, smaller parties have carried out the Company's share of Remote Area Patrols on Lan Tao Island and 1 Platoon has begun a Community Relations Project in the nearby overcrowded area of Shauki Wan, erecting a nissen hut for use as a club-room by the youths of the area.

1 Platoon returned from their role as Trial Troops in Malaysia in early March. They looked very fit and several of them, not least their Pl Comd, Lt. Sharp, had lost a good deal of weight. Clearly they were pleased with their performance and in due course letters arrived in the Battalion confirming that they had done well. An account of these trials appears elsewhere in this issue.

In case there should appear to be gaps in our timetable, it should be added that the company

has provided members of the battalion teams in the following sports: sailing, rugger, squash, water polo and athletics. Despite some of the excellent performances put up by our individuals in Battalion sports, the highlight of recent sporting events was clearly the imposing victory achieved by our team in the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Championships. Cpl. Young and L/Cpl. Timmins organised the training under the guidance of Lt. Newell and, after the inevitable arguments over who did or who did not qualify as a novice, the team took to the ring. The following won their weights: L/Cpl. Timmins, Ptes. Morley, Sugden, Boguszewski, Brinston, Gomersall, Larnder 29 and Ijeh. Ptes. Cone and Lovatt took part and acquitted themselves well without winning their weights. The whole team and others who trained so hard but did not eventually take part deserve congratulations on a very well earned win. The other recent sporting success was the winning of the Lyemun Football League by our second team "The Panzers." This offset the comparative lack of success of our first team in the battalion league.

Lest readers should weary of this rather factual account of the activities of the Alma, they may rest assured that we remain a cheerful and contented bunch. Cries of "Good news Sarmajor," "Let's give it rice" and "Blackclock" still emanate from the Company Office. The gladiators occasionally look in from football or Boat Club to do a day's work, and Pte. Wxxsfxdd has celebrated his birthday for the fifth time this year.

We now look forward to a spell of leave, to an IS Demonstration by 2 Pl for the Hong Kong Volunteers and to our summer task of running a camp for some 1,000 underprivileged Chinese youths. What is more, now that at long last we know our destination in England, we can plan even further ahead if we so wish.

Personalia

Arrivals

We welcome Ptes. Mowbray, Ryan, Rhodes and Smith 00 from the Depot, and Sgt. Barnett from Corunna Company on promotion; Pte. Robinson 32 from MT Platoon. Cpl. Soper and Pte. O'Reilly from Corunna Company; Cpl. Kelsey and Pte. Crowley back from Singapore and the Battalion Sports Store respectively; Pte. Dales from Command Company.

Departures

We are sorry to record the departure from the company and the Army of Sgt. Wardle and his wife and we wish them every success. Sgt. Lowney to Burma Company on promotion. Pte. Birmingham to civilian life. Ptes. Marr, Collins and Hartley to Somme Company. Pte. Maclean to Admin Company, and Pte. Ratledge to Burma Company.

Congratulations go to

L/Cpl. Larnder 55 on promotion. Cpl. and Mrs Mitchell on the birth of their daughter, and Pte. Owen on his marriage.

BURMA COMPANY

At the time of going to press the exercise season has finished and we are now settling down to an orderly routine.

The final exercise "Nine Dragons" was fought out in early March on the Sai Kung Peninsula. The enemy this time were the Gurkhas from Singapore. The weather at the time was very hot and the countryside rugged and hilly, just the tonic to get rid of any hangovers. One personality in company headquarters turned round to one of the platoon commanders and said "Do we have to climb that?" pointing at a steep hill disappearing into the mist. Suffice to say that we did manage to scale the hill in question and the exercise went very smoothly finishing with a company attack on the last day, which all the men put their minds into and everybody agreed the "Dukes" won the day.

In early April we arrived again on the border at Man Kam To. A very peaceful border tour until the day of the "Ching Ming" festival when the grass and bushes were accidentally set alight by the Chinese burning joss sticks. This was very quickly put out with the aid of a number of buckets of water.

In April the company were issued a challenge by the Stanley Kaiphong Association to row in their annual Dragon Boat Race. Nothing daunted and knowing that the sea runs in our blood (amongst other things) we took up the challenge. On the first practice we sank the boat, much to the amusement of the local Chinese who had come down to the beach, but thanks to the company commander who gave us a number of days off to train, we were a passable "regatta team" by the time April 22 came upon us. On the day, taking part in the first race, we sank two boats (accidentally, of course) thereby eliminating both our rivals and winning the heat. In the following heat we unfortunately came a close second and so we had to "row off" for third place in the festival. We won this race quite easily and we were presented with a handsome shield and flag which were immediately whisked off to company headquarters where they now lie in state. Many thanks to Sgt. Hodgkinson for beating the gong (there are rumours that he is transferring to the Band) and to Sgts. Cookson and Lowney for controlling and keeping the boat in a straight line.

We tested the new Trilux day and night sight in early May and five days were spent in the New Territories going through the tests. Everybody worked hard especially the people in the butts. Looking at the scores it seems that in many cases the Trilux day sight was a great success but many of us had reservations about the night sight.

Only one "Hearts and Minds" project was carried out recently and this fell to 5 Platoon and consisted of chopping down a tree just outside Tai O on Lan Tao Island. The tree had been struck by lightning earlier in the year and had landed on an outhouse much to the consternation of the inhabitants. The project ran very smoothly

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and the tree was cut away without any further damage to the outhouse.

At the time of writing we are back on the border at Sha Tau Kok. Much more interesting than Man Kam To especially as we were entertained by a number of small demonstrations all of which proclaimed the greatness of Chairman Mao.

Looking to the future we are classifying for the year '71 in a few days time and then on to Victoria Barracks and Force Guard. In July we go to Lamma Island for the company camp, each platoon taking a week in rotation.

Personalia

We welcome: CSM Hartley from CQMS to CSM; S/Sgt. Read from Command Coy; Sgt. Lowney from Alma Coy; Cpl. Dooley from Singapore; Pte. Ratledge from Alma Coy; Ptes. Tearne, Dack, Gledhill from KDDY.

Farewell to:

CSM Moriss who is going back to Halifax; Cpl. Poole and Cpl. Dodson on discharge; Cpl.

White to Admin Coy; Cpl. Heron to Comd Coy (Trg Wing).

Congratulations to:

Pte. Haywood and Miss Ann Beeching (ex-WRAC) on their marriage.

CORUNNA COMPANY

The annual administrative inspection came and went much the same as it usually does. The Company was invited to mount a rescue operation on Lantao Island in search of a crashed helicopter. Corunna's usual speed and dash was noted and once airborne for Lantao the Company was called back and the operation cancelled.

Having weathered the Admin we embarked for the Brigade Winter Exercise, "Nine Dragons," which happily passed without dramas. Regrettably the "Q" was casevaced by helicopter having twisted an ankle. He was led away protesting that he could beat any man in the Company over the mountains; of course you can Q, we know that!

We classified in March with favourable results.



Photograph by Sgt. A. Kitson, R.A.O.C., JSPR Staff

CSM A. J. Welsh receiving Corunna Coy. roses from Mrs. Shuttleworth on St. George's Day

From the results the shooting prizes were awarded and were given away by Mrs Shuttleworth on the St. George's Day Parade. Congratulations to L/Cpl. Russell on winning the Ozanne Gold Medal for the Champion Young Soldier and to Pte. Wilden on winning the Best Private Soldier's Cup. The following month we took part in the Trilux Sight trial for a week which gave us more, much needed, shooting practice. Individual scores were very encouraging considering that a vast number of the practices were night shoots in which we are sadly lacking in practice.

In April the Company provided a guard of honour for Admiral Sir Peter Hill Norton, C-in-C FARELF who was on his final visit to Hong Kong before leaving the Far East. Capt. Power commanded the guard and 2 Lt. Isles carried the Regimental Colour.

Throughout this period we have been providing soldiers for numerous cadres and courses in Hong Kong, Singapore and also in UK. Since New Year we have had 23 soldiers on cadres and courses in Hong Kong, two on courses in UK and 10 in Singapore. On top of this figure there are the 24 men who have learned to sail with the Hindoostan Boat Club which has proved most popular as it takes place during working hours.

Also in the sporting field we came second in the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Competition. Congratulations to Pte. Hughes on winning his bout and being nominated the best boxer of the competition, also to Pte. Wragg for winning his bout.

On the social side, if social is the right word, the corporals of the company organised a most successful "Hippy Nite." The costumes produced by certain members of the company were excellent and Pte Ankers won the prize for the "Best Hippy." "King of Corunna" (CSM) was seen sporting himself in a "flower power suit" with a head full of flashing Christmas tree lights. Obviously many of the wives had surrendered their wigs and hairpieces judging by the hair-do's, and the CQMS had apparently provided several mop heads for the occasion. The music was provided by Ptes. Bowes and Wolstenholme; Ptes. Wilden and Ellis served beer faster than it has ever been served before. A good night was had by all; needless to say no one turned up for the sailing regatta the next day!

We now look forward to Catterick in November and the usual headaches associated with packing and moving. Somebody said that there was no "Border" there! This must be an oversight. Anyway there's a lovely one in Northern Ireland!

Personalia

Welcome to the following who have recently joined the company: Sgt. Bowden from Command Company; Sgt. Thornton from Drums; Cpl. Minto from Training Wing; L/Cpl. Gale returned after a brief spell on the Regimental Police; L/Cpl. Bebb from Drums; Ptes. Gribbon, Hewitt, Philip, from Kings Division Depot; Coulson from Admin Company; Sharpe from

Burma; Tooley from SAS; Kelly from MT.

Farewell and good luck to the following:

Capt. Power as OC Admin Coy; Sgt. Lever as Drum Major; Sgt. Barnett on promotion to Alma; L/Cpl. Pearson to QM's; Ptes. Watson 81 to Command; Newton to Mortars; Taylor 02 and Hughes to A/Tk Platoon; Conner and Roberts to MT; Chadderton to Somme Company.

Promotions

Sgt. Lever to Drum Major; Cpl. Barnett to sergeant; L/Cpls. Middleton and Blackburn to corporal; Ptes. Russell and Anderson to lance corporal.

SOMME COY

On April 1 Somme Coy became terribly rank conscious. The whole Company would rush to read detail the minute it was put up (a miracle in itself!) to see who has been promoted.

The cause of this excitement was the new Infantry Battalion Establishment. The new NCO structure of the company (a private is the most exclusive rank) has engendered intense inter-platoon rivalry and a barrage of questions. Such as, why do the Mor Pl have a WO 2 and nine sergeants, whilst the A/Tk Pl have only four sergeants and yet the Recce Pl have four sergeants also. The A/Pnr Pl look down in disdain because their establishment remains the same. The answers are difficult to put forward convincingly in peace time.

The establishment has been discussed for months but now that it is taking effect, not fortunately all at once but gradually, it has made everybody thoroughly aware that tremendous opportunities exist in the Coy and the already extremely high competition between junior NCO's and soldiers has been intensified, which is a very happy state of affairs.

Whilst we are on the subject of promotions, we take this opportunity of congratulating the following, on their recently won promotions:

Sgt. to S/Sgt.: Lindsay, Butler and Carter.

L/Cpl. to Cpl.: Dyson, Arundel, Bell, Parkinson, Oxley-Bates, and Willson.

Pte. to L/Cpl.: Clarke 11, Butterworth, Sellars, Templeman, Sykes, Rushworth, Staniland and Aspin. We wish them every success in their new rank.

We have had new members into the company, including our own MT Section. This is to enable us to be up to strength and to prepare for our new role in 24 Inf Bde.

The platoons are now working as independent units doing their cadres and training in between our normal Hong Kong duties. Platoon notes follow:

Mortar Platoon

The main event has been the long awaited arrival in the platoon of six Land-Rovers and drivers, namely L/Cpls. Boyes, Ptes. Chadderton, Taylor, Watson, Sullivan and Cassidy. This means that the mortar sections, at least, now

have the correct vehicle allocation and training has already benefitted accordingly.

We also welcome from "A" Coy Ptes. Marr, Hartley and Collins and Pte. Newton 58 from "C" Coy. They joined forces with the drivers and all successfully completed a two-week cadre followed by a three-day SASC-sponsored test as members of their respective sections. The end of the cadre was celebrated with a boat trip to an island near Port Shelter. All visitors to the beach were regally entertained by a reception committee headed by Pte. England who, in his self-appointed role as beachmaster, managed to pacify several officers from HQLF who found their favourite beach already in use.

The platoon at present has two staff sergeants in the shape of S/Sgt. Butler, who has recently returned from Netheravon, and S/Sgt. Lindsay, the platoon 2IC who, it is rumoured, is currently in full training for the next Olympics Marathon.

Pte. Bradley distinguished (nearly extinguished) himself at Lo Wu during the last border tour. Whilst on cookhouse fatigues he noticed that the No. 1 burner flame had gone out (it had, at this stage, been out for at least two minutes and a large quantity of petrol had escaped) Bradley casually tossed a lighted match over in the accepted fashion and succeeded not only in partially destroying the oven, its contents and the kitchen roof but also giving the CCA sentry on the other side of the bridge some cause for concern. We now have a petrol bomb expert who might be useful in the not too distant future.

Although the training in Hong Kong has been interesting and widely varied, mortar-wise, the existing ranges are very restricted, so we now look forward to the delights of Otterburn and Salisbury Plain in winter, where at least we will not have Chinese junks sailing into the safety area and stopping the firing with monotonous regularity.

A/Tank Platoon

Force Guard — Border — Queen's Birthday Parade — Remote Area Patrol — wet weather programmes — A little leave — Border and still we have not seen a tank let alone be anti-tank except for one short two weeks' cadre for the drivers of our newly obtained vehicles.

Force Guard had a light moment when it was reported that the Union Jack on the CBF's house was stuck at half mast. As night closed in three people were seen swinging from the rope at the top of the house. Would it come down — would it H..... No one had died except a frog near the Guard Room which did not fully warrant flying the CBF's Jack at half-mast. Perhaps it would go up — so the three were seen to start pulling it up being very dubious of the edge of the house three storeys off the ground. Eventually it moved up to the top never to be moved again. The last that was seen was a locust cloud of MPBW workers building a scaffolding and removing the pole. To cap it all a certain corporal during this escapade forgot which door to take inside the CBF's house and ended up in his bedroom.



Photograph by Sgt. A. Kitson, R.A.O.C., JSPR Staff

Sgt. Nash with the Inter-Company Shooting Shield won by Somme Coy. The Shield was presented by Mrs. Shuttleworth on St. George's Day

The one week we spent on the border passed without any notable incident and we returned to take part in the Queen's Birthday Parade the rehearsals for which occurred with monotonous regularity. Even after the parade there was a repeat performance to be watched on the television.

St. George's Day parade unfortunately took toll of a few members after a platoon outing, Wan-chai style, the night before.

Some of the platoon went to Lantao the next day on a Remote Area Patrol. We went from monastery to monastery drinking tea and eating moon-cakes until, by the end of the day, we were so full of "nought but tea—ah" that we were glad to see the back of the island without incident because, firstly, we were accused of leaving three men on Lantao — perhaps they had passed out by drinking too much jasmine tea—

and then, to top it all, the platoon commander, as a result of trying to attract the attention of the RAF, was later accused of trying to hurl one of their number out of the helicopter.

The following two weeks we ran a cadre which made a refreshing change to get back to anti-tank work. Sgt. Kendrew did a good job in converting the new lads and six from the MT into thinking and working as anti-tank numbers.

At this stage Cpl. Arundel returned to the fold from Netheravon after doing well on his course — full of new ideas and wanting to change the world. Away we went to the border and the only battle we had was over which direction the fan should face and where it should be sited for the mutual benefit of everyone in the hut.

We also used a field miniature moving range with a .22 attachment on the CONBAT and had great fun destroying \$3 worth of tanks at 10 cents each. We hope to be able to use this training aid a lot in the future but the heavy betting on the greater number of hits will have to be controlled.

During this period we have lost Pte. Lounds to the stores and L/Cpl. Everett to civilian life who was sent on his way to the Airport full to the brim with San Miguel. Additions to the platoon are: Ptes. Evans 60, Brown, and Taylor 02, who is on a crash Charles Atlas course to build up his muscles so that he can lift a 120mm round, the Aspin brothers, Conner, Roberts, Hughes and Garner from the MT.

Recce Platoon

We have started our long cadre at last in preparation for our new role in UK. We are not up to strength as a platoon but will have a well trained group ready to pass on experience to new numbers of the platoon when they join us in UK.

The Ferrets still konk out each week despite Sgt. Horne only being allowed to look at them from a distance! Horne's corner does make a picturesque scene on the way up to "Campbells

Kingdom"!

We are also busy in getting members of the platoon through their driving cadre, thanks to the MTO, we will have everybody qualified by the time we leave Hong Kong.

On the sporting scene we have been doing well; Cpls. McGivern and Bell with Pte. Lang have been regular battalion first team players whilst Sgt. Horne and L/Cpl. Gilgallon won their inter-service athletic events. Ptes. Broadbent and Cadman are in the top group in the Hong Kong Island civilian ten pin bowling league. Not bad from only 14 men.

A/Pnr Platoon

A/Pnr-wise the platoon unfortunately have had very little training, due to the lack of facilities in Hong Kong. We have been busy in our rifle platoon role with border duties and IS exercises, for which we provided bomb disposal teams.

We are all looking forward to our "Hearts and Minds" project on Lantao Island in July, when we build a water pipe line to a small Chinese village. At the moment we are building a company volley ball pitch, in the heart of the Lyemun jungle. This is to prove which platoon are the Coy champions. We have proved that we are the cleanest side and that Coy HQ are the dirtiest; with an Olympic sized court we shall now be able to prove who is the best side!

The social highlight of the platoon was L/Cpl. Timson's wedding in May. It was a tremendous occasion. The platoon started celebrating a good 24 hours before the wedding! We take this opportunity of wishing him and Ka-yin every happiness.

The funniest thing that has happened in the platoon was Pte. Smith's encounter with a snake on the border. Smith was walking down a trench quite peacefully when, an eyewitness said, he flew up in the air about 10ft. and landed outside the trench. The whole platoon "stood too" there to



SGT. HORNE'S CORNER

"Campbell's Kingdom"
Recce Pl. recovery team
—ferret at odd angle!!

behold a poor little 9in. snake! Still it makes a change from "Paper Tigers."

We enclose a poem written by L/Cpl. Rushworth whilst on duty on the border. We think it is better than Yoko and John Lennon; mind you he is nearly as weird as they are!

15 Minute Stand-by

The phone that rings, the jangled nerves.
What's that you say? 15 minute reserves?
There's killing, there's death — men, women,
children too,

All this and more at Man Kan To.
There's three men dead, killed by rocks
And this happened at Sha Tau Kok.
Life could be saved if your speed is right,
But I should think it will last all night.
Men half asleep, not much fun—
Hey, you clot! That's my gun.
The truck is fast, off it goes
To try and quell the deadly blows.
One man down, he gets the boot—
God, I wish they'd let us shoot.
The dawn is grey, drops of rain,
Hurt all over, some in pain
Took all night but that's all right—
Hey, you nit! Turn off that light.

Coy Stores

C/Sgt. Stewart is in tremendous form, as always. We would like to thank him for organising our last company social at the China Fleet Club. Another very successful do. L/Cpl. Caddle, Ptes. Mathiot, Vuro and Williams have made a formal complaint about the C/Sgt. for providing snake on the menu at Sha Tau Kok; they got their own back by putting in an early call for him at 0200 hrs.

TRAINING WING

Though Training Wing was formed in August 1969, this is the first time we have been asked to put pen to paper.

The majority of personnel in the battalion when they hear Training Wing mentioned, immediately think of cadres. The main function of the Wing is in fact the running of a great variety of training cadres ranging from continuation training for all recently arrived recruits from the various training establishments, to refresher cadres for junior officers, warrant officers, and senior NCOs as well as specialist weapon cadres. These cadres take up most of the Wing's time, but there are very many more tasks which are running simultaneously with cadres and others which occupy the time in between, and for all those prospective Training Wing instructors they are as follows:

Running the battalion pamphlet library which includes issue of training pamphlets to companies/departments, issue of amendments, withdrawing superseded publications, etc. This is a tedious but vital task. All those students who have passed through the Wing on cadres have left with a thorough grounding in amending pamphlets.

Training the Composite Signals Organisation Station (Sai Wan) police force in the use of

SMGs and pistols. This is a weekly commitment.

Constructing aids — an almost daily task — and running a weapon training store for the benefit of the Wing and the Battalion as a whole. The allocation and maintenance of the 30m and miniature ranges and the two classrooms is also the Wing's responsibility, as are the training and testing of soldiers for upgrading to Grade I and the passing on of the latest lesson and CIs ruling from the School of Infantry. In addition we give NCOs preliminary training before they go on School of Infantry courses.

When time permits we assist companies and departments in skill at arms periods which might entail risking life and limb with the band on the range (apologies to Mr. Alexander).

One of our most important tasks is the running of the ammunition account which is ably done by WO2 Kelly and his tireless assistant Cpl. Pollard, who, incidentally, is slimming as a result of the long march between office and new bunkers.

The Wing has had almost as many instructors as students passing through but continuity has been maintained with the Training Officer, Sgt. Young, Cpl. Pollard. Belated thanks are due to S/Sgts. Quayle, Read, Conley, Sgts. Lawrence, Hewson and Walker, Cpls. Mortimer, Noble, Wood, and Minto who have moved on, and in some cases up, to other things.

SIGNAL PLATOON

The exercise season, all six weeks, provided an enjoyable variation to Hong Kong life. On Lantau island Sgt. Shaw and Pte. Verrall helped the VHF comms work satisfactorily with the A41 rebro kit, though they will surely remember their all night march down from .871 with all their kit — A41s, rebro kit, large packs and pup tents. You just can't rely on those helicopters! Sai Kung peninsula also taught us a lot, particularly how to open a closed down mortar net when the Bn C42 rebro batteries run down.

Singapore is still a great attraction. L/Cpl. Cusworth, Ptes. Blagborough, Godfrey and Allen all got down again, ostensibly to attend basket ball and volley ball courses. These were particularly enjoyed, though they were all quiet on the subject of Boogy Street.

Back in Stanley, five of the platoon had an interesting week on a sailing course. Pte. Thackeray was so keen that he was prepared to forego his lunch each day. He qualified as a helmsman but as yet no one has offered to crew for him — even in Stanley Bay. Learning to drive has been one of the priorities in the platoon. Fortunately, Pte. Blagborough and L/Cpl. Calvert didn't manage to stay the course, but we now have a smiling Morton 66 offering to take people on all routes around the island. "Rumbling Sid" Furness made the grade, and is now i/c the mail run with a long wheel base landrover.

One encouraging aspect of recent months is the number of people who have been to the Signals Wing, some of whom have done very well. Sgt. Basu (congratulations on the promotion) and

Cpl. Gunn are now qualified instructors and Cpl. Kench is on the course. Cpl. Parrott, L/Cpl. Ruding and Cpl. Coates have all done well on the Standard I course.

The news of the return to Catterick was well received and we are happy that Waqa will not now be going to SAS. Even Cpl. Bowler has had seconds thoughts about his technical potential and we are pleased to retain his services.

The high spot of the summer will be a Standard II cadre for new "aspirants" which we hope will go without too many interruptions. Meantime we continue with the Remote Area Patrol rebros, radio room driving cadres, upgrading and we hope some leave camps with the rifle companies.

L/Cpl. O'Shea and L/Cpl. Holden are to be congratulated on fathering potential "Dukes." We welcome Sgt. Coatsworth, R Sigs, to the platoon and hope that he and Mrs Coatsworth will enjoy their stay with the Battalion. A welcome back goes to WO2 Coll who has joined the platoon as the Assistant RSO. We have said farewell to WO2 Kelly who has moved next door to Training Wing and Pte. Walker who has left the Army. We all wish him luck and look forward to seeing him back with us again once we are settled in Catterick! The following are to be congratulated on their promotion: Corporal to Sergeant — Sgt. Basu. Lance-Corporal to Corporal — Cpls. Bowler, Coates. Private to Lance-Corporal — L/Cpls. Waqabaca, Ruding, Morton 38, Holden, Verrall.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

The highlights of the company since we last went to press are the change-over of command; winning the Inter-Company Soccer League; and the announcement of the Sergeant-Major's demob date.

Major P. B. L. Hoppe has stepped down from the bridge, returned his telescope to the stores, and his Chinese copy of maritime regulations back to L/Cpl. Lowth.

By the time (or if) these notes go to print, Major Hoppe will be in the UK, so we take this opportunity of wishing him and his family all the best for the future.

We take pleasure in welcoming to the bridge (or is it the helm) Capt. J. F. B. Power. May your voyage with us be long and in calm waters.

Congratulations to our company soccer team, one point being the difference between first and second. Hard lines Somme!

Now to the really good news! Dad has announced his demob date. "April 20, 1971." No flowers, by request.

Personalia

Births: Our congratulations to the following: L/Cpl. and Mrs Lockett, a son; Cpl. and Mrs. White, a daughter; Pte. and Mrs. McQuade, a daughter; L/Cpl. and Mrs. Northend, a daughter; and L/Cpl. and Mrs. Beard, a son.

Promotions: Our congratulations to Sgt. Skipworth, Sgt. Wallace, Cpl. McDowell, Cpl. Rockett, L/Cpls. Wilde, Pennington, Wilson 68, Backhouse, Jameson, and Attwood.

Hail and farewell: Welcome to the company: S/Sgt. Conley; Sgt. Nash; Cpl. White; L/Cpl. Parkinson; Ptes. Maclean, Jackson, Fowler, Thomson 86, and Billingham.

Farewell to Ptes. Burke, Peaker, Hunter, Lee 10 and Stead who have left us for life in the "Big City." To WO2 Coll who has returned to his labour of love, the Signals.

Weddings: Congratulations to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Wilde.

Awards and decorations: Congratulations to S/Sgt. Waltham, RAPC, on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

MEDICAL CENTRE

The Medical Centre staff have been kept rather busy over the past few months with battalion activities that were likely to endanger life and limb (however, we managed to avoid worsening any injuries and faith healing cured a few).

L/Cpl. Beck was taken to BMH with false labour pains, but on Cpl. Budden's advice the surgeons took away his appendix.

Pte. Anson treated the Battalion to an "exhibition" of his boxing powers during the inter-company boxing. We look forward to welcoming him back from hospital.

Cpl. Budden was seen in PT kit on the sports field at 0500 hrs. one morning; it was later discovered that he was going to collect his dhobi.

It is strongly rumoured that Pte. Allan wishes to transfer to the RAMC and Capt. Bird is off to train at Netley . . . could there be a connection here?

THE BAND

Normally after a rather hectic Festive Season the Band would manage to relax and replenish their expended energy; however, this year has been an exception.

In Hong Kong during the months Feb.-May, the weather is comparatively cool, similar to that of the English summer, and so most service and civilian units take this opportunity to hold their annual parades. The Band and Corps of Drums naturally rose to these occasions and participated in the following:- A Guard of Honour Parade at HMS *Tamar*, the guard being provided by serving members of the Battalion. A Divisions Parade also at HMS *Tamar*; this parade is held by the Royal Navy to mark the change from white to blue uniforms or vice versa. The Band again attended HMS *Tamar* later on for a second Divisions Parade.

One notable parade was held at Sek Kong (New Territories) by the Hong Kong Fire Services Training School. The young Chinese firemen, who upon completion of their training hold a passing out parade similar to those at Army depots, paraded resplendent in their uniforms before the Commander British Forces in Hong Kong who took the salute. The drill and ease with which this parade was conducted would have made any RSM proud.

April came and so we all began to rehearse for

Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Parade. This parade was held at the Star Ferry, and all three services combined to show their respects on what proved to be a first class spectacle for the thousands of spectators who lined the route. A contingent of Australian sailors from HMS *Melbourne*, which was visiting Hong Kong, were also invited to take part in the parade.

Two very important engagements are The Paardeberg Ball (Feb.) and the Society of St. George's Ball (Apr).

The Paardeberg Ball was held at the Repulse Bay Hotel. Both dance bands played throughout the evening; however the highlight came when a small military band appeared on the scene dressed in their scarlet tunics and spiked helmets. This in itself would perhaps not seem unusual, but then you have not heard all yet. Next appeared a wheelchair which contained an aged bandmaster complete with white moustache and spiked helmet. After assistance from the wheelchair, he managed to take over the baton and produce a thrilling spectacle of military music. It was later learned although, quote, "it cannot be confirmed" that this bandmaster actually took part in the original campaign.

The Society of St. George in Hong Kong held its Annual Dinner and Ball at the Peninsula Hotel. This event was probably the most important that the Band have ever undertaken. Before rehearsals could commence, a great deal of special music had to be written and Mr. Alexander, needless to say, got right into the swing of things. Featured during the ball were the dance band, the military band, who provided old time dance music, and the recorder group who serenaded the diners. The trumpeters of the Corps of Drums provided fanfares, and, with men from the Band, beef-eaters to give the occasion a ceremonial flavour.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Sgt. John Cherry, and Cpl. Andrew Melvin who have started work at the Royal Military School of Music as potential bandmasters.

BORNEWS — TITBITS

Goodbyes would appear to be in order, as once again we say farewell to yet more trusty stalwarts of the BOR complex. Lt.-Col. Shuttleworth (our guardian and mediator upon many occasions) vacates his position for Lt.-Col. Huxtable. We wish him all the best of luck for the future and



Photograph by Cpl. J. D. Chance, RAF, JSRR Staff

Admiral Sir Peter Hill-Norton inspecting the band and drums during his farewell visit



INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Foreground l to r: L/Cpl. Jagger, L/Cpl. Harston, Pte. Roberts.

Middle l to r: Pte. Wilson, Lt. Nicholson.

Background: Sgt. Wilkinson.

at the same time say a hearty "Hello" to our new Deity.

It is fitting that in this issue we should allow Cpl. Mortimer to pen his own Obituary. His words (as usual wise in the extreme) follow this pattern:-

"Departed this life May 6, '70, dearly beloved son of BOR — B. E. Mortimer. Man of many facets, achievements and failures; of wit, charm and caustic words. B. E. Mortimer. Scarlet orchids and hundred dollar bills only by request. R.I.P."

As the summer sun wanes over an azure sea and their (the above) shadowy figures move majestically to their Valhalla, we can say no more than that we will remember them.

Otherwise, life continues as normal.

Capt. Bunbury is at present away on a Military Law Course, and apprehension is in evidence among the BOR Staff at the thought of "The Bunbury Courtroom Manner" and visions of a strutting figure with wrinkled brow and clasped hands orating in ringing tones which would shame Boyd, QC.

L/Cpl. Wishart and Cpl. Manion have recently made bids for ownership of the Better 'Ole Bar at Fanling, while L/Cpl. Wilson continues to speculate upon the local market at the "Shack."

Cpl. Hogg attended and passed a trampoline course and spends the greater part of his time bouncing around. Opinion is diverse as to who should do the bouncing — Cpl. Hogg or someone else?

Lt. Mellor continues to do well. His jovial and forthright manner, his overwhelming achievements as anchor man for the South China Multiple Appliance Tug o' War team have earned him the title of "The Stubby Kaye of BOR."

Staff Milner has been very quiet of late apart from the occasional hoot of derision at the antics of BOR members and the daily requests for coffee. His anonymity in this issue is shared by Sgt. Craig and L/Cpl. Darcy who have spent the last

four months engaged in trying to get each other on a course/flight respectively. Needless to say, little success has been forthcoming!

Pte. Winstanley has never had a really good mention in these notes, and therefore now should be the time. Our literary expert has chosen a verse from one of the great poets especially for him. What more fitting concluding note could there be? Winstanley, the stage is yours:

"Winny, thy beauty is to me
My joy, my mind's placator,
Standing in your nook intent
Upon your duplicator."

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

It is rare for anything spectacular to happen to the Battalion Intelligence Section. It is kept quietly busy with its fingers in nearly every pie. After losing that popular double comedy act, the Staveley/Connell duo, we finally ended up with as mixed a team as one could wish. At the biggest desk we have the IO, Lt. Nicholson. At a slightly smaller desk sits Sgt. Wilkinson and competing fiercely for the seat by the window where they can't be seen by either are L/Cpls. Harston and Jagger and Ptes. Roberts and Wilson. In the photograph this strange group are shown squashed into one corner of the office pretending, without much success, to be working.

L/Cpl. Jagger was promoted on January 2 and he and Mrs. Jagger expect their first child in August. Best wishes too to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Harston expecting their third child on June 19. Sgt. Wilkinson is considering a career as a street artist, following a successful series of paintings of Chinese junks, and Pte. Roberts, the section computer, worked out that between February 10 and May 31 the section drank 77 gallons of coffee. Pte. Wilson came back from a day on a minesweeper and authoritatively stated that Starboard was aft, vice versa, and he may well be right.

Cadres and Courses

Every company is inundated with requests, demands, pleas in some cases to send more and more and more soldiers on courses or cadres.

It is now rapidly reaching the stage when a computer, or at least a branch of Cook's Travel Agency, should be set up in each company to ensure that Cpl. Minto and Pte. Ankers, etc., are not flown to Malaya when they are required also to attend an education course, unit cadre or to be loaned to an admin unit to show films or instruct in military skills.

Before the course/cadre is due to commence a movement and admin instruction is floated to the company with instructions and information designed to help the proposed student and to tax the proverbial patience of Job.

Such admin instructions are issued for courses/cadres as follows: a. Weapon training, b. Upgrading, c. Volley ball coaching, d. Swimming, e. Jungle warfare, f. Close combat and military skill, g. and on and on and on.

One certain person in the battalion, code name Caesar, decided to find out what reaction the battalion would have if he originated a course instruction and fed it into the pipe line. It was eventually floated, ended up on file and sent the rounds at the Battalion HQ. It caused great mirth and caught some persons off balance in the 2IC's and Pay Office; did I hear that it graced the Commanding Officer's in tray?

Here, then, is the course instruction. May I add that the Hong Kong Funeral Parlour does exist, Pte. R. A. S. White volunteered for his name to be used to give the order authenticity; the course itself is fictitious.

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April 13, 70

COURSES—BN MORTICIAN HONG KONG FUNERAL PARLOUR
APRIL 20-29, 70
24129278 PTE. R. A. S. WHITE

Reference A: FARELF School of Mort SPT/4/1 of 200800 H Mar 70.

1. **General.** Under auth of Ref "A" the a/n soldier will move to the Hong Kong Funeral Parlour on April 20, 70 to attend a Mortician course assembling on April 20 and dispersing on April 29, 70.

2. **Reporting.** OC Coy is to ensure that Pte. White reports to the reception counter at the Funeral Parlour by 1500 hrs on April 20, 70.

3. Clothing & Eqpt.

a. Dress whilst on the course will be hospital whites, blue apron and rubber gloves.

b. Foot rules, 6ft tape measure, plus Regula-

tions and Rules for Mortified Mortals should be taken.

4. **Transport.** Pte. White will make his own way to the Funeral Parlour, there is a tram service from SHAKIWAN that stops outside the HKFP.

5. **Pre Course Medical.** The RMO will arrange for the student to be medically examined prior to reporting to the Funeral Parlour.

6. MTO is to furnish a certificate to the Parlour stating that Pte. White can drive a 4 x 4 MkIII Hearse seating capacity two up front and one lying down behind.

7. The student should read the following publications prior to reporting to the Chief Mortician, all publications are available from HM Stationery Office:-

- The Use of Cosmetics After Rigor Mortis.
- Rigor Mortis and You.
- Death Where Is Thy Sting.
- Floral Arrangement For the Sick Room/Chapel.

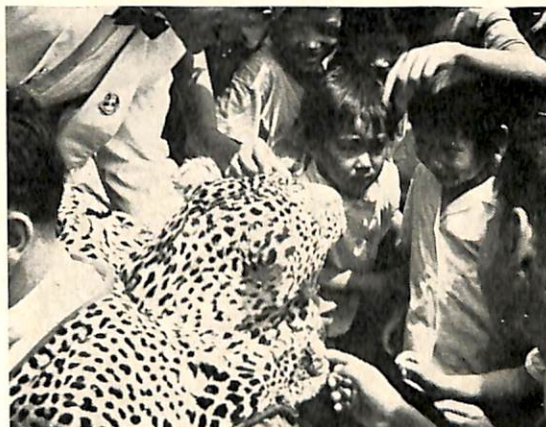
8. Students who achieve a "B" grading will be presented with a "Do it Yourself Embalming Kit" by the Chief Entomologist Hong Kong.

9. **Pay Arrangements.** The Student is to be paid for the duration of the course and if on qualifying as a Grade II Mortician, Part II Order action is to be instigated for Mortis Pay.

S. J. NASH Maj OC

Distribution

Pte. White
Chief Embalmer HKFP.
Morticians Inc, Ice House St, Kowloon.
The Hong Kong Crematorium.
Unit Pay Office.
SSI Pickering APTC.
Dental Centre.
Welfare Centre.
File.



Chinese children examine the leopardskin during a band concert

Do you remember Korea?

By Major R. L. Stevens

Those of you who read the small print in THE IRON DUKE may have noticed that, in January, I was posted to the Commonwealth Liaison Mission (CLM) — but it did not say where. As I know that we do not enjoy world-wide fame, allow me to remind you. We live in Seoul, Korea.

Do you remember Korea? She certainly remembers you, and all those from Great Britain who helped her to retain her freedom twenty years ago. The country is a map-makers' nightmare, full of anonymous hills, but, on the military maps, those along the 38th parallel still retain their great names: Pork Chop Hill, Old Baldy, The Hook . . . A narrow, twisting cutting through the hills to the Imjim, north of Uijongbu, contains the plaques, trimmed grass and the gentle formality of the rose garden which is the Koreans' tribute to the great battle fought through St. George's Day 1951; for this is Gloster Valley. An Englishman here is called *Yongook Shinsa* or English gentleman. We are the inheritors of your tradition.

Does it come as a shock to think that the war was 20 years ago? Do you realise that this country has grown up since then or, like an absent child whose image freezes in the memory's eye, do you still think of her ruined towns, rutted roads, shacks and tattered people? If so, her oil refineries, farms, sky-scrappers and express ways will come as a surprise. A four-lane motorway joins Seoul to Incheon and, by the time you read this, the 240-mile Seoul-Pusan road will be open.

From a historical viewpoint Korea is growing both forwards and backwards in time. She is reaching backwards to restore and maintain the best facets of a civilisation much older than ours, and forwards to acquire the ability to compete in the world's commercial markets. This could be a good situation, to be able to select the best that the East and the West have to offer, but her handicaps are severe. One third of her budget goes on defence, for she maintains the fourth largest army in the world. The unnatural division of the country left the resources in the North and the people in the South. Refugees, and a birthrate which records five births to each death, have expanded the population from 20 to 30 millions in 20 years. She has some coal, some tungsten, but lots of manpower — good, hardworking people, self-confident, clever with machines, independent and humorous. Now that Japan's great leap forward has taken her into the spiral of wages and prices, Korea has much to offer in the mass labour market, producing textiles and electronics.

The farming methods have, on the surface, changed little in two thousand years. The need, however, is mounting. Korea, which used to export rice, is now having to import to feed her growing populace. You will remember that the rainfall is limited — it only seemed a lot when

you had to live in the open for the two rainy months. There is little snow in winter, and then the spring rains are vital. The more rain that falls in April and May, the higher up each valley the paddies can be flooded for rice planting. Ploughing is still done by great brown, hump-backed bulls or tiny Mongolian ponies. To give you some idea of labour-intensive farming, a Westerner visited an experimental farm he was starting and was fascinated to find men, with A frames, cutting the grass in the fields and carrying it to the cattle in their sheds. He had to suggest that the cows might like to do it for themselves.

Life in Korea is dominated by the presence of the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), a grim 4,000-yard wide strip of wire and mines which splits the North and South. This country is not at peace, for the war is suspended upon the slender thread of the Armistice Agreement. As each month passes, strands of the thread are frayed by violations of the agreement, but the sword has yet to fall. The United Nations Command, which grew out of the force with which you fought, is unlike any other UN peacekeeping effort in the world. Its forces are mainly Korean and American, plus a company of the Royal Thai Army. Australia, New Zealand, Ethiopia, Thailand, Turkey, Philippines and the United Kingdom are all represented. We have a Defence Attaché, who is also a senior member of the Military Armistice Commission (MAC) and the Commander of the CLM — plus a WO clerk for his Embassy duties. I am the UK Liaison Officer, the UK member of the MAC advisory group and the G2 of the CLM — with an RAPC staff-sergeant, a REME sergeant and a lance-corporal RE who, between them, handle finance, type, file, mend vehicles, storekeep, run the post office, show films, drive, run the speed boat and look after visitors from Hong Kong (but that's a story in itself).

About once a month the full MAC meets at Panmunjom. A Secretaries' Meeting also happens monthly, this being a small scale version, designed to discuss administrative matters, but which has grown in usage of late. The procedure of the full meeting has been formalised by 17 years of weary tradition. The Commission travels to the Advance Camp by helicopter and then by car into the DMZ, to the Joint Security Area where a little village has grown round the conference room which is a single-storey hut, with large windows for observers, split by the top table (along the centre of which runs the Demarcation Line) and littered with electronics for recording and simultaneous translation. The side that called the meeting enters first. Fifteen seconds later the others enter. No greetings are exchanged. Behind each negotiating team sit secretaries, interpreters

and advisers. Up to four members of the Chinese Peoples' Volunteers have a table on the North side. Each statement is read in English, Korean and Chinese. At the windows Press and visitors from both sides watch, take pictures, record, jostle and (sometimes) fight. Each side presents its complaints to the other: violations, shootings and incursions. We produce photographs of dead agents who were infiltrated by land or sea, and display their equipment — radios, cameras, clothes, weapons and money. The Communists also produce photographs of anonymous, twisted bodies. The language used contrasts sharply. The Communists employ flamboyant terms. For example, it being their custom to insult any member of the Advisory Group who sits at the main table during Secretaries Meetings, I was greeted with:

"In a crafty attempt to cover up your criminal acts and aggressive nature, your side has again staged today the clownish farce of dragging out to this table the stooge who has no qualification at all to conduct this meeting." I was also "a shield," a "hollow illusion," a "puppet" and a "scoundrel." The term "US imperialist aggressor" was used over 200 times at a recent meeting.

The UN language is somewhat different:

"The United Nations Command has been making every attempt to utilise the Secretaries

Meetings for the purpose for which they were intended, that is, to discuss the administrative matters pertaining to the functions of the MAC. If this is ever to come about, your side must cease your present tactics and come to these meetings in good faith . . . When you do this, you will find that the UNC will be more than willing to meet you half way and you will also find these meetings can be mutually productive and helpful." The tape recorders wind in the image of each word, while outside the cameras click, recording which form of Truth they are directed to see.

Korea is an armed camp, with a nightly curfew from midnight to four, road blocks, restricted areas and passes. Climb a hill to photograph the countryside, and you may find yourself explaining to an alert sentry just what you were doing around his anti-aircraft site. The route President Park travels is lined with armed police. Where he must walk is searched with mine detectors. None of this is over-cautious. In 1968, a group of 28 men were sent from the North to kill the President, and the last one was killed in the grounds of his Palace. To date this year, 13 armed agents have been killed.

But the Republic of Korea is still a free democracy. This freedom she owes to the forces of the United Nations, and she has not forgotten.



Photo by Pacific Fleet Combat Camera Group, USN

"THE STOUGE," (left) "... A SHIELD, A HOLLOW ILLUSION ... "

A Secretaries' Meeting at Panmunjom

“’Tis substantial happiness to eat”

or

Army Personnel Research Establishment Combat Nutrition Trial—Exercise Desire 1970

by Lt. J. N. Sharp

Those of you who adhere to the maxim “to toil and not to seek for rest” as normal living would have thought nothing of the work involved on Exercise “Desire”, for in 5½ weeks we had two afternoons free. Science demands continuity and dedication; weekends and the like count for nought. After having undergone a series of psychological and physiological examinations from which Capt. McGavock RAMC, who visited us in Hong Kong prior to our departure to Malaysia, deduced that there was no raving lunatic amongst us (some rather pointed remarks revealed a certain degree of scepticism here), a platoon of 33 soldiers from Alma Company set off for the Jungle Warfare School to the tender care of Lt.-Col. J. P. Crowdy RAMC and his APRE Team.

Adhering to Parkinson’s Law, there were nearly thrice as many in the APRE Team and administrative elements as subject troops (all were required as we were to realise later). We had little time to ponder on this revelation for, after an opening address, work began in earnest.

The purpose of the trial was to find out how rations of a lower energy content affect the physiological, psychological and military efficiency of the soldier. A similar trial had been carried out in Scotland by the Cameronians, but Exercise “Desire” differed in three instances. Firstly it was held in a tropical climate; secondly, manipulative tests (i.e. step testing and bicycling on an ergometer) and vigilance tests were included; finally, refeeding problems would be considered.

The 5½ weeks were divided into a 10-day acclimatisation period and three phases. Phase I was a three-day period in camp when the food and drink intake was measured. Phase II (during which time we ate the trial rations in the jungle) was a 12-day period representative of a long-range infantry patrol. Phase III represented the recuperation and work-up period in camp prior to continuing with a further patrol. It was during this final phase that the refeeding problems were considered.

The APRE Team wasted no time in making their intentions most clear. During the trial we were required to operate in three-day cycles with exactly the same work content in each. Every morning a march was to take place and, in order that Dr. Mike Haisman and his physical fitness team could ascertain how much energy each soldier expended, we were required to march masked and fitted with meters attached to which were containers which collected the samples of exhaled breath to be analysed by Miss Mary Ross.

The march had to be completed in exactly the same time and with exactly the same weight of equipment at each attempt. We were all weighed very accurately, including the 70lb of sand which, fitted beautifully into a large pack, was added to the other impedimenta of wary men from start to finish of the trial. The first attempt at the 7½-mile march was approached by all as if something akin to hot potatoes were pursuing our backsides. If the masks restricted breathing then it was little in evidence. Mr. John Turk timed us carefully; little did we know that the time we set for the first march had to be adhered to from then on when our ardour had cooled — “Sweet oblivion is bliss and man’s delight”.

We were required to march in the open so that we could obtain full benefit from the heat of the sun and the natives tilling the oil palms appeared astounded at the sight of 34 soldiers, half of them masked, with doctors and scientists pell-mell in accompaniment. They were to become very used to the sight.

Energy costing

Beside energy costing (as this was termed) the morning march all our other activities were accounted for. Masks were donned for cleaning rifles, building and maintaining bivouacs, cooking, cleaning boots, carrying water and a host of other activities including sleeping. Except in Phase III the morning march was standard throughout the trial, but in each three day cycle the afternoon work differed: on the first afternoon a cross country chase of six miles, on the second a march and shoot, and on the third section attacks. These were organised so that every man did the same amount of work. It is kinky putting in an assault fitted with mask and meter.

The acclimatisation period was a work-up period — a time when we were put in no doubt that it was a “question of stick”. We knew little of thermometer drills but, under Capt. McGavock’s expert instruction, we all learned how to affix and read electronic thermometers.

We were introduced to two types of psychological testing. Firstly the “low arousal” test. You were required to sit in a booth with a series of buttons. Loudspeakers played a very loud roaring noise punctuated every two seconds by a bleep. Every now and again a shorter than “normal length” bleep was inserted. When you noticed the shorter bleep you pressed a white button; you also pressed another button which told the computer whether you were convinced that there was a shorter bleep, in which case you pressed a

blue button, whether you were fairly certain (a green button) or whether you were not sure at all (yellow button). There was a red button, available for those who "went round the bend in spades" and required help. This vigilance testing continued for one hour and could be related to soldiering in many ways, e.g. an infantry patrol has gone many days without trace of the enemy; the men are bored and tired when, suddenly, there is some sign of the enemy. This vigilance test determined whether the subject could discover the hostile sign. No attempt was made to awaken slumbering soldiers.

The other psychological test was the "high arousal" test. This quite simply involved the transferring of letters of the alphabet into figures at speed.

The Ergometer

Let us now turn to the physical fitness side. This was Dr. Haisman's speciality and involved bicycling on an ergometer and step testing. The ergometer is a machine similar to a bicycle in appearance but dissimilar in purpose in that you can pedal to some tune but will not make one jot of progress. The wheels are raised off the ground and can be tightened so as to necessitate extra effort. The subject wore the inevitable mask and electrodes were attached to his chest to measure heartbeat while he pedalled. In this way, energy output could be calculated but all pedalling had to be done in time to a tireless metronome which beat out the time over a loudspeaker. Step testing entailed stepping onto benches, progressing from a low to a higher bench with ever increasing momentum. This was also completed in time to a high pitched bleep. Psychological and physical fitness tests took place simultaneously and with Capt. McGavock's bleeps on the left and Dr. Haisman's bleeps on the right, do not wonder if any "Duke" has returned from Exercise Desire somewhat touched — it was not the sun.

With the arrival of our American Allies from the Pentagon — Mr. C. Frank Consolazio (Chief of Bioenergetics Division but known to us all as "Frank Baby") and Dr. Al Forbes (Chief, Scientific Analysis Branch but known as "The Vampire") whose heavy water at 0100 hrs., 0300 hrs., 0400 hrs., 0500 hrs., at US \$50 a glass, will long be remembered.

Phase I started in earnest at 0615 hrs. with the taking of temperatures in bed (the fullest co-operation possible was obtained for this) no one was to move until his temperature had been recorded. This was closely followed by weighing and the collection of urine and water bottles. From this point all food and drink intake and output was recorded in great detail. Plastic bags, properly labelled of course, catered for nature's more heavy demands. WO1 Earl's cafeteria system for meals was most efficient and, for these, sustenance was contained in disposable cartons. It was rumoured that the vociferous Pte. Meek had something to do with the choice of menu for it was the first time compliments had been passed on Army cooking. These veils were not voiced when we were given the trial rations in Phase II.



THE "TOUR DE FRANCE"
Pte. Green under scrutiny

All the "Dukes" were given subject numbers so as to be easily identified and, after breakfast, half were involved with Dr. Haisman in what Pte. "Donkey" McGregor so aptly termed the "Tour de France" or on step testing, while the remainder were under Capt. McGavock's aegis for the psychological tests. At 1015 hrs. Mr. Consolazio and Dr. Forbes came into their own. Arm sweat bags, for the collection of the sweat of the British soldier and its later analysis, were applied to arms prior to the morning march. By this stage the march had become a fine art in time keeping. Mr. Turk, after an early reference to the "Gallop Gumboots", became efficiently quiet with his stopwatches. Disaster befell those who allowed their minds to become temporarily benumbed as Pte. Barker will bear witness. He chose an inopportune moment to collapse and, on arousal, found himself six foot beneath the track wallowing with the toads in a convenient stream.

A much-needed lunch followed the usual temperature recording and water bottle exchanges in time for further strenuous work in the afternoon. The cross-country chase was an observation run for which prizes were awarded. Hold! For those who are thinking that this was merely a question of putting mind in neutral and high-tailing it across the country, think again. Complete with equipment, a set course was followed by everyone (well almost everyone, a few were temporarily misplaced on the first attempt). The course ran through oil palm, scrub, laterite track and secondary jungle; en route were concealed signs of enemy — equipment and snipers — represen-

ted by targets, dummies, ammunition dumps and the photographer, Dr. Charles Ledger, with his omnipresent cameras. No ice-cold drinks awaited at the finish, only Mr. Consolazio and Dr. Forbes with blood pressure gauges, electronic thermometers and syringes for the extraction of blood.

The afternoon on the second day involved a march and shoot for three miles with full equipment at a brisk pace which had been set in the acclimatisation period by Sgt. Wardle who, recalling his former service in the SAS, was in his element throughout the trial. This ended with a run down from 400 to 100 metres. Finally, on the afternoon of the third day, the tactical exercise took place. To complete an exacting day, Dr. Haisman's "Tour de France" had the final say for two hours in the evening for a selected few.

During Phase I the NAAFI could be patronised but the amount of beer and other sustenance was restricted and everything was recorded by the omnipresent "observers" led by Lt.-Col. D. Worsley RAMC.

For Phase II the platoon was divided into two groups and every precaution was taken that they could not compare their rations. To one was issued the "assault" ration, whose energy content was 3,600 calories per day, whilst the other was given the "prototype" pack, an Australian rendering whose energy content was 1,800 calories per day, exactly half that of the assault ration. It is hardly surprising that the prototype pack

weighed only 14oz as the meals consisted of the following:

Breakfast. Three raspberry crunch biscuits.

Luncheon. One packet of candies, one bar of chocolate.

Evening Meal. Dehydrated sweet and sour pork, rice (there were four alternatives to this); coffee, tea, sugar and milk powder were also included.

Despite its paucity, the ration was very edible. The assault pack contained the usual "hardtack", beef block and oatmeal biscuits.

As the trial progressed blisters were disregarded as commonplace; the natives, who at first greeted the marching column with hilarious incredulity, now observed in sympathy; Pte. Green began hearing bleeps on the cross-country chase instead of observing clues; Pte. Moore, a confirmed vegetarian at the start, was reduced at length to a carnivore; Cpl. Young, who had not slept for a week, could not even be anaesthetised by Dr. Forbe's "knock-out drops". Even a king cobra, outstretched across our path during one march, regarded us with benign indifference — the light at the end of the tunnel was visible.

Weight reduction

For all who wish to lose excess weight in a short time, I recommend a sustained course on the prototype ration. The average weight loss for 12 days for those on the prototype pack was 10lb whilst Pte. Legg and other "heavies" were able to lose 17½lb.

Phase III was as strictly controlled as Phase I. However, the initiative of the British soldier is not easily dampened as one soldier will testify who, one evening in the last stages of Phase III, lavished some time in preparing a dummy for his bed in order to make a discreet return to quaff ale after the closure of the NAAFI. He was crestfallen when he realised that "those with fringing rank" had been watching every move. Those observers knew the soldier well.

As Phase III progressed, and plastic bags and bottles were discarded for the more sophisticated, Mr. Consolazio left for the USA via Hong Kong and London. Dr. Forbes was determined to draw his last drop of blood and stayed to the bitter end.

After his closing address Col. Crowdy presented prizes to the winners of the cross country competition outstanding among whom was Pte. Fereday who produced some very fast times. Equipment was handed in and all invaded Singapore for six days leave, an interesting conclusion to Exercise Desire.

Although final detailed results of the trial will not be completed for two years, two interesting facts emerged immediately. Firstly it was found that thirst is not a sufficient stimulant for the consumption of enough fluid to sustain a soldier in health under those degrees of heat and work; one of the subjects became so dehydrated that he had to be forcibly hydrated. Secondly, for a period of twelve days soldiers can be expected to live on half rations and their psychological and physiological capacity will be in no way impaired. You know who to blame if that ever happens!

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Regimental News

R.H.Q. Staff

We recorded in the last issue our search for a replacement for Walter Skelsey and are now happy to report that Major Charlie Grieve has taken over. Charlie had a long look at prospects in civil life but eventually decided that it was too late to start learning a completely different language and that he had better stick to something he knew. He now commutes daily the 50 miles from his home in Strensall.

Honorary Colours

A departure from the usual procedure of laying up colours in a chapel has been decided for the 1906-69 stand of Honorary Colours which were retired in Hong Kong last year.

A room in the Regimental Museum at Bankfield in Halifax is to be set aside to put these on display together with what can be salvaged from other earlier colours.

It is hoped that the ceremony of handing over the Colours can be timed to coincide with a 1DWR visit to Halifax from their future posting to Catterick.

RMAS Chapel

Three new stained glass windows in the Chapel of Remembrance were dedicated to the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers who have served on the staff at Sandhurst and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

Major Davis represented the Regiment at the service on Sunday, April 12. Lt.-Col M. N. Cox was also present and had a talk with Field Marshal Montgomery, both having been cadets at the R.M.C. together slightly over 60 years ago.

OCA Reunions

The 4th Bn (now an amalgamation of 1st/4th and 2nd/4th) held their 51st annual reunion in Halifax on April 18 followed a fortnight later on May 2 by the 2nd/6th Bn DWR.

Both these associations restrict their membership to those who were overseas in France with their Battalion in the 1914-18 war. One of the more impressive things about these reunions is the members who are still able to come, and in many cases from long distances, showing probably as much as anything else what fine battalions they must have been.

The 2nd/6th for many years now have been without any officer but are still determined to carry on for a few more years yet.

Regimental Sweepstake — 1970

This year the St. Leger will be run on Saturday, September 12 and someone will win £100, others £50, £25 and £10, with £1 for each runner. Prizes in the annual Regimental Sweepstake, the profits to the regimental and charitable funds of the Regiment.

Some books of tickets have already been sent out. If you have received them sell the tickets and send for more. If you have not received them and are prepared to sell tickets would you please write to the General Secretary, Regtl. Association DWR, Wellesley Park, Highroad Well, Halifax and tell him how many books you can sell. Books of 10 at 1s. a ticket.

The Regimental Association

Since our last notes OCA activities have been numerous; socials, parties, meetings and the usual private get-togethers that happen in this soldier masonry. The highlight, though, was the London Branch Dinner held in the Drill Hall of the Queen Victoria Rifle Association on May 9, 1970. 76 members attended.

Old friends met in the lounge bar and ere long excited chatter and laughter set the tone to this gathering of "Dukes" who sat down to a first-class meal. The Presiding Officer was Major Savory. At the end the toast to Her Majesty The Queen was proposed by Dave Benson, the Chairman of the London Branch, and the toast to The Regiment by Sax Rowlands. He spoke of our cap badge, the lion rampant on a ducal crown, and of the great esteem in which The Duke of Wellington was held by his Sovereign and how

AGM and Reunion Dinner

This will be held at the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax on Saturday, September 26, 1970. Tickets, still only 15s., are now available from RHQ DWR, Wellesley Park, Halifax. Accommodation will be arranged for those wishing to stay the night on application to the General Secretary.

that esteem has been maintained and added to — the Turners, the Brays, the Huffams, Kennedys, Smiths, Jones, Browns — all in their own way, and how today it was rightfully where it should be, held in greater esteem — at the top. Concluding — "Finally, ladies and gentlemen, in humble homage to the many thousands who have gone before us, to those of you gathered here tonight and on behalf of those still serving and the thous-

ands who will follow us I give you the toast 'The Regiment'".

A telegram received from Her Majesty The Queen read "Please convey to the Members of the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association dining together this evening sincere thanks for their kind and loyal greetings".

Major Savory spoke about the 1st Battalion and how pleased we were to hear of their impending return to Yorkshire in November.

After dining we all retired into the lounge bar where ale flowed freely again. Bob Martin and Diddy Guy, two founder members of the London Branch, were to be seen mixing with the northerners from Halifax, Bradford and Mossley, also with Bob Imray from Geordieland.

During this social gathering a raffle was held for a 21-piece tea service, kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Horne, the proceeds going to the London Branch: £12 was added to the coffers. Thanks, Jackie and Rose.

Bob Temple, we were all relieved to hear, has stated his willingness to continue as Secretary of the London Branch although he is due for retirement from his civilian employment in the near future. Some know, some don't, what an enormous amount of back-room work has to be performed organising a dinner but at least all appreciate it very much. The same applies to Sax Rowlands, the organiser of the Halifax Branch trip, and if your efforts seem to be taken for granted, Sax, it's the unemotional upbringing that's to blame.

The Halifax Branch contingent, who had arrived on Friday evening, were staying as usual at the Victory Club and already many and varied had been their activities since arrival. One party watched the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, others visited the shopping centres, others to the rugby final at Wembley, but on the Sunday we went as a party on a visit to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where two old "Dukes" are resident — Jim Yaxley and Oliver Ramsbottom. (An account of this visit appears elsewhere in this issue.)

This is a splendid weekend and arrangements are already being made for the visit in 1971 — May 15.

BRANCH NEWS

Halifax

The Halifax Branch held their AGM in the WOs & Sgts. Mess of "C" Coy (DWR) The Yorkshire Volunteers on June 3, 1970.

The Chairman, Mr. Donald McMahon, after opening the meeting made mention of the successful social activities including visits to other branches with a special tribute to the ladies for the sterling work they put in when the branch were hosts to visits from other branches. This tribute was passed on to the ladies after the meeting by the new Chairman, Mr. Dennis (Busty) Mitchell.

Officials elected for the next 12 months were:
Chairman: Mr. Dennis (Busty) Mitchell.

Deputy Chairman: Mr. Donald McMahon.

Secretary: Mr. Frank Kennedy.

Treasurer: Mr. Graham Samples.

Deputy Treasurer: Mr. Harold Rowlands.

Committee: Mr. Ted Samples (again), Mr. Ernest Hale (2nd time round), Mr. Bert Copley (Bert has the distinction of being on the Committees of both Bradford and Halifax Branches. He must thrive on hard work).

The Halifax Branch meet at Prescott Street Drill Hall, Halifax on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.0 p.m. A good social gathering. All reading these notes who are within calling distance are cordially invited to drop in. You'll be made welcome.

Huddersfield

The Huddersfield Branch hold monthly meetings (or social gatherings) at the St. Paul's Street Drill Hall on the last Friday in each month at 8.0 p.m. All "Dukes" welcome.

At their A.G.M. on April 3, 1970, the following officials were elected:-

President: Lt.-Col. G. Taylor, DSO, TD.

Chairman: Mr. G. H. Machen, MBE.

Secretary: Mr. J. E. Horne (9 New Street, Slaithwaite).

Treasurer: Mr. R. Wilkinson (Bob), newly appointed.

In co-operation with Mossley Branch an exceptionally pleasant evening was spent listening to a Band Concert given by the Band of the West Riding DWR Association in the George Lawton Hall, Mossley on Sunday, April 26, 1970. After the concert, which was enthusiastically acclaimed, we all retired to a "local" with toasts to Mossley, Huddersfield, The Band, in fact toasts to individual members.

Mossley Branch

This thriving little branch from "over the border" goes from strength to strength and with meetings at 8.0 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the "Lodge Room" over the Friendship Hotel in Mossley.

Their officials are:

President: Major E. J. B. Mowatt.

Chairman: Mr. Jack Powell.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Harold Maude.

Secretary: Mr. Fred Shaw.

Treasurer: Mr. Jack Wood.

NEWS ITEMS

Ex-CSM L. Sullivan ("Twinkle toes") called at RHQ recently. His home address is: 2 Westwood Drive, Swanpool, Lincoln.

Ex-Sgt. J. Brennan is now keeping the "Hare & Hounds" pub at Todmorden, Lancs. Visitors to the West Coast, or anywhere else, will find a good pint.

W. A. Charlesworth (Chas) also called in recently. His address is Flat 223, Aldham House Lane, Wombwell, Barnsley.

W. F. Jones (No. 8938) now aged 81, who served from 1907-1918 mostly in India with the 1st Battalion, would like to hear from any old

comrades. His address is: 7 Henley Street, Lud-desdown, Kent.

Steve North, a resident at The British Legion Home, Lister House, Sharrow, Ripon now has

a "Duke" companion. He is Mr. W. Watson who previously lived in Bradford. He served with the 2/7th Bn in the First War, Regimental number 306756. Mr. Watson is 78, Mr. North 91.

A visit to Chelsea

The resonant peal of the organ, the melodious singing of the choir and the hearty voices of the congregation made the Chapel ring with a glad sound and, as the sun shone through the windows adding rich colour to the uniforms and sparkle to the rows of medals proudly worn by the Pensioners, we felt humble yet proud in the knowledge that these men and ourselves were akin — ex-soldiers.

The occasion was a visit to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, by members of the Old Comrades and Regimental Association (DWR) Halifax Branch, during their weekend stay in London to attend the London Branch annual dinner. This visit was the highlight of a pleasure-packed three days.

Two ex-soldiers of The Regiment are residents: Jim Yaxley, now aged 80, who served with The Regiment (1909-30) in India, Afghanistan and Ireland, also a 2 year spell as a PSI in Mirfield from 1928-30. He rejoined the Regimental Depot in 1940 and later served as a PSI with the Home Guard at Mirfield. He took up residence at Chelsea in 1966. We had a jar or two in the club with Jim and, had the ale been Websters, we could have been anywhere within the precincts of Halifax. His fellow "Duke" is Oliver Ramsbottom with 32 years regular and territorial service to his credit. Oliver served in both wars, latterly as captain quartermaster with the 6th Battalion. He was in the infirmary at the time of our visit but, with the expert ministrations

of the nurses and staff in such pleasant surroundings, we hope he will soon be well and about again.

After the church service we were shown around this really beautiful home, founded in 1682 by King Charles II, through the Great Hall which must surely be the finest dining hall in the world with menus that befit a banqueting hall. A lunch-time session in the club kept the bar staff very busy and, with the Governor, General Sir Charles Jones and his staff, we raised our glasses to these fine men now enjoying a well-earned retirement with a quiet military dignity that produced an air of strength and security. The cheerful atmosphere, babble and laughter denoted that events of yore were being related to us younger generation (whose "numbers were still drying") by these splendid men, representing nearly every regiment and corps in the Army. Battles were re-fought, both officers and other ranks promoted and demoted unceremoniously and we were loath to leave such friendliness, but our time had come to return to Yorkshire with the promise of further visits whenever we are down in the metropolis. Thank you all at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea for giving us such an interesting and wonderful time.

Any member of the Regiment who may wish to join this exclusive body of men in this exceptionally pleasant home can obtain particulars of the qualifications necessary from RHQ DWR, Wellesley Park, Halifax.

THE GURKHA WELFARE APPEAL

From Field Marshal Lord Harding

May 22, 1970

Sir,

May I claim the courtesy of your columns to draw the attention of your readers to the National Appeal for the Gurkha Welfare Trust, and to ask for their support.

The Army Benevolent Fund has made a generous contribution to the appeal on behalf of all regimental and corps associations, but I thought that as many of your readers will have happy recollections of contacts with Gurkha soldiers they may like to subscribe individually — hence this letter.

The Gurkhas are our oldest and staunchest allies and have served with us for over 150 years. Nearly half a million Gurkhas fought side by side with British troops in the two World Wars winning 26 Victoria Crosses and suffering 43,000 casualties. By their courage and endurance they have made a magnificent contribution to the success of British arms. Their good comradeship has always been a source of strength to our own soldiers. I believe

that everyone in this country owes them a great debt for their loyal and devoted service in numerous campaigns over many years.

When a Gurkha leaves the British service, he faces a difficult future in Nepal, a country with limited resources and a basic industry of subsistence level agriculture, subject to frequent natural disasters — floods and landslides. They and those who depend upon them are frequently in need of financial support to restart their life as civilians, to tide over a period of illness or other misfortune, to relieve poverty, suffering or distress.

HM Government provide an annual grant to meet the overheads of the Welfare Scheme, but a capital sum of £1,000,000 is needed to provide in perpetuity an income sufficient to meet the many deserving cases that will increasingly arise as the run down of the Brigade proceeds. Every penny received will be devoted directly to this end.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Gurkha Welfare Trust, 25/31 Moorgate, London EC2.

Yours sincerely,

HARDING.

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"C" COY (DWR) THE YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

1970 has seen the introduction of a new system of training designed to space activities more evenly over the training year. Such terms as "COT" are now a regular feature of each company's training programme. We now have Company Obligatory Training, Battalion Obligatory Training and Voluntary Training instead of the old system whereby soldiers chalked up their quota as and when it suited them; they now have to fulfil their obligations in a more formal manner. This does mean that the conscientious man no longer feels that his less enthusiastic colleague is getting away with it.

One feature of the new system was the St. George's weekend where the entire battalion lived in at Burniston Barracks, Scarborough. A weekend featuring cadre training, young officers' course, jobs for all, 7 a.m. PT, a Regimental dinner, range classification and an all ranks festive lunch really stretches the Battalion and the CO's bugler! PSIs over 40 had an easy time on the battalion run, but lesser mortals, suffering from TAB and Watneys best, failed to make the grade.

We are very pleased to welcome back to the unit Lt. Ian Foster, a former 7th Battalion Duke; erstwhile with KOYLI he has now returned to Huddersfield and will be a most welcome addition to the company in getting St. Paul's Street really moving. As well as Sgt. Lamb we now have Sgt. Berry, a former sigs NCO, working with him and this should stiffen things up a bit. In the pipeline is Officer Cadet Michael Hawley, also from Huddersfield. However, we are still short of young "Dukes" officers and if more are not forthcoming soon we shall be in the sad state of having the DWR Company officered entirely by Hallams, PWO, Green Howards and Leeds Rifles — a poor reflection on Regimental tradition and pride. We hope that support in a practical way from former officers will prevent this coming to pass; regrettably, however, it seems that many do not want to acknowledge the Volunteers as the true successors of the TA and this is a disappointment keenly felt by those of us who now continue to serve.

At Halifax, after great pressure, the canteen and sergeants' mess were redecorated and a succession of parties and "draws" have put the social side on a firm footing. Permission to grow beards for a Tramps Dance in the sergeants' mess is now the cry, so may the Lord preserve us from visits by officers of high rank, unless they are from the Pioneer Corps.

We are sorry to lose, for the time being, Lt. Chris Butterfield due to a business move, and the Coy 2IC, Capt. Peter Mortimer, is off for a year to Essex University. Fortunately, among the sergeants things are more stable. In this respect we must congratulate Sgt. Dearnley, RAPC, and Sgt. Aston, RAMC, on their promotion to substantive rank.

Some very determined efforts have produced a large number of recruits who are going to be most valuable in lifting the strength to the BAOR figures. We shall have some 50 or 60 from our HQ joining us and a large part of the training is to be in AFV 432s with 1 Green Howards. There is no doubt that this camp, to be held in late August, will provide a more than adequate supply of notes for the next issue.

On October 1 the Battalion will have a change in command. Major G. Norton, a former Hallams officer now Battalion 2IC will take over, and our own OC, Major Curry, will move to York as Battalion 2IC. A successor is yet to be named at Halifax, but this may come in as a stop press before publication. Sufficient to say that the Company Dinner this year has been brought forward to September 19 so that the "hails and farewells" can be attended to in good order.

We are pleased to report that on May 24 the Bishop of Wakefield, Hon. Chaplain to the DWR, licensed Captain P. J. Mortimer, "C" Coy (DWR) Yorkshire Volunteers, as a lay reader, in the presence of the Rev. R. I. J. Matthews, C of E Chaplain to the Yorkshire Volunteers, who was formerly of the 5/7 and West Riding Battalion, DWR. With Father Donald Banbury, now resident in Halifax, this makes a formidable team for the "care of souls" in the Regiment.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The beginning of the year just about saw the re-birth of the Mess, after the painters and decorators moved out. The Mess after a good deal of hard work now looks more like a Mess!! What with the Duchess's portrait over the fireplace, loaned by OC Coy, and a Bavarian mountain lake mural, the place is in good nick. Older mess members may not be too keen; however, being a "young mess" one must move with the times and be "with it." John Fee brought up LRT and the mess members had a go and is now showing forth fruit. The PMC Fund building up slowly but surely, however the money is being spent. £10 on the ladies toilet improvement done by Edgar Gaukroger, to whom the PMC gives his thanks once again, and to S/Sgt. Dolan and Sgt. Taylor for their renovating of the bar "arena." After the success of the Psychedelic Night last October, we are holding a Tramps Social on June 27. So here's hoping we have as good, if not better, time of it. We'll see who makes the best tramp (Sam Hall).

We say farewell to John Fee and Betty and welcome Walt Morris and May on July 4 with a dinner at the Blue Dahlia, followed by a social in the mess afterwards for a few selected friends. A good time for dancing! We welcome to the mess, Sgt. Aston (Medic), who is doing a fine job.

The West Riding DWR Cadre

During the last few months the Cadre have been extremely busy, not only in their role as soldiers in the field, but also as ceremonial soldiers, administrative soldiers, and social soldiers. Members of the Cadre have attended two weekend camps with Yorkshire Volunteers. The first of these was at Strensall, where we took our place on the firing point and carried out the annual classification course. The second was at Burniston Barracks, Scarborough, where the Cadre carried the Colours on a Yorkshire Volunteers parade.

On two consecutive Sundays in June the Cadre attended the Civic Church Parade in Huddersfield and that of the Colne Valley; their presence was welcomed by the Mayor and Chairman of the Council respectively. On each occasion the Cadre provided a detachment of six men and the Cadre Commander took over the duties of Parade Commander.

Within the Drill Hall at St. Paul's Street, Major MacDonald, TD, the Cadre Commander, has been fully occupied co-ordinating the allocation of accommodation between Cadre, the platoon of the Yorkshire Volunteers, the Army Cadet detachment, and our new inhabitants, the Air Training Corps. The canteen has been given a face-lift, a new false ceiling has been installed, and Sgt. Brooke of the Cadre has decorated the entire room.

The Officers Mess has also been very active. On Tuesday, March 24, we were honoured by a visit from Major-General The Earl Cathcart, DSO, MC. He addressed the Cadre and encouraged them to

soldier on in the hope of some better role in the future. Afterwards, in the Mess, he presented Major J. Iredale with the Territorial Decoration and was entertained by the Cadre officers to supper. On Saturday, April 18, a ladies' dinner night was held, at which 14 officers and their ladies attended. On the third Thursday of each month the Mess is "open" to all those with previous connections with St. Paul's Street Drill Hall and The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The Cadre officers will be delighted to see anyone who cares to drop in on these nights. There is always a drink available and on some occasions a light supper. The silver store in the Mess has been renovated, with new cupboards fitted, and the PMC is at present sorting through all the silver in our possession and placing the pieces into battalion groups, i.e. 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Battalions.

Parties are held at regular intervals in the canteen, and these are well attended by many of our soldiers who were forced into retirement in April 1969. The bar in the canteen is efficiently and enthusiastically run by Cpl. Payne of the Cadre.

We are now looking forward to joining "C" Coy (DWR) Yorkshire Volunteers at their annual camp in Germany. We shall be attached to the 1st Battalion, Green Howards, and we expect to be put through our paces on the training areas. If we survive, which we are sure we shall do, the autumn will see us holding further social events in the Mess and the canteen, and we shall continue to uphold the fine name and traditions of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment as volunteer soldiers.

The King's Division

The major event affecting the life of regiments of The King's Division over the last six months has undoubtedly been the emergency in Northern Ireland. The 1st Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire were the first into Londonderry last August. The 1st Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment are now there on a four month tour, to be followed in the autumn and New Year by 1st Battalion The King's Regiment and 1st Battalion The Green Howards from BAOR.

The appointments of new colonels for three regiments of the Division have been confirmed: Major-General The Hon. M. Fitzalan Howard, CB, CBE, MVC, MC, as Colonel The Queen's Lancashire Regiment from formation; Brigadier A. E. Holt as Colonel The King's Regiment in June; and Brigadier W. S. G. Armour, MBE, as Colonel The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire from September.

Brigadier T. R. Birkett, OBE, late The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, is to be

Divisional Brigadier from late September 1970.

Domestic Headquarters appointments that have been confirmed are as follows:

AAG Lt.-Col. D. R. Large, King's, Jan. 71

GSO2 Major W. J. Hiles, R. Irish, July 70.

Chief Clerk WO1 W. Kirkbride, King's Own Border, Jan. 71.

ORS Sgt. M. Lee, QLR, May 70.

The summer Records and Division Meetings were held in Strensall on May 6. Four commanding officers were unable to attend, but we were pleased to see their adjutants representing them. The next full Colonel Commandant's Meeting with colonels of regiments, regimental secretaries and commanding officers is set for December 8 and 9 in Strensall.

Adult recruiting during the first quarter of the year was encouraging, 204 adults joining against the Division target of 240. Junior soldiers recruiting continues well. On May 5 there were 495 junior soldiers of The King's Division under training against a target of 509. However good

these figures may seem, "wastage" still exceeds the intake. The Division MPT is now 102.7 per cent, but it is MOD policy to rectify, by imposing controls on recruiting, the imbalances between divisions of Infantry. We must therefore accept that our strengths will continue to decline until such time as the shortfall in infantry is borne more equally across all divisions.

Agreement has been achieved on a standard shirt for officers of the King's Division for wear with No 2 Dress. The shirt chosen is the light sand-coloured shirt worn by Yorkshire Regiments, as supplied by Messrs. Gieves Ltd., 27 Old Bond Street. This shirt is to be obligatory from January 1, 1972.

The new King's Division tie, approved by the Colonel Commandant, was shown to commanding officers at the Division Meeting. The design is dark blue with thin white pin stripes separated from thicker red and green stripes. The tie can be obtained from Messrs. T. M. Lewin & Son, 106 Jermy Street, St. James's or through RHQs, battalions and depots.

Approval has been given by Garter Principal King of Arms for The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire to adopt the White Horse of Hanover as their cap badge. The badge is to have the word YORKSHIRE under the rough ground.

The Colonel Commandant congratulates The King's Division Depot, Lancashire, on winning the following ARA Non-Central Matches in

1969: Duke of Connaught Cup (Home Series) and The Army Boys Small Bore Match.

The Junior RSM commanding the passing out parade at The Junior Infantrymen's Battalion Shorncliffe on April 4 was J/RSM A. Warriner, who is shortly to join the 1st Battalion The Green Howards in Minden.

The King's Division Bowl for the best all round Junior Soldier of The King's Division passing out of The Junior Tradesmen's Regiment Troon in April 1970 was won by Junior Private V. P. McGaghey, King's.

Junior Ranger A. McLaughlin, The Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, has been awarded Army Boxing Association Junior Colours.

1st Battalion The King's Regiment have figured in two Army finals. In the Army Boxing final the battalion (BAOR Champions) were beaten by 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment, the match being one of the closest ever witnessed. In the final of the Infantry Football Challenge Cup the battalion (again BAOR winners) were beaten by 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers 2-0.

Since our last notes at Christmas The 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers' move to BAOR has been postponed until September and their destination altered to Hemer. 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment's commitment in Gibraltar has now been reduced to one company group and 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's location in the United Kingdom has been confirmed as Catterick.

The King's Division Depot, Yorkshire

Headquarter Company

Another normal day in HQ Company, quick hellos and then goodbyes to our fellow "Dukes". It is quite impossible to say off hand how many have passed through this company.

The company has been certified 2nd Battalion DWR or Medivac Company or P7 Specials. It is known that when "Couchy" Smith had three weeks left in the Army he slept in every department of the Depot without bedding, of course, being under the influence of alcohol. Couch was quite happy. L/Cpl. Humphries in the PRI Department is about to leave us with a medical discharge; he states his leg is bad; we believe the Ship Inn has something to do with it! L/Cpl. Soulsby is still pioneering away in his own little shop away from the pads and plenty of chips on the old soldier (sorry) shoulder. Raggy Tash Cpl. Bower did a moonlight flit — gone before we knew he had arrived. Cpl. Taylor, still alive and kicking hard, claimed to be our best P7 and a good winner of the scar competition. Voice procedure A 41 has been passed on to a number of junior soldiers taken by him.

Training Company

2 DWR are alive and well and living in Stren-sall. In between the World Cup and Top of the

Pops (in colour of course), Captain The Hon Westcob and his ADC, Cpl. Lucky, profiting from their recent staff course, captained a successful tug of war team. Lt. Gilbert when not playing cricket, who was elected Best Dressed Man in Otterburn 1970, still plans to open a hair-dressing salon. Sgt. Dowdall has bought a bungalow and a dog whose stud fees are £10 — pricey! He himself is 33-1 on July 10. Sgt. Blood continues to terrorise his platoon whilst his brother is pigeon shooting later this month at Bisley. Cpl. Noble has arrived just in time to do guard and Cpls. Grey and Jackson wander around muttering Sarnie mucha. P.S. Pte. Wright is still running for the Coy.

Junior Soldiers Company

There are only 10 days to go before the company embarks on its annual bonanza, annual camp. Apart from the destination, the Isle of Man, little else is known about the venture yet. Those wizards in the company nerve centre are no doubt scheming up some dastardly plans to test the initiative and skills of permanent staff and junior soldiers alike. To the strains of "We shall overcome" and the World Cup Song, brawn and native cunning will no doubt be strained to their fullest extents to overcome the mammoth tasks

which "they" have spent many a long hour devising to test our resources. Rumour has it they have even co-opted, at a great transfer fee, the well-known and feared — R. Newell, Esq., veteran of Norway (Arctic Circle), Cyprus (Troodos), Soltau and the Eiger (cable car and S face only).

The dynamic wizz kids from the Education Centre are rumoured to be going to compute the map references and give knowledgeable advice on the locals inter alia.

But what of things past? With the temperature in the 70s, and a month-long drought to frustrate the keen gardeners, the past winter seems a long way away. How many remember the arduous two weeks Lt. Jowett spent at Aviemore in Scotland? In fact it was a most successful ski-ing trip with all reaching a good standard and feeling confident enough to tackle the "v diff" slopes. Special praise to J/Cpl. Smith (DWR) who is a natural; take note Battalion please.

The summer term has already had its highlights. The sailing team took part in the Northern Command Regatta, where they did well against the more experienced senior units.

The cricket team fared less well. It was knocked out of the first round of the Army Junior Cricket in our own Roses Match against The King's Division Depot at Preston.

Special praise is due to the band and drums who gave an excellent display at the officers' summer ball and who have also performed at local fetes.

Former junior soldiers will be pleased to hear the Rifle Pl are top dogs this term, having won every Le Messurier Shield competition outright—even the barrack room competition. Their Pl Comd has so much faith in them, he is teaching them the GPMG — SF with that blessed dial sight. He is to be seen walking round camp, head deep in pamphlet, muttering about aiming marks . . . all very obscure, he must be keeping something in the dark . . .

As a final word, congratulations to Lt. Palmer on his engagement, L/Cpl. Cole and Mrs. Cole on the birth of a daughter, Cpl. Miller on his arrival in the company — did he really volunteer for the free-fall parachuting course?

Cricket

Despite crashing to the RAF each time the "Dukes" in the team are holding their own. Capt. Newell collects wicket after wicket with his bowl-

ing although he has still to connect with his batting. Lt. Gilbert's wicket keeping has improved beyond belief and stumps Generals regularly; he also has his eye on a couple of windows nearby. Farr shows his metier with the willow not to mention his fielding. The XI are in the semi-finals of NORCO Championship and, with a pot as a prize, will most likely do well.

Officers Mess

Mess life at Strensall continues at its normal steady pace. The Convention of Colonels gave us opportunity once again to see several friends from various parts of Britain. The Mundells and Andrews have paid us visits too.

The most significant social event was the Summer Ball on June 12. We started work on Monday, June 8 under the expert guidance of the CO and PMC (Messrs. Palmer and Gilbert making a good deal of noise (due entirely to drink) about their two-day dual vigil with the bunting in the marquee). All the hard work paid off, however, and the ball was a great success. "Dukes" were there in force and we were delighted to see Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hardy, Major and Mrs. Davis from RHQ, Toby and Su Hirst and Andrew and Monica Nickell, as well as the Depot contingent of "Dukes".

The occasion would not have been possible without the hard working Mess staff which is very strongly represented by "Dukes". Headed by Sgt. Laherty they are L/Cpls. Allen, Willets and Powell (recently arrived from Gen Bray's staff) and Ptes. Farr and Richardson.

One imminent departure is that of Chris and Anne Jowett to civilian life in August. Any "Dukes" in legal distress contact our up and coming solicitor in Leeds. We wish them both well in their new life. Donald Palmer also leaves after 12 months mystery tour at Strensall. He leaves in July for IJLB Oswestry.

No sooner were the Summer Ball heads beginning to clear than the christening of Robin and Jill Newell's son, Simon, gave cause for further celebration on Sunday, June 14.

We now look forward to the rest of the year in our very pleasant Mess with the social calendar adequately full. There is also rumour of a barbeque dance if the summer continues to be as pleasant as the spring.

10 Army Youth Team

1970 has so far proved a most interesting and rewarding year, with the promise of an even busier six months to come.

We got off to an excellent start with the arrival of our new minibus. For those who have recollections of the old type it is like comparing a Rolls with a pedal car, and our old bus had very nearly reached the pedalling stage when it was written off.

The first three months of the year saw us con-

centrating on assisting schools and cadet forces with virtually no camping at all. March saw the completion of the .22 league for clubs in the area and out of approximately 60 clubs that entered the eventual winners were the ATC from Oldham.

After a week's leave at the end of March we started to concentrate on outdoor work with expeditions to Haworth and the Dales. Cpl. Shaw went on a projectionist course at Beaconsfield and came

back full of advice on how the local cinemas should operate their projectors. Lt. Hirst had the pleasure of being invited to present the prizes at the Annual Dinner and Prize Giving for Huddersfield Cadets. It was held at the Drill Hall and was a most enjoyable evening. Also in April we were enrolled in assisting the Oastler Teacher Training College with a view to giving instruction in outdoor activities. During the course we took the students to Scargill House in Kettlewell where we were delighted to see Col. Skelsey. He was in great form and obviously enjoying himself thoroughly in his new work, if his enthusiasm in showing us round was anything to go by.

May brought the start of the camping season and some very hot weather, as well as a flood of courses, presentations and visits. Notable among these were: the presentation of 10 AYT certificates to Cleckheaton Secondary Modern pupils by Colonel T. Horsfall, late Area Commander of Huddersfield Cadets; the two day D of E award course attended by Sgt. Martin and Cpls. Shaw and Miller; and the visit of Lt. Hirst to Sheffield Police Headquarters.

The highlight of the month, however, was undoubtedly when 10 AYT became waterborne. This occurred during a weekend exercise between the AYT, the Sea Cadets and the RNR. Lt. Hirst, Sgt. Martin and Cpl. Burke represented the Team and spent the weekend on the North Sea either on

board the Cadets' Motor Fishing Vessel, where we were appointed to the galley owing to our lack of seamanship, or in the minesweeper HMS Northumbria where we sampled some true naval hospitality. On the Saturday evening we attended a reception in the sweeper for the Town Council of Whitby, in whose bay we were anchored.

The next three months will find us occupied nearly every weekend and our outings include a barge trip that we are running for Huddersfield orphans and a week at Warcop with the ACF.

We are delighted to hear that the 1st Battalion is going to Catterick on its return from Hong Kong and we hope that our proximity will lead to greater co-operation between us.

In May, Colonel J. Deighton, The Commander Recruiting and Liaison Staff, paid us a farewell visit prior to his departure to civvy street, and he delighted us all by expounding on how he thought all ex-servicemen should spend their first six months of civilian life. We wish him the very best of luck and at the same time we welcome Colonel Gregg who has been appointed as his successor.

The team itself has not changed. However, there has been an increase in its dependants, owing to Cpl. Shaw's wedding on March 26, which we all attended, and the birth of Andrew Miller (Cpl. and Mrs. Ken Miller's first child). Our congratulations to both families.

The Army Cadet Force

HUDDERSFIELD AREA (DWR)

"*Virtutis Fortuna Comes*" — and fortune is indeed favouring the brave with "Dukes" Cadets in the Huddersfield Area. As enthusiasm sears through from detachment to detachment, we can do no other but proclaim a situation of "*comme il faut*" ("as it should be").

Annual Inspections

As was anticipated in the April issue of THE IRON DUKE, the annual reports are now to hand, showing "Above Standard" gradings awarded to Keighley, Thongsbridge and Skipton, with Halifax, Mirfield and Huddersfield in hot pursuit by being assessed "Up to Standard." Well done to all OCs — a splendid performance.

Shooting

Skipton Detachment, commanded by Capt. Doug Bennett, set the pace in the .22 field with a tremendous performance in the finals of the WR-ACF County .22 Competition. Although placed second, they equalled the score of G (Barnsley) Hallams who won; the final placings were decided by "counting out bulls."

Capt. George Johnson and his Keighley Detachment won the Area "George Robertshaw Trophy" run in conjunction with the preliminary rounds of the County Competition.

The WR-ACF annual Skill at Arms Meeting, held on May 10/11 at Strensall, under the con-

trol of Major Roger Sugden of Yorks TAVRA (yes — "Dukes" all the way), witnessed a splendid performance by Skipton. C/Sgt. McGrann won the title Champion Shot, whilst his OC captured second place in the Adults competition for the Marea Bowl.

Weekend Camps

In preparation for Annual Camp at Warcop great activity has been viewed at area camps.

Intense training in section and platoon battle drills, at Proteus and Leek Training Camps respectively, culminating with company procedure with 10 CTT at Keighley, has been the aim. Woe betide the enemy who doubts "Dukes Cadets" reaction to effective enemy fire; he'll soon be smartly outflanked.

Prior to these events however, once again we had the joy and privilege of a visit from GOC Yorkshire District, Major General The Earl Cathcart, at our CTC Strensall camp on March 21/22. His continuing enthusiasm for all "ACF matters" was plainly visible, and appreciated by all ranks.

Appointments

With great pride and pleasure we must place on record the appointment of Colonel J. C. Moncrieff, TD, MA, as Deputy Commandant (North) of the West Riding ACF.

This popular appointment of such a distinguished "Duke" is a stimulant in itself, but his long association with the WR Battalion DWR (TA) based at Huddersfield has created excitement within the Area.

We hardly need to place on record that the Huddersfield Area immediately transferred its allegiance to the Northern Sector, and this is now confirmed.

Promotions

We heartily congratulate and welcome the publication in the London Gazette to the rank of second-lieutenant of U/O Peter Turner. He will remain "our man at Thongsbridge" to continue his sterling work and achievements.

Comings (No Goings)

We welcome into the Area SIs John Blenkarn and Tom Gibson — both former members of the WR Battalion (TA) and both of whom are now based at our Keighley Detachment.

On transfer from Bradford Area ACF, to command our Heckmondwike GS Detachment, we happily introduce Capt. Frank Fox. Yet again we enfold another "good 'un" whose presence we know will be felt.

Sport

And it is in that traditional "Dukes" activity, sport, that we have truly excelled. The Editor would severely curtail this report if all successes were fully detailed, so an abbreviated summary must suffice:-

- a. Northern Command Cross Country — WRACF "B" Team won the Junior Section with Cadet Brown of Keighley positioning himself in 4th place.
- b. National Cross Country — Northern Command were the overall winners by both Senior and Junior Teams claiming 2nd place. Cadet Brown once again represented the Area in the Northern Command Junior Team.
- c. Northern Command Pentathlon — won by WRACF with a score of 35,160 points. Individual results from Area participants included:-
 - i. Senior — 1st position — Cadet Townson of Skipton (6415 points)
 - ii. Junior — 1st position — Cadet Brown of Keighley (6355 points).
- d. West Riding Athletics — At Castleford Lieut. John Clegg's Halifax detachment ably curtailed Keighley and Skipton dominance in the field of sport, with Cadets Towell and Robins winning the 800 metres and discus events respectively, thus qualifying them for the Northern Command Athletics at Hull on June 14, but . . .
- e. Northern Command Athletics — Skipton bounced back and won both long jump and shot with C/Sgt. McGrann and L/Cpl. Brewer competing in unbeatable style. Both these now progress to the National Athletics to be held at Harrogate.

General

June 13 produced a new ACF activity in that Cpls. Swift and Hartley of Halifax manned a British Legion float in the Halifax Charity Gala, and won no less than second place — the publicity angle was superb.

Meanwhile a very pleasant ACF Sunday Parade occurred at the Parish Church, Huddersfield, on June 14, with Col. Moncrieff kindly inspecting the ranks and receiving the salutation. Our ladies joined us on this happy occasion, and the flash of feminine colour thus convened, coupled with the stirring sound of Lt. Trevor Windle's Band plus the occasional reflection of sun from Lt. John Evans sword guard, completed a memorable parade.

From the London Gazette

D.W.R.

Regular Army

Major C. F. Grieve retires on retired pay, Apr. 1, 1970.

Capt. P. A. Pettigrew retires, receiving a gratuity, June 1, 1970.

Regular Army Reserve of Officers

2nd Lt. L. D. P. P. Evans relinquishes his commission, Apr. 14, 1970.

Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve

Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) John Bairstow Sugden, TD, JP, DL, is appointed Honorary Colonel, The West Riding Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Apr. 1, 1969.

Lt. C. M. B. Bateman from T & AVR, Yorks, to be Lt., Mar. 1, 1970, with seniority Mar. 27, 1968.

Appointments

The following appointments are announced:

Brig. T. R. Birkett, OBE, to be Divisional Brigadier, The King's Division, Sep. 1970.

Lt.-Col. E. M. P. Hardy to be GSO I (trg) HQ RMAS, Dec. 1970.

Lt.-Col. D. W. Shuttleworth to be Chief G3 (GSO I) Ops 3, HQ NORTHAG, July 1970.

Maj. R. Glazebrook, PWO, for 2IC 1 DWR, Nov. 1970.

Capt. C. N. St P. Bunbury to be Coy Instr RMAS, Apr. 1971.

Capt. D. Marsay to be Adjt 1 Malawi Rifles, Jan. 1970.

WO II R. W. Keily, att. King's Div Depot, Yorkshire, as 2 IC Recruiting Team, Apr. 1970.

WO II W. Morris to Yorkshire Volunteers, July 1970.

WO II J. Fee to SSO SOEST, July 1970 (LS List).

WO II R. F. Chilvers to RQMS 1 DWR, Mar. 1971.

No. 3123 Private Patrick McGuire

By R. J. Wilkinson-Latham

Patrick McGuire, in case you don't immediately recognise him, was the hero of the "Incident in the Crimea" in which, having been taken prisoner by two (or three) Russians, he shot one with his own rifle, clubbed another, and "returned to his regiment."

Mr. Wilkinson Latham, who has sent us this interesting article, is the author of "British Military Bayonets, 1700-1945" and co-author of "Cavalry Uniforms of Britain and the Commonwealth" and "Infantry Uniforms of Britain and the Commonwealth, Vols. I and II".

The medals of Pte. Patrick McGuire have been in my family for nearly a hundred years. They used to hang in the showrooms of a well known company who make the Army's swords. They were used there as decoration and were first put there by my great-great-grandfather. Of where or how he obtained them there is no record.

After the last war, when a more modern look was given to the showrooms, the medals and the print in their case were taken down and my father brought them home where they are now amongst our collection.

For many years now I have been meaning to find out more about McGuire but never seemed to have the time. At last I decided that I must find out more about this man, not only because of his medals but because of the gratuity he had been awarded. Here I must sincerely thank R. A. Innes, Esq. (Director of Halifax Museums) who went out of his way to procure information and records for me. It was he who suggested that this article would be of interest to The Iron Duke.

Patrick McGuire was born in the parish of St. John's in Manchester in February 1837. The trade of his father is not known but was possibly one connected with the spinning mills as young Patrick, when old enough, was sent to work as a piecer which was the trade of repairing broken threads in the spinning machinery.

Perhaps tired of this dull existence, or perhaps prompted by an argument with his father, he enlisted in the 2nd Foot (Queen's West Surrey Regiment, now the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Regiment) at Oldham on November 19, 1853. He evidently gave a false age as his record shows him as being then aged 17 years and nine months. However, this was later discovered, or admitted as, although he served for a year and 10 days in the 2nd Foot, his service was only reckoned as 10 days.

By the authority of the Adjutant General's Office, dated February 15, 1854, he transferred to the 33rd Foot. It seems probable that this transfer was due to the fact that on February 5 the 33rd had received orders to recruit 1,000 rank and file and prepare for active foreign service.

He joined his new regiment on March 1 and

had hardly time to settle down and find new comrades before the regiment sailed. The first companies, indeed, sailed on March 1 and by April 8 the whole regiment had reached Malta. Two days later they sailed for Constantinople where, with the 41st Foot, they were the first British troops to have been seen since the Crusades.

Following some months in Bulgaria they landed, on September 14, in the Crimea where, within a few weeks, Pte. McGuire was to make his contribution not only to the history of The Duke's but to the history of the British Army.

The exact date of his exploit is not known but an account of it appeared in a letter written by Colonel Gough-Calthorpe dated October 23, 1834. So it must have been before Inkerman (November 5) although attributed to that battle in the title of one of the prints published to celebrate it.

There appear to have been at least three such prints. The print cased with the medals depicts three Russians. This is probably the print which is also reproduced in "Military Drawings and Paintings in the Royal Collection" published about 1966. A better executed print is No. 8 in the series "Incidents in the Crimea" published by Lloyd Bros. of 22 Ludgate Hill on December 20, 1854, barely two months after the incident. This shows only two Russians as does a third print, published by Hanhart & Co., and entitled "One Englishman versus Two Russians."

The descriptions of the exploit given on the prints, and in Gough-Calthorpe's letter, similarly differ in detail but the basic facts are clear. McGuire was taken prisoner (according to Gough-Calthorpe "when an advanced sentry"). One Russian took his musket, another took his pouch and he was marched off towards the Russian lines. Seizing a moment when his captors were off guard he grabbed either his own or a Russian's musket, shot one Russian and clubbed another (the third, if present, ran away). McGuire then collected his own Minie and accoutrements, and possibly the Russians' as well, and returned to his own lines, greeted by loud cheers from our pickets. Lord Raglan awarded him a gratuity of £5.

As reported in The Iron Duke No. 143 — April 1966, it had then recently been discovered that McGuire was recommended for the VC but turned down by Queen Victoria on the rather strange grounds that "His deed, although publicly praised and rewarded by Lord Raglan, was one of very doubtful morality and, if pointed out by the Sovereign as praiseworthy, may lead to the cruel and inhumane practice of never making prisoners but always putting to death those who may be overpowered for fear of their rising over their captors."

Although thus deprived of the supreme decoration, McGuire was one of the first soldiers to win



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PATRICK MCGUIRE'S MEDALS

(l to r) D.C.M.—Crimea (with three clasps)—Medaille Militaire—Turkish Crimea

the Distinguished Conduct Medal which was instituted on December 4, 1854, as a mark of "The Sovereign's sense of the distinguished service and gallant conduct in the field" of the troops in the Crimea. This medal carried with it a gratuity (for a private of £5) "to be placed in the regimental saving-bank there to remain in deposit at interest until his discharge from our service." This gratuity was additional to Lord Raglan's £5 which appears to have been an immediate award.

The French were also appreciative of McGuire's actions and awarded him the Medaille Militaire. He was one of only nine members of the Regiment to receive this decoration in the entire war.

McGuire survived the bitter winter of 1854-55 but some time during the siege of Sebastopol in the late summer of 1855 he was wounded in the left shoulder by a musket ball. He spent over a year in hospital and did not return to England until the end of 1856, his regiment having returned in June. He was now also the holder of the Crimea Medal, with the bars Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol, and the Turkish Crimea Medal (he received one of the Sardinian issue as the bulk of the British issue was lost at sea).

In February 1857 the 33rd were ordered to Mauritius, arriving there on May 5. Almost simultaneously the Indian Mutiny broke out and the 33rd were ordered to Bombay, sailing on July 23 except for "B" and "E" Companies which followed in August. McGuire seems to have been with the last party as his record shows him to have served in Mauritius for three months.

In India the Regiment was broken up into company detachments which were moved rapidly about the Bombay Presidency to centres of disaffection. This prevented the spread of the mutiny in these

areas. As a consequence the Regiment was engaged in no major action but the troops suffered greatly by reason of the continued arduous marching, sometimes in exhausting heat and often through the difficult mazes of jungle regions.

McGuire was one of those who suffered and at Dwarka (on the Gulf of Kutch) his health began to break down. He soldiered on for another three years, much of it spent on field service stamping out the last smouldering embers of rebellion. During this period he was awarded a good conduct badge which carried with it an increase in pay of 1d. per day. He was not able to add the Mutiny Medal to his row since the 33rd were not granted the medal on the rather shabby grounds that, having been split up into detachments, they had not taken part in the operations of the Field Force as a regiment.

On November 8, 1860, at Deesa (not far from Ahmedabad to the northern end of the Bombay Presidency) a Regimental Board sat to verify the record, the service, conduct and character of No. 3123 Pte. Patrick McGuire. It further proposed his discharge on the grounds of disability. The regimental medical officer reported that McGuire suffered from "Enlargement of the liver and spleen, jaundice and dyspepsia. Health first became impaired while on field service at Dwarka.* His ailments have not been aggravated by vice or misconduct."

His service was reckoned as six years, 263 days to that date (though, as we have seen, he had in fact served a year longer). His conduct was assessed as "Very Good": he was in possession of a good conduct badge, had never been tried by court martial and had only four entries in the defaulters' book.

The discharge recommendations were forwarded to the Horse Guards in London. Patrick McGuire arrived in England in November 1861 and was examined at Chatham by the Principal Medical Officer who pronounced him unfit for further service, confirming the findings of the medical officer at Deesa. His discharge was sanctioned on November 26, one year and 18 days after the original recommendation.

So it was that Patrick McGuire left the barracks at Chatham, discharged on grounds of ill health, with seven years 281 days service, the Distinguished Conduct Medal, the Medaille Militaire, the Crimea Medal with three bars, The Turkish Crimea Medal, £5 gratuity (with six years interest) any pay saved and possibly Lord Raglan's £5 but it is not known whether this was put on deposit and it may have been spent as quickly as it was given in celebrating his exploit. He was 25 years and nine months old.

He returned to Manchester but it is doubtful

whether he took up again his trade as piecer as he lived for less than a year. The date of his death is recorded on the certificate as October 28, 1862; his occupation is given as "a pensioner of the 33rd" and the cause of his death as "cirrhosis." He was living at the time at 10 Brierley Street, Manchester, possibly the home of a certain Patrick Atkinson, who was present at the death, or possibly a boarding house where McGuire and Atkinson both lodged.

* **Note:** The three prints all show McGuire wearing the red and white ball tuft to his shako denoting that he was in a battalion company and, as shown above, there is slight evidence that he was still in a battalion company in Mauritius. In India, however, Dwarka and Deesa were places where the light company was stationed so it is possible that McGuire had been transferred to that company by then.

Book Reviews

Wellington. The Years of the Sword by Elizabeth Longford (Weidenfeld and Nicolson 50/-).

During his lifetime, the great Duke complained that he was much exposed to authors. Some 150 years later he would have considerably more grounds for complaint.

This writer, having read the biographies by Maxwell, Gleig, Orman, Fortescue, Guedalla, Aldington, Ward and Petrie, hoped that in Lady Longford's beautifully produced and eminently readable book he would find the ultimate work on Wellington's life. This is not the case.

Despite being able to draw on hitherto private and extremely interesting material, such as the Raglan and Pakenham papers, the author fails to bring the great Duke to life as Guedalla, for all his mannered style, somehow contrived to do.

It must be confessed also that Lady Longford's book cannot be regarded as an authoritative work of reference. The reviewer of the book in the R.U.S.I. Journal points out a dismal list of errors in the descriptions of campaigns and battles.

The book, however, is extremely interesting, makes good reading, is very well illustrated and one must look forward to the second volume with keen anticipation.

B. W. W-C.

We have received a pile of publicity from Pan Books Ltd. about two paper backs which they are producing in connection with the impending epic film "Waterloo". They are:

Waterloo, by Frederick E. Smith.

Based on the screen play by H. A. L. Craig for the epic Dino de Laurentiis production directed by Serge Bondarchuk. 5s.

The Field of Waterloo, by Paul Davies.

A profusely illustrated graphic companion to the people, places and events depicted in the spectacular film "Waterloo".

Mr. Smith's book is not for serious historians, but those who find straight history indigestible may well profit from it to get a technicolourful impression of the course of events and a vivid picture of the total difference between war 150 years ago and today. Such readers will not be worried by some inaccuracies which include the only direct mention of the 33rd Foot whom we meet marching out of Brussels in the early hours of June 16 when, in fact, they were marching from Soignies to Nivelles.

The companion "Field of Waterloo" contains a brief factual account of the campaign with diagrams of the battles, the order of battle, illustrations of weapons and uniforms and portraits of the protagonists. It seems to us well worth 5s.

The film

Both the production team and cast are a fine mixture of nationalities. Wellington is played by Canadian actor Christopher Plummer (vide our frontispiece); Napoleon by the American Rod Steiger; Blucher is Sergei Zakharidze, Russian; Marshal Ney, Dan O'Herlihy, an Irishman, and so on.

Forty-two men of the Gordon Highlanders were loaned, not for the battle, but to pipe and sword dance at the Duchess of Richmond's ball. For the rest, both armies are portrayed by Red Army men, almost 20,000 of them, for, whereas the interiors were filmed in Italy, the battles were shot in the Ukraine. A manual of instruction was produced by the film's military consultant, Col. Willoughby Gray and Russian officers spent six months training their men in the warfare of 1815.

In all some 3,000 horses had to be found for the cavalry of both sides. One of the biggest problems was finding 400 grey horses for the Scots Greys. They had to scour all Hungary and the Ukraine to find the animals and train them for the famous charge.

The World Cup Rally 1970

by Patricia Ozanne

The idea of this World Cup Rally started for me, along with Marshalls garage in Cambridge, just before the Monte Carlo; so, when I returned from that event, it was a case of straight into the preparation for the longest rally in the world. This was hard work as there was an amazing amount to be done and so little time in which to do it.

The car, an Austin Maxi, was lent to me by Marshalls, and all the preparation was done there; every seam had to be welded, fibre glass doors had to be fitted, perspex windows put in, roll bars, and a thousand and one other things, but somehow everything was ready in time and April 19 saw us as No. 20 on the start line in Wembley Stadium.

There was quite a big crowd there, but many more people and cars along the route to Dover. In fact far too many, and they kept getting in the way, so that we only just made Dover in the time allowed; several cars were late and started the rally with penalty marks.

The first part of the rally was nothing very spectacular and, apart from a good deal of rain, was easy—that is until we reached Yugoslavia. There, when we complained to our service crew of a violent vibration on the steering, they found a large bulge in the front nearside tyre, and about 1½ inches play in the drive shaft! This was replaced and the punctured tyre changed, using one of the two spares we were carrying.

The first "special stage" was from Titograd to Kotor, a distance of 50 miles; the road was not closed, so we had to deal with traffic, but as it was night, there fortunately wasn't much, but always a danger of coming round a corner and meeting one of the numerous unlit horses and carts. The second stage, Glamoc to Bosna Krupa, 120 miles, was quite the opposite; it was daylight, part of the route was a "road" in the course of construction with large caterpillar tractors and numerous heavy lorries — frightening to say the least!

About half way through this diabolical stage we got our second puncture, changed the tyre and carried on, but about 10 miles from the end of the stage, the handling of the car became almost uncontrollable on the corners; at first I thought that it was just the very slippery road but then there was a strong smell of rubber and we realised that we had yet another puncture. But this time, of course, we hadn't got another spare so we just carried on, driving on the rim, and finally arrived at the Control with the remains of the tyre almost on fire. Happily the service boys were there and gave us another tyre; we also had another drive shaft changed.

A straight run then to Monza for the overnight stop, and then off next morning to head for the San Remo stage, 65 miles of loose surface track with some charming drops! Having completed the stage, we headed for the mountains behind Monte Carlo

to tackle the 4th stage, the Quatre Chemins, 60 miles of pretty testing motoring on a road that twisted and bent at every possible moment; however it was a good surface and for the first time I could really have a go in the Maxi. She handled beautifully, but I felt could do with a bit more power; she was effortless to drive on the long drag across Spain, and then the casual driving was over and we were faced with the 5th and last stage in Europe. This was in Portugal, and was literally our "Passport to South America"; if I ditched the car, then that was it, so when I started it I was really tensed up, as were the girls.

It was done in the dark and in pretty lousy conditions, mist and low cloud, and we did it terribly slowly; but at last, a few hours later, we were driving into Lisbon to the final control. The route card was stamped, we drove the car down to the docks and lined it up with the other rally cars to wait shipment to South America.

Meanwhile we stayed in Cascais, just outside Lisbon, in the most super hotel, for a week before we were all flown off to Rio de Janeiro. There we passed another week, but I regret to say that very few of us liked the place and we were thankful when the cars arrived from Europe and the next day found us on the start line once more. It was a night start with huge crowds to see us off, driving in a land that was, for most of us, completely strange and so vast.

The South American stages proved to be real tests of endurance; they were long, very often terribly rough, and again none of the roads were closed so there was always the danger of other traffic and at night it could be very dangerous as often even the cars had no lights or they were so dim they could hardly be seen. One stage had to be shortened as there had been heavy rain; it cleared by the time we did it but there was a good deal of mud around.

Mostly the stages were hot and dusty, and the amount of Coca Cola that was drunk in our car, was fantastic!

Having at long last got out of Brazil Uruguay seemed quite small, and we reached the overnight stop at Montevideo in a day. By the time we reached there the exhaust manifold was blowing badly, but we were not too worried as we knew that next day, at Saladillo just south of Buenos Aires, there was a service point, and that we would reach there with around 4 hours in hand.

We had a police escort through Buenos Aires, and huge crowds for most of the way, but we still got to Saladillo with masses of time in hand. While we waited, we changed all the tyres on the car, and this time we put an extra one inside, just in case.

Meanwhile, the hours were ticking away and still our car waited patiently to be repaired. Finally the moment arrived and it was over the pit. Asked if

we could afford to be 10 minutes late in leaving we said yes, but unhappily this turned out to be 1½ hours, and by then our latest time for signing on at the stage control some 12 kms. beyond the service point was almost gone. So we went down to the control on the end of a tow rope. By then it was pouring with rain and I knew that, if and when we started on this stage, it would be a real horror.

We had to go back to the service point in a four wheel drive truck to fetch the mechanics to finish off the car and, even with four-wheel-drive, the truck was sliding all over the place. However we returned to the car, the boys finished it off, and then we started on the stage, knowing that the last car in front of us had left well over an hour before, and that there was nothing coming behind. It was all rather grim, and I was a bit scared.

Before long it was like a skating rink, and then quite suddenly there was no traction at all. We headed for the edge of the road, and nothing I could do made any difference; our front offside wheel just slid gently over the bank and, though we tried, we just couldn't get the Maxi back onto the road again. We then tried driving it further down the bank and along, as the angle further on was not so steep, but this failed when the front wheels were no more than a foot from the road. We had a winch, but, needless to say, there wasn't a tree in sight! We resigned ourselves to a long wait.

And then suddenly in the distance some lights

appeared! Very slowly they came nearer and nearer and finally we saw that it was the four-wheel-drive truck! They pushed us and we thankfully got on our way again. But the skating rink then gave way to deep mud, we got bogged down time and time again; in the end I put on chains and that helped us to keep going. The night and the stage seemed endless, and all the time it was continual mud, mud and more mud, but always there was the faint hope that the control at the end of the stage might still be there even though we were so desperately late. But, when we reached the point where it should have been, there was nothing there, not even a table or a chair!

That was it. We were outside the time allowance so that was the end of our rally. All the earlier cars had done the stage in the dry and completed it, some of them with half an hour in hand. Later numbers had had a little rain but we were the only ones to have encountered such appalling conditions. Even the chaps in the Ford truck who came to our rescue had to be persuaded to go and help us as no "locals" go on this road when the rain starts; it just becomes a nightmare quagmire, as we found out in the 200 miles of really heartbreaking conditions.

It was a sad finish to the Rally, for I'm sure that the car would have seen us through, but, despite this, I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Now it's a case of roll on 1972 as there is another London to Sydney . . .!

Personalia

BIRTHS

McNaught

On February 15, 1970, at the Military Hospital, Tidworth, to Andrea (nee Ince) and Peter McNaught, a daughter, Nicola Jayne. The grandparents are, of course, Dick and Angela Ince and her great grandmother is Mrs. May Ince, wife of the late Colonel Cecil Ince.

Mundell

On March 26, 1970, at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Jilly and Dick Mundell a son, James Richard.

Fitzgerald

On June 25, 1970, at the SHAPE Medical Centre, to Mitch and Chris Fitzgerald a daughter, Kathryn Clare.

ENGAGEMENT

Palmer—Benyon

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Donald Palmer, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, son of Major and Mrs. A. Palmer of Sennelager, Germany, and Gillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benyon of Dore, Sheffield.

Lt.-Colonel Hugh Le Messurier, AA & QMG Northumbrian District, is to retire in August and settle in the Catterick area. At the end of the year he is to become Range Commandant, Catterick, which is a retired officer appointment.

Captain Peter Pettigrew, who resigned his commission on June 1, is shortly to begin two years' training with International Computers after which he will return to Hong Kong as sales manager.

Mr. Sidney Code has left Halifax and now lives in Fleetwood, Lancashire. Those who may wish to write to him can find his address under "Change of Addresses".

Brother Alberic (John) Stacpoole, who left the Regiment in September 1960 to become a monk at Ampleforth Abbey, was ordained a priest on July 5. It may be remembered that from 1963 to 1966 he was up at Oxford where he gained a first class honours degree in history. Since then he has been doing theology, teaching in the school and editing the Ampleforth College Journal. We offer him our congratulations and very good wishes.

On July 20 Lt. Colonel Denis Shuttleworth became Chief G3 at HK Northern Army Group. Odd

though this may seem this means, in fact, he is G1 (Air/Ops).

Lt. Colonel Mike Hardy hands over command of The Yorkshire Volunteers on September 8. He is then to return to Camberley and take over G1 (Trg) at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in late December.

A further chapter in the military record of the Kennedy family was started in March this year when Penelope Ann (Penny) daughter of Mr. Frank Kennedy of 18 Mayfield Terrace South, Halifax, joined the WRAC on a 6 year engagement.

This makes the fourth generation of this notable Regimental family to serve. Great-grandfather Sgt. Michael Kennedy enlisted on June 23, 1854 in the 33rd Regiment and his three sons, James Thomas, Michael George and William Henry all served in the Regiment. His grandsons, James Thomas and Frank, served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions and now Frank's daughter continues the family tradition. Frank's son, Ian, also served with the Royal Engineers from 1959-1965. Details of the family record were published in THE IRON DUKE Vol. IX No. 24 February 1933).

Captain John Moir, who transferred to the RAOC in February of this year, writes to say that he has been posted to the Central Ordnance Depot, Chilwell, where he expects to be for about three years. He adds that any "Duke" who wishes to break the monotony of an M1 journey is welcome to call at any time. His address is listed in "Change of Addresses".

We are glad to report that Colonel "Tuppence" Harvey is out of hospital after some months and two major operations. While there an X-ray revealed a piece of shrapnel in his left lung dating back to when he was wounded for the second time in 1918. He asked if they would take it out and let him have it as a souvenir but they said: "It's been there over 50 years, so leave it".

Captain Chris Edwards, who resigned his commission last September to take up an appointment with the Armed Forces of the Sultan of Abu Dhabi, writes:

"There are two other 'Dukes' out here, Lt. Duncan Brayshaw, who holds the job of assistant adjutant in Force Headquarters, a place which we desert warriors in squadron camps often ridicule because of its cumbersome British Army seconded-officer staff, and Capt. Guy Potts who has recently joined and has been put into the unenviable chair of ordnance officer. I am commanding a squadron of 200 Arabs, deep in the desert near the Saudi Arabian border. Unfortunately our three paths rarely cross as our work is as different as chalk and cheese. However, when we have met, I discovered that our service in The Duke's spans an enormous number of years, and there is very definitely a generation gap between the older 'Dukes' and myself.

"Abu Dhabi is at the centre of 'developments' in the Gulf mainly because of its oil wealth but even more because of its very go-ahead and powerful ruler, Sheikh Zaid. No one is quite sure what is going to happen when the British troops withdraw from their various bases around the Gulf, but the tendency is inevitably towards more arabisation not only within Sheikh Zaid's army but in the civilian administrative posts. What threat there is to the security of this State is from Saudi Arabia who are voicing their claims to large areas of Abu Dhabi more vociferously as the date of the British treaty, giving control of foreign affairs to the Government in England, draws nearer to its run-out date. For the moment, however, there is peace—how long it will go on is in 'the will of Allah!'

"Meanwhile the sun continues to shine and my bank balance to grow rosier every day." (But not redder we hope—Ed.).

Please give my best wishes to those who remember me at RHQ and I hope one day to meet the 'Dukes' again".

Of the two other "Dukes" in Abu Dhabi, Major Fawkes N. Potts (naturally better known as Guy) was, as reported in the last Iron Duke, a pre-war 7th Battalion man and served with the 1st Battalion in Africa and Italy. Recently he was on the staff of the Brigade of Gurkhas in Nepal.

Lt. Duncan Brayshaw enlisted into the Regiment in October 1944 and will be remembered as Orderly Room Sergeant of 1 DWR from 1959 to 1962. He then held similar appointments at the School of Infantry, Yorkshire Brigade Depot and the Trucial Oman Scouts. His last army posting was to the Documents Team at the Infantry and GSC Records Office, York from which he was discharged as a staff sergeant in February 1968 after 23 years service.

We have heard from Major Michael Bray that the Australian Staff College is a very friendly place and that they are enjoying life and have travelled widely. His address is given in "Change of Addresses" below.

It may interest old friends to know that on April 6 Major Rudolf Austin was promoted to Assistant Commander in the Dorset and Bournemouth Constabulary for liaison duties and to command the Special Constabulary. This is the highest rank a non-regular policeman can attain, equivalent, in Home Office manuals, to Commodore RN.

At the time of writing he was hoping to go to Gibraltar in July to stay with Brigadier Tony and Alec Firth and then go on to Malaya to attend a police conference.

Those who were serving in 2 DWR at the end of World War II and up to the time of its amalgamation with 1 DWR in 1947 will remember Sgt. Ernest Scott.

After his demobilisation he returned to police service in York and rose to the rank of inspector by 1965. As such he was in charge of the Traffic

Department in York and, on the amalgamation which produced the York and North-East Yorkshire Force, he was appointed second in command of the Southern Traffic Area. In December last year he returned to "A" Division in York and we learn that he has become Regional Security Officer for a nationwide organisation.

From time to time ex-Sgt. Scott has attended Services in York Minster when he has also put himself in charge of traffic outside the Minster. We wish him well in his new appointment.

It is becoming an annual feature to congratulate Major Sam Robertson on success at Bisley but we are glad to do so again. This year he was runner up in the Army Cup. Ninth at the beginning of the last phase of the Army Hundred he finished second, thus winning the ARA "Silver Jewell".

Admiral Sir Peter Hill-Norton, the former C. in C. FARELF, a photograph of whose farewell visit to Hong Kong appears on page 65, was leaving the Far East for the post of Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord.

It has now been announced that in April 1971 he is to become Chief of the Defence Staff in succession to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Charles Elworthy.

Lt. Colonel F. Carline, who commanded 600 Garrison Regiment, RA (DWR), formerly 5th (TA)

Battalion DWR, in 1944-45, when, as part of the Czech Armoured Brigade, they were containing the German garrison in Dunkirk, was invited to attend the unveiling of the Czech Armoured Brigade Group war memorial in Leamington where the Brigade group was formed after the fall of France.

The unveiling took place on October 26, 1969, and there was a large muster of Czechs now settled in the UK. They marched past the Mayor of Leamington and the parade was followed by an excellent dinner in the Pump Room. Speeches were in all sorts of languages, the 5th Battalion getting a very warm and enthusiastic mention.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

We have been notified of the following new addresses:

Major M. R. N. Bray, The Australian Staff College, Queenscliff, Victoria 3225, Australia.

Major K. W. Brown, Ash Trees, Christmas Pie, Wanborough, Surrey.

Mr. S. E. Code, M.B.E., Woodside C.P., Moss House Lane, Stalmine, Fleetwood, Lancs.

Lt.-Col. J. H. Dalrymple, O.B.E., Flat 3, 24 Wilbury Road, Hove, Sussex.

Major E. J. H. Dasent, 6 Yardley Park Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

Major C. F. Grieve, 2 Oak Tree Way, Strensall, York.

Mrs. H. G. P. Miles, 24a Brunswick Gardens, London W8.

Capt. J. D. Moir, RAOC, 20 Field Close, Central Ordnance Depot Chilwell, Beeston, Nottingham.

The McGuire Bate Fund

Tanglin House,
Park Avenue,
Camberley,
Surrey.

June 23, 1970

Dear Sir,

Most officers, serving in the Regiment or retired therefrom, will be aware of the existence of the McGuire Bate Fund which exists to assist officers of the Regiment, together with their wives, widows or children, who may become in straitened financial circumstances or be actually suffering hardship.

The Fund Committee feel, however, that there may be older retired officers, in particular, who are unaware of the fact that they might be able to obtain assistance from this fund. Many of them may well never read your magazine and so are difficult to trace. There may be others who feel that their own particular difficulties do not warrant help from this fund.

We have particularly in mind cases where some misfortune may have occurred to a family or some unforeseen event has resulted in expenses, well beyond the normal family budget, being incurred.

For example, expenses for illness which insurances (e.g. B.U.P.A.) may not cover or may be inadequate in the particular circumstances.

During the last year or so our expenditure has been comfortably within our annual income. It would not have been the wish of Major McGuire Bate that we should merely build up the fund, desirable as this would be in an inflationary age, but rather that the income should be used to mitigate distress as and where discovered.

Our present excess of income is not such as to allow us to make disbursements without satisfying ourselves that a real need exists but we do feel that the fund requires to be more widely known. I hope, therefore, that your readers will help us by bringing to our notice any needful cases of which they may be aware so that we can, on verification, distribute grants or pensions, even though they may not be large, and so in some measure alleviate the position of those in need.

Yours,

F. R. Armitage, Colonel,
Chairman,

McGuire Bate Fund Committee.

The Regimental Dinner Club

The Officers' Regimental Dinner Club held its annual dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, May 22. The Colonel of the Regiment presided. As guests we welcomed Brigadier the Marquess Douro MVO, OBE, MC and Major General H. E. N. Bredin, CB, DSO, MC, Colonel Commandant The King's Division. The Headmaster of Wellington College was invited but was unable to accept.

The absence of the 1st Battalion abroad, and the fact that the day was the start of the spring bank holiday, reduced the attendance to below normal figures. There were also some last minute non-starters, owing to sickness and other causes, from both the dinner and the earlier luncheon. Even so there was a good attendance at the latter who were rewarded by a much better lunch than in recent years.

Those who attended the two functions were:

THE DINNER

General Sir Robert Bray.

Major General K. G. Exham.

General Sir Philip Christison.

Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter.

Colonels: F. R. Armitage, P. G. L. Cousens, D. E. Isles, R. G. Turner

Lt.-Colonels: A. E. H. Sayers, D. W. Shuttleworth, F. P. A. Woods.

Majors: R. E. Austin, A. E. Buckingham, R. A. Burnett, R. H. Burton, H. M. Crowther, J. Davis, C. F. Grieve, R. H. Ince, C. C. Kennington, J. H. S. Lane, J. A. Lennon, K. M. McDonald, J. S. Milligan, J. N. H. Naughton, J. M. Newton, J. E. Pell, W. F. C. Robertson, G. C. Tedd, B. N. Webster, D. H. Wood.

Captains: P. D. D. J. Andrews, W. F. Charlesworth, C. R. Cumberlege, A. D. Fitzgerald, A. H. P. Laurence, W. R. Mundell, D. R. D. Newell, T. D. Sugden, A. R. Westcob.

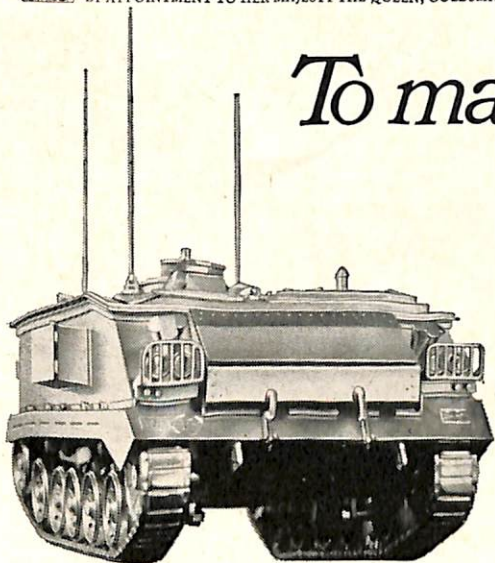
Lieutenants: S. R. Arnold, S. F. Bruce-Lowe, C. J. W. Gilbert, J. P. B. Golding, A. D. Palmer, J. A. Shenton.

THE LUNCHEON

Captain and Mrs. Andrews, Colonel and Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Boutflower, General Sir Robert and Lady Bray, Mrs. Chatterton, Major and Mrs. Davis, Colonel Davidson, Major General and Mrs. K. G. Exham, Major Grieve, Mrs. Grimley, Mrs. Ince, Major and Mrs. R. H. Ince, Mrs. Kirkland, Lady Landon, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Mundell, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Paton, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Sayers, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Colonel and Mrs. J. B. Sugden, Colonel Turner, Brigadier Webb-Carter, Mrs. Westcob.



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Obituary

We deeply regret to report the following deaths and, on behalf of the Regiment, offer our sincere sympathy to those bereaved:

Major T. St. G. Carroll

Major Terence Carroll, who died with shocking suddenness of a coronary thrombosis on March 26, 1970, was born on February 27, 1905, and was educated at Wellington College. He joined the Regiment in August 1924 and served almost entirely with the 1st Battalion with which he went to France in 1939. After Dunkirk he was second in command of a number of units in UK and rejoined 1 DWR in the Middle East as 2IC in October 46. He retired in March 1949 and for four years was Bursar of St. Peter's School, York. He then retired to Lymington with his wife, Ivy, whom he married at Frimley Parish Church on October 1, 1945 and who survives him together with their daughter.

Colonel Jack Darlymple writes:

Conscientious, reliable, whatever the stresses and strains, and courageous; these qualities immediately come to mind when thinking about Terence Carroll. During my early years with the 1st Bn. I can well remember that any important job which, by its nature, would have an effect on the well-being of the Regiment would be given to Terence Carroll. He never sought distinction as he was not that kind, very much the reverse. He was retiring and shy by nature and not good at displaying his qualities in the shop window. Had he done so he might well have risen to higher rank. Perseverance and courage are at the back of all his achievements.

His sporting record is indicative of his character to a marked degree — I call to mind that he was given the cross country to run when the 1st Bn. was serving at Gosport 1924-26. Although he was not blessed with any great ability as a cross country runner he nevertheless managed to gain a place in the regimental team and on more than one occasion was instrumental in the team putting up a good performance. As a boxer he had no ambitions, and was no sort of performer, but when the boxing team was short of an officer (a team had to consist of 3 officers pre-war) against the Loyals he readily stepped into the breach. He was matched against Kearon, the then officers' welter weight champion, but displayed great courage before surrendering to inevitable defeat.

All who served with him in those comparatively carefree days of the middle twenties, will cherish the memory of his good fellowship and kindness—he was eminently kind.

Mr. J. Hartwell

Colour Sergeant Joseph Hartwell died suddenly at his home at Folkestone on April 10, 1970, aged 67 years.

Joe joined the Regiment at Durham in 1919 and served with the 1st Battalion in Palestine, Tidworth, Ireland, Sheffield, Gibraltar and Turkey, returning to Gosport with the Battalion in October 1923.

He continued to serve in the Machine Gun Platoon and M.G. Company until 1930 when he was posted to the Regimental Depot as sergeant instructor of musketry. He rejoined HQ Company, 1st Battalion in Malta in 1936 and came home with the Battalion to Bordon in 1937 thence to BEF France, and Dunkirk. In August 1940 he was, much to his regret, compulsorily transferred to the Royal Corps of Military Police (Traffic Control). He was invalided from the service in 1943. However, Joe was always a "Duke" and, immediately after May 1945, took part in the reformation of the London Branch of the Regimental Association and was a "regular" at all its meetings and functions.

He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters all of whom are married. Two of his daughters are residing in South Australia.

Mrs. A. B. M. Kavanagh

News of the death of Sheila Kavanagh on June 19, in a motor accident, will come as a sad shock to her many friends and to those who served under Lt.-Col. Barry Kavanagh in the 1st Battalion.

The daughter of Col. A. H. F. Hogge, 8th Punjab Regiment, she was married to the then Capt. Kavanagh at St. Michael's Church, Mickleham, on October 21, 1941. Their son, Richard, was born on October 24, 1947.

Lt.-Col. F. G. Peake, CMG, CBE (Peake Pasha)

Frederick Gerard Peake was born in 1886, the son of Lt.-Col. W. A. Peake of Melton Mowbray, and was commissioned from Sandhurst into The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1906.

It is not possible to give here more than a brief summary of his career which was one of the most adventurous and colourful of any officer of the Regiment in this century. A full account was given in a book, published about 1942, entitled "Arab Command. The Biography of Lt.-Col. F. G. Peake Pasha, CMG, CBE," by Major C. S. Jarvis, CMG, OBE (Hutchinson, 18s.) and a summary of this was in Iron Duke No. 54 for February 1943.

Peake Pasha died at Kelso, Roxburghshire, on March 30, aged 84.

General Sir Philip Christison writes:

Fred Peake had a most distinguished career and the Regiment is proud to have produced him.

After serving in both battalions, at home and in India, he left the Regiment in 1913 on secondment to the Egyptian Army. There he met and established a friendship with Lord Kitchener.

When war broke out in 1914 he was serving with the Egyptian Camel Corps, and was sent to take part in the desert operations against the Senussi. Later he was thrown from his camel and broke a bone in his neck. This would have been the end of most men; but he made a remarkable

recovery in England, only to be torpedoed on his way back to Egypt, spending five hours in the cold waters of the Mediterranean before rescue.

In January 1918 the Arab Scouts were raised by King Feisal and he was given command. They proved a failure and were disbanded, but Peake was given command of the Egyptian Camel Corps unit which was to take part in the Arab revolt under Lawrence of Arabia. Here his unit was very successful in blowing up railways by planting his so-called "Peake's Tulips." There are a number of references to him in Lawrence's "Seven Pillars of Wisdom".

But it is as an administrator that he will best be remembered.

In October 1920 he raised, trained and commanded the Arab Legion to serve the new state of Transjordan under Emir Abdulla, with whom he worked in complete amity for nearly 20 years.

In 1930 Peake decided to learn to fly so that he could be more mobile. He got Roger Atcherly, a famous pilot, to teach him; but on the second day he crashed. Nothing daunted and unhurt he at once took to the air and again crashed, this time writing off his machine, breaking four ribs, and barely escaping from the blazing plane. Undeterred, he bought a new plane and thereafter carried out his duties by air.

He remained in command of the force for 19 years and when he left in 1939 he had a wonderful Arab send-off, with every sign of genuine respect and affection, and was showered with honours.

Back in war-time England he was appointed Regional Inspector of Constabulary for the North Region. After the war he retired to farm at St. Boswells in the south of Scotland, near his wife's home. He had married Elspeth Ritchie and their only child, Julia, became well known as a ski instructor.

Peake brought to Britain with him his faithful Turkish bodyguard, and this splendid figure of a man was a well-known sight in the Borders for some years.

Peake loved his farm. We met most Mondays at St. Boswells Mart where he enjoyed going from ring to ring looking at the stock and leaning on his cromag. There he made a host of friends. After he lost his wife in 1967 he retired to Queen's House, Kelso.

He never forgot the Regiment, and was always asking for news of the latest successes.

In his later years Fred Peake seemed a shy man, modest and retiring. Those who came to know him at home would have been surprised at Lawrence's final tribute. "Peake is a very good fellow. He has stuck splendidly to three or four thankless jobs and made a deal out of them. A hot, impatient soul, too!"

I attended his memorial services both in Melrose and Edinburgh, representing the Regiment. In Edinburgh, Jordan was represented at a high level, both civil and military. The Colonel of the Regiment wrote to H.M. King Hussein, the Jordanian Ambassador in London and the Commander in Chief, Jordan Arab Army, to express our appreciation of this recognition of Peake Pasha's services.

Brigadier W. H. Summers

Brigadier William Henry (Bill) Summers, who died on May 11, was commissioned into the Regiment from the RMC Sandhurst on January 29, 1931 and after three years service with the 1st Bn. at Mandora Barracks, Aldershot, transferred to the R.A.S.C.

During this time he accomplished much, laying the foundation of his successful career, helping the Regiment add fresh laurels to their proud sporting record, as well as gaining many individual honours.

At Sandhurst Bill gained two full "Blues," for athletics and association football. He played for the 1st Bn. soccer team but, largely because of his speed, found a place in the Army Cup rugby side and, in fact, was a member of the winning side in both 1931 and 1933.

But it was at athletics that Bill Summers will best be remembered. At the RMC he was No. 1 choice for the hurdles and 2nd string in the sprints but an injury in 1932 whilst hurdling in the Army Championship, when he broke his forearm, changed this to him becoming the No. 1 sprinter in the Army for three consecutive years when he won the Army 100 yds. and broke the record two years running. During this period he represented the AAA and England v. Italy as well as frequently representing the Milocarians and the Army in the Combined Services Championship. He was also a useful high jumper.

Bill was not just an individualist, he was determined that The Duke's would also do well in team athletic competitions. For three years he spent many hours, days and weeks training and coaching the 1st Bn team with the result that in 1934, out of 26 teams entered, we finished 3rd in the Aldershot Command Championship; with just a little bit of luck we would have gained second place and thus into the Army Championship Finals.

In later years Bill kept up his interest in sport and proved himself to be no mean performer at tennis and golf.

As a soldier he was thorough and meticulous in detail; he did not suffer fools gladly. He was purposeful and his work was rewarded with many excellent results.

As a friend he gave sound well reasoned advice. His interest in The Duke's never flagged. He leaves a widow Marjory (Micky), to whom he became unofficially engaged while still at Sandhurst, and his son Martin who followed his father into The Duke's.

LATE NEWS

The Right Hon. Iain Macleod, PC, MP

As readers will have learned with regret Mr. Macleod, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, died suddenly on July 20.

Iain Macleod enlisted in The Duke's as a private soldier in 1939 and was wounded with the BEF in France. He subsequently joined 2/7th DWR as a second lieutenant and remained with them until they became 115 Regiment RAC. He later rose to be DAQMG of the 50th Division.

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