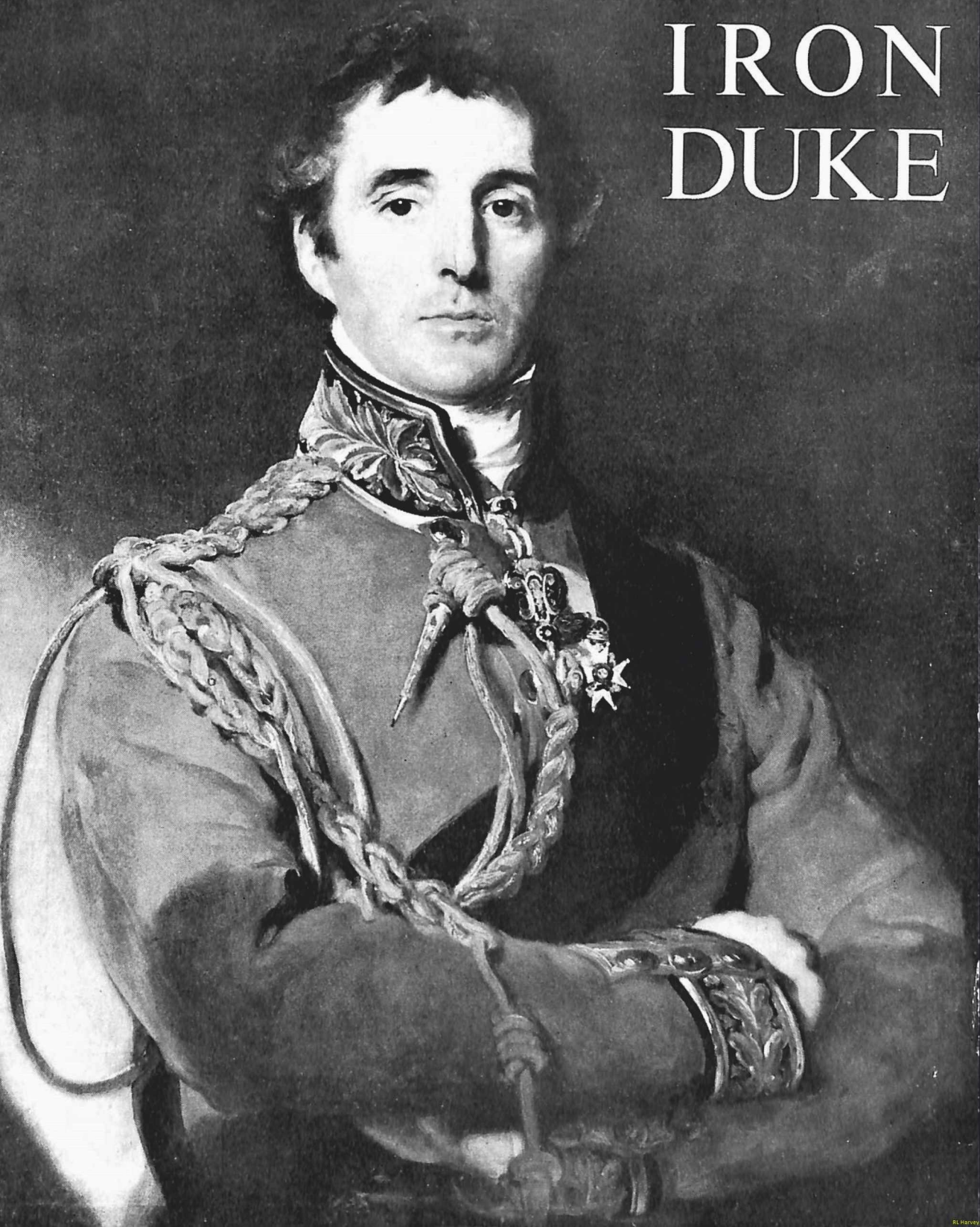


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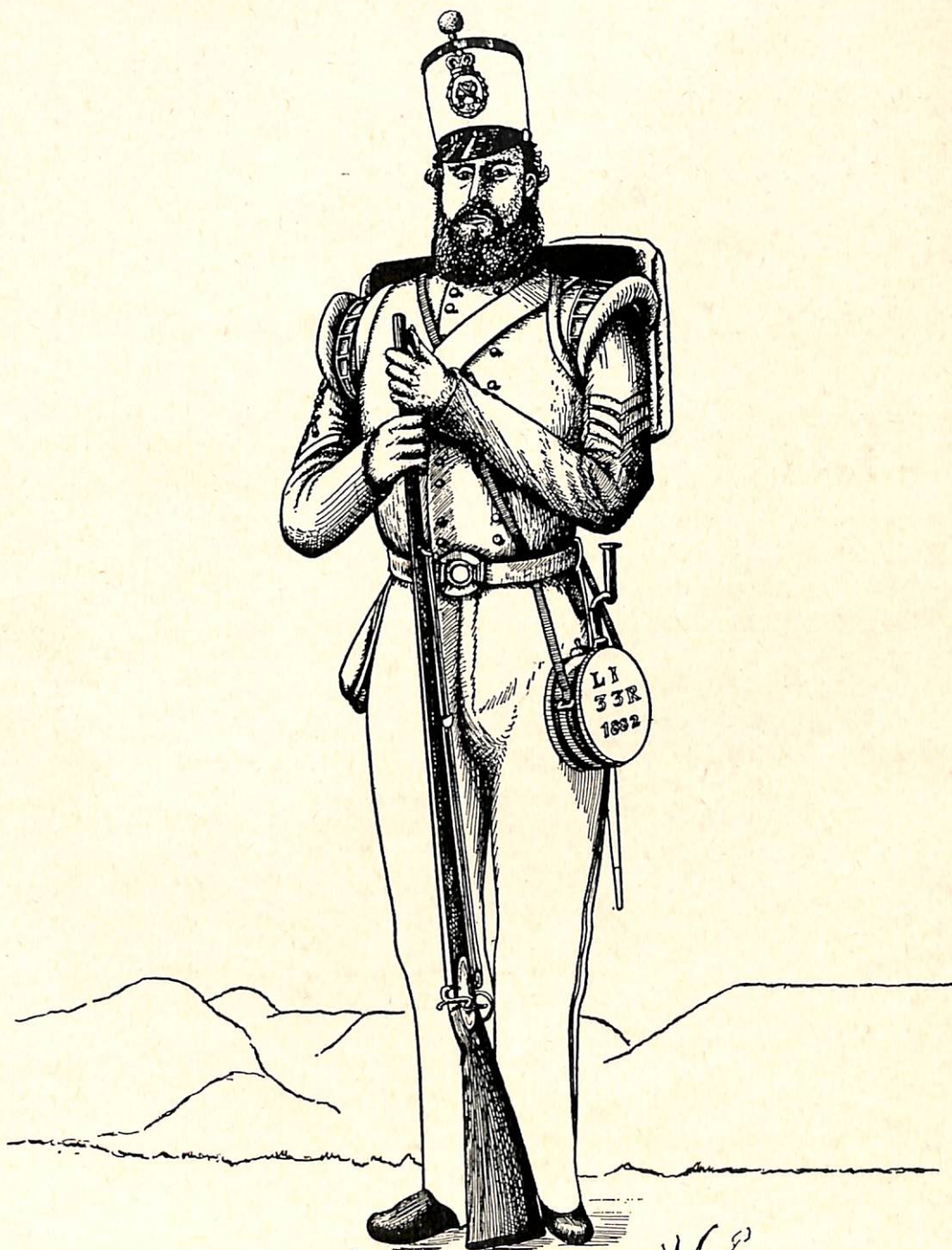
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# Regimental News

## 1 DWR

1 DWR returned to England from Hong Kong at the end of November and are now based on Somme Lines, Catterick.

## The Colonel of the Regiment

General Sir Robert Bray handed over his appointment as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, on December 1 and returned to England. He will be retiring from the active list in March 1971, after more than 43 years' service, but will, of course, remain as Colonel of the Regiment.

General and Lady Bray are living at their home: Larkrise, Walker's Ridge, Camberley (Tel. 21062) but next year will be looking for a house in Wiltshire or Dorset.

## REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

### Review of Regimental Headquarters

RHQ has been, and is still, under fire. In March 1969 we started preparing the justification for our existence for the Ministry of Defence review in September.

This was considered and after some months we were given to understand that no changes were likely. On the assumption that things would now probably remain as they were Walter Skelsey's job, which had been vacant since October 1969, was offered to Charlie Grieve who joined RHQ in April 1970.

In July we were told a further review was required by the Ministry of Defence this time, specifically asking for a reduction in manpower and suggesting in our case the deletion of the RO III.

This and other suggested reductions to the other RHQ got no support from HQ King's Division, who believe the other divisions of infantry also felt unable to offer any appreciable savings in manpower.

We have heard the Ministry of Defence is now setting up a steering committee to conduct the present RHQ review.

### Visitors

We had our customary visit from Mr. Fitter on his annual visit North from Colchester. The past was again reviewed and that period before 1922 when many an aspiring cavalryman was misled by the Regimental title and found on reaching the Halifax Depot that he had enlisted into an infantry regiment.

We tried to get Major "Guy" Potts to come and tell us of his experiences as a hostage in Jordan from the hi-jacked plane but he had returned to the Arabian Gulf where, as noted in the last issue, he is serving in the Abudhabi Defence Force. We congratulate him on being appointed MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours and are sure all readers will join in congratulating him and the other

hostages on safe deliverance from their hazardous situation.

### Honorary Colours

We hope to be able to have a ceremony in Halifax over the weekend following St. George's day, to hand over the stand of Honorary Colours that were replaced in Hong Kong last April. They are to be laid up in the Bankfield Museum.

The very full programme of 1 DWR, with Public Duties in London, training for their strategic reserve role and almost inevitable tour of duty in Ulster, makes this almost the only time in 1971 that the Battalion could come to Halifax.

### DINNER DATES 1971

The annual luncheon and dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, May 14.

The annual dinner of the London and Home Counties Branch of the Old Comrades and Regimental Associations will be held at the Queen Victoria Rifles Association, Davies Street, London W.1., on Saturday, May 15.

### The Iron Duke

The cost of producing THE IRON DUKE has been going steadily up. The last pay award to the printers and type setters resulted in an increase that took the cost of each copy to 6/8d. or £1 for the three issues.

Colonel Howcroft, in his excellent speech at the OCA dinner, forecast a rise in subscription rates. The Colonel of the Regiment is reluctant to raise subscriptions indiscriminately, putting up some categories and not others, but has decided that old comrades at present subscribing 10/- should not be asked to pay more but will be subsidised from other sources. For new subscribers the annual subscription rate will be £1.

### Editorial Address

Please note that your editor is due to move on December 17 to: 13 Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge. Telephone (unchanged) 0223 50923.

### THE FRONTISPIECE

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It is printed on paper which has been carefully selected to take water colour and full details of the correct colouring are given on the back.

Copies, price 1/-, can be obtained on application to The Bankfield Museum, Halifax.

# 1st Battalion

## Hong Kong

Our tour in Hong Kong is virtually over. By the time this sub-editorial appears in print we shall be home in Yorkshire. It would seem therefore to be a good opportunity to try and balance the account and sum up our thoughts after two and a half years in the Colony.

The lasting impression we shall all take with us from Hong Kong is that it is not like other British Colonies, anglicised and orderly. Hong Kong is Chinese; from the moment the VC 10 sweeps in a few feet above the teeming flats of Kowloon, on the ferry to the island, through the great modern city of Victoria, out to Stanley with its incredible market, Hong Kong is different.

During our stay here the Battalion has achieved a lot. We have completed 11 tours on the border without serious incident, we have mounted the force guard for a week 17 times, carried out 57 remote area patrols, 40 "Hearts and Minds" projects of one sort or another have been completed, the band has given 43 concerts in towns and villages around the Colony and we have had four "Honor Guards" in Korea for two months. On top of all this each company has completed its jungle warfare training in Malaysia, one company has spent seven weeks in New Zealand, another company ran a successful camp for 200 Chinese youths each week for five weeks; we have tested rations in Malaysia and there are not many hills in the Colony which have not been climbed by "Dukes" at least once during our stay. Finally, of course, we leave behind an unsurpassed record of sporting achievement.

We shall leave behind in Hong Kong a lot of good friends and take home with us memories of some very good times. We have played hard and trained hard, made the most of some of the wonderful opportunities to do something different, and seen parts of the world many of us will never get the opportunity to see again. It would be fair to say that the majority have thoroughly enjoyed themselves but that nevertheless the majority will be glad to be home.

## Catterick

After Hong Kong—Catterick, and we are already preparing for our new role. We have now heard what 1971 holds in store, and whatever else it may be it is unlikely to be dull!

Feb 5-Mar 12 — Public Duties in London.

Apr 27-May 13 — An amphibious exercise in Scotland.

These two major events of the year could hardly be more varied and they will tax our flexibility to the utmost. Of all the things many of us thought we might be called upon to do in our new brigade none of us had considered Public Duties as a likely task. We have had some experience of amphibious training in Hong Kong and we shall look forward to renewing our association with the Royal Navy.

Finally, during our brief periods in Catterick we shall look forward to renewing many friendships with previous members of the Battalion and any of our readers can be assured of a warm welcome if they care to come and visit us in Somme Lines.

## Mess Notes

(No Officers Mess notes were received—Ed.)

### SERGEANTS MESS

Hong Kong 68-70 means different things to different members of the Mess. There is the group who, having travelled to Singapore, Malaysia, Korea, New Zealand, and been "impounded" in Australia, can claim to have had a "ball". Another group, "the sun worshippers", may have strayed as far as Repulse Bay on odd occasions. In the background, maintaining an aloof silence as always, are the "they also serve who only go to war squad". These gentlemen are the "borderers", the Sai Kung and Lan Tao men who didn't manage to get a suntanned body but did collect a few more grey hairs. Whatever group members belong to at the time of writing, the population of Catterick will hear the same tales from all within the next few months.

At the present time the big worry is the "hand-over" to 1 Irish Guards and the chances of getting

valuables through customs. There should be enough film producing equipment and stereo outfits to launch our own studios.

We have one more "social" to which members of other messes are to be invited. This to be held on October 31 when we hope to see the many friends we have made in Hong Kong.

Social evenings are commonplace, but "social afternoons"? This might be the thing for the seventies. On Sunday, September 13, for example, we held a band concert and social. The mess was packed by 1215 hrs and was still packed at 1800 hrs. Everyone enjoyed the day so much that we could not get anyone to leave. We must say thank you to Bandmaster Alexander for a fine performance but warn him also that, with so many graduates from the Stanley School of Music looking for employment, his job is not so safe.

### Arrivals

Congratulations to WO2 Wright on his pro-

### RQMS R. Wilson

Ronald Wilson began his service by joining the Royal Navy in September 1943. Within three months of enlisting he joined the battleship HMS Valiant and sailed for the Far East seeing action in the Indian Ocean and the waters off Java, Sumatra and Borneo, for which he was awarded the Burma Star. In December 1945 he returned with his ship to UK and was demobbed shortly afterwards in 1946.

However, after a period of civil life in his home town of Castleford during which time he met and married his wife Pat, he was again eager for service life. In December 1951 he enlisted in the West Yorkshire Regiment and was quickly promoted to corporal. During November 1952 he was rebadged as a "Duke" and joined 1 DWR in Korea in late 1953. Promoted sergeant in March 1954 he remained with the battalion until early 1957 when he was posted to the Depot as an instructor.

He returned to the battalion in May 1959 and remained until January 1962 when he was posted as a WO2 to the Army Apprentice School at Harrogate where he remained until March 1965 when he rejoined 1 DWR.

He has therefore served in most of the overseas stations the battalion has visited in recent years, i.e. Korea, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Kenya (twice), BAOR, UNFICYP and Hong Kong.

He took over his present appointment as RQMS in February 1968 and will remain in this post until March 1971 when he is to be posted as RQMS to the Junior Infantryman's Battalion, Shorncliffe.

A keen sportsman, he in his time has represented the battalion at soccer, athletics, cricket and swimming. He is still a keen swimmer and is a qualified Instructor and Examiner of the Royal Life Saving Society.



A loyal, hardworking warrant officer who takes an interest in all battalion activities, he will be sorely missed on his departure. The same applies to his wife Pat who has been a staunch member of the Battalion Wives Club for many years and, in more recent times, as treasurer has kept a careful eye on their finances.

We wish them both the best of luck and happiness in their new post and trust they will keep in contact.

motion, to John Hemmings and Michael Carter on promotion to Staff Sergeant, and to Sgts. Loft-house and Jagger on their promotion.

### Departures

The end of tour in Hong Kong means saying thank you and cheerio to S/Sgt. Topley who goes to Div Sp Wksp, Tidworth; to Sgt. Cagilaba who goes to the same unit and to Sgt. Taylor whose posting to RAA Windsor must please him. How do you cook hay? To all of them we wish good fortune and good luck.

### CORPORALS MESS

Mess life continues with its usual fervour. June 19 saw us challenge the sergeants to a games night. June 20 left us wondering where we went wrong, all the success (and luck?) having gone to the opposition. However, even before the evening came to a close, plans were being laid for a return match.

In July the China Fleet Club opened its doors to the Mess for a dance and social. This was an extremely successful evening which continued well past its appointed hour in various of the bars and restaurants in town.

The Mess "Music Appreciation Society" recently suffered its severest set-back to date—the juke box, at last, has been dismantled and removed from the Mess. Rumour has it that it has been purchased by a wealthy American or the British Museum for an undisclosed sum. Musical entertainment, however, may still be obtained from Cpl. Steve Barnett by inserting a double bacardi in the appropriate slot and choosing a number. The repertoire of the Barnett machine is somewhat limited but expands remarkably as the evening progresses.

Arrivals and departures in the Mess have been relatively few but congratulations are in order for 'Arry (The Oracle) Jagger and Nat Lofthouse on their promotion to sergeant and to Gentlemen at Arms Suddaby, Watson, Backhouse, Mullen, Robinson, Fereday, Wilde, Pennington, Jameson and Shim on their promotion to L/Cpl. Also a welcome is extended to L/Cpl. Roy Arrow-smith (late RE) on his re-enlistment, this time into The Duke's. We bid farewell and good luck to Cpl. Kevin (Luigi) Hogg and L/Cpls. Pickern and Gascoigne who have all decided to take a taste of civilian life.



# Sport

## RUGBY

Owing to the Battalion's return to UK in November the rugby season has suffered. It has therefore been decided that a few friendly games should be arranged in both Hong Kong and in the UK, and that the 1970-71 season be used largely as a build up for the Army Cup in 1971-72. No doubt we will see the majority of the "Dukes" side representing the Northern Command on our return.

Training has already started on two afternoons per week and it is very pleasing to see that there has been a great response to this, particularly at 2nd XV level.

## SOCCER

As expected, due to our move in November, we are able to take little part in the local competitions in Hong Kong as we will not be here long enough to complete league commitments and it was considered better to allow 1 Irish Guards to play all their own fixtures as late entrants.

However we have six "Dukes", namely: Cpl. McGivern, Cpl. Ingham, L/Cpl. Haigh, L/Cpl. Pennington, Pte. Marr and Bds. Sollitt, training with the Army Squad for the HKFA 1st Division which, due to our departure, is being run by 1 RWF.

We are also running a modified inter-company league and an inter-platoon knock-out competition within the Battalion to fill in the rest of our time in Hong Kong.

On return to UK we have applied to enter the Northern Command Knock-Out Cup in Jan-Feb. 71 as late entrants after a spell of leave. We are also considering the chances of getting into the Infantry Cup but unfortunately we shall be too late for the Army Cup this year.

## HINDOOSTAN BOAT CLUB

The last quarter has been a period of intense activity in the sailing world. We were all very sorry to say goodbye to Major Peter Hoppe who, after two years as "the Boss", retired in May prior to his return to England. Captain John Power took over in his stead and has been ordering everyone about ever since.

The quarter began with an abortive attempt at our annual regatta. Regrettably the weather was appalling and it was postponed until June 27-28. When it finally got under way the weekend was a great success and much enjoyed by all; at the end of the meeting Carmel Power was invited to give away the prizes. The prize list can be seen at the end of these notes.

The following weekend we went straight into the July "Helmsmen of the Month" series. This took place over three Sundays. After much protesting by the competitors the series drew to a close with L/Cpl. McArthur the winner. This time our permanent "Officer of the day—OOD"

S/Sgt. Reddy stood aside whilst Mrs. Reddy presented the prizes.

School children's sailing courses have taken up an enormous amount of time and energy on everyone's part, particularly the instructors: L/Cpl. McArthur, Pte. Oswin, Pte. Knight, L/Cpl. Hutchinson, and Pte. Hepworth. Every morning for four weeks, 13 children were instructed in the basics of sailing and were tested every Friday. 50 children were tested in all of whom 10 were awarded a grade one certificate and were considered to be good enough for an ASA Class "C" helmsman certificate. The courses were much appreciated by all and, although there were no budding Sir Francis Chichesters, there was a lot of talent amongst those who took part.

During this period we have run two company sailing courses, one for Alma and one for Corunna. Unfortunately the Alma Course was almost entirely rained off whilst Corunna, the previous week, basked in glorious sunshine.

At this time of the year the typhoons play havoc with the Boat Club. Admittedly we haven't actually had a typhoon this year, but we have had to move the boats three times due to impending storms. The one time we did leave them on the beach was the worst and only unscheduled storm of the year. At this point many thanks must be given to the Band for their unflinching co-operation in moving the boats, also to the MT and all the drivers who put in a lot of work lifting and driving.

The August series proved, weatherwise, to be a stormy series and by far the most enjoyable sailing of the summer was had. Two new buoys were introduced resulting in an excellent long beat to the finishing line, not to mention an interesting manoeuvre through the rocks, but only at high tide. Yet again the series was won by L/Cpl. McArthur who must be congratulated on taking away first prize at all three meetings this summer.

We now look forward to the Colony and FARELF Championships in September/October, having a good "work up" period in preparation.

## Prizes

### Club Regatta

#### Series of Four Races

- First L/Cpl. D. McArthur/Miss P. Moore
- Second Pte. G. Knight/Miss J. Stevenson
- Third Mr. L. Beaty/Mr. D. Leonard

#### Novices Race

- First L/Cpl. Hutchinson

#### July Series

- First L/Cpl. D. McArthur/Miss P. Moore.
- Second Capt. J. Power/Pte. C. Oswin.
- Third Mr. R. Arnold/Mrs. R. Arnold.

#### August Series

- First L/Cpl. D. McArthur/G. Cullen.
- Second Capt. J. Power/Pte. C. Oswin.
- Third Pte. G. Knight/Miss J. Stevenson.

"Mugs Prize" for the overall loser July/August  
Pte. Hepworth.

### Ski Section

So far this season the ski-ing side of the club has been most successful. We have had an increased membership and have been able to renew or repair our equipment.

We obtained from the Nuffield Trust, via C.B.F.'s Fund, a super Johnson 55 h.p. engine with electric start, which is a vast improvement, both in power and starting. Also we have had both ski-boats repaired and strengthened, plus a full overhaul of the 40 h.p. engine. In midseason we bought a further pair of ski's and new towing line.

Ski-ing has almost been continuous, typhoons, tropical storms and engines permitting. Pte. Oswin, the ski section bosun, deserves credit for this. He has worked extremely hard on the boats and engines keeping them in the water in fair weather and foul.

Again, as last year, we entered a team in the "Round Lamma Island Ski Race", the course being some 15 miles. Pte. Oswin was the driver and Pte. Knight, the sailing bosun, the skier. After

several weeks of practice the day came, Sunday August 25. The team was placed 6th which was a good result in a field of many semi-professionals and veterans.

As the close of the season is in sight we are now thinking of the hand-over to the Irish Guards and are ensuring that they will be taking over a running concern in good repair. But before this happens we still have two months of good ski-ing ahead of us.

### SWIMMING AND WATER POLO

As we write it is more or less the end of the Water Polo season. This season the first few games looked promising but we came up against some very good competition, notably 48 Brigade and 25 Light Regt RA.

On the swimming side, we entered 51 Bde championships and were well beaten by 1 RWF. In the near future we are to take on the "might" of the Colony in the HQLF Championships. Whilst on the border we trained every day and the results look very promising, so we hope to "turn the tables" on our friends across the water.

## Company Notes

### ALMA COMPANY

Presumably somewhere in the Army there are literary extroverts who reach eagerly for pen and paper when persistent sub-editors send out their all-too-frequent requests for notes and articles, but I have yet to meet one and this contributor only does his stuff after much head-scratching.

However, in the period under review, the majority of Alma Company have had a good break from normal Hong Kong soldiering at the Saikung Youth Camp. This camp is described elsewhere in this issue and it will suffice in these notes to mention the highlights from the Company's point of view. The Company Commander was invited to start thinking about the camp as long ago as February, but the remainder did not become closely involved until two-thirds of the Company moved into the nissen-hutted Camp at Saikung on July 14. Here we prepared to receive 200 Chinese Youths per week for the next five weeks, with the aim of providing them with an active and stimulating week in the open air.

Some of the Company had the none-too-exciting tasks of providing the administrative backing for the camp; however, their life was made comparatively pleasant by the relaxed atmosphere and fringe benefits such as boating and sailing trips and free cinema shows. Those who gained most were the junior NCOs who not only learned new skills such as abseiling or handling assault boats but also led an active outdoor life for the whole period.

Special mention should be made of several talented personalities: the Trumpeting Trampolinist, Pte. Boguszewski, who, when he was not poised upside down 15 feet above his trampoline, was sounding bugle calls at the weekly Concert. Ptes Crowley, Butterworth and Waller, who

performed at the Concert and produced realistic body slams and neck locks in their respective guises as the Mighty Masked Mauler, Buttercup the Body Beautiful and the Saikung Slugger. The latter two performers each received an unintentional but genuine short-arm blow to the neck or head and were lucky to be able to complete their acts. Pte. Wood, our projectionist, occasionally lost sight of the aim of the camp and did his best to subject the Chinese boys to a steamy X Film, until sent away to find something more suitable. The CSM and CQMS in their respective roles of Mustapha and Ali performed wonders of telepathy in their weekly act; luckily no-one thought to ask where Sgt. Harding had got to during the performance. Finally, Sgts. Barnett and Walker will be remembered for their rendering of "There's a Hole in my Bucket", while Ptes. Wood and Robinson will remember their own waterlogged performance of "Singing in the Rain".

Saikung Camp was enjoyed by all and we are grateful not only for the assistance we received from other units which provided instructors, drivers and so on, but also for the support of Lt. Redwood-Davies, who was loaned to us by Burma Coy, our cooks under Cpl. Wade and the various drivers who stayed a week at a time.

At this stage mention should be made of those NCOs and men who, under the command of Sgt. Stansfield and, briefly, Lt. Newell, carried out the Company commitment to provide a platoon on the last two Battalion Border Tours. They took a forward position on each occasion and acquitted themselves well. We were glad to have them with us for a week at Saikung.

We cannot leave the subject of Saikung Camp without mentioning the number of senior visitors.

These ranged from the Second-in-Command and the Commanding Officer right through the military hierarchy up to HE Sir David Trench, The Governor. We were particularly pleased to receive a letter of thanks from the latter, which was a generous gesture indeed considering that he endured 45 minutes of unbroken rain during his visit. It was a pleasure to receive these visitors as they were all friendly and interested.

Although the Youth Camp has taken up most of our attention, normal Hong Kong activities such as remote area patrols and "Hearts and Minds" projects have also been carried out. 2 Platoon under Lt. Newell carried out a worth-while field-firing exercise in early July, and before that demonstrated internal security drills for the Volunteers, Hong Kong's own Volunteer Defence Force, which is organised on the lines of our own TAVR. Shortly before the demonstration we discovered that nearly all the spectators had been deployed with the Volunteers at the time of the 1967 riots and we wondered who should be demonstrating to whom. However, all went well and the Volunteers were glad to compare our drills with theirs.

Believe it or not, all members of the Company were able to take a few days' leave in June and July.

The threatened typhoons and tropical storms have so far been the biggest non-events of the summer; they merely interfered with several weekends. However, tragedy did befall two young men from the Outward Bound School who were killed by lightning during a storm over the Saikung Peninsula. The Company was asked to assist in recovering the bodies and Lt. Redwood-Davies took out a party which was led to the scene of the accident by an Outward Bound instructor. The recovery, which was successful, involved several hours' hard climb through very heavy rain to reach the bodies, followed by a long, slippery descent encumbered by the two stretchers and impeded by swollen streams. The party, which was complimented by the Commanding Officer and the Deputy Commander Land Forces, consisted of Lt. Redwood-Davies, Sgt. Stansfield, L/Cpls. Larnder, Hynes, Shim, Fereday and Molin and Ptes. Green, Greenwood, Hattersley, Legg, Pemberton, Robinson 54 and Wood 32. Luckily even tragic events such as this do occasionally have a lighter side; ours came when the RSM saw press photographs of the party allegedly "preparing to move into the hills" and dropped a note to the CSM to the effect that L/Cpl. Hynes, who featured in the photograph, should be directed to obtain a new jungle hat. In fact the photograph was taken after the party returned from the hills and we were able to claim that the hat had shrunk in the aforementioned heavy rain.

Despite the fact that there have been no inter-company competitions to be won (!), the Company has had an interesting and varied four months. We look forward to giving the benefit of our experience to the Irish Guards in a few weeks.

### Personalia

We are sorry to record the departure from the Company of Sgt. Stansfield who has served us well for a number of years and we wish him well in

Somme Company. Other departures have been L/Cpl. Gascoigne and Ptes Wilby and Batt to civil life, L/Cpls. Larnder 39 and Everett and Ptes Barker, Best 85, Brown, Mathews and Welburn who have gone to Command and Admin Companies.

We were also sorry to lose Cpl. Thompson, who has returned to UK on medical grounds. He was a popular member of the Company and we wish him a swift and complete recovery.

We welcome Ptes Ibbitson, Woodward, Sugden, Godfrey and Flynn from other companies.

Congratulations are due to Cpls. Dawes, Hey, Ingham and Timmins on their promotion and to Pte. and Mrs. Owen on the birth of their daughter.

### BURMA COMPANY

Our notes in the previous edition finished with the company going on Force Guard duties in mid-June. The week proved to be uneventful apart from a most welcome visit by the Chief of Staff, Brig. Bond, who inspected the accommodation. On the day following this visit we heard that the main block was to be completely renovated and five days later on our departure, the workmen moved in. Although we are unlikely to see the results of this speedy decision and subsequent work, Force Guards in the future will be able to sleep and prepare their kit without the dust haze and dinginess we experienced in the past.

Towards the end of June, Sgt. Waller put in some excellent practice for his next appointment as Intelligence (Intelligent?) Sergeant. He spent two weeks teaching eleven members of the company how to pass their Third Class Certificate of Education. Much to everyone's surprise seven of the eleven passed the examination and are to be congratulated. Rumour has it that the test papers were held in the Intelligence Office for eight days over this period.

Before our next visit to the Border in July, 6 Platoon carried out a remote area patrol on Lantao Island. Pte. Stukalo is unlikely to forget the trip. When going for a swim he dived onto a bed of cuttle fish and had to be evacuated immediately. Praise must go to the Royal Air Force who had a Whirlwind on the scene within 15 minutes of the request for assistance.

From August 7-21 we returned to our second home on the Chinese Border at Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok. During the first week 5 Platoon had the pleasure of welcoming Bishop Walsh back from 12 years' imprisonment in China, and along with everyone else, we wish him a very happy retirement in the United States. One other point must be mentioned and that was the great improvement in the food and cooking of this tour. Our thanks go to Cpl. Ball and Ptes. Crook and Emery for looking after our stomachs so well.

At the end of July and beginning of August each platoon planned for a week's leave and a week's holiday in platoon camps on Lamma Island. A severe tropical storm and a search for three escaped convicts on Lantao Island upset this programme and, although most soldiers managed a week's leave, only 5 Platoon were able to complete their platoon camp. They

thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was very pleasing to hear that civilian visitors to the island were most impressed by the excellent spirit visible in the platoon and the friendliness they showed to all comers. The highlight of the camp was a barbecue that lasted all night and well into the next day. Nothing was seen or heard of the platoon for the next 24 hrs. 4 Platoon had an "interesting" camp before being evacuated. An account of this appears below.

On August 18 we returned to Sha Tau Kok for a week and spent the last week of the border tour in Fan gardens. The high standard of cooking was maintained.

We are now trying to concentrate on upgrading and thereby get some more money into our pockets. We are also paying visits to various commercial and official establishments in the Colony. So far we have visited the British American Tobacco Co., various welfare projects in Kowloon, including a resettlement estate, and the Kadorie Government Farm. Before we return to the United Kingdom we hope to have visited San Miguel Brewery, Kai Tak International Airport, the Rediffusion TV Studios, the Power Station at Aberdeen and the Hong Kong shipping world. The latter visit is being laid on with the kind help of Mr. Michael Miles, (2Lt. Miles, ex-5 Platoon with the battalion in Cyprus 1956—now with the shipping firm of Butterfield & Swire).

#### Achievements

Continuation Training Cadre:

Ptes. Harding, Stewart and Wright obtained good results.

Junior NCOs Cadre:

L/Cpl. Craven obtained an above average "B" grading.

Regimental Signals Cadre:

Ptes. Whitfield and Duckett both passed the cadre.

Army Certificate of Education:

a. Eleven soldiers passed the 3rd Class examination.

b. Cpls. Dooley and Theodore passed 2nd Class examination.

Life Saving Course:

a. Ptes. Allen, Gannon, Holt, Maillard, Moore and Stukalo obtained good results on the RLSS Course.

b. Pte. Gannon in particular is congratulated on gaining the following awards:  
RLSS Advanced Resuscitation  
ASA Gold Survival Award  
RLSS Award of Merit  
RLSS Distinction Award

#### Births

Pte. Raymond Ramshaw and his wife Janet are congratulated on the birth of their son, Jamie, on August 26 at the BMH Hong Kong.

#### Postings In

We welcome 23 soldiers posted into the company since the last notes including 2/Lt. Best from Mons OCTU, Pte. Brown from the Signal Platoon and Pte. Cassidy from the Sergeants Mess.

#### Postings Out

13 soldiers have left the company since the last notes and while wishing good fortune to all of them we would like to mention:

Lt. Roberts to Assistant Adjutant

L/Cpl. Uttley to the Regimental Police

Pte. Armitage to the Sergeants Mess

Ptes. Baker and Honor to the MT Platoon.

Ptes. Duckett and Whitfield to the Signal Platoon

Pte. Thompson 99 to the Medical Centre.

#### L/Cpl. Robert Burton

We deeply regret to report that Robert Burton died on September 14, at the BMH, Hong Kong.

To his wife, his parents and relatives we offer our sincerest condolences.

## No. 4 Platoon on Lamma Island

On July 31 the platoon assembled at St. Steven's jetty complete with fishing gear, radios, guitars, and enough beer to float the Bismark. It was the start of what was to be a very eventful week's adventure training on Lamma Island. After the trip to the island by LCM, we quickly settled in to the routine of being Robinson Crusoes.

We had two marquees for accommodation and a two-roomed stone bungalow, all situated less than two hundred metres from a very pleasant beach. Within minutes of being on the island, Ptes. Williams and Leskiewicz were parading along the beach, flexing their rib cages and sporting the latest in swimwear. It is rumoured that they were chasing the girls; if so they succeeded because they chased them off that beach forever.

Cpl. Mortimer and L/Cpl. Huntley decided that, while the ice lasted and the beer was cold, they

were going to do full justice to the Tiger Beer Breweries. Ptes. Waller and Slater set out to be professional beachcombers. They very soon returned with the prized information that they had seen turtle tracks in the sand.

We set about repairing the rubber boat and after several attempts had it 100% air tight. Immediately Ptes. Croft, Atkinson, Newton and Pte. Jackson 19, set out to go shark fishing. After covering about 50 metres in two hours, it was decided that something had to be done about the captain of the boat. Pte. Ayrton was promptly stripped of his rank and ordered to stand a round at the bar.

A patrol set out to find a fresh water stream in order to build a clear water bath. This was completed and proved useful at the end of a good day's fishing or swimming.

The second day on the island, and it was fast

becoming apparent that the food consisted of corned beef and peas and nothing else. L/Cpl. Martin was very apprehensive when serving up the same meal for dinner and tea. Eventually we ate porridge at tea time, just to vary it a little bit, and finally we chased the Maitre "D" up the hill and stoned him with cans of corned beef.

On the Sunday, the cove and beach were covered with civilians of the "jet set", complete with their HK\$30,000 launches. Still we did have an assault boat, so we rowed round the civilian flotilla, displaying our expert seamanship and making many many friends. Some suspect that we did this because we had no cold beer and we knew that those on the "floating gin palaces" did.

Sunday afternoon and the weather had taken a turn for the worse. The sea came up and the sky blackened. The beach cleared and the boats all left. Unfortunately the sea was so rough by this time that one small civilian pleasure junk failed to make it and turned back to wait out the storm in the cove. Some time later five Chinese boys came over the hill and pitched camp with us, as they had left it too late to make it to the jetty where the last ferry had been waiting. The civilian junk had ten Europeans on board, and they also put up tents with us to wait out the storm. At this time a very strong wind was blowing and it was raining heavily, so we decided a volley ball match would be in order. After much arguing and many many beer breaks the game started and was eventually won by Sgt. Hodkinson and Cpl. Mortimer, who bravely took on the rest of the platoon.

Shortly after this, at about 1800 hrs., the storm was in full swing and we moved the Chinese youths into our marquee for safety. They were very pleased about this until the marquee blew down. The civilians moved into the shelter of the bungalow and we finally settled down for the night with sixteen people in the bungalow and fourteen in the second marquee. Three attempts were made to erect the fallen marquee but the wind was too strong and the ground too soft.

At midnight distress flares were seen, believed to be coming from a ship in trouble, so Sgt. Hodkinson, Cpl. Mortimer, a medic and signaller, went out on a perfectly foul night to see if they could offer aid. After a 1½-hour trek in the dark the boat was found about 200 metres offshore by Picnic Bay. An attempt was made to signal the boat, but no reply was received so we sat and waited. Later the boat got free from the rocks and, assisted by a tug, made for Aberdeen. The rescue mission was called off and we returned to camp. By this time there was complete ruin in the camp, sand was coming off the hills, and covering everything an inch deep.

The following morning the storm was just as bad and we set about making better arrangements for the coming night. The ground was too soft to re-erect the marquee, but we secured the second one down in no uncertain fashion. Most of the day was spent cleaning and salvaging lost and buried kit. One thing to come out of the storm was a very large turtle which Ptes. Slater and Waller promptly bopped on the head with a mallet and ate. They say that the turtle steaks and eggs (about 250 of

them) were good to eat, but there was a difference of opinion over this. Burma Company still has the shell of this turtle and for a small fee one may have a look at it. (All proceeds to the Company Fund!)

Monday evening and sea had abated enough for the civilians to leave the cove, the five Chinese youths also left for the island ferry.

Tuesday afternoon saw an attempt by the LCM to take us off the island and as a final twist of fate, the LCM went well and truly aground. At low tide the craft was seven feet up on the rocks. Fortunately Company HQ was in radio contact all this time and they arranged two helicopters to pick up all but five of the platoon. After they had gone back to Stanley a second LCM arrived and took the remaining five men complete with all stores back to St. Steven's jetty. So ended our very eventful stay on Lamma Island.

### CORUNNA COMPANY

June found us doing our stuff at Sha Tau Kok. Then, after a brief respite in Stanley Fort, each platoon spent a week on dear old Lantao Island, combining a Civil Community Project with platoon leave camp.

July found us sitting on the border gain. August, however, provided an unusual event. Three prisoners (two Italians, serving 4 years each for possession of forged bank notes, and a Filipino serving a 4-year sentence for possession of arms) escaped from the Chimawan Prison on Lantao Island. The Army was asked to assist and Corunna was given notice at 1145 hrs and lifted off in Whirlwinds and Scouts at 1415 hrs. A "piece of cake" really because the Company had carried out a very similar exercise on the Annual Administrative Inspection in February. However, it was hard work in hot and sticky conditions and some of us found that we were not quite as fit as we should have been! After two days' fruitless searching and sweeping we returned by LCM to Hong Kong Island and Somme Company took up the chase. The prisoners were, in fact, found by Police some nine days after their escape.

The following week found us on the border again: our eleventh and final spell. We were delighted to hand over to 40 R.M. Commando on September 2.

Despite heavy border commitments over this period the Company has provided soldiers for various cadres and courses both in Malaysia and Hong Kong and, of course, continued with normal training, remote area patrols etc. We were also well represented on the Battalion's last Korea Honour Guard that left Hong Kong on August 2. Our smart lads were Ptes. Hill, Hanley, Wragg, and Ross; made it at last, Hanley!

On the sporting side the inter platoon swimming gala took place on July 31 and, thanks to the assistance given by S.I. Pickering, was a great success and 9 Platoon walked off with the silver trophy.

The social side has not been entirely neglected and two events deserve mention. 8 Platoon organised a successful splash night in July. The Company Commander was ceremoniously thrown in (fortunately to the shallow end). 7 Platoon took on

the organisation of a games evening in September. The beer flowed, the dominoes clicked and a good time was had by all including a solitary representative from the United States Marine Corps. The CSM seemed to do pretty well at dominoes despite a cry from him that he had never played before! A likely story; perhaps it was the quality of his partner, Cpl. Fleming.

### Personalia

Welcome to the following who have recently joined the Company: S/Sgt. Carter from Somme, L/Cpl. Calvert from Sigs, L/Cpl. Arrowsmith from civvy street, Pte. Baker from Sigs, Ptes. Bye, Doran, Henstock, Kane, Kwiatkowski, McDonnell, Kennedy, Myers, Wathey, Straw, Whiteley 36, Whitwam, Wilkinson 77.

Farewell and good luck to the following: WO2 Wright—Asslt Pnrs, Cpl. Kelly—KDD, Ptes. Bell—Families Office, Bowes—civvy st., Brook—Sigs, Woodward—Sigs, Butcher—MT, Scott—MT, Holmes—QMs, Hoyle—QMs, Heath 41—Med Centre, Ankers—KDD, L/Cpl. Greenwood—RPs, Pte. Sugden—A Coy, Pte. Keyworth—B Coy.

### Promotions

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Hall and L/Cpl. White 31.

### Births

Congratulations to: Pte White 78—Son, Pte. McIntosh—Son, Pte. Henstock—Daughter, Pte. Myers—Son.

## HEARTS AND MINDS PROJECT, I PAK JUNE/JULY 1970

As part of the aid to the civil community programme, which is carried out by H.M. Forces in the Colony, Corunna Coy undertook the task of building a footpath from the village of I Pak to a nearby jetty. I Pak is situated on N.E. Lantao, an island some 6 miles west of H.K. Island. Each platoon spent a week on the project.

The first was 8 Pl who travelled out by LCM on June 12 under the command of Lt. Gardner. This party carried all the equipment and stores needed to establish a tented base camp which was to be used for all three weeks. On arrival 2 RAF Whirlwinds lifted all our kit from the beach up onto the spur where the camp was going to be pitched. Included in our kit was an assault boat with a 40MP engine which proved to be extremely useful for work and play. The camp was soon established and then work began on the path. Due to the near vertical slope and thick undergrowth the projected path began some 30m above the village, linked to an already established path, and then sloped gradually down to the jetty some 400 metres away.

Once the undergrowth had been cleared the ground could be levelled to give a base for the path. Due to the gradient across the path, the basic idea was more of a ledge cut into the hillside than using the actual ground as it stood. This was hard work in hot weather. We worked in two parties; one cleared the bush, the other larger party got down to basics with picks and shovels.



**Path building at I Pak**

Work was confined to the mornings and the afternoons were spent swimming, fishing and the daily "milk run" to Ping Chau Island to visit the market there and buy fresh fruit and veg for the canteen, and to spend an hour or two strolling through the small narrow alleys of the village. There was a twice weekly helicopter supply of petrol, ice, rations and canteen supplies to the helipad that was constructed alongside the camp site. We also utilised the underslung load capacity of the Whirlwinds to carry up our water jerry cans (18) 300 ft. from the village. It's a long way when on foot and the sun is shining!

9 Pl, under the command of 2/Lt. Isles, took over from 8 Pl on June 19 and continued the good work—several members of 8 remained because they liked it out there—can't think why! Then 7 Pl went out for the last week on June 26 by courtesy of the Royal Navy (HMS Hubberston) and completed the path, with the help of Somme Coy Pioneers who blasted out some large rocks.

The finished result was a firm earth path but, due to the lack of resources and time, we were not able to concrete it. The aim, which was a project combined with Pl leave camp, was achieved, and enjoyed by all. The fishermen amongst us seemed a little upset at times—perhaps the fish were on leave as well!

The camp was packed up on July 3 by Mr. Isles, Sgt. Hewson and 7 Pl and the stores were lifted down to the beach by Whirlwinds. The party then embarked on a boat kindly lent to us by DO Islands and returned to Hong Kong Island.

### SOMME COMPANY

Since June the Company has led quite a varied life, alternating between the Border, Lantao, Force Guard and the Border again. This has been interspersed with the various platoon activities which in most cases had them detached from the

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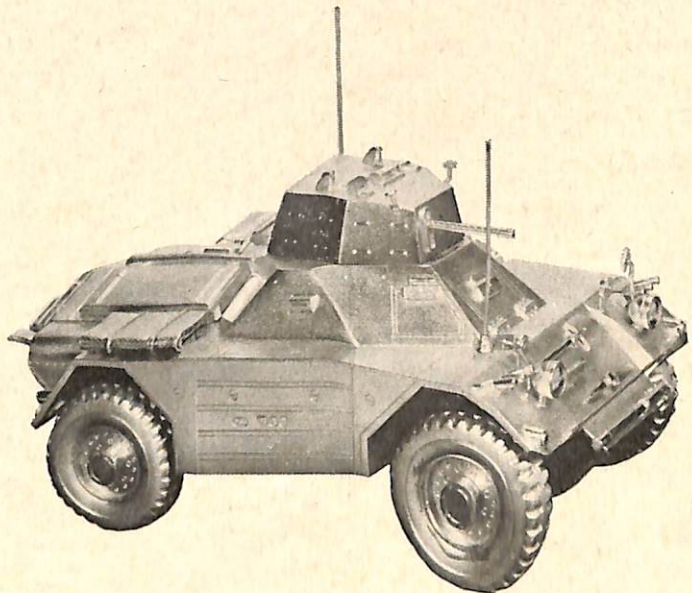
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Company. These are covered in the platoon notes below.

As a Company we have completed two Border tours, each passing off without any incident, and our final week of the final Border Tour was spent at Man Kam To. After the first of two tours, the Company found themselves on Force Guard again. This passed without incident, and we didn't even have any dramas with the CBF's flag. The day after our return from Force Guard we found ourselves on Lantao looking, together with the Royal Hong Kong Police, for three escaped prisoners with a price of HK\$3,000 on their heads. This proved to be quite a mammoth task as Lantao Island is bigger than Hong Kong Island with very thick undergrowth and thousands of hills! We worked with the Anti-Tank platoon in small three-man OP's and the remainder of the Company, together with Police dogs and tracker dogs, sweeping various areas. After two days we had had no success. I suppose \$3,000 would not have gone very far between 250 soldiers and police. As some member of the Company put it "All that trapping for a packet of fags and a pint!".

"Campbell's Kingdom" is no more. We said goodbye to the "Major" on his departure to Catterick as OC Advance Party. We had a very good party in the NAAFI at Lyemun to say farewell. On behalf of the Company Pte. George Kemp presented a very handsome pen set to the Major; Kemp also gave an extremely good speech. In spite of the drink that had been consumed there was a complete hush for five minutes. Anyway, we look forward to see Major Mike and his wife Christine in Catterick where we are sure that he will have the interest of the Somme at heart. We welcome in his place Captain H. de C. Cartwright until we get to Catterick (probably I should ask somebody about that last remark!).

We also say goodbye to C/Sgt. Stewart on his transfer to the Officers Mess and welcome WO2 Wright as OC the Asslt Pioneer Platoon.

What of the future? Already members of the Company are moving back to England on the Advance Party and various courses, together with an early departure for some who will be taking part in the Guard of Honour for General Bray. We are now mainly preparing all our weapons and vehicles for handover to the Irish Guards, although we still have men going to Singapore on a Close Combat Course in preparation for our role in UK?

#### A/Tk Platoon

During this period the platoon actually lived up to its title and went off to Ha Tsuen range to zero and fire the guns. This was the first opportunity for many members of the platoon, who joined us in December, to hear the sound of the big bang that all the old hands had talked about, and also to have the very pleasing experience of hitting the target with the very first 120mm round as they had been assured during dry training. A week or so later at Port Shelter they became more convinced when they were hitting Fig 11 targets with comparative ease. Now the guns are being prepared for handing over.

S/Sgt. Carter has left the platoon and Sgt.

Kendrew has taken over as Platoon Sergeant. Before S/Sgt. Carter left he was the cause of the Platoon Commander twisting his ankle on the Border. He was mistaken for the CO on his inspection with the result that the Pl Commander toppled back into one of the trenches. Our last Border Tour finished on a high note. As we were completing the last Primary Fence Patrol our policeman who was new to the job, first asked the Pl Commander in what direction was the Border, and then promptly stepped into a hornets' nest. We have since heard that he has asked for a transfer back to Kowloon.

We congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. Arundel on the birth of a son. We also look forward to seeing Cpl. Oxley-Bates taking part in the cross-Channel swim next year as result of his swimming course in Singapore!

#### Assault Pioneer Platoon

During the last few months we have been working on various "Hearts and Minds" projects. The biggest of these was a reservoir and pipeline on Lantao Island (our favourite holiday resort). A few weeks of hard grind at the hottest time of the year proved very rewarding and the local villagers genuinely appreciated our work. For the rest of the time we have been working with the Recce Pl. We say goodbye to Sgt. Nash and wish him good luck with the boats. The sporting prize of the period must go to Mrs. Anne Rushworth, wife of L/Cpl. Rushworth, who was picked for the Hong Kong ladies ten pin bowling team against Malaya and Singapore. Many congratulations.



Pte. Nee, Assault Pioneers, sets a booby trap in the jungle lane at Lyeman Barracks



### Mortar Platoon

We were very pleased to have the opportunity of live firing with our mortars on Port Shelter Range in conjunction with a locating unit from 25 LT Regiment RA. With the aid of the Green Archer, it enabled us to adjust and record our targets in very good time. Shortly after this we had a very pleasant four days at Nim Wan in the New Territories, where we mixed hill walking with swimming which made a very pleasant change.

The platoon has been somewhat depleted by the Korea Honour Guard which left in early August and returned at the beginning of October. Those who went included Lt. McGlynn, S/Sgt. Lindsay, Cpl. Dyson, L/Cpl. Nuttall and Pte. Whitworth. S/Sgt. Butler is running the platoon at the moment but he is shortly to leave on the Advance Party. Finally we would like to congratulate Cpl. Lewis on his promotion.

### Rece Platoon

Again it has been difficult to do our proper job out here in Hong Kong as there has not been the opportunity. Most of the time we have been working in conjunction with the Asslt Pioneer platoon. We are now preparing our Ferrets for handover, which has been the bane of Sgt. Horne's life. We congratulate Pte. Dunne and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

### BORNEWS

Alas he has gone, his absence not really appreciated until the all too familiar letter, distributed to List "C", "... notes to be submitted to the sub-editor by ..." appears in the in tray. That man of wit, charm and caustic words who, with monotonous regularity, penned BORNEWS with as much ease as one would light a cigarette. Bear with us then, for these notes are the combined effort of all BOR clerks who, between them cannot muster one GCE, let alone nine!

Captain Bunbury left us on July 4 and in his place we welcome Captain Mellor who is now

firmly entrenched in the Adjutant's chair. Belated congratulations to you, sir, on your promotion.

With deep regret we said farewell to Cpl. Hogg who, against everyone's advice, decided it was time to give civilian life a try. When last we heard he was working in the lingerie department of Woolworth's, having found the post more interesting and offering better prospects than trainee manager! Wherever you are "Hoggy", remember we are in Catterick from early January '71 and will be in need of a good despatch clerk.

Lt. Roberts continues as Assistant Adjutant and, together with Cpl. Manion (and occasionally the RSM) finds his way daily through the Army Act and, recently, Boards of Inquiry and Related Subjects (thanks to Burma Coy).

On September 1 we left Fan Gardens Camp and looked back nostalgically on Fan Ling as the 3 tonner passed through for the last time on its way back to Stanley, after the final Border duty. On our first tour in 1968 it took two days to assemble all the paraphernalia required to run a BHQ and one day to unload and set up office. On the last trip it took two hours to assemble and load and half an hour to unload and set up shop. Practice makes perfect and was excellent training for the days ahead in Catterick,

Space does not allow each clerk a special mention. They continue with noses to the grindstone enjoying every minute of it, especially with UK and leave ahead for their efforts.

On September 12 the BOR staff, ably led by Colonel and Mrs. Huxtable with the Adjutant and RSM bringing up the rear, attended the wedding reception of Miss Grace Fung who is employed in Bn HQ as a typist. The reception was in true Chinese style and we were greeted by Grace resplendent in traditional wedding gowns. The meal, consisting of some twelve courses served fast and furious with liberal helping of San Miguel, was undoubtedly Lt. Roberts' opportunity to shine. We were not disappointed and it was heard that he was most grateful for the Chief Clerk's notable abstention from Chinese fare.



### MISS FUNG'S RECEPTION

*From left to right: Lt.-Col. Huxtable, R.S.M. Battye, Miss Fung, Mrs. Huxtable (half hidden by Miss Fung), Mrs. Milner, Staff Milner, Mrs. Harris, Cpl. Mannion, Lt. Roberts, L/Cpl. Wishart, Pte. Nuttall, L/Cpl. Darcy, WO2 Harris and Capt. Mellor.*

### INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Between mid-June and mid-August, whilst Acorn was away at the School of Infantry—wheeling and dealing on the outer crust of the enemy, tanks on the flanks, mech mind buzzing hysterically at 25 m.p.h., and still (thank heavens—some things are sacred) two up and bags of smoke—Acorn Minor and all the little Acorns progressed more conventionally with routine work.

Intelligence in Hong Kong, like love elsewhere, is a many splendoured thing, and the intelligence office has become a depository not only of the mundane, but also of the slightly bizarre; this Marks and Spencerish versatility is in many ways an asset, as a customer dissatisfied with this week's special offer Remote Area Patrol may care to select in lieu our guaranteed money back Community Relations project, and whilst it is being gift wrapped a little light reading is provided. The wet and dry bulb readings on the Frontier covering the period August 18 to September 1 is current Book of the Month. We are at present beginning to specialise rather more, and have secured a nice little contract worth thousands to everyone except us. We are the Unit Movements Cell, and the harassed officer shrinking into the darkest corner of the room can be identified as the Unit Emplaning Officer. Gilbert and Sullivan's Poo Bah could have learned something here.

The influence of China has been strong upon the section. Of the four married men three have introduced progeny into this troubled world since last Christmas. Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Harston, and Mrs. Jagger had respectively a daughter on Jan 3, a son on June 20, and a son on Aug 18. Sgt. Wilkinson is chasing the last remaining subjects of his first class education and hasn't the time to join the crowd, and it would seem that the section's bachelor debauchees, Ptes. Roberts and Wilson have only the intentions and not the honour. On the whole we look forward to England, but are rather wondering if England still looks forward to us.

### SIGNAL PLATOON

The highlight of the summer months has been the Standard II Cadre which ran for seven uninterrupted weeks from mid-June. The majority of students were complete beginners but, in spite of this, some creditable results were produced in the final test. In order to classify at Standard Two a morse speed of 10wpm must be achieved at receiving and sending, and this was not possible to attain after only seven weeks. Once this has been completed there will be several more classified signallers in the platoon. As a result of the cadre the following were posted into the Signal Platoon: from Admin. Coy, Cpls. Peat and Shadbolt; from Alma Ptes. Welburn and Barker; from Burma, Ptes. Whitfield and Duckett; from Corunna, Ptes. Brook and Woodward.

Recently we have had some very good results from Warminster. Cpl. Coates passed all subjects at Standard I except his morse and TG—an art which has always eluded him. L/Cpl. Morton got a good pass in all subjects and Cpl. Kench, who obviously went to Warminster for a rest, came

top of his course with an average mark of over 90% in all subjects. Shortly Cpls. Barnett and Bowler are off to try and confirm their abilities as RSI's and L/Cpl. Waqabaca, L/Cpl. Tolson and Pte. Brook will be doing the Standard I course.

Much of the normal signals routine has continued in Hong Kong, though the typhoon season has not been without incident. There were the seeds of disaster at one time when the local storm warning signal went up to 7 and the Battalion was on the Border with all the VHF radio. Fortunately the cadre had just been taught the HF A13 and so the camp internal net did not suffer. The only trouble is, every storm warning seems to come at a Saturday lunchtime, which makes the task of rounding up chaps to operate a radio net all the more interesting!

We are now starting to turn our sights to the return to the UK and the hope of some really interesting signalling. Sgt. Shaw is off on September 30 with three assistants and, after a spell of leave, will be combing the country for radio equipment. On arrival in England towards the end of November, the bulk of the platoon will scatter and we will hope to meet up again on January 12, 1971—no doubt with an increase in the number of wives and fiancées—Pte. Thackeray has been very patient!

### MEDICAL CENTRE

The Medical Centre Staff "Save our Sanity Fund" is almost full. Sales of drugs and private treatment have swelled the coppers and a riotous party is planned somewhere in Hong Kong.

We are proud that Cpl. Budden gained a virtually unheard of "A" on his NCO's Cadre so ending the myth that the medics can't soldier. L/Cpl. Beck visited the BMH—and stayed. He is now better and delighted that his illness confused all the doctors. Pte. Earnshaw has now taken his bed . . . we hope he will be back with us soon. Pte. Anson remains i/c the Medical Centre birdcage (the feathered variety) and Pte. Allan continues to charm the other type over the phone.

Sgt. Jagger efficiently organises the whole set-up and practises his drill movements with gusto preparing to return to Regimental duty.

The RMO reckons he will soon be off tranquillisers and pep-pills . . . but thank God for them at the moment.

### TRAINING WING

Since our last notes we have been hard at it running a variety of cadres and we had so little time between finishing one and starting another that we've found ourselves virtually writing these notes in between lessons. Also since the last notes we've had a change of instructors—firstly Cpl. Pashby returned from his Warminster Course to take over from Sgt. Walker who has now gone to Alma Coy and, shortly afterwards, Cpl. Brennan returned from Warminster having just completed the Skill at Arms and SF Courses. Cpl. Noble, who joined the Wing just prior to going to Warminster with Cpl. Brennan, has unfortunately been posted to the Depot. Our loss, their gain. Both NCO's deserve congratulations for getting "B" Gradings. Cpl. Brennan has now established himself as Sgt. Young's replacement and the Wing has taken on

the look of an art gallery with all his beautifully drawn "aids"!

At present we have only one NCO being put through his paces by the School of Infantry and that is Cpl. Heron who is getting the "works". He started off at Brecon and he should now be well into his Warminster Course. We look forward to seeing him in Catterick where he is expected to take over from Cpl. Rochester.

WO2 Kelly is beginning to wonder whether he really is the Ammo Warrant Officer. He's done so many other people's jobs in the last few months that we've hardly seen him. Perhaps his most notable performance was bridge building with the Drums on Lantao. He is going to look after Admin Coy until we get back home starting in late September.

In conclusion we would like to say a brief word of thanks to Lt. Ward and mention a few interesting facts and figures in the same breath because, as Training Officer, he has been the man responsible for the programming and running of the cadres for the last thirteen months.

On looking back through Training Wing records it is pleasing to note the following: as a result of the three Junior NCO, two Potential NCO and two Trained Soldiers Cadres a total of 62 people have gained promotion—some twice. We have run a 84mm Cadre on which we had 100% pass and also two SF Cadres which produced only one failure. A total of 294 soldiers has passed through the Wing on cadres (excluding the present Trained Soldiers Cadre) out of which we have only had six outright failures. This is a record that the wing instructors can well boast about.

Finally we must say goodbye to Mr. Ward and wish him luck on his RSOs' Course (he's tapping away already) in January. We wish Sgt. Young all the very best and hope he gets his commission and we extend an anticipatory welcome to Captain Nicholson who is taking over the reins in England.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

The wind of change continues to blow through the noble house of Admin. At last we have won independence and been allowed to take our very own Remote Area Patrol without sharing it with our divorced half, Command Company. The Sergeant Major flew to Lantao with a worthy bunch of lads from the Band for two days. Judging by the photographs and stories one wonders what really did happen. He may well have seen Lantao but he certainly, at the time of going to press, does not know where the Border is!

The time before, Bob Tighe took most of the Company Office Staff. That was a tough one, it took a week for them to recover.

Company Commanders are changing yet again. Captain John Power departs for England as Families Officer designate and Families Advance Party. Captain Sid Kirk will be wearing two hats and takes over on September 2, as well as remaining MTO.

The Nautical Section continue to appear weekly for pay otherwise remain incognito in shorts and flip flops. What are their names again?

#### Births

Congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. H. Mann on the birth of their daughter, Sarah.

#### Promotions

Our congratulations to L/Cpls. Underwood, Joyner, Dawson, Crook, Taylor, Warnes and Stone.

#### Hail and Farewell

Welcome to the Company: Ptes. Bell, Armitage, Brown 37, Butcher, Denby, Scott, Baker 02, Hoyle, Best, Mathews.

#### M.T. PLATOON

As usual, a busy period with plenty on to keep most members of the platoon fully occupied. Driving cadres have been continuous. Cpls. Waite and Mann have been kept very busy training new drivers and preparing others for their heavy goods licence prior to returning to UK. They both look a little bit older and one appears to have more grey hairs.

In preparation for our future role it was decided to train a cadre in vehicle waterproofing. The MTO was a little apprehensive with the approaching UEI and remembering some of the problems after the waterproofing course held in 1969. As it worked out, everything went much better: it was a 100% success. All the students enjoyed the course and found it most interesting—many thanks to WO1 (ASM) Bilmer, S/Sgt. Wilks and Sgt. Cord from 50 Comd Workshops.

The movement in and out of the platoon during the past few months have been numerous: On demob—Ptes. Burke, Hunter, Peaker and Lee 01.

Inter-Coy postings—

Cpl. McLachlan to Recce Platoon and Cpls. Peat and Shadbolt to Signal Platoon.

Postings in—

L/Cpl. Parkinson, Ptes. Scott, Lee, Honor, Brown, Butcher, Best, Thompson and Baker.

To the departers all the very best for the future. To the new arrivals, welcome.

#### Marriages

Congratulations to L/Cpl. and Mrs. Wilde on their recent marriage. Lots of luck to you both.

#### Births

To: Pte. and Mrs. McQuade, a daughter; L/Cpl. and Mrs. Lockett, a son; Cpl. and Mrs. Mann, a daughter.

Congratulations to you all.

#### DRUMS PLATOON

There have been one or two changes in the establishment of the Drums. D/Major Millar has left us for greener pastures, and D/Major Lever has taken over the mace. We also said goodbye to Sgt. Thornton and Dmr. Wilson; we wish them all every success in their new employment. We welcome Dmr. Roast, fresh from the Boys Training Unit, to fill one of many vacant chairs. We also congratulate Dmr's. Lister and Sullivan on being promoted to L/Cpl.

At the beginning of August we turned our hand

to yet another task. We spent two days on Lantao island building a bridge under the expert direction of WO2 Kelly. The bridge was 600 yards from the shore where we landed. We had to carry timber, nails and saws, not to mention the beer, soft drinks, ice, and steaks for a bar BQ, which we had after a hard day's work. We all had a good time and it made a very interesting change.

The summer season is now drawing to a close and our engagements are almost nil. Our last big parade was for the Hong Kong Military Service Corps' passing out parade at Lyemun Camp. We also played Brigadier Illing out of the Colony, with auld lang syne as he boarded his plane.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Dmr. Fogg on his recent engagement, which goes to show last year's trip to Tokyo really was successful.

### THE BAND

It is not very often that the Band is able to combine with another local band and spend some rehearsal time; early June afforded us such an opportunity. Mr. Wood, from the Royal Hong Kong Police Band, and Mr. Alexander arranged for 1 DWR Band to spend a day at the Police Training School in Aberdeen (Hong Kong Island). This proved to be a most interesting outing. During the morning, the bands rehearsed some of the old classical compositions which would normally never be attempted by a single band, due to lack of weight and numbers. After what turned out to be a really hard workout, we all went to the canteen where an elaborate Chinese "Nosh" was sampled. During the afternoon, both bands displayed their skills at basketball, and also on the miniature range.

June 11 presented us with a little relaxation (from music that is!). The Band, under the direction of Mr. Alexander, embarked on an operation which was code-named "Jacobs Ladder". Strict secrecy was maintained prior to departure, and only on the actual day when the Band paraded in their tropical kit complete with jungle hat and water-bottles, did we discover the exact nature of our relaxation. Mr. Alexander, as Pln Comd at the head of the column, produced a map of the island and away we all went on a hike. The route was through Stanley Village and, after an acute left turn, along the Repulse Bay Road. About a quarter of a mile on Mr. Alexander suddenly veered off the road and started an ascent of Stanley Mound. This hill, which is called a mound, has in fact all the appearances of a mountain to anyone who has climbed it. Eventually we reached the peak where a short rest was taken. We then continued on to tackle "The Twins", so named for their similarity of height and gradient. On the descent of the latter, Cpl. Crag slipped and dislocated his knee. It was impossible to move him either up or down due to the terrain, and so it was necessary to airlift him out by helicopter. We are happy to record that this was arranged fairly quickly and Cpl. Crag, after spending a few weeks in hospital, is now back at work with us. The Band finished the exercise successfully after a round route via the Tai Tam Dam and back to Stanley along the Tai Tam Road. It had been suggested that we take our

instruments but the poor old bass players might have had a fit at the thought of such goings on. However, strains of the "Wellesley" were heard being whistled when the going got rough. A point worth a mention is that six members of the Band thought that they had missed the exercise due to other commitments on the day. What a shock they received the next morning when they received instructions to retrieve a famous beer sign which had been left in a certain position for them. L/Cpl. Haigh, I/C of this party, succeeded in the task and the beer sign is now reinstated in the Social Club Room.

The Band has been actively employed in giving concerts on the outlying islands, and also gave a concert in the WOs and Sgts. Mess. On this occasion, a competition for the best child conductor was held. A parade for the Hong Kong Military Service Corps took place in September and we provided the musical part to this event. We expect to be busy in the near future giving farewell concerts throughout the Colony.

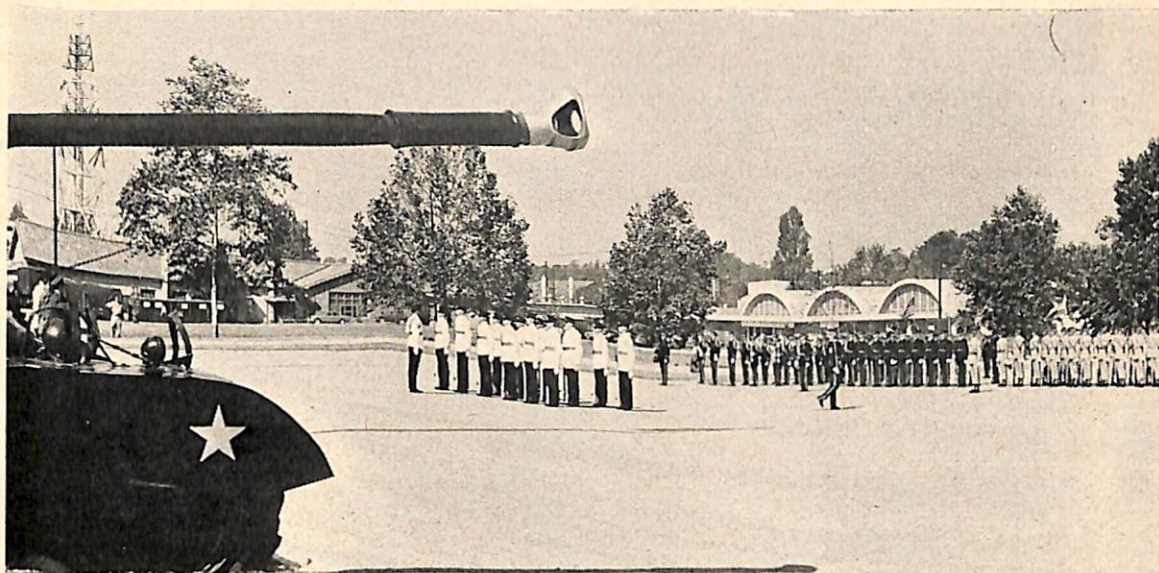
We wish all the best to Bandsmen Barnes, Dermott and Wigglesworth, who have left us to attend the 1970-71 Pupil Bandsmen Course at Kneller Hall. We welcome back S/Sgt. Bernard Cooper, who unfortunately had to go to B.M.H. with ear trouble, and ended up with haemorrhoids. We are pleased to report that he is now better.



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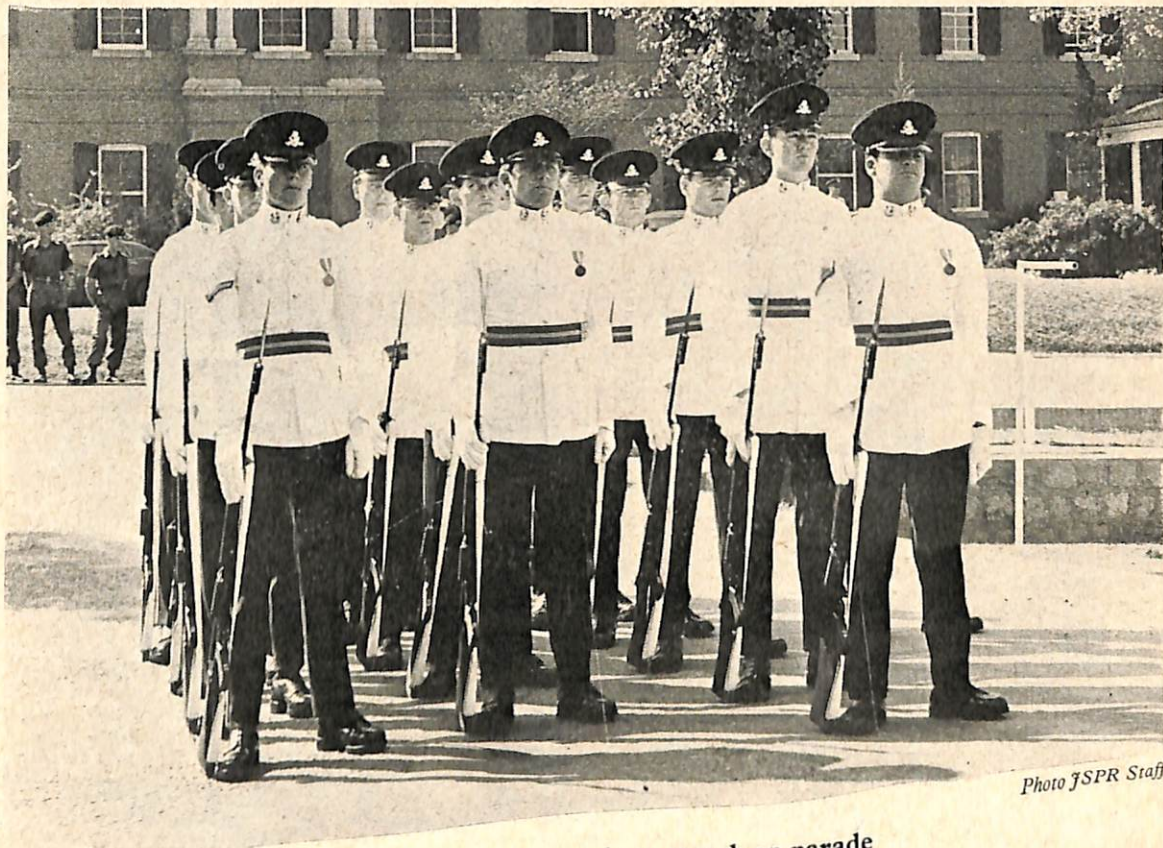
**J. EDWARDS FOR B.M.?**  
The entertainer photographed during his visit to Hong Kong

# Farewell Parade



A farewell parade for the "Dukes" platoon was held at HQ UN Command, Seoul, Korea, on October 6, 1970

*Photo JSPR Staff*



The "Dukes" platoon ready to march on parade

*Photo JSPR Staff*

## Saikung Youth Camp

“Ding Ho Four”, “Lapsap Two”, “Aiya-ah”, “Aiya-ah”, “Aiya-ah-ah-ah”, “We are the Champions”. Thus rang out the choruses chanted by groups of Chinese boys as they boarded the coaches bound for Kowloon and their homes after four and a half days at the 1970 Government Education Branch/Army Summer Youth Camp at Saikung. But we are getting a little ahead of ourselves.

Every Summer, during the school holidays, the Hong Kong Government sponsors camps for some two million Chinese youths. In recent years the Government Education Branch has sponsored, and largely paid for, a youth camp which has been organised by the Army. The two brigades in the Colony have taken it in turns to run the camps and in 1970 51 Bde, whose turn it was, asked The Duke's to take it on. In February, Major Greenway was asked to plan its detailed organisation, the camp

being due to take place in July/August.

The preparations called for a good deal of planning and liaising but, with the full backing of the Brigade Commander and his Staff and with indispensable (as ever) assistance of the Quartermaster and others, all was ready by mid-July.

The aim of the camp was to provide an active and stimulating week in the open air for boys who have to live, for the most part, in the concrete jungles of Hong Kong and Kowloon. The Camp was run for five weeks from July 20 and was to look after 200 Chinese boys each week, who would arrive on a Monday morning and depart the following Friday.

Alma Company alone could not provide sufficient officers and NCOs to meet the various commitments of the camp, so Lt. A. R. Redwood-Davies was lent to us and one officer and several senior NCOs



*Photo JSPR Staff*

### SHADES OF R.C.B.

The Commander British Forces Hong Kong watches activities accompanied by Major Greenway who ran the Camp



*Photo JSR Staff*

### **SAIKUNG CAMP** **Lt. Nick Newell supervising**

from other units helped as instructors, while RCT, RAMC and ACC assistance was also arranged.

The activities organised for the boys included games, potted sports, trampolining, initiative tests, a confidence area, which consisted of a ropes course, death slide and abseiling, swimming and trips in the assault boats, followed by camping on an island. The week ended with a concert in which each group of boys was required to perform, while the Camp Staff produced a series of variety turns between acts.

There is no doubt the boys enjoyed their week enormously and by rotating the instructional duties, the retention of the enthusiasm of group leaders and instructors was ensured. In fact the Company enjoyed its six weeks at Saikung as it provided a very pleasant break from normal Hong Kong soldiering.

The junior NCOs, and indeed the officers and senior NCO group leaders, developed an almost oriental patience as they waited for their groups to assemble, usually many minutes after the appointed hour. All discovered that leadership consists of more than issuing an order and waiting for the result. Patience, they found, was more than a virtue, it was a necessity. This patience did not come naturally to some and, from time to time, officers or senior NCOs were rendered speechless with frustration by the antics of their boys.

However, there were many amusing interludes: there was the occasion when we were told that the designer and builder of the death slide had "tested himself to destruction" on the inaugural descent;

Lt. Andrew Tuggey of 67 Sqn Gurkha Engineers spent a week in hospital after his trial run! The faces of the sergeants of Alma Company when making their first abseil descent presented a picture which was amusing for some and CQMS ("My legs are too short") Holliday on the trampoline presented another. But the incident which created more spontaneous hilarity than any other was the sight of CSM Pickersgill, dressed as an Indian Mystic, falling through the floor of our makeshift stage during the first concert.

The concerts were immensely popular with the Chinese boys and, although they were a little diffident about cavorting about on the stage themselves, they were very ready to laugh at the antics of the permanent staff. The latter were prepared to do their share of cavorting, so a happy compromise was achieved. Some permanent staff turns have received a mention in the Alma Company notes, but there were others worthy of note. The classical ballet was a delicately sensitive interpretation of the age-old theme of boy meets girl, named "Our Lass", with Geoffrilla Hardingski, 38 (borrowed)-28-38, and DMS size 9 creating the name part, ably partnered by Newtowneyev Sharpractice and Toneyeff Redavies in the supporting roles. Another musical gem was the expressive and moving performance of Herr Doktor Von Spiro's composition "The Music Man", which was superbly rendered by the whole cast and conducted by the composer himself. He is of course better known to some as D.B. It was during this last musical feast that the lead piccolo, Helmut Von Pickersgill, fell inadvertently through the stage.

Besides our Brigade Commander, who was responsible for the camp, we were visited by Brig. H. M. G. Bond, the Chief of Staff, Maj.-Gen. D. G. T. Horsford, the Deputy Commander, and Lt.-Gen. Sir Basil Eugster, Commander British Forces. In addition we were honoured by a visit from HE The Governor, Sir David Trench, who was unfortunate enough to strike the only really disrupting rain that was encountered throughout the Camp. When the Governor was due to arrive, the Company Commander went out to the established helicopter pad to meet him, only to be engulfed in rain and see the helicopter descend through the clouds and land somewhere in the Camp. Luckily the pilot had landed beside the Camp Headquarters building and Lt. Redwood-Davies was able to carry out the opening brief while the Company Commander made a bedraggled late entrance. The next stage of the visit was almost disrupted to the same extent, because, as a result of the rain, it was necessary to move up to the area of activities in the Governor's magnificent Rolls-Royce and the car had only progressed a few yards when its way was blocked by two scout cars and three four-ton vehicles of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, which had selected that particular moment to move down from the helicopter pad. However, the remainder of the visit passed off without untoward incident.

Overall, the camp was enjoyed by all who took part in running it and it provided, we believe, a stimulating week for very nearly 1000 Chinese boys.

## “REJOICE, O YOUNG MAN IN THY YOUTH”

Do you ever leap out of bed on a morning at “sparrows”; begin your leaping sessions (four to six inch at first, cutting it down to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and cease) in a manner not dissimilar to the leaping order of St. Beryl (the silent order); throw open the window with gay abandon and bid a pleasant morrow to all and sundry like little Mark Ponsonby-Piggott—“Hello sky, hello fishes, hello trees, hello larks frolicking in the greeny substances, hello the world”? Because, if you do, you would have welcomed every new day at the Saikung Youth Camp

If you started the day with your leaping sessions, this filled you with the boundless enthusiasm required to sustain you throughout the day.

From the arrival of your charges on Monday morning—seven Wongs, five Cheungs, three Tangs, five Chans, three Lees and a couple of “Sammies”—to their departure at Friday lunch time, “Leaping, leaping everywhere, we are the leaping nuns of St. Clare” was the answer to all problems. That and a good deal of noise would guarantee a happy Chinese throng—usually the same Wongs who arrived on Monday though inevitably the odd one would want to go swimming two or three times and rather liked the coloured arm bands of the pink group.

It was essential to have the initiative tests before lunch, otherwise the Chinese, who were garrulous at their quietest, would spend hours discussing the best way to mount cages and little action would have taken place. If you said that they had ten minutes to complete a task, the answer was obviously to tell them they had one minute left when only two minutes had expired from the start.

Whether the heavens opened or whether we camped under a fair Zeus, they always enjoyed the camping. One can forgive the instructors if they tired of singing “Donna, Donna” or “500 miles” after the first three outings. No matter how hoarse you were, they would not allow you to retire until the song book had been exhausted.

Provided you did not have an accident en route to Kowloon, swimming was as relaxing as one made it, and it didn't really matter whether the group won a single game of volley ball, basket ball or soccer, provided that you convinced them that they were the champions and made enough noise about it. If they weren't tired when it came to the confidence area, you were.

The highlight was definitely the concert and, whether the groups sang in discordant or harmonious key, or dramatised all sorts, a thunderous sound of applause could be guaranteed and Mustafa would take the collection in a fine copper bowl. Few people in the world have experienced such blissful silence as when the last coach left Saikung on Friday after the mountain of autograph-signing to which all instructors succumbed—“There was gorging Jack and guzzling Jimmy, and the youngest he was little Billee”.

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## The King's Division Depot, Yorkshire

### Headquarter Company

Since our last report on this ever-active company things seem to be much the same. There has been certain movement in and out of hospitals: Cpl. Atkinson just out—ulcers removed, L/Cpl. Price about to have his removed. L/Cpl. Humphries has finally left us with his bad leg. His pension should get him sticks walking one. Most "Dukes" in the Company are now waiting for the move to Catterick and certainly the Depot will give a gasp of delight.

Two weddings took place recently, Cpl. "Stretch" Mortimer and L/Cpl. Hodgson (ex-Y and L). Congratulations to you both and your wives.

Cpl. Hayton, Officers Mess; Cpl. Taylor, Tele Exchange; Cpl. Akeroyd, HQ Clerk; L/Cpl. Soulsby, still QMs asst. Chiefy Cottrell gave us a surprise visit recently; still has his physical jerks and twitches. Civvy employment?—cabbying, of course.

Cpl. Taylor visited Pte. Coupe who is residing at Ovenden Way, Halifax, and is doing very well; best wishes, I am sure, from all his fellow "Dukes".

### Training Company

With the dock strike pending and summer drawing to a close, the "Dukes" find themselves gathering at Strensall ready for the homecoming of the Regiment. Numerous "holdees" await movement to Catterick.

The faces are unchanged. Capt. Westcob and aide took Lt. Gilbert's squad to Otterburn whilst the latter went on leave to Hong Kong. After a fortnight in the wilds and some stevedore duties, golf, leg spinners, a short time at HQ Yorkshire District, the wandering Kenyan has settled down to study for Staff College.

Sgts. Dowdall and Blood have new squads whilst studying for ACE 1—all work, no play!

Congratulations to Cpl. Blood on a son, and to Cpl. Noble for "B" at Warminster and B(+) in Holland. Also to Cpl. Blood again, who has joined Depot hunters with shooting. Cpl. Wood has his fifth car in two months, a Mk. 10 Jaguar; Cpls. Gray and Cook soldier on, and welcome Cpl. Exley.

### Junior Soldiers Company

Major Brooks and Lts. Palmer and Jowett left at the end of last term. Capt. Farrell, King's Own Border, and Lt. Knopp, PWO, have arrived to take their place. Lt. Jowett took the Part I of his solicitors' examination at the end of July and is to be congratulated on doing so well.

Last term ended with a party of Juniors canoeing from Pocklington to Guildford, Surrey. All enjoyed the trip but would think twice about doing it again.

The Company has got the best soccer side for about five years. Unfortunately, they were beaten 4-3 by Queen's Division in the Army Cup. In the York Youth League they are top of the division, having beaten the leaders 6-0 last time out. Grange, Clegg and Horsfall are all to be congratulated.

### Officers Mess

With the departure of Jerry Bird, the "Dukes" contingent dwindles but holds its own every guest night. Robin Newell won the single wicket and both he and Alan Westcob are now golfing fanatics. Both families are growing—not in numbers! Chris Gilbert now commutes to Leeds each week instead of London and is playing for Harrogate. The event of the year was Donald Palmer and Gilly's wedding in Sheffield. Many "Dukes" were present: the Reids, Andrews, Charlesworths, Westcobs, Newells, Mike Bird—quite a fantastic gathering and a send-off that had to be heard to be believed. Harry P. is now in Oswestry, in Austrian yodelling gear.

The Autumn Cocktail Party was a success with new sunburnt faces in abundance; we look forward to seeing more.

### Shooting

The full bore season has just finished and the Depot team and Wives' Club are limbering up for the small bore season due to start in early November.

It has been a good season for the Depot and we have been closely involved in a number of big competitions. In chronological order the main events and results were:

### Small bore

Throughout the winter the Depot team competed in the ARA Inter-Unit Competition. There were 36 teams and the Depot ended up in the middle. The team were shooting with the No. 8 rifle, the Army issue, which were approx. 30 years old, and using issue ammo. In view of this, it was quite a creditable performance. The team, namely Major Robertson, QMSI Dunbavin, Cpl. Blood and Cpl. Taylor, also ran the Wives' Club small bore effort every week. The attendance of the wives fluctuated considerably depending upon a number of complicated and sometimes mysterious factors. The stalwarts were Mrs. Robertson (detailed), Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Johns; other more temporary members included, Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Black and Mrs. Hustwaite. The season ended with a competition and prizes for all, the order of merit being Mrs. Robertson closely followed by Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Pollard. If attendance improves this season challenges may be thrown out to the other half.

### Bisley

The Depot team was limited to five, and ended up as the small bore team who had been fighting throughout the winter, plus Sgt. Bisby. We also had a reserve cum driver in Pte. Maynard and a non-shooting team captain in Lt. Mott. The team managed to train once a week during May and June and also took part in the Sigs Bde Competition at Catterick and the Yorks RA Spring Meeting. In the former we were merely allowed to practise

and in the latter we were asked to shoot with target rifles instead of service rifles and so came nowhere as a team.

The main competition at Bisley is the Unit Championship which adds all the matches together and produces an order of merit. In 1968 the Depot came bottom, in 1969 we were halfway up, e.g. 9th out of 18 teams, and this year we came 4th. Perhaps in 1971? But who knows what changes will have taken place by then.

Major Robertson had a very good year, coming second in the Army Championship, runner up to the Queen's Medallists and winning the ARA Silver Jewels. *En route* to the great medal he came 2nd or 3rd in various matches and won the Regular and Territorial Armies Cup. Once again he was second in the Queen Mary and shot in the Army VIII which had a good year, beating the other Services and Canadian Army in three of the five big matches of the Burdwan Cup, and therefore winning the Inter-Service Championship.

### Bingham Shield

This beautiful and enormous shield was competed for at Strensall Ranges on October 3. Major Robertson had been training and selecting a Regular Army team of 16 from Northern Command, and 5 members of the Depot were in the team namely—Major Robertson scoring 131

QMSI Dunbavin	127
Cpl. Blood	115
L/Cpl. Norris	111
Sgt. Bisby	103

The Regular Army won the Shield, the Yorks Rifle Association (Affiliated Clubs) came 2nd and the Territorial Army 3rd.

Two other well-known "Dukes' gravel bellies" were in the team: Major Cowell and CSM Norman; and WO2 Green, Green Howards, was eventually dug out of the Volunteers. The other half of the

team came from REME, RAC, R Sigs, ACC, RE and RA.

### Yorks Rifle Association Autumn Meeting October 4

Having learned our lesson from the Spring Meeting, the Depot team did well in the second meeting of the year. This time we performed with a Service Rifle (the old No. 4). We decided that the SLR was too risky at 600 yds, as the sights only go up to 600 yds and if you are low you can only aim up and obscure your target.

The Depot team won the Service Rifle Team Trophy and Major Robertson won the Service Rifle Aggregate and the Yorks Rifle Championship (SR) which was the combined Aggregate of the Spring and Autumn Meetings.

### Yorkshire District Skill at Arms Meeting October 10/11

This was a very large meeting held on Strensall Ranges with a total of 35 unit teams and approx 300 individual competitors on the rifle alone. The RAF produced particularly high powered and experienced teams. Depot results were:

Match 2a Rifle 1st	QMSI Dunbavin, SASC att Depot.
4th equal	Major Robertson L/Cpl. Norris

The Depot therefore had 3 in the top 6.

Match 1 Rifle Team 3rd

Match 6 SMG Team 3rd

Match 12 Falling Plates knocked out in semi-final by winning RAF team.

The Depot ended up by winning the Visiting Units Championship (The Lord Lieutenant's Cup).

## No. 10 Army Youth Team

Since the last publication of THE IRON DUKE notes we have been having a hectic but entertaining time which has included three weeks' well-earned leave. We have also had additions in various forms to the team.

July saw us once again waterborne as we cruised the canals of the West Riding in a barge along with 12 orphaned lads from Huddersfield. This was most successful and further trips are planned for next year with the aid of the Royal Engineers.

After a "Water Knockout" course for some scouts in Settle at the end of July, the first week in August saw us all in uniform (somewhat surprisingly) as we joined the West Riding Cadet Force for their annual camp at Warcop. By this time we had acquired our new Safari Land-Rover and were proudly running three vehicles—almost unheard of for a youth team. Most of us had our first experience of umpiring an exercise at this camp and it was generally held to have been a rewarding week's work. The conclusion of the

camp saw us dashing home to regain our civilian clothes and families ready for our leave.

Back to work in September we started again in the local schools by day and with various cadet forces by night. The latter work has included a major raid of one detachment by another in the course of which 2/Lt. Peter Turner, late of the Signal Platoon, was given some fairly rough treatment.

Social occasions have been very few, the only one of note being the official marching-in ceremony of the Air Training Corps into their new home at The Duke's TA Centre in St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, to which Lt. Hirst and his wife were asked.

L/Cpl. Tony Burke has recently got married and we all had a really good do at the wedding. About 12 hours later L/Cpl. Mike Shaw's wife gave birth to a son, Matthew, and our congratulations and best wishes go to both families.

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

### OFFICERS MESS

The Officers Mess notes must inevitably this time seem like a combination of "Hail and Farewell" with "Attachments and Detachments".

Before camp we had a welcome addition to the strength in the person of Lt. Julian Hall who recently returned to the broad acres after periods in such foreign parts as Wales and Lincolnshire. This foreign service must have stood him in good stead for at camp his German was invaluable and we were all most impressed by his being the only person able to understand the German for "dustbin".

Further reinforcement to the subalterns' union came for camp in the person of Lt. Tony Fraser of the Honourable Artillery Company. We were delighted to have him with us and trust that his Huddersfield accent was intelligible to his colleagues on his return to the city.

Also at camp in BAOR, of which no doubt much will appear elsewhere, we were joined by Major Keith McDonald, of the DWR Cadre, and Major Patrick Kendall-Jones, RUR, of Yorkshire District.

Keith and his Cadre did us proud in running the firm base, and foraging very successfully for the little luxuries which make all the difference between eating and drinking for survival on the one hand and enjoyment of meals on the other. He and the Coy Commander were also responsible for a very successful liaison with the Bundeswehr in Hamburg.

Patrick Kendall-Jones contributed greatly to the success of camp by keeping his very professional eye on our training efforts, and we have reason to be grateful that he forsook his cushy office to rough it with us. It was obvious to us where he felt more at home—soldiering in the field.

In addition, having part of HQ Company in camp with us, we had the pleasure of the company of the Rev. Major Bambury, R.C. Padre, Major Ernie Bassett, the Tech QM, and Capt. Marsh, the new RSO, who lives so near to Huddersfield one feels he ought to be a "Duke".

There was last and not least the well-known comedy team of Capt. Horspool and Capt. McClay to enliven evenings spent in the Mess.

For a brief couple of days we had also a visit from the CO and, being Michael Hardy, it was of course during the Coy Exercise. Even Tony Fraser, who had not met him before, was left in no doubt the moment that voice, known so well to the rest of us, was heard on the net. He also, in the same inimitable manner, after camp at the Company dinner, took charge and supervised a "very old regimental custom" of officers and sergeants quaffing ale from an old Sergeants Mess china trophy.

Col. Hardy has now relinquished command of the Yorkshire Volunteers and goes to his new post

at Sandhurst with all our good wishes. We congratulate his successor, Lt.-Col. Geoffrey Norton, on becoming our first Volunteer CO.

Losing one "Duke" was more than higher command could really expect Battalion HQ to suffer, and so we got another in exchange, Major Rodney Harms, well known to older mess members as a former adjutant of the West Riding Bn.

The change in command of the Battalion also affected "C" Company in that Major Curry has risen to become Battalion Second-in-Command, and we congratulate him on this recognition of his years of sterling service as a company commander. He is succeeded in the chair at Halifax by Desmond Tetlow, and Ivan Foster becomes Company Second-in-Command. We congratulate them both on their appointment and on their promotion to major and captain respectively.

We have temporarily lost Capt. Peter Mortimer who is attending a course at Essex University for a year. If it is any compensation to him he finds himself very close to Colchester where he was sent for seven days. We are pleased to report that it was only for Annual Camp, and that they will be glad to see him back!

Slight changes are afoot as regard the running of the Mess and, to bless the venture at the outset, we have a volunteer for PMC—Padre Roy Matthews. It is hoped that one regular visitor or member will be Bert Raisbeck, the Regimental Paymaster, now exiled to the west of the Pennines. Major Curry, although in his new capacity no longer a member of the Company, has been advised that he will always be welcome—provided he gives us 24 hours' warning.

### SERGEANTS MESS

We have had a hectic quarter since our last notes. The main event being the Annual Camp in Germany. The whole fortnight was spent working with 432s, and all the Mess members finished up very cab happy indeed, but it proved very worth while. Brian Dolan had a different map from the Company Commander, but he always managed to find us with the food on time.

The middle weekend in Hamburg where we spent the night in the Bundeswehr Barracks was very enjoyable, but they made lousy tea the following morning. We all needed it after our Creeps down the Reep (enough said).

Brian Dolan, Phil Berry and John Taylor represented the Company in the Yorkshire District Shoot where they had good scores but not enough to get among the prizes.

We dined WO2 John Fee and Betty Fee out before his posting to BAOR. We wish him the best of luck in the future. We now welcome WO2 Walt Morris and hope he has an enjoyable tour with us.

**COMPANY NOTES**

Training prior to camp falls into insignificance when compared with our fortnight in BAOR with all its resulting "war stories", but deserving of mention are the efforts of the orienteers. After only one outing, backed by the signallers, on Otley Chevin, they put in a very creditable performance in the Lanchester Competition in County Durham. It was unfortunate that, due to annual camp, they were not able to compete in the Northern Command Competition on September 5.

Socially we enjoyed Phase III of the Battle of Wellington Hall at Sunday lunchtime, July 26, and the pre-camp social on Saturday, August 15. The former was particularly revealing when it came to cabaret time!

We flew from Ringway to Hanover on August 22 after an early start, having slept in the Drill Hall. On arrival in Germany we were greeted by pouring rain but this cleared as we approached our tented camp at Rheinschlen and the weather was kind to us except for an hour or so the day

before we left.

The Camp had been erected for us by 4 RTR who administered us exceedingly well. Their efforts had been crowned by our advance party of PSIs and the CO's driver, L/Cpl. Reddington DWR.

We were pleased to have the DWR Cadre with us and they did a grand job, taking much admir work off our shoulders and keeping us supplied with most things, including beer. Also in camp with us were a large contingent of HQ Company and, once it was generally realised that they were Yorkshiremen too, things went quite smoothly. We also had with us 1 Green Howards' LAD and a collection of their APCs. Suffice to say we got on well with them and their machines.

Instructors from 1 Green Jackets gave us the benefit of their tactical know-how and, thus equipped, we acted as part of the enemy force in a Regular Army exercise. We feel we acquitted ourselves quite well and that the favourable comments we heard were not mere flattery.



Lt.-Col. Mike Hardy says goodbye to his successor, Lt.-Col. Geoffrey Norton, the new Commanding Officer of the Yorkshire Volunteers. Col. Norton, managing director of John Norton & Sons Ltd, Queen Street, Sheffield, and Vice-Chairman of Aldred Shirley & Co Ltd, Worksop, is only the third Territorial commanding officer of an infantry regiment at the present time. He joined the Army in 1949 for National Service and, on leaving, became a platoon Commander at the Hallamshires in 1951

Middle weekend was spent by most on what can best be described as an "educational visit to Hamburg", and we were grateful for the hospitality of the local Bundeswehr. So much so that two of our corporals, much to everyone's surprise, spent the whole time with their eating and drinking champions, and ended up still on their feet.

During the second week we had the appropriately-named "Exercise All Go" with 5 Queen's providing enemy in certain phases. This finished early on Thursday morning. That afternoon we had an interesting visit to an RA regiment, and on Friday, September 4, flew home, a day earlier than at first expected.

Since camp we have enjoyed an excellent company dinner, attended by Lt.-Col. Hardy and the CO designate, Major Norton, at which we presented Major Curry with a piece of silver on his leaving the Company to become Battalion second-in-command.

We welcome a number of new faces, and one or two old ones, amongst recent recruits, and also WO2 Morris who replaced WO2 Fee as our PSI in June. We were sorry to lose John Fee, but rumour has it we shall be seeing him again quite soon.

We wish Ptes Ashton B and Leach K successful careers in the Regular Army.

Congratulations to Cpls. Hollis and Liversedge on their recent promotion, and to Sgt. Berry and Sgt. Dearnley (RAPC) who join the other old sweats, not before time, with their Efficiency Medals (T & AVR).

Finally, thanks to anyone I may have omitted to mention who contributed to the success of camp and other events, wives and girl friends who gave us leave of absence, and to Arthur Westerman for typing this lot.

## THE WEST RIDING BATTALION (DWR) CADRE

We attended annual camp in Germany with "C" Company the Yorkshire Volunteers. We ran the administrative side of camp thereby enabling "C" Company to use maximum numbers on training. We are pleased to report that camp was a huge success and relationships between the Volunteers and Cadre are closer than ever before.

Special thanks to Cpl. Payne and S/Sgt. Rutherford for their hard work in satisfying enormous thirsts at ridiculously low prices.

Thanks are also due to the Cadre Commander and Major Currie for making use of their limited vocabulary and organising a week-end in Hamburg, with accommodation at Peizer Barracks.

We have held a successful reunion in the Canteen (not yet decorated alas) and a presentation to Arthur Wood for 30 years' Territorial Service and a "This is Your Life"—the whole evening admirably organised by WO.II Haigh.

In the Mess there is a programme of events for the 3rd Thursday each month when all serving and past members will be made most welcome.

We have two farewells to make. Firstly to Major-General Earl Cathcart who has handed over Yorkshire District to become GOC Berlin. Secondly to Lt.-Col. Mike Hardy who has left the Yorkshire Volunteers to "seek the co-operation" of cadets at Sandhurst. To both we say thank you for all that you have done for us, and our best wishes for the future.

Now we look forward to Christmas and the New Year. Greetings to all present and past members of the Territorial and Volunteer Army.

# The Army Cadet Force

## HUDDERSFIELD AREA (DWR)

"Quo Vadis?" is a question no longer put to a "Dukes" cadet in the WR-ACF, because his spontaneous reply will be "To the top, my dear fellow", and by golly he'll mean it.

### Small Arms

All detachments achieved a "Very Good" report for the Annual Small Arms Inspection, held in July, entitling all OCs to a much-deserved "well done".

### Annual Camp

GTA Warcop once again catered admirably for a first-rate annual camp. The weather was superb, and the week packed with action.

Section and platoon work predominated, with a liberal sprinkling of orienteering, assault boats and courses, culminating with a 36-hour exercise.

We are assured by all cadet ranks that the fish 'n' chips in Morecambe are quite up to standard, and yet again we managed to avoid "losing" one (cadet, that is).

To climax a splendid week the Huddersfield Area won the WR-ACF Centenary Cup, awarded

for outstanding performances in orienteering, assault courses, guard mounting, marching past competitively, and assault boating. Bradford, Dearne Valley, and Leeds Area came 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The competitions spanned two weeks embracing the whole West Riding.

We were particularly indebted to Lt. "Toby" Hirst and his No. 10 AYT, who were attached to us, for their enthusiasm and invaluable assistance throughout the camp period.

On the occasion of the officers' guest night, it was the Area Band providing the entertainment, and we were particularly pleased to have with us as our guest, Major Keith MacDonald, TD, OC West Riding DWR Cadre, who travelled specially for the occasion.

### Weekend Camps

Since annual camp, only one weekend camp has occurred. This was held at Claro/Deverell Barracks, Ripon, taking advantage of the Bishop Monkton bridging site, during the period September 25-27. WO2 Dennis Goddard of No. 10 CTT once again earned the gratitude of the Area for spear-

heading a splendid weekend. A very special vote of thanks must be awarded to Claro Barracks for their magnificent hospitality—in fact, the next time we confront our cadets with pie and peas (and no alternative), we shall have difficulty explaining matters.

### Promotions

Congratulations are extended to Lt. John Clegg upon publication in the *London Gazette Supplement* of his promotion to substantive rank—a popular announcement.

### Wedding Bells

The very best wishes of us all go out to SI Peter Cole on the occasion of his wedding to Miss Margaret Cairns at St. Brigid's RC Church on October 10. We wish both Peter and Margaret much happiness and good fortune.

### Here and There

Capt. George Johnson and his Keighley Detachment go from strength to strength. Among their many assets they can now boast of a very fine "done it themselves" Adults' Mess. Their future programme is full and adventurous, including a jumble sale, Xmas fayre, and a dance. The recent formation of a Parents' Committee should provide useful assistance in these latter events, and we look forward to the next progress report.

Down Halifax way, Lt. John Clegg has set in motion tentative plans for a detachment team in the 1971 Nijmegen Marches. All being well they hope for official recognition, and fingers are well and truly crossed. Austin Collier, well known to many "Dukes" and a veteran of Nijmegen, has kindly agreed to conduct the (very) necessary training, and what team could have better?

Meanwhile, Trevor Wintle and Detachment from TAVRC Huddersfield have become "Pot-hunters". For starters they have won the Junior Trophy in the WRACF Swimming Championships held at Harrogate on September 19. From this fine achievement Cadets Joyce, Garner, and Hill progressed to the Northern Command Swimming Championships at Redcar. Cadet Joyce ably won the junior breaststroke event at this venue, and now goes forward to represent Northern Command in the National Swimming Championships at Oswestry.

Surprisingly, cookery classes have remained popular with Huddersfield cadets, with all credit due to SI Bill Fitzgerald. Aided by some five of his students, he provided a most magnificent buffet lunch when our friends and neighbours, the ATC, officially "marched in" at St. Paul's Street on October 4. The compliments were most profuse.

Very red faces are commonplace at Thongsbridge owing to Lt. John Evans and his Mirfield Detachment, in conjunction with 10 AYT (the originators), launching a very well-executed "attack" upon their cadet neighbours. One by one bodies were whisked away, trussed and suitably gagged, and their accommodation taken over. It won't happen again, we're assured by a Thongsbridge spokesman and, judging by the glint in his

eye, look out Mirfield (or even 10 AYT).

### Resignation

Sadly, we place on record the resignation of our Area Chaplain, Rev. Capt. G. Leslie Lawrence, TD, for reasons of health. Leslie Lawrence provided friendship and guidance to us all, from OC to the smallest cadet, and he will be missed. It will be difficult to find a successor who will be able to provide the qualities which endeared him to us all but upon his well-earned retirement we wish both himself and Mrs. Lawrence good health and happiness.

### General

It's all systems go with the "Dukes" cadets, as the New Year approaches: we have the adults, we have the cadets, and we have the enthusiasm to make 1971 a time to remember. So if you are a former "Dukes" officer or senior NCO and you feel that you can "make the scene" call in for a beer at St Paul's Street; we'll be delighted to see and brief you.

### BOOK REVIEW

*The Korean War* by Tim Carew (Pan Books 1970. 7/-).

The subtitle is "The Story of the fighting Commonwealth Regiments, 1950-53". It tells the epic story of what may well be the last occasion on which the old Commonwealth nations—the Diggers and Kiwis, the Canadians and Indians—will ever fight side by side with British troops in a conventional shooting war.

It was a tough war, a mixture between the two earlier world wars; for the first two years of Korea were Italy re-enacted, while the last year was a static war, more like Flanders revived. If anyone should think it was a party after the second world war let him consider that there were six Victoria and George Crosses awarded, 56 DSOS, 183 MCS, 26 DCMS and 210 MMS, that the Canadians and Aussies alone lost 1,750 killed and wounded and the British 4,000, and that the long winter fighting and patrolling took place in nights 25 degrees below zero. The author calls it "a war as vicious, sordid, uncomfortable, bloody and wasteful as any in history". Our United Nations medal tells us that we fought it "in defence of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations". We who were there know that it was often no fun, and yet always an experience we would never on earth have wanted to miss.

The Duke's are mentioned a few times—as they should be. At the beginning the author writes: "while the Black Watch and The Duke of Wellington's Regiment fought on the Hook I was striving, in the main unsuccessfully, to master the writer's craft". It is a pity that no "Duke" has managed that sufficiently to give our own authentic account of the Hook. The battle is sketchily but well recounted on pp 286-292; a soldier as seasoned as Brigadier Joe Kendrew described the shelling on the Hook in those grim days as the worst in all his experience.

A. J. S.

# The Regimental Association

## The AGM

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner were held at Wellington Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax on Saturday, 26 September, 1970.

The Acting Colonel of the Regiment, Col. J. Davidson, took the chair. About 50 members were present. The report of the General Secretary and the Minutes of the Meeting are published on a later page.

## The Dinner

The attendance of over 250 was the best for many years and all sat down to dinner, during which music was provided by the Volunteer Band of the West Riding Battalion DWR Association under Bandmaster D. M. Vallance.

Col. J. Davidson presided.

Major J. H. Davis proposed the "Loyal" toast and Col. G. B. Howcroft the toast to "The Regiment". Col. Howcroft's speech is given in full below.

Col. Davidson in replying to the toast of The Regiment opened by saying that he had received a letter from The Colonel regretting that it was impossible, on account of his duties in Europe, for him to be present tonight, and requesting that his best wishes should be conveyed to all present.

Col. Davidson read a message of greetings and best wishes for a successful and happy reunion from The 1st Battalion.

In thanking Col. Howcroft, Col. Davidson said that he (Col. Howcroft) had been commissioned into the Regiment in 1914 and had served in the 7th Battalion throughout the 1st World War until wounded in 1918. He had served throughout the period between the wars with 7th Dukes and was commanding at the outbreak of the 2nd World War in 1939. He commanded with great distinction. After the war he was Honorary Colonel of 7th and 5th/7th Battalions and still served the Regiment as a Trustee of The Old Comrades and Regimental Association Funds. In thanking Col. Howcroft for his brilliant address in proposing the toast Col. Davidson said that everyone who had heard him would appreciate how much his advice and good counsel meant to the Trustees.

Turning to the 1st Battalion, Col. Davidson said that, from all accounts he had received, they had maintained the high standard we expect of them throughout their tour in Hong Kong. He was quite sure everyone present would be delighted that they return to Yorkshire in November 1970 and will be back in their old role as an Airportable Battalion in the Strategic Reserve.

Col. Davidson thanked all those concerned with the hall, the music, the organisation and the dinner and finally wished everyone a happy reunion evening.

After the dinner, the floor cleared, the bars in

full swing, to the music of Brian Noon (DWR) and his Players, members and their wives and friends enjoyed the double pleasure of meeting old friends in convivial surroundings.

## TOAST TO THE REGIMENT By COLONEL GILBERT HOWCROFT

It is usual for this toast to be proposed by some regular soldier who can give you news of the doings of the regular battalion and even some forecast of what it is likely to be doing. I can bring you no fresh news; and I regard it as a very special honour that the task of addressing you tonight should be entrusted not only to a Territorial soldier but to such a superannuated Territorial as I am.

My news of the Regiment, as is the case with most of you, comes from the Iron Duke. In it we read how L/Cpl. Snooks has been given another stripe and of how Cpl. Bloggs has become the father of a son—both praiseworthy achievements, but not very exciting for us who do not know them. And we go on to an account of how the Sergeants Mess entertained a neighbouring unit—something more familiar to us which we can visualise for ourselves, and we do not need the assurance that usually follows that "a good time was had by all". We are sure it was! And occasionally we read of the officers and sergeants meeting on the rugby field. It takes my mind back—and perhaps some of you as well—over 50 years to a day when we forgot about the war, when the Germans a couple of miles away on the other side no longer troubled us, because the threat to life and limb came that day from a bunch of incredibly hefty sergeants whom we had at all costs to keep away from our goal line.

We read, almost regularly, of the battalion rugby team reaching the final of the Army Cup. I seem to have read it almost every year for 40 years and I'm sure some other regiments in the army are very tired of reading it.

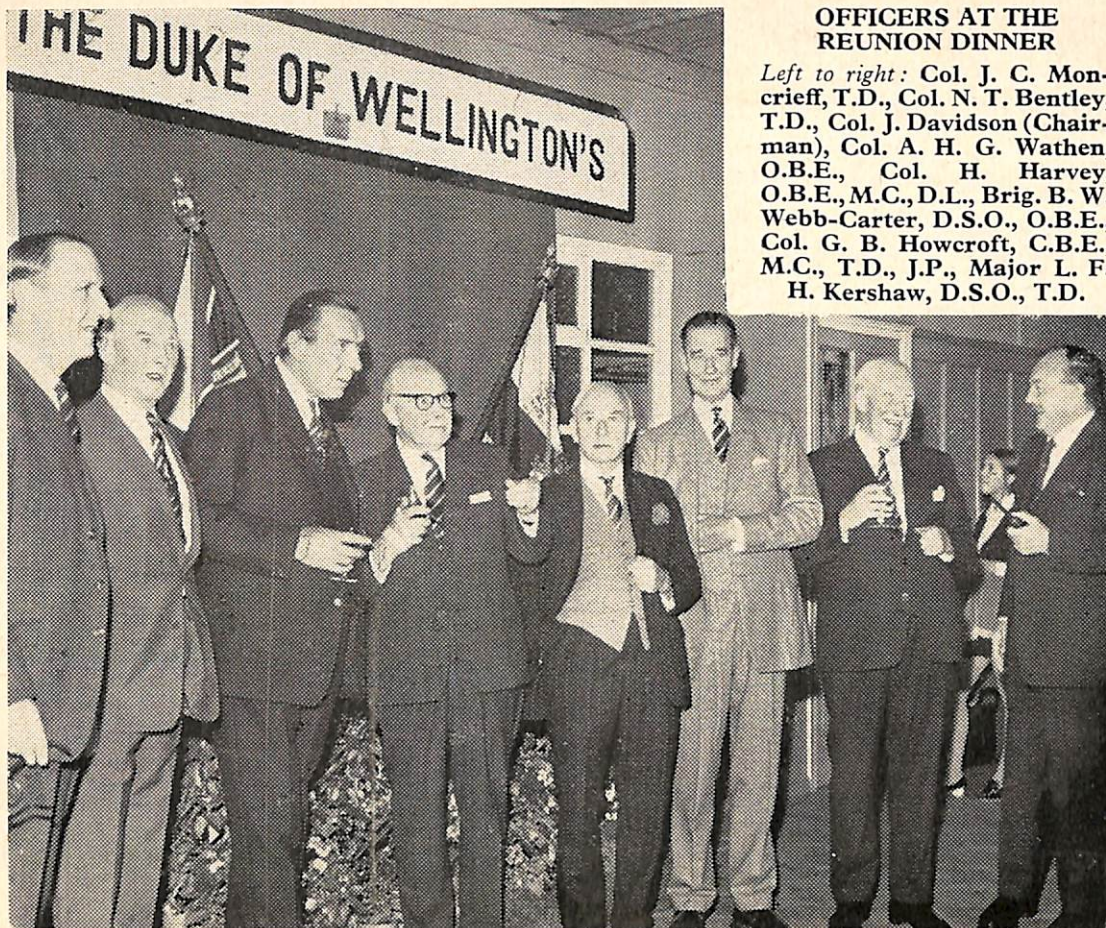
Then we read occasionally of a bit of soldiering—not fortunately of fighting for many years past—which they always seem to do well, while keeping on good terms with their neighbours and with the local population. A most important job of being good ambassadors for their country in whatever foreign parts they happen to be.

And after a few reminiscences of old almost forgotten campaigns or of episodes of the first war we come to the deaths of old soldiers and we find we have lost one or two old friends whom we had known as stout companions in war and peace, in good years and in bad, and we begin to wonder if there are any of our old friends left or if we only survive.

Let us all be grateful for this news which is regularly supplied to us. And let me commend to you the Iron Duke which supplies it, which tells the old members of the Regiment what the young ones

### OFFICERS AT THE REUNION DINNER

*Left to right:* Col. J. C. Moncrieff, T.D., Col. N. T. Bentley, T.D., Col. J. Davidson (Chairman), Col. A. H. G. Wathen, O.B.E., Col. H. Harvey, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Brig. B. W. Webb-Carter, D.S.O., O.B.E., Col. G. B. Howcroft, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., Major L. F. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., T.D.



are doing, and tells too the young ones what the old ones are doing and have done, which keeps that link in existence between the present and the past without which the Regiment as we know it would cease to exist. And when the price of the Iron Duke goes up—which it should—pay the extra gladly and encourage other people to do the same.

When my own connection with the Regiment began, the West Riding of Yorkshire provided a complete division—the 49th—and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment provided the 147th Infantry Brigade made up of four DWR Territorial battalions. In fact when I joined, the TA had just been expanded so that there were eight TA battalions of the DWR. This reverted after the first war to four battalions and, in spite of attacks of economy which reduced us to many makeshifts and difficulties, and in spite of some changes of role, four major units still existed in 1938, these again expanded to eight major units.

After the war there is a sad story. The twin doctrines of economy and disarmament struck grievous blows so that at the present time the contribution of the regiment is one company of a Yorkshire battalion based in Halifax and, so far as our old four battalions are concerned, a cadre of eight—three officers and five other ranks at Huddersfield.

A sad state of affairs indeed to those of us who remember the former glory.

Great credit is due to the faithful eight under Major McDonald for using the utmost ingenuity in devising games, outings, exercises and all sorts of schemes for keeping up some interest in the Drill Hall and attracting men to it. On their efforts depends in great degree the revival of the TA when the time comes, as rumour promises, when some modest expansion may take place. Meanwhile they have the distinction of producing a better civilian "Regimental band" than we ever had when there was a regiment to support it!

Let me turn to a happier story—that of the regular battalion. The Second Battalion disappeared not long after the war. But since then, with regiments falling round them right and left, the 1st DWR stands unchanged. Not for them the shot gun marriages, the uncomfortable partnerships, the reduction to company strength, the putting in cold storage and the strange titles that have afflicted almost all the rest of the army. The "Dukes" go on with not even the loss of a badge.

People tell us what a lucky regiment we are, and wonder how it is done. Some suggest it must be the possession of the name of the great duke, which cannot be easily mixed up with any royal



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patronage. Others say, of course you have had some very influential colonels lately who have been able to pull strings in the right quarter.

There may be some small element of truth in this but surely the answer is much simpler. We can see the true answer every day—in our Regimental motto. *Virtutis Fortuna Comes*—good fortune the companion of valour—or of merit. Our old cap badge gives us the answer. We have a good regiment in whatever it undertakes, and good regiments have a knack of surviving.

And if those in charge of the destinies of our regiment, from the Colonel and his deputy who presides over us tonight, right down to the junior lance corporal, can pass on to the newcomer into the Regiment the sense of duty, and those other good qualities, that have made the regiment a good one these many years, then we can be sure that the merit of the regiment will endure and that its companion will continue to be that good fortune which is the envy of many.

Ladies and Gentlemen I give you the toast of the Regiment.

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(Held in the Sgts Mess, "C" Coy (DWR) Yorkshire Volunteers, Wellington Hall, Prescott St., Halifax on Saturday, September 26, 1970 at 1745 hrs.)

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

The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that he had received a letter from the Colonel regretting that he was unable to be present tonight as he could not get away from his duties in Europe. The Chairman said that the Colonel had sent his best wishes to all present.

The business of the meeting was as follows:

#### 1. Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting, held at Huddersfield on September 20, 1969, were read and approved on the motion proposed by Mr. J. E. Horne, seconded by Mr. F. H. Stringer.

#### 2. Points arising.

There were no points arising.

#### 3. Secretary's Report.

Mr. Arthur Wood, General Secretary, gave his annual report, the main points are summarised below.

#### 4. Accounts

The audited accounts of the Regimental and Old Comrades Associations for the year ended March 31 1970 were circulated.

Mr. F. H. Stringer asked about the subsidy to The Regimental Service in York.

The Chairman, in reply, said that this was a good opportunity to explain that the Association Dinner and the annual visit to York Minster were subsidised by the Management Fund. Rapidly rising costs had increased the cost of the subsidy in 1969 and as a result, in order to reduce the subsidy, the Committee had taken several steps:—

- (a) To prune the overhead costs of the dinner without in any way affecting the standard of the actual dinner.

- (b) To raise the cost of the dinner from 15/- to £1 from the 1971 dinner.

- (c) To raise the charge per head of the visit to York Minster from 15/- to £1 with effect from 1970.

These measures would greatly lower the subsidy. In addition The Management Committee had made a grant to the London Branch Dinner.

The accounts were then passed unanimously on the proposal of Major A. C. S. Savory, seconded by Major R. E. Sugden.

### 5. Iron Duke Finances

The Regimental Secretary stated that, owing to the rising costs of production, the Iron Duke journal was now costing approximately £1 a year for the 3 issues. Action was being taken to increase revenue. It was not intended yet to raise the subscription of 10/- a year for Old Comrades now subscribing and that these subscriptions would continue, for a period, to be subsidised.

### 6. Other Business

#### (a) London Branch

Mr. R. H. Temple, Secretary of the London Branch, appealed for more officers to attend the London Branch Dinner. He said that officer attendance at the 1970 dinner had been very poor.

#### (b) Mr. Iain Macleod

The Regimental Secretary informed the Meeting that a letter of condolence had been sent to Mrs. Macleod on the death of her husband, a former officer in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and that the Colonel had received a letter expressing her appreciation.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 18.30 hours.

### THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Wood, before presenting his report for the period April 1 1969 to March 31 1970, extended a welcome to all present and said he considered it a privilege and honour to be able to give his first report as General Secretary. He was very pleased that the number attending the dinner this year was about 250, some 40 in excess of the past few years. He also pointed out that the problems of laying on a worthy type of reunion were increasing with the inevitable reduction of TA facilities and support.

Report:

#### 1. The Accounts of the Regimental Association and Old Comrades Association.

The accounts have been examined in detail by the Finance Committee and accepted by the Trustees of the Regimental and Old Comrades Associations. In brief, the general state of the benevolent funds can be said to be very healthy.

For the year ending March 31 1970, although £472 more was paid out in grants than in 1969, the excess of income over expenditure for the combined Regimental and OCA Funds was £763.

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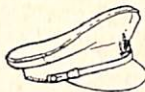
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## 2. Assistance given during period April 1 1969 to March 31 1970.

(a) 162 cases have been helped financially in 1970 as against 133 cases in 1969 and 114 cases in 1968. This upward trend is likely to continue owing to the 1939/45 war cases now coming up.

Expenditure in grants was £2526 in 1970 against £2054 in 1969 and £1895 in 1968—an increase of over 33% in 3 years. This increase was due to the greater number of cases helped and the larger amounts awarded because of the rise in cost of living.

(b) **OCA Pensions.** The number in receipt of the special weekly allowance remains at 10.

(c) **A.B.F. Assistance.** During the year interest-free loans totalling £935, to assist both serving and ex-serving soldiers, have been obtained through The Army Benevolent Fund. To enable this to continue the Trustees have loaned £200 of our surplus income to the A.B.F.

(d) **Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home.** A two-week holiday for five ex-DWR soldiers was arranged.

## 3. The Royal Hospital, Chelsea

We now have four In-Pensioners at the RH Chelsea:—

Jim Yaxley  
Oliver Ramsbottom

Two recent admissions were:—

Joseph Edward Clarke DWR/MPSC  
(Sgt. No. 4610315)  
R. (Tug) Wilson. DWR/PWO  
(Sgt. No. 4610040)

Members of the Halifax, Huddersfield, Bradford, Mossley and Keighley branches visited the RH Chelsea on the occasion of their visit to London for the London Branch Dinner in May.

## 4. British Legion Home, Lister House, Ripon

Mr. Steve North, who has been a resident for over 3 years, has been joined by another "Duke"—Mr. W. Watson (306756) 2/7 DWR (1914-18).

## 5. Welfare Investigations

I wish to put on record the very able and willing assistance given by other organisations, in particular Mr. Quimby, War Pensioners Welfare Service, F/Lt. Mann, Regular Soldiers Employment Association, S.S.A.F.A., Forces Help Society, British Legion, without whose help we would be unable to function effectively.

At this point I would ask all present to let me know if they know of any "Duke" (or his dependants) to be in need of assistance.

## 6. Branches, Outings, Trips etc.

Not for me to go into detail here but for the record and information of non-West Riding members I am pleased to report on the following activities:—

(a) Membership is increasing. Approx 30 new members joined last year.

(b) **London Branch Dinner.**

Our thanks are due to Bob Temple and Dave Benson for the excellent organisation in London of their dinner which is so much

enjoyed by the Yorkshire (and Lancashire) branches.

## (c) Regimental Service. York

This year, owing to York Minster renovations, the Service will be held in the Garrison Church, Strensall on Saturday October 31 1970, followed by a meal in the Sergeants Mess, outing to York in the afternoon and the usual social evening in the Mess.

I would like, on behalf of all our members, to give warm thanks to the staff of The King's Division Depot, Yorkshire, especially our own Johnny Sargeant, for their cheerful and unselfish efforts that make this day such a pleasant one.

(d) A lot of branch activities have already been arranged for the coming year to which it is hoped the return of 1DWR to Catterick will add variety.

## 7. The Iron Duke

Items from branches or individuals for publication in The Iron Duke would be very welcome and should be sent to the General Secretary at RHQ, Halifax.

## 8. Regimental Sweepstake

I am grateful for the co-operation and help that continues to be given to this fund-raising effort. The result of the draw and race has been sent to all concerned and is also displayed in the hall below. The profits of over £170 will be allocated to Regimental funds.

## GENERAL NOTES

### Regimental Sweepstake—1970

The lucky ticket-holders this year were:—

First, Lt.-Col. R. R. St. John Barkshire.

Second, S/Sgt. Butler.

Third, Col. W. V. Crapp.

Fourth, Capt. W. Robins.

Five £1 prizes for runners were also won by T. King, S. Smallman, F. W. S. Richardson, "Nobby" from Hull and Stan Mitton.

£176 was raised for Regimental Funds.

The medals of 201191 CSM F. Wood, 1st/4th West Riding Territorial Force (1st War) have been donated to the Regimental Museum by his son, Mr. J. Wood, 14, Ayton Road, Longwood, Huddersfield. These medals include the D.C.M. and M.M.

### The "Dukes" Tie

Jim Imray writes about offering a lift to an elderly gentleman a few months ago and noting that he wore the "Dukes" tie. That gentleman proudly told him that he had served in The Duke's, and that his son had also served in the Regiment. A night is being arranged for a little reunion and as Jim puts it "If you hear the 'Dukes' song in Halifax don't be surprised if it's not from some pub in Tynemouth."

The Fifty-Second Annual General Meeting and Supper of the 4th Battalion Old Comrades Association will be held at Wellington Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax, on Saturday, April 17, 1971.

Bill Smith, the Secretary of Keighley Branch writes: Keighley Branch is now about 30 strong with three or four members from the 1st Battalion. We have our own Mess in the Drill Hall and it is run by two of our own members.

Mr. T. Gibson and Mr. J. Blenkarn have been made Sgt. Instructors for the Keighley Detachment of the Army Cadet Force and are doing very well.

We meet on the second Friday of each month in the Drill Hall 7.30 p.m. Anyone who would like to come to our meetings will be very welcome, with plenty of strong drinks after the meeting.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE 1st BATTALION AND TO ALL OLD COMRADES FROM ALL AT KEIGHLEY AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BE A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS ONE FOR YOU ALL.**

(Bill Smith's address is 1, Beech Street, Steeton, Keighley, and the Drill Hall is in Lawkholme Lane, Keighley).

An indoor games competition is being organised between branches during the coming winter months. Darts, dominoes and cards are mentioned but I suspect it's just another excuse to hire a bus for a "jolly," be it at Huddersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Keighley or Mossley. The "supporters" of the teams will not be left watching.

Mr. F. Crouch, of 565, Sedlescombe Road North, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, was unable to attend the Reunion this year but has written to ask that his best wishes be conveyed to all his friends and colleagues in the Regiment.

Mr. "Tommie" H. Rawnsley, 2nd Battalion, reports that he has some photographs, taken at the British Preparatory P.T. Course in Lucknow 1941, which were handed to him by Sgt. Kaye, 2nd Battalion. In these photographs the "Dukes" on that course include L/Cpls. Farr, Carroll, Francis, Bower, Kaye and Booty. Anyone wishing to see these photographs please contact the Gen. Sec. RHQ. Mr. Rawnsley adds that he would like to contact Sgt. Kaye. Mr. Rawnsley's address is:—129, Norham Road, Percy Main, Newcastle.

### Regimental Ties

It is regretted that owing to rising costs of production, the price of Regimental ties obtainable from RHQ have been increased to:—

Silk	22s 6d
Terylene	12s 6d

(These prices are still on a no-profit basis).

The son of 4607985 Cpl. Joseph Birch is anxious to contact anyone who served with his father. Cpl. Birch served with the 1st Battalion 1925-1929, was recalled in 1939, later transferring to 6 Commando with whom he was killed in action on November 22, 1942.

Anyone who is able to help please contact 23976274 Cpl. P. J. Birch, R.B.T., British Commander in Chief's Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany, BFPO 45.

"Smack-on" Ackroyd, MM (1st and 7th Battalions)

who has been ill for a considerable time, was recently admitted to Halifax General Hospital. He has now returned home much better in health. He would like to hear from his friends in the Regiment. His address is 6, Bank Bottom, Ripponden, Yorkshire.

### Appreciation

Our grateful thanks to all who helped make this year's Reunion Dinner such a success, with particular mention of:—

Tom Mawson, Florist, Halifax (late 1st/6th Battalions) for the floral arrangements.

The staff of "C" Company (DWR) Yorkshire Volunteers and West Riding Battalion DWR Cadre for their cheerful assistance.

Bandmaster D. M. Vallance and members of The West Riding Battalion DWR Association Band for the rousing and excellent music during dinner.

Brian Noon and his players for music old and new for dancing.

### THE REGIMENTAL SERVICE

On Saturday October 31 approximately 100 members of the West Riding branches of the Regimental Association travelled to York for the annual Regimental Service.

The Regimental Chapel was still not available owing to the Minster renovations so the service was held in the Garrison Chapel at Strensall, which was filled to capacity. The Rev. R. I. J. Matthews, Padre of the Yorkshire Volunteers, conducted the service and the address was given by The Right Reverend Dr. Eric Treacy, MBE, the Lord Bishop of Wakefield and Chaplain to the Regiment.

Before the service officers, soldiers and old comrades all met in the gymnasium. After the service members of the Association were invited to the Sergeants Mess, KDDY, for the day. A warm welcome from RSM C. Helmn, RQMS Johnny Sargeant and members of the Mess, and ale soon flowed freely followed by an excellent lunch, cheerfully cooked and served by "Dukes" staff and soldiers (this being our day).

After lunch two coachloads of womenfolk (and a few husbands) went on a shopping and sightseeing visit to York, leaving quite a lot of our members nostalgically reclining with replenished glasses and far-away thoughts.

On the return of the party from York the Mess was re-activated and there followed an extremely pleasant evening of music, song and dance, with an intermission for a buffet that only a coloured photograph could do justice to and Philip Harben describe—it was magnificent. More songs and music: Mrs. Maude Annie Simpson, now aged 84, played some lovely old tunes on the piano and Joe Chaddick (one of our "Lancashire Dukes") aged 78, sang some rousing songs in his own inimitable way which had the room shouting for more. A very popular old friend and his lady, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webb, spent the evening with us.

It was a reluctant band who boarded the buses—we had a good distance to travel. We had had a long and eventful trip but, as everyone remarked: "What a wonderful day!"

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## ENGAGEMENT

### Gilbert—Green

The engagement is announced between Christopher John William Gilbert, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, son of Mrs. M. A. Gilbert of Richmond, Surrey, and the late Major A. M. Gilbert, and Angela St. Clair, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. W. Green of Hong Kong.

We learn that Major Douglas Jones-Stamp, who is at the moment serving at HQ FARELF as Permanent President of Courts Martial, is due to return home in November next year. Unless there are other plans for him, he is due for retirement in February 1972.

Major Rodney Harms has returned recently from the British Military Mission in Saudi Arabia where he was Deputy Head of the Mission and the senior staff officer of the Mission at HQ National Guard Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia. He has now been appointed Training Major, Yorkshire Volunteers, but his stay in York is not to be for long, as he is to get command of the 1st Abudhabi Infantry Regiment in February 1971. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes.

Major Peter Hoppe left 1 DWR in August. He is now at HQ Western Command as SOPT. In this appointment we feel sure that he will not only press for physical fitness within units of the command but also do all he can to re-popularise boxing and restore it to its former position among Army Sports.

Major Nick Naughton retired on November 13. He is now Senior Lecturer in English and Russian at the German Central Language School near Cologne. Though he will be living in Hürth, which is near Cologne, those who may wish to get in touch with him can do so c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., "G" Section, Cox's & King's Branch, 6, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

Major Peter Mitchell has succeeded Major Nick Naughton as GSO2 (W) Trials and Development Wing, The School of Infantry. He thus has joined the following other officers of the Regiment in this "Home of the Infantry." Major Dick Ince GSO2 (Sp Wpns Wing) the School of Infantry, Major Jim Pell, GSO2 (Co-ord and Trg) Directorate of Infantry, Major Duncan Lupton, GSO2 (Offrs Wing), School of Infantry and Capt. Charles Cumberlege (Instr PCD), School of Infantry.

Major Michael Bray, who when he wrote was close to the end of his course at the Australian Staff College, mentioned that he had entertained Col. John Coulter, his wife and daughter and the latter's husband and children for lunch. He continued: "We have had a very good year in this place. We live in a happy community and have thoroughly

enjoyed being at this Staff College which, being much smaller than Camberley, is less awe-inspiring and very relaxed. Any day now I shall hear where I am to go next so we await with interest and keep our fingers crossed, hopefully anticipating sufficient leave to see a bit more of this part of the world." Since then we have heard he is to be Brigade Major, HQ2 Infantry Brigade, Shorncliffe.

Two other of our officers are serving together. They are Major David Pugh, G3 (Int), and Capt. Ian Reid, SC "A," at HQ 24 Infantry Brigade, Plymouth.

Lt. Adrian Stone, who has been at COD Donnington since last March, has been granted an extension to his short service commission till March 1971, pending his transfer into the RAOC.

Lt. Keith Best joined the Regiment as a Short Service Commissioned Officer from Mons OCS in August this year. Such was his enthusiasm to get out to the Battalion that he gave up his embarkation leave to fly out to Hong Kong.

Lt. Chris Jowett retired on August 3. He is now an articulated clerk in a solicitor's office in Leeds. He hopes to be qualified in two and a half year's time.

Major David Miller, who was seconded to the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment in September 1966, is now due to rejoin 1 DWR in January 1971, after leave.

Those who served in the Battalion in Gibraltar from 1953 to 1956 will remember a National Service officer, 2/Lt. R. R. St. J. Barkshire. At the time he was better known as an outstanding distance runner and as a competent centre half on the hockey field. Since then he has gained distinctions in other spheres as the following cutting from Peterborough's column of the Daily Telegraph dated August 19 shows. He also, incidentally, was the winner of this year's Regimental sweep on the St. Leger.

### Quicker than Regulars

By taking command of the Honourable Artillery Company the day after his 35th birthday on August 31, Mr. R. R. St. John Barkshire will go one better than the professionals.

Nowadays, Regular Officers are reaching Lt.-Col.'s rank at 36 or 37. Territorials usually have to wait longer.

Mr. Barkshire is a managing director of Cater, Ryder, the City bankers. A National Service subaltern in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, he later joined the HAC as a private soldier, and remained in that rank for seven years until re-commissioned in 1962.

Few peacetime officers rise from the ranks to command in only eight years.

We have had an interesting letter from Mr. G. Fickling who served in the Battalion in Korea and Gibraltar. He writes:—*“From there we went to Korea, as you know, and I served with HQ Company in the MT Section, driving the first 3 ton Bedford on our first night in Korea at a camp north of Seoul. I drove this vehicle until the unfortunate Austin Ambulance driver was badly injured during the time we were in reserve. I then took over his vehicle and drove it almost until the Battalion left Korea in November 1953.*

*“I was made up L/Cpl. just before leaving Korea and became the CO’s driver, Lt.-Col. Bunbury, a role I continued in Gibraltar. I also carried on as driver to Lt.-Col. Moran until leaving Gibraltar in May or June 1954.*

*“I came to Australia in 1960, landing at Melbourne in early February, and, although the first few years were hard, we are now in our own home in a Melbourne suburb, fifteen miles from the City centre.*

*“I am employed as a representative for a firm of educational booksellers, calling on secondary schools and colleges throughout Victoria, a job I feel the Army has helped me in. It gave me confidence and an ability to mix and get on with people, and the Australians are a warm-hearted race which has helped me to settle too.”*

In case there is a reader who should wish to contact him, his address is:—14, Emden Crescent, Mulgrave 3170, Victoria, Australia.

Lt.-Col. Walter Skelsey who, as readers will remember, left the Regimental Headquarters in September 1969, is now well established at Scargill House, near Kettlewell in the Dales. Here he is the accountant for this Church of England Centre which takes in for weekly or fortnightly periods individuals or parties of people who are anxious to get away from the hurly-burly of modern life to a place where they can spend time in quiet thought or the exchange of views with others. As one of the community he also has to share, from time to time, the duties of other members of the community and each evening to make himself available to join in whatever activities are taking place for the visitors. His simple and quiet existence, in which he has to make himself of service to others, seems to have given him great peace of mind and keeps him happy and contented with life.

### The Royal Hospital

Three more old “Dukes” have become pensioners of the Chelsea Hospital. They are:

4610315 ex-Sgt. Joseph Edward Clarke

4610040 ex-Sgt. Reginald Wilson

4606306 ex-RQMS Harold Bartrop

It would appear that all three served together in 2 DWR in India and took part in the operations on the North West Frontier in 1935. We hope to publish a fuller report of their service in the next issue.

Colonel Donald Isles mentions in a letter that his family had a pleasant coincidence in connection with the return of Admiral Sir Peter Hill-Norton from the Far East to be First Sea Lord. When the

Admiral paid his farewell visit to 1 DWR Timothy Isles carried the Regimental Colour; in August when the Admiral took the passing-out parade at Dartmouth Colonel Donald’s nephew, Sub Lieutenant Robin Renton, had the honour of carrying the Queen’s Colour.

John C. Horsfall and Sons, who make the Hayfield knitting yarns and are probably the largest spinners of synthetic yarns in the country, have been faithful advertisers in the Iron Duke for many years.

A year ago their finishing process and distribution depot was burned down but we were glad to read in *The Times* that some good has come out of this disaster. In August they opened their re-built plant, having replaced the old five-storey building with a modern single-storey one and installed the latest in drying and balling machinery.

The opening of the new building was a great local event in the village of Glusburn, near Keighley, which Horsfalls built to house employees of their mills and where, from the start, they have been model employees, installing one of the first canteens and encouraging the purchase of houses by their occupiers.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

We have been notified of the following new addresses:

General Sir Robert Bray, GBE, KCB, DSO, Larkrise, Walker’s Ridge, Camberley, Surrey.

Major R. A. Burnett, 23, Wood Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

D. H. Cole, Esq., Ladyroyd, Busker Lane, Scissett, Huddersfield, Yorkshire

Mr. T. Dennett, 7, Primrose Grove, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Lt.-Col. E. M. P. Hardy, 3, Bath Road, Camberley, Surrey.

A. C. Jowett, Esq., Flat 5, Abbey Court, 32a, Morris Lane, Leeds.

Major L. F. H. Kershaw, DSO, Flat 1, Margery Hall, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey.

Brigadier G. Laing, CBE, The Brown House East, Holmbury St. Mary, Dorking, Surrey.

Major C. Liversidge, TD, Hazeldene, New Mill, Near Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Major J. N. H. Naughton, c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., “G” Section, Cox’s & King’s Branch, 6, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

Lt.-Col. Sir Nugent Everard, 14, Heathfield Park, Midhurst, Hants.

J. M. Reddington, Esq., c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., 179, Earls Court Road, London, S.W.5.

Major F. J. Reynolds, Rhodesia by the Sea Hotel, Simonstown, Cape, South Africa.

Lt.-Col. A. E. H. Sayers, OBE, 11, Somerset Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr. D. Seed, LRAM, ARCM, Akay Lodge, Dent Road, Sedberg, Yorkshire.

Colonel R. G. Turner, Flat 13, Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge.

## Obituary

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

### **Lt.-Col. J. B. Fallon**

John Fallon joined the Regiment on February 1, 1930, as a university entrant from Trinity College, Dublin. After a short stay in England with 1 DWR, he went out in February 1931 to 2 DWR in India. Apart from two periods when he was extra regimentally employed, he remained in India with 2 DWR till shortly before the 1939-45 war when he returned home, having completed his overseas tour. In England he served with 10 DWR till July 1942 after which he was never to serve with a battalion of the Regiment again. For the next five years he was with 2 Desert Mechanised Regiment, Arab Legion, and commanded this unit from December 1943 till April 1947. From this date till his retirement in August 1959 he was once more at extra regimental employment, either in the UK, BAOR or the Middle East.

On his retirement he returned to Dublin with his wife Kitty, whom he had married in 1942, and their three children. His sudden death took place on September 7 at the age of 63. Major Denis Simonds represented the Regiment at the funeral in Dublin.

### **Mr. D. W. Hammond**

On August 22, suddenly whilst being taken to King's College Hospital, London, aged 63 years.

David, or "Bug" as he was generally known, served with the 2nd Battalion in Singapore and India, mostly with old No. 1 Company. Recalled in 1939 he served with the 1st Battalion (BEF) before being discharged medically unfit in 1942. He became a civil servant and worked for many years at Somerset House.

Quiet and unostentatious in demeanour, and invariably cheerful at all times, he became a good soldier. He was a life-long Salvationist and, after Army service, took up active membership of the S.A. with one of the London bands.

His affection and regard for the Regiment never waned and he regularly attended the annual Armistice Day service at the Regimental plot at Westminster Abbey. He also regularly attended the London OCA dinner and the Yorkshire reunions whenever possible.

His many friends, particularly old comrades of Singapore and India days, will mark his passing with regret. He leaves a teen-age daughter who lives at 11 Stanley Rd., Busbury, Wolverhampton.

### **Mr. A. Hawksworth**

We have learnt that Alf. Hawksworth was killed in a road accident in France in January 1970.

Alf was an engineer on the Concorde aircraft project. He leaves a widow and three children.

### **Mr. Percy Hickox**

Mr. Percy Hickox died suddenly at Halifax on July 23, 1970, aged 71.

Percy joined the 1st Battalion at the latter end of the 1st World War and served for 21 years. In the 2nd World War he was recalled as an instructor for the Militia. A well-known, respected and popular NCO, he also represented the Battalion at soccer on many occasions. He leaves a widow and four children, three of whom are married.

### **Mrs. Hinchcliffe**

Died on October 1, Frances, the dearly loved wife of the late Colonel Harold Hinchcliffe of Denby Dale, dear mother of Audrey and John and the late Monica.

### **Mr. Thomas Milner**

The sudden death of Mr. Thomas Milner took place at Halifax on August 29, 1970, aged 56. Tom, who was employed at the Halifax GPO, will be remembered for his sporting prowess, having represented the 1st Battalion on many occasions. He joined the 1st Battalion in 1932 and served throughout the 2nd World War.

### **Mrs. Jean Naylor**

On July 17, 1970, in a Reading hospital, after a long illness bravely borne, Doris Jean Naylor, aged 76, wife of the late Colonel Pip Naylor, MC.

### **Mrs. Partridge**

On October 22, in hospital, Christina, the beloved wife of the late James Partridge.

Mrs. Partridge, who was 93, was one of the oldest members of the Regimental family. She was with her husband in the 2nd Battalion in Rangoon and on company detachment in the Andaman Islands in 1901. James Partridge, who enlisted in 1887, became a colour sergeant and died in 1950. They had two sons and two daughters. One daughter, Violet, married Dmr. Menzies of the Regiment; he died, and she is now Mrs. Johnson of 6 Myers Lane, Bolton, Bradford.

### **Mr. Harold Charles Van Spall**

Mr. Harold Charles Van Spall died suddenly at Halifax on September 5, 1970, at the age of 56.

He joined the 2nd Battalion at Kamptee, India, in 1932 and served for 22 years in India, Burma, West Africa, Austria and the U.K. with the 2nd Battalion and The Royal West African Frontier Force, attaining the rank of RSM. He was a keen sportsman and an extremely smart warrant officer.

On his release from the Army in 1954 he settled in Halifax and, after employment in industry and as a civil servant with the RAPC at Ovenden Camp, he joined the Ministry of Labour and, in his appointment as Employment Officer, helped rehabilitate many of his comrades. He took a personal and active interest in the help of the disabled and assisted many over and above those that came within his sphere of duty. He had recently been appointed Area Financial Officer to the Department of Employment and Productivity, Halifax.

He leaves a widow and two sons.



## Iain Macleod

*The death of the Rt. Hon. Iain Macleod, PC, MP, was briefly reported in our last issue.*

*Many tributes to his personal and political integrity and courage appeared in the national press. The following appreciation of him as a "Duke" was written for us by Major William Cobb.*

I served with the 2/7th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment between 1940 and 1942 and was their adjutant for most of my time with that unit. As far as I remember, Torquil Macleod was with the battalion during the whole of my time and Iain followed him sometime during 1941. I shall always remember Iain as a tremendous asset to the community. He was obviously extremely able and possessed of first-class brains: he was one of the few people who really understood and sympathised with the functions of my office and did not simply regard it as a superfluous paper factory!

Christmas 1941 was spent on Coastal Defence at and around Dungeness, the unit Headquarters being at New Romney. Although Iain had already played bridge for England, he was always anxious to play with us at mess stakes (then 3d. a hundred) and enjoyed the game thoroughly. I, a lame duck, have never played with a nicer or more sympathetic partner, although my efforts must have been exasperating for Iain.

But his crowning glory was the Regimental Pantomime which, with Torquil's help, he wrote and produced. It was a splendid series of sketches taking off the various departments of the Establishment, Torquil appearing as the Fairy Queen through a trap-door in the floor! I do not think that I have ever laughed so much at any dramatic performance, professional or amateur.

In 1942 we went our separate ways, but happily met again at Camberley in 1943-44. Iain's work at the Staff College was, I believe, of a brilliant order. Here again, he had a big hand in the Christmas Pantomime which included some extremely witty lampooning of the Directing Staff.

But despite all this, nobody in their wildest dreams could ever have imagined Iain as a leading Minister of the Crown or that he could ever possibly be Prime Minister of Britain. Successful

though he was in the Army, he never really exerted himself and this he confessed to me some years later.

I met him again in the early fifties when he was Minister of Health in Churchill's Government. He visited York to give an address which was of course a *tour de force*, though he was suffering from a very severe attack of influenza: he should never have been allowed to leave his bed, though I don't suppose anybody else had the necessary power or authority to stop him! He came to my house after the meeting and I was able to give him somewhere to sit, and also some medicine suitable for his complaint; he was full of good cheer and interesting and amusing talk, so that the time passed all too quickly. I could not, however, persuade him to stay the night at my house rather than catch the sleeper back to London. He insisted on returning, as he said he was due at 10 Downing Street at 10.0 a.m. and Winston never accepted any apologies for absence.

I never saw him again, but followed his career with great interest. That he was a man of the highest principles is obvious from his refusal to take office in an administration which, in his view, had come into being by processes which did not measure up to his high standards of fairness and propriety in a democratic community. He was a very able and loyal supporter of Edward Heath and it is a profound tragedy that he has not been spared to resume his major part in the ordering of the affairs of this Country during the crucial years that lie ahead.

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The Colonel of the Regiment received the following letter from Mrs. Macleod:

Dear Sir Robert,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for my husband's funeral: the messages and tributes which my family and I have received have been very helpful to us all. Iain was so very proud to have been a "Duke".

Yours sincerely,  
Eve Macleod

## Book Reviews

### Peace Keeping

*The Impartial Soldier* by Michael Harbottle. Oxford University Press. 40/-.

Peace-keeping, in the United Nations' sense, as opposed to Keeping the Peace in an Internal Security context is, in only relatively few quarters, accepted as a worth while role for the British Army. Although this view stems mainly from ignorance of the true UN role it is unfortunate that Brigadier Michael Harbottle's recent book expresses his firm belief that the British Army is not very expert at Peace-keeping. I quote: "*Compared to the Canadians and Swedes the British are novices.*"

Certainly, none who served with the Battalion in UNFICYP will accept this view. Nor will it be apparent to anyone in the Regiment exactly what causes the author to arrive at this conclusion. The Battalion is accorded a fair share of praise for its efforts at Kophinou, Limassol, Paphos and Polis; so too are the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and only the Black Watch are faulted for their indeterminate action at Kophinou in March, 1967. This is but one adverse criticism of British action and the view that, before the Battalion's arrival, Limassol Zone had a peaceful reputation *despite* the efforts of the successive British battalions runs strangely through the book's first few chapters. An odd premise, but, on

taking the Brigadier to task, I found him utterly uncompromising and he continues to maintain that the British are inferior to other nations in the art of Peace-keeping.

Leaving aside the criticism of British troops, albeit with no small difficulty, the book is good. It covers the author's tour as Chief-of-Staff to UNFICYP from June 1966 to August 1968 and there are many interesting, and a few fascinating, revelations of UN policy. Perhaps the most important part of the book is the first published full description of the 1st Royal Green Jackets at Kophinou some few days after we had handed over Limassol Zone to them. Unhappily, nothing is revealed that is convincing enough to make acceptable the correctness of UN action or policy at that highly critical and explosive time. In such a case, to do nothing must be wrong. The book confirms, regrettably, that this was precisely UN policy. General Grivas should have been restrained and the Greek National Guard prevented from killing 22 Turkish Cypriots, wounding nine and, by fire from mortars and field guns, severely damaging the villages of Kophinou and Ayios Theodoros. The Brigadier says that the inactivity of the Green Jackets "caused a flutter in the dove-cotes of the Ministry of Defence." It was more than any flutter; the whole British Army was bewildered.

In these troubled days, especially when there are proposals that a UN Force should be interposed between Jew and Arab in the Middle East, this book has much to offer and there are many clear lessons to be learned from it. It is a fair record of a part of the Battalion's recent history and it should certainly be required reading for the Staff Colleges of the world.

It is of interest to note that U Thant's military staff at UN HQ has been allowed to decline from half-a-dozen military officers to a single Finnish colonel. It is therefore apparent that no significant contingency planning can be taking place at UN

HQ in New York. Many experienced UN Peace-keepers are concerned about this state of affairs and, in an effort to rectify this situation, a conference took place in Vienna in the summer. Organised by the unofficial International Peace Academy Committee, over 52 countries were represented including General Jim Wilson from the UK. Claes Frost, our old friend in the Danish Life Regiment and whom I met recently in Copenhagen, was also there. Typically he had paid his own fare! He told me that his six-month tour on the Green Line in Nicosia in 1968/69 had been the most worth-while experience of his life and that he was, from now on, dedicated to UN Soldiering. This same dedication can be found in all the Scandinavian countries and I read in the November 1970 issue of the "Scandinavian Times" of the most ambitious UN training courses run by the Swedish Army. The course lasts for 24 days and its aim is to train staff officers and observers from the Nordic countries for service in Peace-keeping forces. The course has been running since 1965 and has trained over 340 staff officers and observers and prepared some 17,000 volunteers for battalion duty. If Brigadier Harbottle is to be believed, this type of course is necessary for the British Army, but such a view fails to take account of our experience as compared to the Scandinavians, our professionalism and the fact that the British soldier has always proved to be the best ambassador in the world.

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#### Briefly Recommended

*The Trumpet in the Hall* by Bernard Fergusson (Collins 45/-).

Brigadier Sir Bernard Fergusson tells the story of his eventful and unconventional military career with style and humour. One of the best autobiographies we have read.

## 100 years of Rugby football

By U. A. TITLEY

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The motto that goes with the new coat of arms designed for the Rugby Football Union is *Rugbeia Floreat Ubique*. The RFU celebrates its centenary this season, starting with a commemorative match at Twickenham. If 100 people were to be asked at random, who were the two most famous Rugbeians, a quite astonishingly large percentage would say Dr. Thomas Arnold and William Webb Ellis, who gave Rugby football its distinctive feature of handling. In Arnold's case they would be wrong, for he was not a Rugbeian, although he was the school's most famous headmaster.

But about Ellis there is no doubt. His father, having bought himself a commission in the 3rd Dragoon Guards, was killed at the battle of Albuera in 1812. Ellis's widowed mother was granted a pension of £10 each for her two sons, and then moved to Rugby, to have the boys educated at local foundationers. William entered the school in

1816, a dozen years before the arrival of Dr. Arnold. William Webb Ellis seems to have been a fairly unremarkable boy, who subsequently led a God-fearing but equally unremarkable life. It was all the more exceptional, therefore, that single exploit of his at the age of 16 should have made his name a household word. How he "first took the ball in his arms and ran with it" is recorded on a marble plaque in the Doctor's Wall in the Close at Rugby.

Most of the evidence of Ellis's exploit was verbal and circumstantial, but the sub-committee of the Old Rugbeian Society appointed to inquire into the origin of the game in 1895 had little hesitation in accepting it, although one witness accused Ellis of what we should nowadays call gamesmanship. By the time of this inquiry Ellis had been beyond earthly questioning for nearly a quarter of a century, having died in the South of France as a bachelor parson, who had written an

ode to beer, the year after the foundation of the Rugby Union.

The earliest attempt to form a Rugby club came 13 years after Ellis's deed, when Albert Pell, an Old Rugbeian who later became a Member of Parliament, organised some games on Parker's Piece at Cambridge. Onlookers mistook the players for lunatics, and it was left to Oxford, exactly 30 years later, to form the first university club, beating Cambridge by three years.

The universities had a strong influence over the development of the game, which at first inevitably was spread by Old Rugbeians. Then masters at Rugby, when they moved on to the rash of new public schools of Queen Victoria's reign, took the fresh gospel with them. For a long time the game went under the general heading of football, although a meeting in 1843 tried to sharpen the divisions between the Rugby and Association games, as the latter was to be called, and the first known set of Rugby laws was the work of the VIth Form Levée at the school itself in 1845.

The split between the two games became final with the formation of the Football Association in 1863, but although Rugby was spreading, it was in an uncontrolled way, and an article in *The Lancet* drew public attention to what was in some quarters considered to be a dangerous game. Richmond, whose influence with that of Blackheath was greatest in the London area, refused to play any club that persisted in hacking, and were instrumental in bringing about the formation of the Rugby Football Union, which a surprisingly large amount of people mistakenly think marked the origin of the game.

Representatives of 21 clubs met at the Pall Mall Restaurant near Trafalgar Square on the evening of January 26, 1871, and nine of them are still in existence: Blackheath, Richmond, Civil Service, Wellington College, Guy's Hospital, Harlequins, King's College, St. Paul's School and Wimbledon.

A committee was formed at that meeting, and 59 laws agreed that varied little from those of Rugby School. In this way the new Rugby Union brought into one fold many clubs of differing views, in a situation that might well have become chaotic. It was natural that Old Rugbeians should play the chief part in this tidying-up process, and the first five presidents were Rugbeians, starting with A. E. Rutter, of Richmond; so, too, were the three men originally charged with framing the first official laws.

Just over two months after the foundation of the Union, the first international match was played between Scotland and England at Raeburn Place, Edinburgh, between teams of 20, and there was a return at Kennington Oval the next year, the home team winning on each occasion. Its formation was the first of three landmarks in the Union's history, and after a dozen years of uninterrupted progress there came perhaps the most important of the three. It was an unpleasantly testing situation that was thrust upon the Union in 1893, but in fact Rugby football's salvation. In that year northern clubs in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire fell foul of the Union on the question of "broken time," or payment for working time lost in playing Rugby, and more than a score of clubs seceded from the Rugby

Union to form the Northern Union two years later, which eventually became the Rugby League.

This looked like a crippling blow for the Union, who in fact had to wait some 40 years, until after the First World War, to regain the ground lost as a result of this irrevocable schism. On the other hand it also, paradoxically, saved Rugby as an amateur game, for it threw up men of unshakable faith like Rowland Hill, the Rev. Frank Marshall and William Cail. With brilliant foresight, considering that the organised corpus of the game was little more than 20 years old, they refused to compromise over anything that smacked of professionalism. Marshall, who was on both the Union and Yorkshire committees, lost old friends by his fight, and there is little doubt that it shortened his life. Hill and Cail served as officers of the Union for many years, and to these three, as well as others of similar calibre at the time of trial, this amateur game directly owes its healthy state today.

The Union's third crucial stage was introduced by the purchase of Twickenham, "Billy Williams's cabbage patch" (so called after the man who chose the spot), in 1907, three years, incidentally, after the Union first employed a paid secretary. From that moment, a game by now worldwide acquired a physical and administrative Mecca of its own. The first match at Twickenham was between Harlequins and Richmond in 1909, and Wales were the visitors in the first international in 1910. Since then, all England's home matches, with a single exception, have been played at Twickenham.

The 21 clubs of 1871 have multiplied a hundred-fold; the credit balance of 11s. of that year has grown to an accumulated balance of six figures; the 10½ acres of 1907 have been increased substantially, but their millions of pounds' value has been written down to nothing in the Union's accounts. The centenary year's president, Mr. W. C. Ramsay, knows more about the Union's business than anybody else, having served as treasurer for 20 years and been president before, 16 years ago. As head of a team game that is about the last bastion of unsullied amateurism he is a dedicated believer in Bishop Carey's dictum that "Rugby football is a game for gentlemen in all classes, but never for a bad sportsman in any class."

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