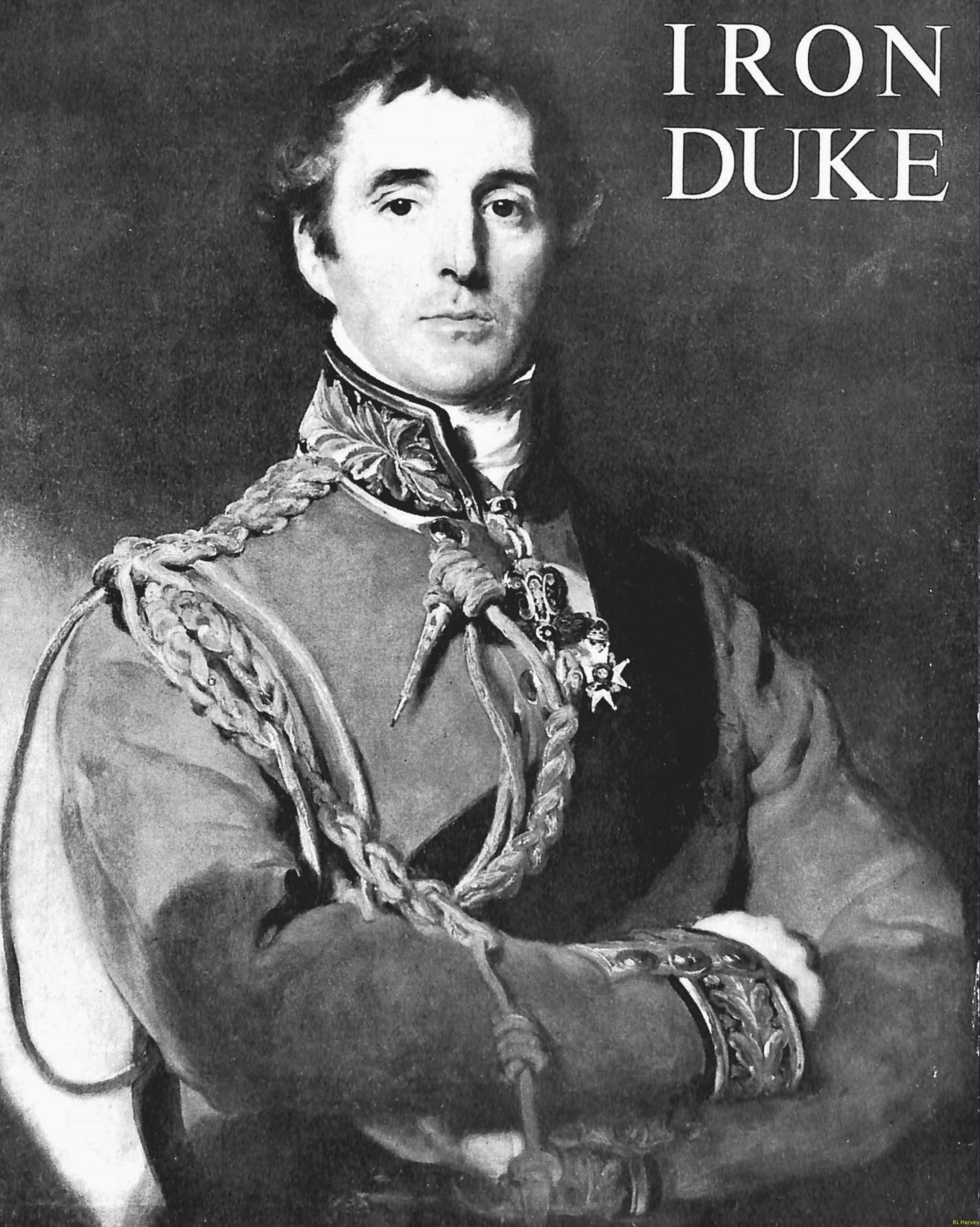


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# Regimental Headquarters

## Taylor—Miles award

Lt.-Col. George Taylor has kindly presented the Commanding Officer of 1 DWR with an endowment for an annual prize to be given to the most promising lance-corporal or corporal in the 1st Battalion.

George Taylor wished the award to be named as shown so as to associate it with the late Brigadier H. G. P. Miles who served the Regiment with such devotion until his death in February 1966.

## RHQ Staff

For the last two or three months Arthur Wood's heart condition slowed down work on his side to the small extent only that he allowed it to interfere.

An absence in Leeds Infirmary for investigation and more recently for an operation to repair a leaking valve has kept him away from RHQ.

Initially, Sgt. D. Barnett from 1 DWR, attached to the Army Recruiting Office at Bradford, took some of the load, more recently CSM Bill Norman has started to look in and to lend a hand on the day-to-day Association work.

While we would probably have survived without grinding to a halt, we are most grateful to both for their help.

Arthur Wood managed to persuade the doctors to discharge him in time to attend his son Robert's wedding on October 21.

He is now at home recovering fast and impatient to get to normal again. His illness explains any dearth of Regimental Association notes in this issue.

## Visitors

The 1st Battalion had a most successful tour of our West Riding towns and cities. The Halifax visit very suitably included the old barracks, now renamed Wellesley Park. The band and drums beat

retreat on the old barrack square. This was followed by a small cocktail party in the RHQ Officers Mess for those with TAVR, Cadet Force and other regimental connections.

A very welcome visitor was Claes Frost of the Danish Life Regiment. Claes was the interpreter for the 1st Battalion when they visited Copenhagen in May 1966 and had come over to visit some of the many friends he made both in The Duke's and in the Green Howards.

We also had the pleasure of a visit from the Director of Infantry, Major-General C. W. Dunbar, who wanted to see what RHQ did and, in particular, how it fitted into the Divisional effort in officer and soldier recruiting.

## Regimental Service

The annual service took place in the Regimental Chapel, York Minster, on Saturday, October 28. The service included the dedication of a dossal, to hang behind the altar, presented as a memorial to Major General Ozanne.

A full account has had to be held over until the next issue.

## Remembrance Day

In London, Major Savory and Messrs Dave Benson and Bob Temple were among those at the Field of Remembrance. An additional cross was planted to the memory of those killed in action between and since the two world wars.

In Halifax, wreaths were placed in our chapel in the Parish Church by Major Davis and "C" Company (DWR) 1 Yorkshire Volunteers, and on the 4th Battalion memorial by Mr Mason. In the afternoon the Halifax Branch of the Regimental Association laid a wreath on the Halifax cenotaph at the official service.

# The Frontispiece

## The Eighth Duke of Wellington

Arthur Valerian Wellesley, who succeeded his father as Duke of Wellington in January, was born on July 2, 1815, and was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford.

In 1839 he was commissioned into the Royal Horse Guards. During the war he saw active service in North Africa, Italy and N.W. Europe and was awarded the MC in 1941 during the Syrian campaign.

Subsequently he commanded the Royal Horse Guards from 1954 to 1958, the Household Cavalry 1959-60, the 22nd Armoured Brigade (TA) 1960-61, and RAC, 1st British Corps, BAOR, 1962-64. From 1964 to 1967 he was British Military Attaché in Madrid.

He was appointed a member of the Royal Victorian Order in 1952 and an Officer of the Order

of the British Empire in 1957. He is also an Officer of the French Legion of Honour and a Commander of the Order of St. John.

He has now inherited the sonorous foreign titles which were bestowed on the first Duke and is therefore:

Prince of Waterloo	(Belgium)
Duque de Ciudad Rodrigo and Grandee (1st class)	(Spain)
Duque da Victoria Marquez de Torres Vedras	(Portugal)
Conde do Vimeiro.	

He retired from the Army in January 1968 and, among many other civil activities, is a Governor of Wellington College.

He married in 1944 and has four sons and one daughter. His eldest son, Arthur Charles Valerian Marquess Douro, was born in 1945.



**LT.-COLONEL P. A. MITCHELL, Commanding 1 DWR**

# 1st Battalion

## SUB EDITORIAL

Once again we have to start our sub-editorial by expressing our very greatest regret on the death of two of our soldiers in Northern Ireland. L/Cpl. Terence Graham and Pte. James Lee were killed when the armoured 1-ton in which they were travelling was blown up a few miles north of Crossmaglen on July 16, 1972. We offer all our sympathy to the parents of L/Cpl. Graham and to Mrs. Lee, the widow of Pte. Lee, and to his parents. L/Cpl. Bradley was seriously injured in the same incident; however, we have been very pleased to see him again, albeit minus a leg, both in Halifax and in Catterick. He is an example to us all of a cheerful and brave man in his approach to adversity. Apart from L/Cpl. Bradley the remainder of those wounded in Northern Ireland have, we are glad to say, all made good recoveries.

Our second tour in Northern Ireland was completed at the end of July and we left two days before Operation Motorman, the opening up of the so-called "No Go" areas. While many of us regretted not being there for the occasion our disappointment was tempered by the thought that we did not have any such areas in "H" Division, although a good "butchers" around the Derrybeg would have pleased many. Detailed accounts of the activities of the companies in Northern Ireland will be found elsewhere in this issue. Suffice it to say that the Commanding Officer again received many messages

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## LT.-COL. P. A. MITCHELL

Col. Mitchell was born on June 10, 1932, and was educated at Ampleforth College and the RMA, Sandhurst.

He was commissioned in 1952 and joined 1 DWR in Korea in March 1953. He served with the Battalion in Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus (1957). Subsequent postings have been: Instructor at Eaton Hall and Mons OCS, January 1958 to 1960; SC "A", Aldershot District, 1960-61; RMCS Shrivenham, January 1962 to March 1964; 1 DWR in Germany, April 1964 to February 1966 and then AMA (T), The Hague, until June 1968 when he rejoined 1 DWR in Hong Kong. Prior to taking over command of the Battalion he had been GSO 2(W) at the Infantry Trials and Development Unit, Warminster.

Col. Mitchell has played cricket for the Army, Berkshire and Hong Kong.

He married his wife, Diana, in December 1955 and they have two children. The elder, Charles, is now 14 and at Ampleforth; Katherine is at boarding school in Oxford.

on the Battalion's departure thanking the Battalion for their excellent work during the tour.

Now that we are home again in Catterick, with two tours behind us, we can look at the Northern Ireland situation, for the moment, disinterestedly. There seems to be a growing feeling in this country, emphasised perhaps by the recent disgraceful action by the UDA, that the Army should be withdrawn or that, at least, a deadline should be set for their withdrawal. Those of us who have been there recently are convinced that either of these courses would be wrong. If the Army was withdrawn there would undoubtedly be serious bloodshed and in that bloodshed many innocent citizens of the United Kingdom would suffer. If the insurgency was in any other part of the United Kingdom there would be no question of withdrawal and it is merely playing into the hands of the IRA to suggest it. Setting a deadline for withdrawal is equally dangerous. It gives comfort to the terrorist in the knowledge that he only has to hold out for a limited time and he will stand a good chance of achieving his aim which is, not a united Ireland, but to plunge the whole island into chaos. The best way to defeat the terrorist is for the people of the United Kingdom to demonstrate their determination that no part of the United Kingdom is to be brought down by violence. If this is made clear to the terrorist he will lose heart and the campaign for peace will be won.

We have had a busy autumn in Catterick. One of the most enjoyable fortnights many of us have had for a long time was our KAPE tour in the West Riding in early September. It was wonderful to meet so many old friends and to enjoy such a welcome and so much hospitality. All of us who were engaged in the tour thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we all wish that we had time to undertake a similar trip next year. After the West Riding we got down to a fortnight's shooting incorporating both the annual classification and the battalion rifle meeting, the results of which are published elsewhere in this issue. We are now hard at work improving our individual skills, especially in the specialist platoons, before we get down to our next spell of training for Northern Ireland.

We congratulate Captain Alastair Roberts on the award of the MBE for services in Northern Ireland during the period February 1, 1972 to April 30 1972.

Captain Roberts is serving as G3 (Int) HQ 39 Brigade, Lisburn, Co. Antrim.

Finally, we cannot close this sub-editorial without reference to the departure from the Battalion of Capt. Robins. Many of us come and go but "Robbie" has been a mainstay in the Battalion for many years. A more detailed account of his career is included elsewhere in this issue, but all of us in the Battalion would wish to thank him for all he has done for us over the years.



# NEWS from the MESSES

## OFFICERS MESS

There were no Officers Mess notes in the August edition of *THE IRON DUKE* and these notes account for the last six months. The first three were spent in Northern Ireland where there was no central Mess, and after that for the August block leave the Mess in Catterick remained in mothballs. It reopened on August 29, and prior to going to print, has flourished for six weeks. During September and October there have been one or two events to set on record.

The Mess reopened with a number of new faces to replace those who had left after the Battalion's return from Northern Ireland. The Second-in-Command, Major Glazebrook, moved to HQ BAOR in August and takes with him our best wishes for the future. In his place is Major Campbell Lamerton, whose arrival has conveniently coincided with the start of the rugby season. Major Charles Cumberlege has left for Staff College. Captains Mellor and McGlynn have departed in somewhat contrasting directions. The former to AG2 in the Ministry of Defence. The latter to managing and promoting pop groups in the entertainment world. Needless to say, the MOD will rock on as always. However, we take this opportunity of not only wishing Capt. McGlynn every success, but also asking him to provide pop groups for future "Dukes" functions at minimal cost. To counter the balance, Capt. Palmer returns to the Battalion from the Junior Leaders Battalion in Oswestry and Capt. Martin Bray from a tour with the Green Howards and the British Biathlon Team. Finally, 2/Lt. Sinclair has exiled himself to Durham University for a year.

The autumn is invariably an unsettled period for the Mess. The Battalion training revolves around cadres and audit boards which makes it an ideal time for officers to be away on courses. The numbers in the Mess fluctuate wildly and the place begins to be more like a transit hotel.

In spite of all this, one of the highlights of the year did take place with a reasonably good attendance. The Silver Putter Competition was held on Thursday, October 5, at the Catterick Garrison Golf Course. Unfortunately, the morning play was hampered by thick fog which cut visibility down to 25 yards at times. This noticeably upset the more professional putter players at the first tee. The rabbits (wooden Spoon candidates) were more fortunate in starting at the ninth tee where the Mess had thoughtfully installed a bar. Needless to say, whilst waiting for the fog to lift, the spirits of the rabbits and the bar profits rose higher and higher—the sheer boredom of drinking occasionally being relieved by an enthusiast driving off in the general direction of the fairway. This usually resulted in much rooting around in the rough looking for the lost ball. One group having spent most of the morning in the rough finally reached the ninth green 10 balls up on the start of the day. In the clubhouse a good lunch was served by the

Mess staff and in the afternoon the serious golfers took part in the open foursomes handicap competition. This event is still going on with the CO and Major Miller in the lead.

In the evening a party was held in the Mess to which a number of guests were invited. Amongst them were Lt.-Col. Le Messurier, Captains Power and Strong, together with their wives. The catering staff produced an excellent cold buffet very well prepared and presented. Afterwards a two-man disco team provided the beat through until one o'clock in the morning. During the course of the evening the winners of the silver putter—2/Lt. Best—and of the wooden spoon—Lt. Ward—were presented with their trophies by the CO. The success of the evening is evident from the pressure that Capt. Jago is under to run another one in December.

The Mess has had one guest night and arranged for a number of functions in November, the highlight of which will be the dining out of the Commanding Officer and Capt. Robins. The plans for December and the Christmas period have yet to be decided upon.

## WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESS

This has been a rather quiet period but with the approach of the festive season the pace is becoming hotter. We returned from Northern Ireland at the end of July, unpacked the kit, got the beer flowing again, then all the members went on leave. A civilian landlord would have been bankrupt on the month's takings.

After a well-earned month's leave we returned to work, and held our first "Welcome Home Social". This was instead of the "Welcome Home Dinner" we held last year; although that was a roaring success it was felt that a social would be better this year. Bernard Coll, our PEC, and his willing helpers organised the "do"; and to say that some of the games were novelties is putting it mildly. It cost you 10p to guess when the music was going to stop. He made so much money that the grant wasn't needed (well, not all of it).

At the September dinner we said farewell to our Bandmaster, WO1 Mike Alexander, who is leaving the Army and has taken a teaching position in Cumberland. Mike and Sheila will be missed by all the Mess and we wish them and their family every success in the future. Don't forget that you are more than welcome to drop in and see us wherever we are stationed. We welcome in his place WO1 B/M Clarke and hope that he, his wife and family have a happy stay with The Duke's.

In the annual falling plate shooting match against the officers we were again the winners, even after the competition was altered and we had to provide an extra team. In the final, the Mess "A" team beat the Mess "B" team whilst the Officers Mess "A" and "B" teams shot it out for third and fourth

places and won them both.

Our next event was the OCA dinner at Halifax. As the Battalion XV were playing at Harrogate we decided to leave Catterick at lunchtime, watch the match, then on to the dinner. We arrived back in Catterick in the early hours after a most enjoyable day.

We welcome into the Mess on promotion, Sgts. Grey, Atkinson and Kelly; congratulations all round also to Mick Carter and George Quayle on their promotion to WO2.

Welcome back, Bob Spearman; could it be that

his return has coincided with the interest that Mess members are showing in golf? Each weekend about 10 members can be seen playing on the local course.

We have said farewell to the following: WO2 Hartley, C/Sgt. Read, S/Sgt. Vinson, S/Sgt. Reddy who have left us on postings. Finally, a word of thanks to our small Mess staff of L/Cpls. Davis and Ettenfield, Ptes. Haynes, Myers and Scott, not forgetting our two chefs, L/Cpl. Ronaldson and Pte. Stokes, who are responsible for those excellent dinners and buffets, which are a feature of the Mess.

## SPORT

### SKILL-AT-ARMS MEETING 1972 PRIZEWINNERS

#### *Inter-Company Shield* Alma Company

- Cox Medal (Best Battalion Rifle Shot)*  
(1) Cpl. Arrowsmith, Corunna Company.  
(2) Lt. Isles, Corunna Company.  
(3) Sgt. Kelly, Corunna Company.

- Ozanne Medal (Best Young Soldier Rifle Shot)*  
(1) Pte. Jarvis, Burma Company.  
(2) Pte. Allen, Somme Company.  
(3) Pte. Swift, Corunna Company.

- Sharpshooter Cup (Best Sniper Shot)*  
(1) Cpl. Rochester, Burma Company.  
(2) Cpl. Parkinson, Somme Company.  
(3) L/Cpl. Barlow, Command Company.

- Sgts. Shooting Challenge Cup (Rifle)*  
(1) Sgt. Kelly, Corunna Company.  
(2) Sgt. Hirst, Alma Company.

- Cpls. Shooting Cup (Best Corporal Rifle Shot)*  
(1) Cpl. Arrowsmith, Corunna Company.  
(2) Cpl. Craven, Burma Company.

- SMG Cup (Best SMG Battalion Shot)*  
(1) Pte. Evans, Somme Company.  
(2) Sgt. Nash, Corunna Company.

- Pistol (Best Battalion Shot)*  
(1) Lt. Isles, Corunna Company.  
(2) Lt. Gilbert, Somme Company.

- Sgts. v. Officers Falling Plate*  
Sgts. Mess Team "B".

### SOCCER

It is a little early in the season to give any news of our activities, but we have had one game worthy of note. This was The Duke's v. Halifax Town game played at the Shay Ground on September 14 as part of the Battalion KAPE tour. Although we tried hard, and in fact scored the first goal, the team captained by Mr. Mulhall, the Town's manager, proved too strong for us and the final score was 6-1. However, we were not disgraced and the afternoon was interesting, useful and entertaining.

Inter-platoon and inter-company competitions

are under way, and the Battalion team is entered for the usual District, Command, and Army Competitions.

There are quite a few changes in the team and organisation since last season, so we have quite a lot of untried talent. Capt. Robins is currently handing over as soccer officer to Lt. Tetlow. S/Sgt. Reddy, who has done good work over the last few years with his sponge and coaching, has already left and we hope to recruit CSM Collins to take his place. Sgt. Heron, who has been captain for many years, leaves in December for JIB Shorncliffe. His coolness, ability and leadership will be greatly missed and hard to replace; L/Cpl. Hayes is leaving the Army shortly. To them all we wish the best of luck and good fortune.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL

On our return from Northern Ireland in the summer hopes were high for an untroubled season, but things have turned out somewhat differently. Injuries, retirements and courses have hampered training and selection for matches so that the games have been our real training sessions. It is a new-look team (with some old hands!), and it has had fair success in the four matches played. One good thing is that with long courses taking away established players, new players have had a chance to gain experience in the warm-up matches for the Army Cup, so that when we are all together we shall have a sizeable pool of players from which to select the team. Competition is a very good thing and, with Lts. Palmer, Meek and Dowdell, for example, showing good form, places are by no means foregone conclusions, particularly in the pack.

Meanwhile the "old hands" are still very much on their mettle, Lt. Thorn, Major Reid, C/Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Dickens, Sgt. Robinson, Cpl. Waqabaca and Cpl. Cuss, whose advent into "Dukes" rugby has been lost in the mists of time, are still there providing, we hope, a solid basis. However, with the back row of Lt. Gilbert (Captain), Lt. Bird and C/Sgt. Hall, who destroyed the Royal Regiment of Wales in last year's final, playing well and ably supported by Lt. Grieve at his elusive best at scrum half, there is hope of real constructive and destructive power in key positions. With Cpl. Cuss providing his attacking skill from full back and Sgt. Robinson, Sgt. Basu, Pte. Walker and Cpl.

Waqabaca to keep the opposition on their heels, prospects look good. It is, of course, one thing to talk about a side on paper and another to see the real thing in action, but the games so far have given some indication that this side could really produce the goods again. Comfortable wins against Bradford Grammar School, and St. Peter's, York, a very good strong performance against Ripon RFC (16—3), hitherto unbeaten at home since January, showed that there is all-round ability.

The one loss was against a powerful Harrogate 1st XV, a game we took on at short notice because Harrogate's opponents were involved in the Yorkshire Cup. This was lost 42—13, a score which

looks bad on paper but did not reflect the game in its entirety. Two 10-minute spells in each half when an excellent Harrogate three-quarter line, containing two internationals and two county players, proved that in that class of rugby we were short of know-how, and particularly fitness. The team learned a lot from the game, and it is hoped will put it into good use in the Army Cup.

The match against 8 Signals in the second round of the Army Cup resulted in a decisive victory for 1 DWR by 61—0. The team played really well and crushed the opposition, both forward and in the three-quarters. There is still a lot of room for improvement, but it was a good start!

## Company Notes

### ALMA COMPANY

Now that the Company is back in Catterick it is easier to reflect on the last couple of months in Northern Ireland. Events on the whole were too



Major Stevens, Alma Company, spotting snipers in the Ballymurphy

numerous to write about in detail. However, it is worth listing a few of the ones that spring to mind.

We might as well start with the period that the OC was away on his R & R and Capt. Mellor had taken over command. Apparently the initial conversation went something like this. "What's this, a world-wide operations room with all these maps everywhere?" "No", came the reply from then Captain, now Major, Cumberlege, "Just a few of the Murphy (Sir)!" Anyway, all went well and it was nice to have the adjutant up at the sharp end. He certainly appeared to enjoy his stay with us. Visitors at the best of times were few and far between at the Henry Taggart.

The short period of the cease fire, for what it was worth, certainly gave us a chance to catch up on administration and sleep. Oh yes, a bit of sport as well! The breakdown came soon enough and had us all back counting the number of rounds fired at the Taggart. Well into three figures by close of play.

Capt. Andrews, then PRO, arrived one day with a reporter from the *Yorkshire Post*. The journalist was hell bent on meeting the Company and seeing the area. This he did in somewhat spectacular fashion under the auspices of Lt. Meek, an accomplished Pig driver (the armoured variety not the bacon). Halfway through the guided tour the vehicle was fired on and Lt. Meek ended up in hospital with a bullet wound in his leg. Needless to say, the Pigs were shortly replaced by Saracens. One wonders in retrospect whether the bacon variety might not have offered a greater degree of protection at the time!

The final few days are a memory of mixing with a number of units. Ballymurphy must be a popular place as at one stage there was a rush between 1 Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders and 3 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers to take over from us. Apart from these we joined forces with 1 Prince of Wales's Own and the Royal Scots for a final two nights of searches in the area, all too familiar to us and which is now, thankfully, a thing of the past.

Prior to block leave WO2 Pickersgill left the Company to join the Green Howards as their

RQMS, and CQMS Hemmings joined the Junior Infantryman's Battalion, Shorncliffe. In their places are WO2 Middleton from the Weapon Training Wing and S/Sgt. Simpson recently commander of 1 Platoon. After the leave period Major Cumberlege handed over as 2IC to Capt. Bray who, within a month, found he was the only officer left in the Company, both Major Stevens and Lt. Meek being away enjoying a spell at the School of Infantry, Warminster. The massive shake-up within the Company was almost complete when we were confronted with the KAPE tour in the West Riding. KAPE, which on one occasion a member of the public mis-heard as RAPE, means keeping the Army in the public eye. The first base for the Company team was the Halls of Residence at Sheffield University. Together with elements of Support Company and the Signal Platoon, we sorted out to the Sheffield Show and the outlying towns. The area used to be York and Lancaster country, and, although we were made very welcome, it was possible to detect an absence of traditional ties. From there to Barnsley and thence to Huddersfield into the heart of home ground.

The trustees of the 7th Battalion's drill hall in Huddersfield had kindly invited us to stay there. A magnificent drill hall where we were well looked after by "C" Company (DWR), 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers. The climax of the visit was the Company exercising its right to the Freedom of the City by marching through the streets with fixed bayonets.

The fortnight following the KAPE tour was for the greater part spent on the ranges. Classification and a number of competition shoots kept the Company occupied from dawn till dusk. The remote Battlehill ranges near to Barnard Castle became a second home to some of us. One or two diehards came near to striking up a blood brotherhood with two aged range wardens. Down in the butts, between bursts of gunfire, stories were swapped and memories of Ballymurphy and the Somme rekindled. On occasions the lunch vehicle put in an appearance which, for a while, channelled the wrath away from Murphy and the Hun. Once the NAAFI wagon made it. We still believe he only stopped to ask the way to somewhere else, but that was long enough. None the less, Alma, by the end of that fortnight, were the champion rifle company in the rifle shooting.

More recently the Company were runners-up in the Battalion cross-country race, the individual winner of which was Pte. Hughes 12. Our heartfelt congratulations to him.

Now the Company is concentrating on mastering the individual skills such as radio operating, weapon handling and map reading—the basics prior to the build-up for Northern Ireland next year.

## Personalia

### Births

Congratulations to the following and their wives on the birth of their sons/daughters:

Ptes. Heath, Cowburn, Branter.

## Marriages

Congratulations to the following on their marriage:

Ptes. Banks, Farrell, Butterworth, Hughes 31, Vokes.

## Departures

Pte. Hugill to PWO.

Pte. Mellor—Civvy Street.

L/Cpl. Kelly—DKD.

Sgt. Hirst—British Ski Shooting Team.

## Arrivals

Burns, Bucknor, Carbine, Walker, and Hall.

## Inter-Company Postings

Too numerous to mention.

## BURMA COMPANY

At the time of the last notes being written the Company was establishing itself at the Bessbrook Technical Institute. Life in the school and our area of "real estate" continued in much the same way as it had started. The Dublin road VCP continued to the bitter end; 4 Platoon left us for Crossmaglen and the Mortar Platoon joined us for the last month of the tour. So, several bombings and shootings later, the Company found itself intact on LSL *Bedivere* bound for England and some well-earned leave.

On return from leave the Company moved into a two-week KAPE tour, details of which can be found in the various platoon notes. The hospitality shown to us in Keighley, Bradford and Spenborough was overwhelming and we would like to thank all those concerned for making it so memorable.

After KAPE the battalion rifle meeting where, although the Company finished only fifth, there were some good individual and team results, notably Pte. Jarvis who won the prize for the best young soldier.

At the present moment most of the Company are involved in upgrading, NCO, and low-level air defence cadres, which will nearly take us up to the beginning of December.

## Personalia

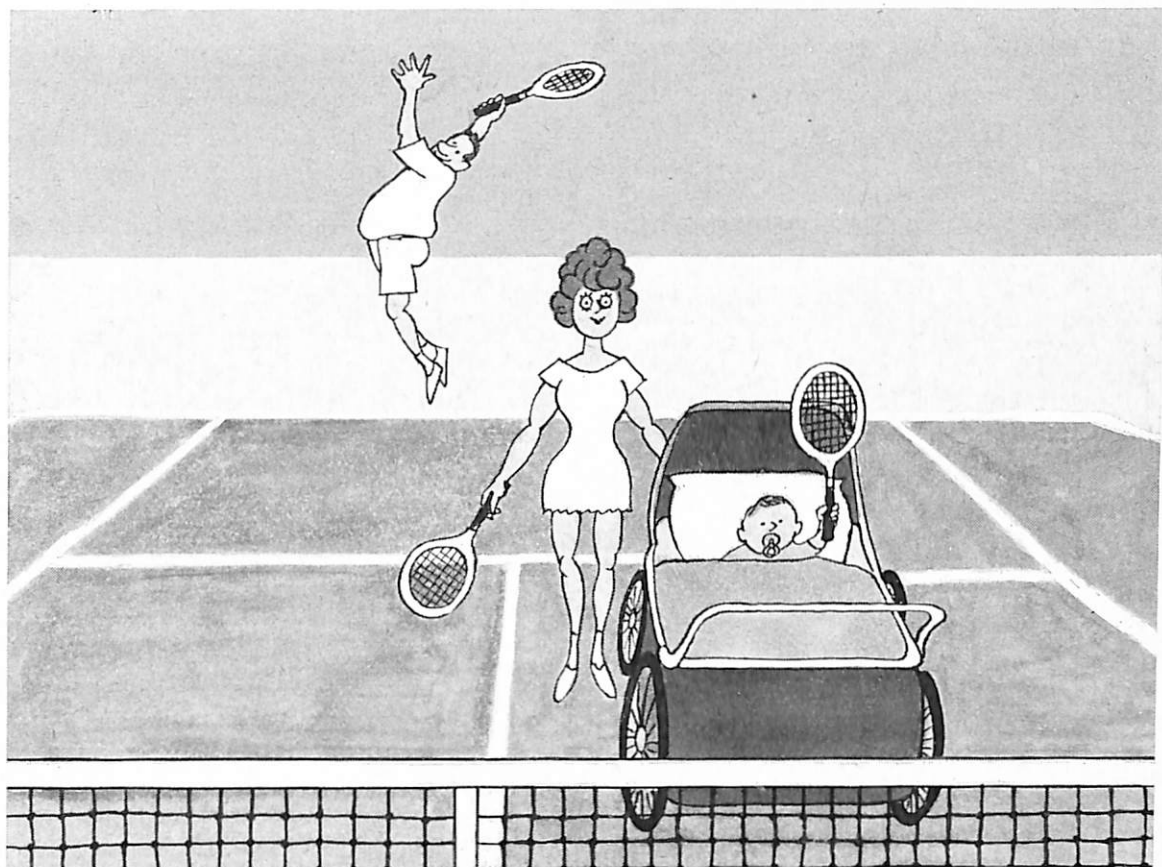
Major David Pugh leaves us for Admin Company. We are very sorry to see him go and we very sincerely would like to thank him for all that he has done for the Company. We would like to welcome in his place Major Chuck Ivey who is no stranger to Burma Company. We also say goodbye to SM Coll to Preston where we wish him well, and hope to see him back in the Battalion in the not-too-distant future. In his place we are pleased to welcome SM Lindsay. We congratulate Pte. Goult on his marriage and wish him and his wife, Linda, the very best for the future.

## No. 4 Platoon

After spending nearly three months at Bessbrook School, chaperoning the Sergeant-Major and his schoolchildren, being polite to everybody at the Dublin Road Block, missing high-velocity .22 rounds at Clontygora, being swallowed by a large bomb crater and Harry Ayrton working closely with M15, the Platoon was moved to Crossmaglen to take over from the Mortar Platoon. This was a different "kettle of fish" as everybody knows;

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The Mayoress of Bradford inspecting Burma Company on their KAPE Tour

however, the Platoon worked well and everybody came back in good shape.

Next on the agenda was the KAPE tour. The Platoon was split up into various groups, most of them taking part in honour guards and static displays. However, everybody enjoyed themselves, meeting not only the local people but many alcoholic beverages, chiefly supplied by the Lord Mayor of Bradford and the Mayor of Spenborough. Many thanks from the Platoon to the various elements of Somme Company that supported us throughout the tour.

The tour started with the Keighley Show in which The Duke's stole the day, our static display dwarfing that of the Paras and the Artillery, both in quantity and quality. Apart from various evenings with the Keighley and Bradford Cadets, mixed in with a few school visits, which incidentally educated a few members from the Platoon, our next public appearance was "Delhi"—sorry—Bradford, Lister Park. This, in fact, was very successful (the Spotted Dog was adjacent) due to the fact that the sun was shining and the crowds were there. The amusing moment came when our artillery Stalwart went for walkies by itself, taking much vegetation with it, only to end up a yard from the main road.

After visiting more schools our next series of displays and guards took place at Spenborough where we had an excellent two days. The culminating point was reached on the social evening, having played soccer, crazy golf and bowls with local teams, when the Mayor of Spenborough forced upon us many gallons of beer and hundredweights of sand-

wiches. And here endeth the KAPE tour and our next two weeks have been spent at Catterick enjoying the Battalion skill-at-arms meeting and annual classification.

First everybody zeroed and ran ranges, especially Herontree—which could, by 1984, be ETR—and then we classified with a fair amount of success. Moving on to the skill-at-arms meeting and its various matches, well done to the section teams on the night ambush, Cpl. Rochester on his sniper match, Pte. Jarvis on being the best young soldier shot and the GPMG SF light teams and the A/Tk crews who all starred throughout the competitions.

The Platoon at the moment is depleted to say the least. A few are on cadres and some have been posted to the MT and Somme Company. Sgt. Spearman is taking over the reins soon as the Platoon Commander is easing off (yet again) to a booby traps course and then the Jungle Warfare School, so those covers of Battle PT and the Mourne Mountains and anything else physical may "rest in peace", but only till Christmas.

### 5 Platoon

Since the last two weeks in our seaside resort at Bessbrook very little has happened, even though we had our little excitement when Mr. Sherlock decided he didn't like living among the men so moved out taking his wheelbarrow with him to Oswestry. (We sincerely hope you enjoy your work and are looking forward to your return to the Battalion.)

The move back to Catterick went according to plan. On arrival the little cleaning up was soon

done and the lads proceeded on leave for a month although some decided to have two months, didn't you Polak? Even without Polak's help we managed to keep to schedule and complete the KAPE tour.

The main task for 5 Platoon was mobile and chatting up the local population in cafes and pubs which the lads really enjoyed.

Congratulations to 68 on his small enterprise with the ladies. Both of them.

Once the tour had finished we decided to get down to some serious shooting but, unfortunately, we were not up to our true form.

We would like to congratulate Pte. Wadsworth on his late but effective marriage and welcome L/Cpl. Morton to our midst.

P.S.—If anyone knows the whereabouts of Pte. Mall Parkhouse please return him to this address soonest.

### 6 Platoon

Apart from some very tiresome little man firing a few shots at our barrack room one night just before we left Bessbrook, NI, the remainder of our tour out there was quiet. Yet again the gallant 6 Platoon had done a very staunch job and came away unscratched.

Word had got back that Ptes. Heath and Sutton, ably helped by Pashby, did manage to drink the boat almost dry before it got back to Liverpool. After a pretty disastrous series of events in the early hours, the only real sparkle of sunshine was when we arrived back in camp.

There, to greet the Battalion back, were our two gorgeous pin-ups from Halifax. It was amazing to see how quickly most of the Platoon changed their home allegiances when persons from Halifax were asked to pose with Zoe and Gaye—never knew Halifax was such a popular place!

After being on leave throughout August we returned (or most of us did, didn't we Emma?) to set about organising the KAPE tour. The KAPE tour, in fact, provided a lot of fun all round and most managed to make new friends wherever we went. Hospitality was so generous that we were having to watch the waistlines rather more than normal. It has now been unanimously decided that L/Cpl. Laws has deservedly taken the "Piggy of the Year" award. He only just beat L/Cpl. Wearing, who now takes second place, and we congratulate them for putting on such a close-run contest.

The Platoon's thanks must go to "Spiny Norman" for arranging such a good reception for us at Brad-

ford. Rumour has it that an ex-member of 6 Platoon had a hand in this as well—thanks "Tiger".

The best event undoubtedly was the day at Spenborough where we were looked after magnificently. The Mayor said that he would lay aside some tickets to the swimming gala when an International Nudist Club are coming to swim. Any enquiries—see the gaffer!

From the KAPE to the shooting where, considering the lack of time for practice, the Platoon did very well all round.

## CORUNNA COMPANY

### Ulster

The last six weeks in Newry proved to be most varied. Initially the build-up to the Provisional cease fire was hectic. Four bombs, seven hoaxes and the tragic killing of an RUC constable were the tally for the eve of the cease fire. The tragedy about Constable Houston was that he was talking to L/Cpl. Harris seconds before his death. He left our patrol checking cars and went round the corner to investigate another car without telling the patrol of his intentions.

With the cease fire life almost returned to normal. We relaxed by tramping over the Mourne Mountains, and arranging more soccer games. Patrols were reduced, and some even got a friendly wave and chat in Derrybeg. However, when it ended, attitudes reversed immediately and the first patrol to Derrybeg was severely stoned.

The last days in Newry were fairly quiet, although the post office went up with a pram bomb, and a bank was robbed of £50,000. This bank raid was most daring with the IRA holding up the staff of the bank for 90 minutes waiting for the time lock to open. They got away in an employee's car, which even eluded Lt. Isles in a helicopter. S/Sgt. Carter put in a request not to be used more than twice as bait for the "Beg" gunmen, in spite of Lt. Bird's assurances that he was covered by 9 Platoon's snipers.

Eventually the Argylls arrived, with many a story of Aden, and it was with relief that we left the Emerald Isle once again. The only regret was to say farewell to the Newry police, our friends.

### Catterick

After four weeks' leave, the Company, much changed, assembled in Catterick. Two items were on the agenda for September, the KAPE tour and the Battalion skill-at-arms meeting. Corunna's KAPE consisted of one week in Leeds and one in Halifax.

At Leeds, the KAPE team was based on (or in) a pub at Eccup (run by a Mr. Butler, ex-National Service "Duke"—Korea period). From this vantage point we daily sent off groups to put up static stands and mobile around Leeds. In the evening we played games of soccer against Otley, Ilkley and Burley; and if we didn't win them all, we won later on in the evening! Beaumont became a star on Radio Leeds, and 2/Lt. Grieve occupied 200 cadets in Carlton Barracks.

In Halifax, the pattern was the same, displays in the daytime, soccer and cadets in the evening. A battle display at Mixenden caused a stir, again

## FIELD COOKING EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

### Cooking outfit field No. 4 (150-man trailer-mounted cookset)

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Fifteen cooksets are being manufactured this year for world-wide troop trials starting in March 1973.

Beaumont was the star with the RMO patching up his wounded stomach in the RAP. We finished the tour by marching through Halifax with bands playing, colours flying and bayonets fixed; the weather was kind and the crowds applauded.

The shooting fortnight will be remembered if only for reveille being 0530 hours, often after night firing. The Company came second in the inter-company shield, just behind Alma; seven or eight really bad shots bringing down our average. Cpl. Arrowsmith won the Cox Medal with Lt. Isles and Sgt. Kelly close behind. Lt. Isles won the pistol, Pte. Swift was in the shoot-off for the best young soldier, Sgt. Nash was second in the SMG Cup, and 9 Platoon won the tank-killing title; in all, satisfactory results.

In early October our cross-country team ran off with the inter-company cup with nine runners in the first 22. All the team deserve a mention: L/Cpl. Walker, Ptes. Beck, Burns, Cowling, Halton, Jones, Lord, McDonnell, Priestley and Whiteley. On the soccer front, all the platoons are still in the inter-platoon knock-out cup, and the Company side is unbeaten.

At the time of writing most of the Company is at RMA Sandhurst, relieving the Gurkhas as demonstration company for ten days. It is proving to be quite a change.

#### Personalia

Postings out include Major Reid on promotion to Somme Company, Lt. Bird to the Recce Platoon,

Sgt. Shaw to Command Company, Cpls. Middleton, Russell, Nellist to various depots; three to Command and six to Somme.

Postings in include Cpl. Lyons from SAS, Cpl. Blackburn from UNFICYP, Henstock back to the fold, as well as some 18 from various depots. We'll see how they go on ex Muji Kas III.

Congratulations to: the Halls, Franks, Hoylands (36 not 73) and Ennis's on their marriages, and to Mesdames Anderson, Hanley, Hewitt, Pawson, and Wathey on the births of their children.

Sgt. Kelly, Cpl. Anderson and L/Cpl. White 22 have also earned a mention for their promotions.

#### SOMME COMPANY

You will have already heard of the tragic deaths of L/Cpl. Graham and Pte. Lee near Crossmaglen in July of this year, as a result of an explosion which destroyed their vehicle. It is with sad regret that the Company records its deepest sympathy to all relatives of the two soldiers. That same incident severely injured L/Cpl. Bradley and, thanks to tremendous work by all concerned, we have seen him back in Somme Lines, minus a leg but looking remarkably well and in great spirits. He has been to see us often, and we hope he will continue to do so.

The return from Northern Ireland left us a few days for cleaning up and preparing for the KAPE tour which started almost immediately after leave. September, in fact, was a hectic month with the



Corunna Company weapon display during their KAPE Tour





**Somme Company searching vehicles in Crossmaglen**

KAPE tour, the Battalion skill-at-arms meeting, and "Standby". October has seen the mortar and anti-tank cadres under way, and the Assault Pioneers training at Warminster for a fortnight. The Vigilant Platoon are preparing for their last firing, a veritable bonanza of missiles appropriately enough over November 5. By December we will have finished the cadres and will be turning our thoughts to Northern Ireland again with regard to training, albeit having done another Standby period during Nov/Dec.

The return from Northern Ireland has seen changes in the hierarchy of the Somme. Major Reid has taken over from Capt. Stacpoole, and CSM Carter from CSM Clarke. It is with regret that WO2 Lindsay's long association with the Mortar Platoon has now been terminated, and he now moves to CSM of Burma Company. We wish him the best of good fortune in his new appointment.

Finally, congratulations to Cpl. Blood, Ptes. Burke, Coulson, Allan 98, Evans 60 and L/Cpl. Taylor 25 on the new arrivals to their families.

### **MORTAR PLATOON**

Our last notes were written half-way through our very memorable tour of duty at Crossmaglen and since then we have had the tragic loss of two of our comrades. The soldiers who served with the Mortar Platoon during this time will never forget Terry Graham and James Lee.

We are, however, extremely pleased to see "Cockroach" Bradley hopping around Somme Lines every now and again and he can be assured that he is always very welcome to visit us any time he can

manage it. All our good wishes for the future Brad

Since our well earned rest of 28 days leave we have assisted the three rifle companies on a completely successful KAPE tour in the West Riding. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be included in the mortar detachments on the static displays had a thoroughly enjoyable time and give a unanimous vote of thanks to all the different people who welcomed us and showed great hospitality towards us during the tour.

After the KAPE tour we were swept up by the mad whirlwind of getting ready, for Spearhead and firing annual classification all at the same time and we still don't know how we stayed sane but we think we did.

We are now at cadre time again and have two cadres running, one is for new members to the Platoon and we welcome the following lucky people to the fold: Ptes. Houfe, Smith 55, Keenan Nendick, Sweeney, Allen 11, Lofthouse, Dyke, Mounsey and Adams. The second cadre is really an advanced training period before going live firing at Warcop.

Congratulations are due to Ptes. Hattersley, Keenan, L/Cpl. Ferguson on their weddings.

We have finally said farewell to our Platoon Second-in-Command, WO2 Lindsay who has now taken the post of CSM Burma Company.

### **VIGILANT PLATOON**

The last few weeks in Ulster saw a great change in the way we went about our tasks. Due to the situation at that time vehicle patrols had to be accompanied by escorts on foot, searching culverts

and bridges for mines. This, of course, took much longer to complete patrols; however, the many finds of explosives in the culverts proved how necessary it was.

The Platoon came out unscathed, much luckier than the Mortar Platoon who also worked in our area. We wish L/Cpl. Bradley all the best for the future; his sense of humour is a credit to him.

After a welcomed month's leave we again started to think about our training in the missile field, and it was good to get out on the training areas working with detachments, map reading and drills being our main concern. In September everyone involved enjoyed the KAPE tour tremendously.

Since the Platoon will be live firing in early November, we are now down to serious training for this event. The Platoon will be accommodated at Otterburn for 10 days. This will be our final chance to prove our worth as guided missile controllers, since the Platoon will be disbanding soon after Xmas. It is hoped that a high percentage of hits is achieved. Although our life has been interrupted by two tours in Ulster a lot of hard work has gone into learning about the weapon, and most have found the past two years interesting and rewarding.

Since the last notes our Platoon Commander, Lt. Thorn, has become a "Pad", we wish him and Mrs. Thorn all the best for the future. Congratulations to Cpl. Grey on his promotion to Sergeant. Congratulations also go to Cpl. and Mrs. Blood on the birth of their daughter.

#### ANTI-TANK PLATOON

As these words are being typed, the Platoon is on its way to Warcop for firing. It's still all go: at the moment we are three weeks into a cadre, we have just finished a mini "Spearhead", we are firing tomorrow and the next day, the annual platoon pistol shooting competition is in two days time, and then its almost "Spearhead" again.

The last two months in Ireland were nerve-racking to say the least. The continual strain of clearing roads and culverts, endless patrols and vehicle searches was intense. Congratulations are due to L/Cpl. Hepworth for finding a bomb, Sgt Minto and a section found another. We managed to arrest a civilian criminal, who had a complete sense of humour failure when he was woken by L/Cpl. Hayes and found that his house was surrounded by Tommies. The cease fire was a welcome tonic while it lasted, but there was a rude awakening just before it when they burnt a bus in the village and blew a telegraph pole holding a generator in two. Although we had a fairly good idea of who was doing it the RUC could get no definite proof, and so we had to sit and hope that they would make a mistake that we could capitalise on. Towards the end of the tour when the relieving battalion were with us—that week took ages to pass—we found almost a bomb a day, which was a relief. Others were not so fortunate. Apart from a quiet July 12, operationally the tour made everyone glad to be alive and very grateful for small mercies. It gives one an uncanny sense of values.

The Platoon found itself stranded one night near Castlewellan and was invited to spend the night in a large, and almost empty house in which King

Billie is reputed to have slept before the battle of the Boyne. Be that as it may, the house was haunted, there were reports of one extra on stag all night and, anyway, when Cpl. Cuss left Cpl. Sellars and the OC in the King's room there were still three people in it.

On our return to Catterick, on first the RFA *Bedevere*, then some rather swish coaches, we were met by the Battalion's pin-up, brave girls them—we hadn't seen a decent girl for months. Then some well-earned leave, followed by a KAPE tour when we marched through Halifax, Huddersfield and Spenborough and visited schools and the West Riding in general. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the Platoon Commander, Lt. Gilbert, on a son, to L/Cpl. Taylor 25 on a daughter, Ptes. Allen and Walker have also produced offspring. There are one or two more in the pipeline, so to speak, but more about them in a later edition.

#### COMMAND COMPANY

The Company returned from Ulster this time with all its G1098! And there followed a few frantic days of unpacking, checking and tidying up prior to the much-awaited block leave. During this period Capt. Andrews handed over the company to Mr. Ward and stepped over to the Adjutant's chair.

Our return from leave proved no less hectic as we were thrown straight into the KAPE tour. Though we were not allotted a company task, we were nevertheless well represented by the Drums at all the marches and beating the retreat, by the Signals and Recce providing detachments to each company and the OC and Mr. Bird doing their stuff in the Colour Party. From time to time the CSM was asked to provide numbers to fill out the rifle companies. It is rumoured that when Burma Company marched through Spenborough it was 70/30% in our favour!

Finally, the Med Centre put on a marvellous display with the RAP, ending up being used as a lost children's depot.

The PT staff soldier on, having received two new potential back-breakers in the shape of Anver and Lomax. L/Cpl. Boguszewski is still slogging his way through his course in Aldershot and L/Cpl. Shim has skipped over to the Recce Platoon having voluntarily returned from Aldershot very disenchanted with the PT world. SI Pickering and his staff have been working very hard now that the new physical fitness assessment tests have been introduced. They put all of us through it and never was there a more aching company. In general, considering our various tasks, our results were very favourable; however, there were far too many comments like "Overall grade affected by low stamina score due to sedentary activity"—even the OC couldn't escape. Despite the grunts and groans we now know where we stand fitness-wise and in the next few months we'll endeavour to put it right.

The Battalion classification proved a trial in itself, but we succeeded in getting the whole Company through as well as running two ranges ourselves. Everyone thought Major Glasebrook's range letter was the mammoth of the year until the OC produced his!

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The Colour Party marching through Halifax followed by Corunna Company

The proof is in the eating, and it is due to the hard work of the organisers and co-operation of the lads which saw us through.

Congratulations are due to the Triathlon team who represented us at the UKLF meeting. The team, consisting of SI Pickering, Cpl. Barnett 41 and L/Cpl. Everett, came in fourth position and L/Cpl. Everett came in second as an individual.

The Medical Centre has now throttled back and they are getting over their eventful Ulster tour where they proved to us all how lucky we are to have them. We all miss Pte. Lee who was so tragically killed whilst detached from the Company. He had served the RMO very well as his driver. As we go to press Sgt. Budden is limbering up for sleep deprivation trials—a report will appear in the next issue if he survives! Rumour has it that Greenhow was last seen in Piccadilly Circus selling shell dressings.

The Training Wing are working furiously with cadres now well under way. With Capt. Fitzgerald studying for staff we've had to import some outside instructors to help out.

The last few months have seen a lot of changes in our orbit and we would like to welcome the following to our ranks:

Major Campbell-Lamerton to 2IC, Capt. Palmer to Int Sect, Sgt. Shaw, Ptes. Godfrey and Threlfalls 44 and 07 to the Sig Platoon; Pemberton to Recce; Savoury, Sutton and Fawcett to the Drums; L/Cpls. Bedford and Kennedy to the RPs and Cpls. Brennan, Cook, Exley and Noble to the Training Wing.

Welcomes always go cap in hand with farewells

and we have had our fair share of people opting for civvy street and to them we wish the best of luck and hope they'll pop in and see us from time to time. Those to civvy street were: Cpl. Bowler, Pte. Kent, L/Cpl. Miller, L/Cpl. Lamb, L/Cpl. Suddaby and Pte. Smith 36.

Finally, congratulations to all those who've got married—too many to list by name and also a special word to Cpl. and Mrs. Barnett 41 on the birth of their daughter.

## BORNEWS

It is time once again to let the world at large into the secrets of the wheelings, dealings and general behind-the-scene activities of BOR. Just recently to an untrained observer, these goings-on would have seemed more frantic and augmented than normal. However, we are running on a sadly depleted staff and our lads are doing a tremendous job. Any unwarranted criticism on these lines will not be gratefully received!

The present situation does, however, mean that our intrepid scribe can devote a few lines to each of the BOR staff—in the past space has not permitted this. We do not wish to dwell on our past activities (glories to those who don't know better) and so, in this issue, for the first time we are letting our readers know a few of the secret desires and aspirations for the future from each scribe:

Chief Scribe Milner: Obsessed with the idea of getting a BEM—won't admit it. Also hoping for a documents inspection when the coffee doesn't run out!

Assistant Chief Scribe Manion: Happy to be a "pad". Wants to be richer than he already is. Secretly hopes that someone is going to buy him a new car for Christmas.

Scribe Mortimer: Secret desire—to find out his secret desire. Is otherwise fairly happy—won't admit it. Thinks everybody can do more—for him.

Scribe Wilson: Has just realised a secret wish to own a budgie. New secret wish: wishes he had the nerve to ask for a posting to the Canaries to follow his hobby more fully, but hasn't.

L/Scribe Nuttall: Spends at least half-an-hour daily checking on his seniority. Secret desire: To play rugby league for Halifax; lacks both the weight, and the nerve to tell his wife, to realise this ambition.

Apprentice Greenwood: Is still finding his way through the voluminous mounds of paper work which litter his office. Secret desire: to be a clerk.

Although the above descriptions are pitifully inadequate (our scribe could easily write a volume on each of the characters mentioned)—they will have to suffice; we hope that our readers will not take the descriptions too seriously and incorporate the knowledge into the woefully slim p/files which cover each of our members. Remember—a little knowledge is dangerous, and anyway we don't want to let our public know too much about us—security y'know!

We do have a final word: We wish to convey our thanks and best wishes for the future to Lt.-Col. Huxtable who is due to leave us shortly.

Sir,

*On behalf of all members of BOR, I, duty Scribe, wish you and Mrs. Huxtable best wishes for the future and would like to thank you for your invaluable help and guidance in the past.*

### SIGNAL PLATOON

Once again the Signal Platoon is back in Caterick and is able to relax. The hand-over to the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders went well, Sgt. Gunn (looking older than he has for years) was heard to breath a sigh of relief as the last voucher was signed. The ferry service across the Irish Sea was provided by LSL *Bedivere*, a second home to a great many members of the Platoon and known as the cleanest ship afloat (we have the blisters to prove it).

With kit handed in we started a welcome month's leave, during which time five of our numbers hit the matrimonial trail. There is no truth in the rumour that all the Platoon are married.

On the return from leave the KAPE tour had priority; we were well represented having four detachments with their respective companies. Though it was hard to keep the hands of the children away from the more delicate equipment used, the losses were negligible and all agreed that the demonstrations were a success.

On the training side we are, once more, involved in a Std II signallers cadre. The students include two re-enlistments, one ex-Royal Signaller and three members of the Recce Platoon. It is rather noticeable that the cadre clashes with the Spearhead standby, as it did last year, and we envisage plenty of fun and games swapping equipment about, packing and unpacking as the cadre progresses.

Commitments and Ulster tours have, until recently, prevented us from having many social functions but we finally managed to hold our social evening at the Walkerville Hotel on Friday the 13th. Despite the day and date, all went well; one of the night's highlights was the presentation of an engraved tankard to Cpl. Coates, a long-departed member of the Platoon.

We would like to offer our congratulations to the following on their recent marriages, Cpl. and Mrs. Wicks, Pte. and Mrs. Williams, Pte. and Mrs. Blair, Pte. and Mrs. Welburn and Pte. and Mrs. Furness; may all your troubles be little ones.

Welcome, too, to our new platoon members: Pte. Threlfall 44 and Pte. Godfrey on re-enlistment, also Pte. Threlfall 07 (ex-Royal Signals). A good piece of salesmanship 44.

On a sadder note we say farewell to Cpl. "Bren" Bowler; "Bren", who was with the Platoon from 64, is a sad loss. Good luck in your new life in civvy street.

### RECCE PLATOON

During the last few weeks in Ireland the Platoon had a fairly hectic time, starting with C/S 61 lifting three would-be shop robbers in Mayo Bridge on June 23. C/S 61, led by Sgt. Wilkinson, thought something suspicious was going on when the three armed, masked men came out of the shop. After a quick section attack and a short chase they were apprehended, later being sentenced to a total of 26 years' imprisonment.

The tour culminated with a series of lifts in the Newcastle and Kilkeel area during which about 12 men and a quantity of weapons and arms were found.

The Platoon says farewell to Capt. Gardner and Sgt. Heron at present Chief Servicer of the Brigade, but due to be posted to Shorncliffe in the near future. We wish them both luck.

The Platoon wishes to congratulate Cpl. Coates and Pte. Tooley and their wives on the birth of their sons.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY HQ

Under new management really fits the bill for this company, since returning from Northern Ireland the OC, CSM and Colour-Sergeant have all changed and we have said farewells to Major (PRI) Ivey, CSM (Chief) Hartley and C/Sgt. (Leeds United) Reddy. In their places we welcome Major Pugh from Burma, CSM Clarke from Somme and C/Sgt. Hodgkinson also from Burma.

Nothing of note has happened since returning from leave. We did our bit on Spearhead but, unfortunately, didn't get called out to warmer places. In the Battalion rifle meeting our teams looked all set to win some of the shooting trophies but, unfortunately, the competitions in which our teams were involved were postponed.

We finished fourth in the Battalion cross-country race despite the efforts of the MTO to pick a winning team: however, we did beat one of the rifle companies which is quite an achievement considering the age difference. We are hoping for better things from our football teams in the forthcoming inter-company league.

The Heavy Squad (Admin Company) searching vehicles on the O'Meath Road



## The Band

With the Battalion being committed in Ulster and the Band operating from Catterick to various parts of the country over the last few months, it was not possible to catch the press for the last edition and so, regretfully, no notes about the Band appeared. However, we wish to assure our readers that we did not go into hibernation, or take six months' leave, for in fact we had rather a busy time.

In March we attended the Cutlers' Feast at Sheffield, which proved to be an interesting engagement involving the military band as a small group and also in full, providing dinner music. A concert at Catterick Camp took place in the Colburn School, on March 21 and for this occasion we played a very varied programme featuring our old time recorder group in traditional costume. This proved to be very popular as most schools have their own recorder groups. We finished the month of March by attending a guard of honour for Her Majesty The Queen, at York on the 30th.

The Junior Leaders Regiment at Troon in Scotland invited us to spend a few days with them at the beginning of May. During our visit, we serenaded the junior soldiers mainly with the more up-to-date Beatles and Seekers music, to which such tumultuous applause was rendered that the Band Sergeant Major had a difficult task in making himself heard when announcing the next item. It is worth a mention that some of the Band, after being vetted, managed to gain entry to a certain pub along that barbarous Scottish coast called "The Smugglers of Troon". Here follows a short extract of some of the

services that can be supplied by the establishment:

Ships wrecked at short notice.  
False lights erected.  
Crews and wreckers supplied.  
Fair Maids escorted.  
No exciseman allowed in the inn.  
Dirty Knights vanquished.  
Wives comforted and taken in.  
Bleeding stopped by our leeches.  
Bodies snatched and supplied.  
Campbells shot on sight.

and many more which shall remain nameless.

The whole trip was a great success and we extend our thanks to the Junior Leaders' Regiment and in particular to SM Pat Harris (1 DWR), who is attached to them, for the magnificent hospitality given to us.

Our dance band entered the Army Music Group and Singer Competition which took place in London between May 23-26. A very fine effort was put in by all concerned and on the final result it was established that the winning group had just beaten our group by half a point. We can only sum up by saying to our chaps, who were so near and yet so far, "Well done" for having made such a good attempt.

June 3 presented us with a slight problem, in so much as it meant the bandsmen rising at 0300 hrs. which, as any CSM will tell you, is just not on. However, after obtaining permission from the union, the feat was achieved and by 0400 hrs. the Band were on the road heading for Hull Docks.

By 0700 hrs. we stood on parade on the jetty with our instruments, and despite sub-normal temperatures and lashing wind and spray, we managed to herald the arrival of a party of French Old Comrades who were visitors for the day.

June 10 brought to an end a week of rehearsals for massed bands, when they performed a display for the closing of the Army Open Day at Catterick. Unfortunately, the weather hampered the day's events, but the bands were able to perform. The following day we all boarded a luxury coach and departed for Aldershot which was to be our home for eight days. The task in hand was for 15 bands to perform a massed display. The only mishap, as far as we were concerned, was when Bds. Shaw produced a piece of twisted metal, which he assured us had originally been his trombone, but had been run over by a vehicle. We have kept it as an ornamental reminder of Aldershot and it now adorns our Social Club wall. Other notable events in June were the Band's participation in the Brighthouse Gala on the 24th, a Guard of Honour Parade at York on the 29th, and massed bands at York on the 30th for the ceremony of closing down of Yorkshire District.

With the arrival of July, the Band departed for Pirbright for rehearsals in preparation for the Royal Tournament massed infantry bands display to take place at Earl's Court, London, later in the month. It was after rehearsals had been completed and during the move from Pirbright to London, that our coach was involved in an accident. A car in front decided to stop when the traffic lights changed to amber, our coach braked and slid round at the rear, the result being that we clipped the rear of the car before mounting the central reservation and then ploughed straight into the traffic lights snapping them off. We finally finished up across the other carriageway. We are happy to report that no injury was sustained by any person and so we put our past medical training to use and treated ourselves for shock in a pub which was just across the road. Two hours later another bus arrived and we were able to continue our journey. The Royal

Tournament itself proved to be a long run with the Band appearing for 30 shows. Audiences were very large.

August came and we performed a few concerts locally before departing for Edinburgh on the 13th for a week of concerts in the parks. At the end of August we attended the Leeds Gala.

September for the Battalion commenced a period of recruiting and the Band and Corps of Drums rose to the occasion by performing both concerts and retreat beating displays throughout the West Riding area. The KAPE tour from our point of view was a resounding success and we wish to state here that during our last three days of the tour, we were accommodated at Leeds University. It was the first class service provided by the university staff that enabled us to come and go at such awkward hours without any problems. To them we offer our sincere thanks.

On September 19, we visited Leeds for a massed bands display which formed part of the Leeds Centenary Day celebrations. This floodlit display took place at Roundhey Park at 2000 hrs. and was most effective. On the 20th, the Band travelled to Nottingham at the request of the HQ East Midland District and there, joined by the Staff Band of the Grenadier Guards, provided a combined bands marching display. After attending a dinner night at the Merchant Adventurers Hall, York, on September 21, we decided that a spot of leave was required until October 6.

On our return from leave, we got straight back into the routine by performing four engagements over the weekend. Apart from all this, it has been a relatively quiet time for us.

We offer our congratulations to the following Band personnel who, during the summer, entered into wedlock: L/Cpl. Bannister, Bds. Clough, Williams and Fawcett.

Congratulations are extended also to Cpl. and Mrs. McArthur, who only recently have produced a baby son.

It is always a sad occasion when we have to say



**DURING THE  
KAPE TOUR**

**The Band and Drums  
marching through Halifax**

farewell to old members of the Band, and during the past few months, we have lost a few. WO1 BM M. Alexander, as all service members of the Regiment will know, had only been with the Band for two-and-a-half years, but in that time had achieved so much by sheer effort alone on his part. Mr. Alexander has now taken a post in Cumberland as a civilian teacher, and we wish him and his wife, Sheila, every success for the future. Cpl. Mann and L/Cpl. Rochelle, have also recently left the Band and will also be missed in time to come. We hope that they will have a prosperous future. L/Cpl. Rochelle did leave us a self-portrait, in the form of an oil painting, by which we can remember him. It now hangs in our Social Club.

We welcome to the Band the following new members: WO1 BM A. Clarke and his wife, who recently arrived from Kneller Hall, Bds. Fereday, Shaw, Ralph and Keenan who recently arrived from King's Division Depot. We hope that their stay will be a pleasant one.

### CORPS OF DRUMS

On our arrival back in Catterick from Northern Ireland we went straight on leave. This was to enable us to train up for the KAPE tour, which we managed to do although we only had two weeks to do it in.

The tour itself went well and most of us enjoyed playing our way around Yorkshire (even if it was only for the free beer we got after each parade). We thank all those who organised beer and refreshments for us, it made it all the more enjoyable.

When we finished the KAPE tour we went on a massed bands display at Leeds along with the 2 RRFs band, the 3 RRFs corps of drums and the QDGs band, under the able supervision of the senior drum major in the British Army, Drum Major Piper. We had to put our thinking caps on for this parade; one of the many things Drum Major Piper told us was "You know, of course, that we are a more senior regiment of foot than you". Well, obviously, we had to go along with them, which wasn't easy as all their side drummers played different marches to us, so we had to learn their parts. Again on the day the performance went as planned.

We are now back in Catterick and settling down to soldiering again.

We have had three lads join us from within the Battalion: Pte. Sutton from "B" Company, and Ptes. Savery and Fawcett from "C" Company. And Pte. Smith 22 has left us—for greener pastures?

### SAVINGS SCHEMES

The Army sponsors a "Save While You Serve" scheme, involving regular deposits with a building society of the saver's choice. Information can be got from Royal Army Educational Corps officers advising on resettlement, or from paymasters.

Unit pay staffs will also advise on National Savings and details can also be obtained from area savings officers who will visit units from time to time.

## Correspondence

72 Primrose Hill Court,  
King Henry's Road,  
London NW3

Dear Sir,

With reference to the article on the late CSM Walker in the August 1972 issue of THE IRON DUKE, I found this most interesting simply because I have had the privilege of seeing these two graves personally.

Some people may call it a very morbid hobby, but I find visiting cemeteries a most interesting pastime. As in this case, had I not been interested I should never have been able to tell of this incident.

I was drafted to Palestine after the war in late 1947. I eventually found myself as detachment sergeant Ramleh. Opportunity for getting around at that particular time was minute owing to the situation. Anyway, I did eventually get the chance to follow my hobby, morbid or otherwise, and paid a visit to the Ramleh war cemetery. I spent quite a while in the grounds and, though I say it myself, I was taking a chance. In my wanderings around I came across a dividing wall, presumably separating the old part from the then new. I glanced over the top of the wall and the two stones, namely CSM Walker's and CQMS Dunn's, stood out. Still wanting a closer look, I hopped over the wall. The two stones were in excellent condition and discernible. If I remember rightly they were pretty tall stones. I took a snapshot of them both but, more's the pity, I lost both in my travels, negatives as well.

Anyway, as soon as I saw this account it brought it all back to me. I found it most interesting, particularly, of course, as I was in the Regiment.

I wonder if anyone else has seen them after all these years.

Yours faithfully,  
A. SYKES.

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Army Careers Information Office,  
The Drill Hall,  
St. Paul's Street,  
Huddersfield HD1 3DR.

Dear Sir,

From time to time since 1943 I have been asked if I had any news of two very popular ex-2nd Battalion members, namely Bob and Jim Ballard. I was delighted to meet them both at the Halifax Reunion this year and can now say that they are both alive and kicking though Jim has had some trouble with his health. Despite this, he certainly does not show any signs of it now and I am glad to say they both retain their well-known good looks. Bob has an upholstery business in London and he would be very pleased to hear from any of the "Old Immortals" who knew him. His address is, 86 Weydown Close, London SW19. Both thoroughly enjoyed meeting us all again and expressed their intention of being at the next London reunion.

W. NORMAN, CSM



# *Conway Williams*

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**1st BATTALION, THE YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS GUARD OF HONOUR**  
**Her Majesty The Queen inspects the Guard of Honour at York Station**

## **'C' Company (DWR) 1st Battalion** **Yorkshire Volunteers**

Camp is now behind us. The lucky section who went to Cyprus are swapping "war stories" with Support Platoon who went to BAOR; the rest of us are extremely grateful that we enjoyed good weather at Otterburn. There the Company's task for those not students of the various cadres was running the Recruits' Cadre. Thus the various members of the Company not only went to a variety of different places, but took part in a variety of different activities.

The Saturday prior to our going to Otterburn the Company Dinner was held. It was a quiet affair compared with last year's when we were celebrating the presentation of our Colours, but none the less enjoyable. The only official guests were the CO and Mrs. Norton, plus the PSIs and permanent civilian staff.

It was on this occasion that the Company pre-

sented WO2 Walter Morris with a fishing rod to add to his collection and to help him while away the leisure hours of his retirement to Scarborough.

Before he could enjoy his "Demob" leave, however, he had one last military and TAVR duty to perform. At Otterburn he was A/RSM, a title and function he somehow managed to share with Volunteer WO2 Parker of "E" Company, whose last camp it was. We are sorry to say farewell to Walter Morris, who made his presence felt during his stay with us, was of great value to us, and was well liked by all ranks. To succeed him as PSI, SM Holliday has risen up a step, on which we sincerely congratulate him.

S/Sgt. Reddy has joined us as CQMS/PSI, and have pleasure in welcoming him.

In addition to these permanent staff changes there have been changes in the officer plot. The 2IC,

Capt. Peter Mortimer, left us on October 1 to become OC "D" Company of the 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers at Barnsley. We congratulate him on his appointment, and his promotion to major.

His place as 2IC is taken by Capt. Keith Marsh, until recently RSO, who should find the journey from his native Huddersfield area less time-consuming than to Battalion HQ at York. We are particularly pleased to have him join us, and expect some marvellous signals communications within the Company as a by-product.

Another loss and another gain to report are Capt. Ivan Foster and Lt. Nuttman respectively. Ivan has finally had to concede that his globe-trotting job is not really consistent with all he would hope to be able to do in the TAVR. He has left us since camp in BAOR, where he took our Support Platoon, and acted as Company 2IC of "B" Company. Originally serving in the "Dukes" TA he subsequently served with the Light Infantry in Yorkshire and Shropshire before returning to the fold. He has since been 2IC of this Company for a short period, and finally gave his attention to Support Platoon. Not the sort to boast, he has, in fact I hear, been awarded his Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

Chris Nuttman, our new subaltern, was until recently a member of "A" Company in York, but has just come to work in Huddersfield, and we look forward to seeing him once his transfer fee has been paid.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Philip Burnside who is emigrating to join a brother of his in South Africa. A cheerful character both as anti-tank gunner and barman, we wish him every success out there.

September and October is a time of reorganisation and inspections. There has been the half-yearly crop of promotions. Sgts. Kelly, Kennerdale and Aston (RAMC) have been made substantive sergeants. We congratulate them and the following:

To Corporal (Provisional): Francis, Balliner, Burnside, F. A.

To Lance-Corporal (Substantive): Clay.

To Lance-Corporal (Provisional): Sweeney, Burnside, E. D., Brown, A., Allott, Wright, S., Gibson and Clymo.

Congratulations also to Cpl. Croft and L/Cpl. Brown on passing their HGV.

Having "re-orgd" we commence the cycle of battalion cadres again, but 7 Platoon have so far managed to fit in their own weekend moorland map-reading exercise, which was open to all trained soldiers in the Company. Our signallers along with those from the rest of the Battalion provided communications for the annual "Masters Hike". This was Capt. Marsh's last fling as RSO. Since then we have had on consecutive Tuesdays, October 3 and 10, informal visits from the Deputy Commander (Designate) N.E. District, Brigadier A. N. Breitmeyer, and His Worship, the Mayor of Halifax, Alderman Maurice Jagger, JP. This was followed on the following Saturday, October 14, by the CO's pre-FFR (Fitness for Role) Inspection. Then on October 28, Brigadier Breitmeyer returned for the FFR proper.

In the intervening weekend there was that happy half-yearly diversion for TAVR officers, the Audit Board. How sad that this time we did not need to

report Capt. Foster's absence in "Djakarta".

Somewhere along the line there has been the Company's usual hectic social life as well. The 1 DWR KAPE tour was an excuse, if any be needed, for one outburst. It was great to be able to welcome Major Mundell and his company to our Drill Hall, and we hope to be able to strengthen our ties with our regular brethren of 1 DWR as much and as often as their duties will allow.

#### SERGEANTS MESS

Since the last notes appeared we have said farewell to Walt and May. We did this on July 29 and presented him with a picture, and May with a bouquet of flowers. In return, Walt presented the Mess with a visitors book. How are you Walt? Bowls time coming up! In case someone elsewhere forgets to mention it the Company bade him farewell on August 5 at the Company Dinner, and presented him with a deep sea rod and reel.

The Mess is the nucleus of the darts and doms team in the Friendly League. Here's hoping we can now do better than last season, for we have a good all-round team. This has been strengthened by honorary members and "Dukes", Sgts. Howerd and Sgt. Lowney. At the end of the season we present a plaque to the landlord who shows the most hospitality to our team, and appropriately, last year, it was presented to the Wellington Inn! Who's next? November/December is the annual carpet bowls competition. I wonder who will be champ this time? J. Fee, B. Howell, Sgt. Berry are near favourites, I should think, although yours truly (PMC) fancies himself again! The next notes should ensure the winner identifies himself.

Mess members are holding a steak night in the near future, and further steak nights if this one proves popular. We are after a cassette tape recorder and stereophonic speakers for the Mess, and hope functions will prove a slight profit.

Christmas Draw is coming up and a dinner night in February next year is the only other social function fixed up to press. However, more are on the agenda, like entertaining the Halifax and Huddersfield War Pensioners Disabled and local councillors in December.

In closing, we congratulate Geoff Holliday on his promotion, and welcome Mick Reddy who, I am sure, will enjoy his stay with us. At least, he throws darts for us!

*We regret that we have received no notes from "C" Company (DWR) 3rd Yorkshire Volunteers or from No. 10 Army Youth Team.*

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#### CURRENT WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT

##### 7.62mm Rifle L42

When sniping was introduced recently it was decided to convert the old .303 inch 4T sniping rifle to 7.62mm.

The new weapon has the same bolt action but a longer, heavier barrel. This and special new ammunition produce excellent accuracy up to 800 metres. Sighting has also been improved.

Deployment of this rifle to Regular infantry is complete and it is soon to be issued to the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve.

# The King's Division

The Division continues to contribute its share of units for duty in Northern Ireland. At the time of going to press (July 3, 1972) we have two resident battalions and two battalions on short emergency tours. 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment and 1st Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire have both settled into their new homes at Abercorn Barracks, Ballykinler and Palace Barracks, Holywood, respectively, while 1st Battalion The King's Regiment and 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment are more than half-way through their tours of four months and three months.

In February 1972 the following awards for gallant and distinguished service in Northern Ireland were announced:

OBE: Lt.-Col. C. R. Huxtable, MBE, DWR.

MBE—Capt. Anthony Rowland Redwood-Davies, DWR. WO1 T. B. Latham, Green Howards.

DSO—Lt.-Col. R. Eccles, Green Howards.

MC—Lt. C. L. Burrage, Green Howards.

MM—Cpl. G. Crossland, Green Howards; Cpl. E. W. Fisher, Green Howards.

Mention in Despatches: 2/Lt. K. Best, DWR; Pte. P. B. Donnegan, Green Howards; Cpl. C. Flemming, DWR; Cpl. A. Goddard, DWR; Pte. G. M. Kelly, DWR; L/Cpl. K. Lister, DWR; Sgt. J. O'Brien, Green Howards.

In May 1972, MM—Sgt. M. J. Brook, Green Howards.

On April 29 The Green Howards, who have enjoyed the Freedom of Middlesbrough since 1944 and of Redcar since 1958, had conferred on them by the Tees-side Council the Freedom of the whole of Tees-side, the Tees-side County Borough.

On September 9 next, the Council of Preston are honouring The Queen's Lancashire Regiment by transferring to that regiment their adoption of The Loyal Regiment and the granting of "full ceremonial rights".

Unit moves within the last six months have included:

1st Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire from Cyprus to Northern Ireland.

1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers return to BAOR from UNFICYP, Cyprus.

2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers to Warminster as Demonstration Battalion.

In the next six months 1st Battalion The King's Regiment are due to move to Hong Kong. We were all very pleased to see published on February 15, 1972, the official recognition of the honourable title of "Kingsman" which has been in unofficial use for so long.

Our TAVR Battalions continue to progress from strength to strength and it is encouraging to see the spirit being built up within these units. This is wit-

nessed by the continuing successes scored in both the working and sporting fields.

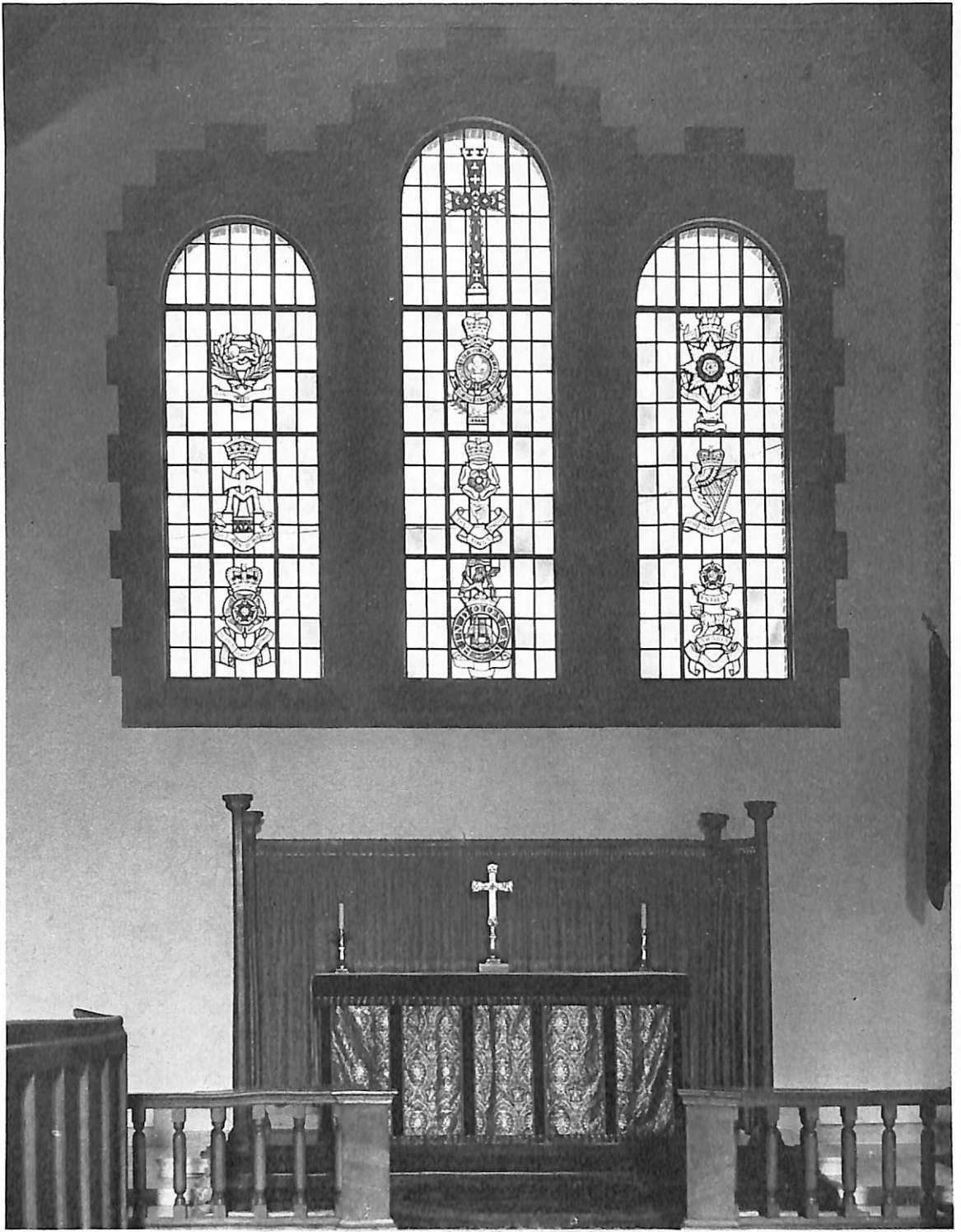
In the period July 1, 1971 to May 31, 1972, since the introduction of the Recruit Selection Centre system of allocation for adult recruits into the Army, we have had a total of 944 recruits allocated to our depots. Of these, 252 (approximately 27 per cent) were "committed" to regiments before they enlisted. This is an encouraging proportion of "committed" men and bears witness to the continuing efforts of our divisional recruiting teams, regimental KAPE tours and recruiters. Adult recruiting continues to run at a high level (at the time of going to press). The introduction of the new "Notice Engagement", the recent 12½ per cent pay increase and the very high increase in soldiers' pension rates have all yet to bear fruit.

We are expecting a very large junior soldier intake in September this year; the last intake before the raising of the school leaving age to 16 years. As all the current junior units are full it is planned to open another junior infantry wing (in addition to those at Oswestry and Preston) so that all suitable applicants can be accepted. This extra wing will be at Shorncliffe but not in the same barracks as the Junior Infantry Battalion.

We have recently re-started the "Satisfied ex-Recruit" scheme for selected recruits who have completed their training at Strensall. These selected recruits (generally two or three per platoon) are attached for an extra week's leave to the Army Careers Information Office nearest to their home before drafting on to their battalions. Their task is to interest their friends and to persuade them to join the satisfied recruit in his Regiment. This has already paid dividends in the form of more "committed" recruits and we would remind regiments of the value of the similar "Satisfied Soldier" scheme in this respect.

The following Regimental KAPE/band tours are to take place this summer:

June 27 to July 27	1 Green Howards Band and Drums in the North Riding.
July 12 to July 25	2 R Irish Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums in Lancashire
July 5 to August 12	1 QLR Band and Drums in Lancashire (staying on for the Freedom Ceremony on September 9).
Sept. 2 to Sept. 13	1 DWR 100-man KAPE in Yorkshire
Sept. 6 to Sept. 20	1 King's Own Border Band and Drums in Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmorland
Oct. 7 to Oct. 20	1 PWO Band and Drums in Yorkshire
Oct. 13 to Oct. 27	1 King's 100-man KAPE in Lancashire.



The badges shown are:  
**King's Own Royal  
 Border Regiment**

**Green Howards  
 Queen's Lancashire  
 Regiment**

**THE NEW EAST WINDOW**

**King's Regiment**

**King's Division  
 Duke of Wellington's  
 Regiment**

**Prince of Wales's  
 Own Regiment of  
 Yorkshire  
 Royal Irish Rangers  
 York and Lancaster  
 Regiment**

# Dedication of The King's Division Window

The Bishop of Selby, the Right Reverend Morris Maddocks, dedicated a stained glass window given by the regiments of the King's Division at St. Wilfrid's Garrison Church, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, on Thursday, May 4, at 6.30 p.m. the evening of the Divisional Meeting. He was assisted by the Reverend P. B. Denton, Chaplain to the King's Division Depot; the Reverend Father T. Burke and Reverend R. Atkinson, who are the Roman Catholic and Methodist officiating chaplains to the Depot, and the Reverend D. Porter, vicar of Strensall Parish were in attendance. The window's artist was Mr. Harry Harvey, of Barton Hill, near Malton, Yorkshire.

By tradition many of the formations and regiments stationed at Strensall over the years have given regimental badges in stained glass to the Garrison Church. The last gift, prior to this window, was on June 10, 1962, when the four Yorkshire regiments gave an east window in recognition of the establishment of The Yorkshire Brigade at Strensall. In 1968 The Yorkshire Brigade was superseded by the larger grouping of individual Lancastrian, Yorkshire and Irish regiments of The King's Division and, today, Strensall is the depot of the six English regiments of The King's Division. The new window incorporates the badges given to the church in 1962 by The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, The Green Howards, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and The York and Lancaster Regiment. The badges now added have been given by The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, The King's Regiment, The Royal Irish Rangers and The Queen's Lancashire Regiment. Central to the whole window is the Divisional

Badge given by the Depot which symbolises the different origins of the regiments in the Division. It comprises a red rose, a white rose and a harp, the whole surmounted by a crown.

Mr. Harvey, the window's artist, prepared the original window in 1962 and has made the new badges from drawings submitted and approved by the regiments and the headquarters of the Division.

Amongst those attending the service were:

The Bishop of Selby, The Right Reverend Morris Maddocks, and Mrs. Maddocks, Lt.-General Sir Cecil H. Blacker, KCB, OBE, MC, Vice-Chief of the Central Staff and lately General Officer Commanding in Chief Northern Command, and Lady Blacker, Major-General J. H. S. Majury, MBE, Colonel Commandant The King's Division, and Mrs. Majury, General Sir Robert Bray, CBE, KCB, DSO, Colonel The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Major-General C. W. Dunbar, CBE, Director of Infantry, and Mrs. Dunbar, Major-General J. M. D. Ward-Harrison, OBE, MC, Chief of Staff Northern Command and Mrs. Ward-Harrison, Major-General R. M. Somerville, OBE, GOC Yorkshire District, and Mrs. Somerville, Major-General D. S. Gordon, CB, CBE, DSO, JP, Colonel The Green Howards, Major-General The Hon. Sir Michael Fitzalan-Howard, KCVO, CB, CBE, MC, Colonel The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, Major-General M. C. K. Halford, DSO, OBE, Colonel The York and Lancaster Regiment, and Mrs. Halford, Brigadier A. E. Holt, ADC, Colonel The King's Regiment, Brigadier W. S. G. Armour, MBE, Colonel The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, Brigadier T. R. Birkett, OBE, Divisional Brigadier, and Mrs. Birkett.

## The King's Division Depot

The major "Dukes" event of this quarter was the arrival on October 2 of WO1 Welsh who relieved WO1 Helm, MM, as Regimental Sergeant-Major. RSM Welsh has made his presence felt already, especially at 0725 hrs. each Wednesday when the Depot staff may be seen on the square. We hope he and Mrs. Welsh will have a happy and satisfying tour at the Depot.

The intake of recruits continues to be satisfactory, although a considerable number are lost along the way. We have firm plans to increase the number of platoons in training from six to eight, and to have them forming up every two weeks instead of every three weeks. The quality of training NCOs sent to the Depot from the 1st Battalion remains high, for which we are grateful. Our most recent arrivals are Cpls. Nellist and Russell; the former is with X (Trg) Company at Strensall, and the latter with W

(Trg) Company at Ripon. Sgt. Blood leaves us at the beginning of 1973, and we wish him the best of luck with his exams and for the future.

"Y" (Junior Soldiers) Company is still completely up to strength, and there are a large number of juniors waiting for any vacancies which arise. L/Cpl. Gallagher of the Drums Platoon is to be married here on October 28, and we send our congratulations to him and his wife to be. Lt. Newall and Cpl. Haig are our only other two representatives in the Company, though Lt. Newall is due to go to "X" Company in the near future, and Cpl. Haig leaves us in early '73. He is to be replaced by Cpl. MacArthur. WO2 Cooper arrives in December of this year to be the new Band Sergeant.

We were delighted to see Capt. Tighe here, and to listen to his war stories of Uganda, where he was serving with the British training team before its

expulsion from the country. The voice of Major Marsay has also been heard on the phone, piteously asking if anyone has seen his MFO. Those who knew Lt. Sharpe, now a dashing Guards officer, will not be surprised to hear that he rang us up one day to ask if we could provide him with a travel warrant for his wife. From where to where? Hong Kong to England. Good try, Guvnor!

L/Cpl. Heslop has managed to extend his tour at the Depot, and so will continue to be the prop of the Corporals Mess bar for some time to come. L/Cpl. Broadbent is to leave us soon, and he is to be congratulated on an extremely successful tour at the Depot. He has represented us in cricket, hockey and basketball, and Mrs. Broadbent was the mainstay of the Wives' Club, as a committee member and bingo caller. Hockey goalkeepers will be especially

welcome on our staff.

In October we had the pleasure of seeing Cpls. Butterworth, Hall and Wragg at the Depot. They were attending pre-course training for the Junior NCO's Skill-at-Arms Course at Warminster. Some 25 NCOs were in competition with each other for only 16 vacancies on the Warminster Course. Corporals Butterworth and Hall qualified with flying colours and Cpl. Wragg only narrowly missed a course vacancy.

On October 30 we are being visited by an Inspectorate of Establishments team. We have been madly producing justification for staff increases and hope that many of our problems will disappear with their arrival. The Director of Army Training, Major-General Pain, is to visit on December 8 to look at all aspects of our training.

## The Army Cadet Force Huddersfield Area (DWR)

### Annual Camp 72

Once again camp is behind us for another year and this year's was probably the most rewarding in many ways due to the fact that it was very much a self-help camp. Whereas in the past everything has been prepared in advance for us to march in and enjoy our stay we had this year to go it alone, as it were. Fortunately for us we were given the unselfish help of 1 DWR, 10 AYT, and 3 Yorks, all of whom we thank very much indeed for the great effort they produced on our behalf.

1 DWR we thank for cooks and water trailer; 10 AYT we thank for their very presence and support within the area training, and 3 Yorks we thank for the following: cooks, transport, drivers, vehicles, fitter and MT Sergeant.

### Arrivals and departures

In the last issue of THE IRON DUKE I reported the arrival of 2/Lt. Peter Mitchell; it is now my pleasure to inform you of his marriage. Congratulations Peter, and welcome Marie.

On Saturday, September 30, a small party was held in the Drill Hall, Huddersfield, primarily as a get-together but also to bid farewell to RSM P. J. Ashton. Mr. Ashton has served the Cadet Force for 25 years and in that time has dealt with thousands of young cadets, many of whom are now married with their own young families and, indeed, some who are still serving in the ACF as officers and instructors.

His devotion and loyalty to the boys and the service may never be questioned and the thanks due to him can never be adequately expressed in mere words.

The area officers, WOs and sergeants subscribed towards a delightful silver tankard which was suitably inscribed and was presented by Major Howarth. In return, Mr. Ashton presented to each detachment a trophy which is to be competed for annually.

### Recruiting and open evening

On Thursday, October 12, Huddersfield Detachment held an open night and recruiting evening which, we are very pleased to report, was a huge success. Over 50 parents and twice that number of young boys visited the static displays in the Drill Hall which included pellet range, film show, radios, weapon display and a layout of lightweight camping equipment, not to forget a display by the Corps of Drums.

Already both the Army Cadet Force and the Girls' Venture Corps have benefited in recruits from this one evening.

### Greetings

To close my notes may I take this opportunity to wish all the readers of THE IRON DUKE, A very Merry Christmas and a happy and lucky New Year from all ranks of the Army Cadet Force.

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### RECORD JUNIOR INTAKE

A record 5,700 boys joined the Army in the September intake of juniors, nearly 800 more than the previous best figure at the same time last year.

The total for the three intakes for the year (September is always the largest) is 10,547. Of the September entry, 2,668 chose the infantry.

The dramatic rise in the intake of infantry junior soldiers has led to the expansion of the training organization to make sure that suitable youngsters are not turned away.

Extra staff for the expansion was drawn from the hard-pressed battalions and, although it put a strain on them, it was agreed that the infantry had to do everything possible to recruit and train youngsters who play an increasing part in keeping the infantry up to strength.

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## BIRTHS

### Bray

On August 10, 1972, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, to Anne, née Valentier, and Michael Bray, a son, Rupert.

### Campbell-Lamerton

On June 14, 1972, to Annie, née Dwane, and Robert Campbell-Lamerton, a daughter, Charlotte Aimie.

### Gardner

On September 6, 1972, at the Military Hospital, Catterick, to Pauline, née Miller, and Peter Gardner, son, Simon Nicholas.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Cartwright—Stephenson

The engagement is announced between Robert Guy Cartwright, Grenadier Guards, son of Major and Mrs. R. V. Cartwright, of Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, and Caroline Chesney, daughter of Mr. G. L. Stephenson, OBE, and Mrs. Stephenson of Great Chesterford, Saffron Walden, Essex.

### Roberts—George

The engagement is announced between Capt. Alistair Roberts, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, son of Major and Mrs. D. C. Roberts of The Hollies, Huttons Ambo, York, and Carolyn, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham George of Pembroke Dock, Pembrokeshire.

### Webb-Carter—Wigram

The engagement is announced between Capt. Evelyn John Webb-Carter, Grenadier Guards, younger son of Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, DSO, OBE, and Mrs. Webb-Carter of Ashton Cottage, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, and Anne Celia, younger daughter of Lt.-Col. Lord Wigram, MC, and Lady Wigram of Poulton Fields, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

## MARRIAGES

### Fenwick—Sugden

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 16, 1972, at the Church of The Holy Evangelist, Shipton-by-Beningbrough, York, between Robert Fenwick, son of Mrs. Fenwick of Crowborough, Sussex, and the late Mr. Fenwick, and Victoria Christine, younger twin daughter of Major and Mrs. R. E. Sugden of South Court, Shipton-by-Beningbrough, York.

### Moran—Baldi

The marriage took place on Thursday, October 5, 1972, at the Church Basilica Di San Giovanni, Rome, between Malcolm John de la Hogue Moran, younger son of Col. and Mrs. Robert de la Hogue Moran of The Shireburn, Effingham, Surrey, and

Carla Franchesco Baldi, daughter of Il Dott. Pier Francesco Baldi and Donna Franca Francesco Baldi of Viale Liegi, 48/B, Roma.

### Sinclair—Morris

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 9, 1972, at the Church of St. John The Baptist, Royston, Hertfordshire, between Timothy Collier Sinclair, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Sinclair of 25 Birch Close, New Barn, Longfield, Kent, and Louise Mary Morris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morris of Burloes, Royston, Hertfordshire.

### Thorn—Haskell

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 12, 1972, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, between John Michael Thorn, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thorn of Greenways, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk, and Jill Patricia Deirdre Haskell eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Haskell of 9 St. Edmund's Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

The Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Bray encountered some delay in moving into their new home. They are now, however, installed at: The Farm House, Sherrington, near Warminster, Wilts. (Tel: Codford St. Mary 304).

Major-General Kenneth Exham has sold his home, Brynglas Hall. He and his wife will be staying with various friends until they settle down in a guest house somewhere for the winter, which will be their base for house-hunting. In the meantime, any correspondence for them should be addressed c/o The Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JN.

At the beginning of November, Donald and Sheila Isles and family left for Washington, DC, where he has taken up the brigadier's appointment at the British Embassy known under the title "Director of Munitions" and Assistant Defence Attaché. It is a three-year appointment. We send Donald our best wishes for a successful tour and we hope that they all enjoy their stay over there.

We have heard that Lt.-Col. Mike Hardy has been selected to fill the appointment of Deputy Commander 8 Infantry Brigade as a full colonel in May next year. This brigade is in Ulster so it is an appointment of particular interest and responsibility. We pass on to him our congratulations and very best wishes.

Major Dick Glazebrook, PWO, has just done 20 months with 1 DWR as second-in-command, which included the two tours in Ulster. He is now DAA and QMG (Ops/Plans) at HQ BAOR and we are



sure that we voice the feelings of all those who came into contact with him when we wish him success and good fortune and thank him for the magnificent work he put in while with the Regiment.

We mentioned in the last edition that Capt. Bob Tighe had been seconded to the British Army Training Team, Uganda, for two years. Recent events in Uganda have led to his return to this country, but not for long. He has applied for secondment to the Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces and, after Arabic language training, he leaves next February.

Capt. Walter Robins, who has been QM of 1 DWR since January 1965, left the Battalion in November. His father, who had served in both battalions but mainly in the 1st, put him into the Regiment and from February 1948 till last month all his service, apart from the periods he spent as an instructor at the RMA Sandhurst from 1949-51 and as RSM of the West Riding Battalion DWR from 1961-62, has been with 1 DWR. We understand that as QM he was outstanding and well able to cope with the variety of moves made by the battalion either for change of station, emergency tour or exercise: Cyprus, Norway, Denmark, UK (Gillingham), Hong Kong, UK (Catterick), Northern Ireland twice and the Caribbean. He will be sadly missed and we wish him continuing success in his new appointment, GSO 3 HQ 44 Para Bde (V).

Major Douglas Jones-Stamp, now living at Craigcleugh, Langholm, Dumfriesshire, was unable to attend the Regimental Dinner this year as he had to take his family shortly afterwards to London where his daughters, Charlotte and Caroline, "were to take up the Freedom of the City and the Skinners' Company". His letter continues "I am also recovering from organising a Beagling Festival up here with three packs from the south. I have had the house full of young and a pack of hounds at Craigcleugh. Hunting with two packs every day and parties every night, I am still exhausted. You may have read of it in *The Field*. You also probably saw that this year I judged the basset hounds at Peterborough together with the President of the American Master of Basset Hounds Association."

Brian Faithfull, son of Lt.-Col. "Bull" Faithfull and brother of Jim, who served as a National Service Officer in the Regiment in the mid-60s, wrote in July: "After an interesting ten years I am now in partnership running a Shell service station and caravan park and have three trucks which run inter-state. We live near Melbourne.

"Since I left *The Duke's* in 1958 I have been in Ceylon where I was an assistant manager on a tea plantation. I was there for five years and during this time I represented the Ceylon rugby team in the All India Tournament in 1962.

"In 1964 I was transferred to South India, Ootacamund, where I was manager of a tea estate and came in regular contact with officers from the Staff College at Coonoor. In particular I met two officers, one of whom I understand exchanged

places with John Greenway. The two officers' names were Lt.-Col. J. Y. Assasie, Parachute Battalion, Ghana, and Major David G. B. Ndahura of the Uganda Army. We entertained them one Sunday on the tea estate.

"While in India I also played rugby for South India in the 1964 and 1965 All India Rugby Tournaments.

"During my leave from Ceylon in 1962 I married Anne, who lived in Belfast, and our first son, Kim, was born in Ceylon in 1963. Ross was born in India in 1965, and our daughter, Lizanne, was born in Australia in 1971.

"In 1967 we made a big decision, gave up tea planting and came to Australia. We started in Perth where I joined the Shell Co. and in 1970 we moved to Victoria where I am now living.

"Since we have been in Melbourne we have met up with Lt.-Col. and Mrs. John Coulter. Last month we were present at a party given by their daughter, Pam, to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

"We just missed Mickey Bray when we came over here but have read with interest his comments about his time in Australia. Lt.-Col. Coulter has very kindly lent me his copies of *THE IRON DUKE* and I have much enjoyed reading about my fellow officers and their doings."

Col. Bob Wathen writes:

"During our recent visit to our daughter, who had just moved to Melbourne, we got in touch with John Coulter, his wife and daughters. They were all well and sent messages of good will to their many friends in the Regiment.

"On our way home we called at Cape Town and in fact, spent the night with Mrs. Joan White. Subalterns at Gosport will probably remember her as Joan Low. Her father was DADH at Portsmouth and a well-known local tennis player. Joan was seen at most of the ships' and regimental dances. She was, unfortunately, widowed when she lost her Indian Army husband in the Burma Campaign. She now has three charming married daughters and numerous grandchildren, all of whom live nearby.

"Also in Cape Town we met Jeff Reynolds and his wife. Owing to a breakdown in communications, our meeting lasted for about 10 minutes only, just before the ship sailed.

"Regretfully, we were unable to contact Maurice Davie."

We heard from Major Sam Robertson earlier in the year but too late for the August issue. On the subject of shooting he wrote: "I am definitely captain of the Army VIII on Rifle and SMG against the other Services and Dominion teams. I am nominated once again to captain the British Services shooting team to Canada in 1973 but, of course, it is not yet off the ground and, as I have also been asked to captain the "Nishan" team in Turkey in 1973, I am not sure whether I am going East or West at the moment."

Major Cyril Kenchington, who is a conservative councillor for the Lindley ward of the Huddersfield County Borough, had to contest this ward again

last May. He won it with a doubled majority, the second largest in the West Riding, which speaks for itself. Unfortunately, the hard work involved, which naturally was over and above his normal work, resulted in an illness from which, we are glad to say, he has recently recovered.

We are sorry to report that Major John Driver, who is Honorary Solicitor to the Regiment, suffered a coronary attack a few weeks ago and, at the time of writing, is in the Oldham and District General Hospital. All will wish him a full and quick recovery.

Major Joe Hall has left Cyprus after his one-year unaccompanied tour as QM (Messing Officer) HQ UNFICYP. He is back in BAOR and is the Sports and Estates Officer at HQ Rheindahlen Garrison.

2/Lt. Tim Sinclair is now at Durham University (St. Cuthbert's). He is reading geography and anthropology and will be away for three years.

Major Charles Cumberlege moved to the Royal Military College of Science in October. He goes on to the Staff College, Camberley, in January 1973.

Major Danny Marsay, who has been serving with the Malawi Rifles since February 1970, is now back in this country and is the Administrative Officer, 23 SAS (V).

Major Michael Bray has left Shorncliffe, where he was BM 2 Infantry Bde. He has spent the last three months at Warminster doing a company commanders' course and rejoined 1 DWR in December. He will replace Major Dick Mundell who goes as GSO 2 (instructor) to the Junior Division Staff College, School of Infantry, Warminster, in mid-January 1973.

Capt. Toby Hirst has finished his training and was transferred to the ACC on 11 July 1972. His first appointment in his new corps is as Specialist Catering Officer COD Bicester. We wish him a successful future.

CSM Bill Norman, ACIO Huddersfield, was in the USA last August. He has written an account of his visit, which appears elsewhere in this edition.

A couple of months ago CQMS R. S. Stewart, who is serving with 5 Bde HQ and Sig Sqn, sent us a letter he had received from Mr. J. W. Summers and the following is an extract from it: "Many thanks for your letter and THE IRON DUKE. It was indeed a pleasure to meet someone from the 33rd. There are a few names in the magazine that take me back. I remember very well Lts. C. K. T. Faithfull and W. F. (Horsey) Brown, the Irish International rugby player who died at the early age of 26, Capt. Rushbridger, Capt. M. N. Cox and Major Hetley. They all bring back memories.

"I served in the 1st Battalion from 1922 to 29 and was in Gib, then Turkey till the end of 1923. I came home with the details and went to Gosport.

I was in the Officers Mess as steward from November 1923 till June 1929 so I had close contact with all officers and their wives. I waited at table for Col. F. H. B. Wellesley whenever he had guests and still have the reference he gave me which enabled me to get work when I was demobbed. I remember, too, ORQMS Sam Ambler. He was in the Orderly Room at Gosport."

For the benefit of any who might wish to get in contact with Mr. Summers, his address is 13 King George Road, Andover, Hants.

Capt. Ian McGlynn retired on September 5, 1972. He has gone to live at The Gables, 11 Crifftin Road, Burton Joyce, Nottingham, and we wish him good luck and success in civilian life.

Col. Wathen writes that 2nd Battalion officers of 1939-42 vintage may be interested to know that Col. and Mrs. Wathen recently had staying with them Audrey and David Roche.

Audrey, who is a second cousin of Col. Wathen, was the sister of the late Capt. Donald Coningham. Donald joined the 1st Battalion at Bordon from Cambridge University in 1939 and was posted almost immediately to the 2nd Battalion. He was killed commanding No. 1 Company during the withdrawal from the Sitang river.

David Roche was a nephew of the late Lt.-Col. Steuart Kington and was at Sydney Sussex College with Donald. He was a ULIA officer attached to 2 DWR, 1939-40 (Jack Dalrymple being his company commander). On completion of his attachment he was posted to a battalion of the Jats and subsequently transferred to the Indian Airborne Division.

He is now a solicitor in Nairobi. Another connection with the Regiment, apart from Stonyhurst friends (e.g. the Morans) is that he is a long-standing friend of Peter Faulks (1 DWR: 1940-45.)

We had a letter in August from Brigadier Tony Firth from Gibraltar where he and his family are enjoying life. He mentions that the Royal Pioneer Corps are helping to build a new section of road to bypass Europa Point and that the officer in command of the detachment has turned out to be one Wolstenholme who was in the sniper section of 1 DWR in Korea and was detailed off as Col. Ramsay Bunbury's bodyguard/escort.

Brigadier Firth was unable to get home for the Regimental dinner owing to a full programme of the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club of which he is the Commodore. He suggests that The Duke's ought to enter next year for "The Rock Race", an ocean race from the Solent to Gibraltar for big yachts: "The Colonel of the Regiment can skipper it. Jim Shenton on the foredeck, with Michael Bray, Charles Huxtable, Hugh Le Messurier, John Streatfield, John Greenway (I would say Peter Hoppe but he is apt to get seasick, like David Gilbert Smith) and there must be younger officers who would be quite good, even without the benefit of early training by Firth!"

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## Change of Editor

This issue of THE IRON DUKE is the last which will be published under the editorship of Col. Bobby Turner who is now resigning.

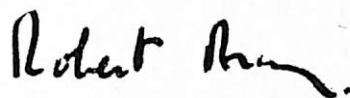
For more than 13 years he has done the job splendidly and during this period the standard of the regimental journal has been maintained at a consistently high level. An editor's task is not an easy one. He has to chase those of us who, for reasons of pressure of work, lack of imagination, or illness, fail to get our contribution in by the due date. He has to keep a balance in the contents to meet the wishes of a very varied range of subscribers and, at the same time, provide a permanent record of what the Regiment is doing. Somehow, in spite of difficulties, he has always managed to get the copy, in good order, to the printers in time.

As the son of a former Colonel he knew the Regiment well and was devoted to it. This, together with his natural abilities, perhaps explains why he has done the job so well.

We all owe him a great debt of gratitude for the efficient and painstaking way he has performed his work with never a word of complaint. On behalf of all who read THE IRON DUKE I thank him.

His successor is Lt.-Col. Hugh Le Messurier who is another with long connections with the Regiment. I wish him all success and a happy and successful editorship.

From henceforth contributions should be sent to him at Thornton Grange, Thornton Steward, Ripon HG4 4BQ, Yorkshire.



Colonel, The Duke of Wellington's  
Regiment

## Envoi

When I became editor in 1959 I wrote editorials with gusto. Over the years I have done so less and less frequently, not so much from laziness as because of the necessity to keep costs down by limiting the size of the journal. Less and less often have I felt that an editorial was more essential than something it would necessarily displace if included.

Now, however, one seems required if only to thank the Colonel of the Regiment for his kind words above and also, as with General Kenneth Exham before him, for unfailing support. Others deserve my thanks for easing my path: I could not, I need hardly say, have done the job without the help of the staff of RHQ; I owe much to Mr. Thomas of Combined Service Publications and Mr. Pelling of F. J. Parsons Ltd., our printers. Then there are the unit sub-editors, particularly those of the 1st Battalion, too numerous to name, who have got the Battalion notes in, sometimes even on time, from distant stations and in difficult conditions. I know this is a tiresome and unrewarding chore.

Then there are individual contributors. In my first editorial I wrote: "We want more people to send in accounts of their experiences". The response was not remarkable—particularly to the request for personal tales of the second world war and of Korea. Gradually, however, and particularly in recent years, more unsolicited contributions have reached me. This has been gratifying but unexpectedly embarrassing because, again, the need to limit the size of the journal came into play. I shall be handing over to my successor a number of varied



Colonel R. G. Turner  
Editor, 1959—1972

contributions which I have not published only because there has been no room for them. This, I know, must be disappointing for their authors. It is, however, nice for an editor to have a reserve of articles so more will, I assure you, be welcome even if not used immediately. They will have more chance of early publication if short.

In that first editorial I also wrote: The magazine must be largely what you, the readers, make it. You are our reporters while without your comments and suggestions we can't tell what you like or hate or, in fact, if anyone reads the damn thing, anyway". This is still very true and it must be said that I have sometimes found it a bit disheartening when I have sent out an issue, perhaps containing some innovation, and received no comment on it,

either good or bad, Has anyone, in fact, read the damn thing?

So I know it will be a great help to my successor if more of you will spare the time to write in to him to say if you found something interesting or something else a waste of time.

Now I wish Colonel Hugh Le Messurier good luck and happy editing. I am sure he will find, like me, that the moments of irritation at a late, badly spelt and careless contribution are more than balanced by the pleasure of being kept in touch with all parts of the Regiment long after one would otherwise be very much on the shelf, having retired from the Army before the new CO of the 1st Battalion was commissioned and before most of the junior officers and men were born.

R.G.T.

## THE OFFICERS' DINNER CLUB

The Officers' Regimental Dinner Club held its annual dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, September 15. The change from the usual date in May was made so that officers of the 1st Battalion, who were in Ireland at the earlier period, could attend.

The Colonel of the Regiment presided. As guests we had Major-General J. H. S. Majury, MBE, Colonel Commandant of the King's Division, and Brigadier T. R. Birkett, OBE, the Divisional Brigadier. We were also pleased to welcome four aspirants from RMA, Sandhurst: Officer Cadets R. M. L. Colville, A. H. S. Drake, L. P. M. Lyons and P. J. Y. Saville.

This is likely to be the last of our dinners to be held at the Hyde Park Hotel as it has, with regret, been decided that we can no longer afford the hotel's steadily rising charges. Next year's dinner is to be held at the Army and Navy Club, on July 15, 1973.

The luncheon was held, also at the Hyde Park Hotel, earlier in the day. Next year's luncheon is to be held at the National Army Museum, Chelsea.

Those who attended the two functions were:

### THE DINNER

General Sir Robert Bray (Colonel of the Regiment)

Major-General K. G. Exham

*Brigadiers*: P. P. de la H. Moran, B. W. Webb-Carter.

*Colonels*: F. R. Armitage, R. R. St. J. Barkshire, P. G. L. Cousens, J. Davidson, H. Harvey, D. E. Isles, J. C. Moncrieff, R. G. Turner.

*Lieutenant Colonels*: J. H. Dalrymple, E. M. P.

Hardy, R. M. Harms, C. R. Huxtable, A. E. H. Sayers.

*Majors*: R. E. Austin, M. R. N. Bray, R. H. Burton, M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, R. V. Cartwright, W. F. Charlesworth, C. R. Cumberlege, J. H. Davis, J. E. Driver, J. B. K. Greenway, C. F. Grieve, P. B. L. Hoppe, R. H. Ince, C. W. Ivey, J. H. S. Lane, K. M. McDonald, J. S. Milligan, P. A. Mitchell, W. R. Mundell, J. M. Newton, J. E. Pell, D. M. Pugh, I. P. Reid, W. F. C. Robertson, A. C. S. Savory, R. L. Stevens.

*Captains*: P. D. D. J. Andrews, M. P. C. Bray, C. N. St. P. Bunbury, W. Burke, H. de C. Cartwright, C. G. Fitzgerald, G. I. McGlynn, P. J. Mellor, T. J. Nicholson, A. D. M. Palmer, A. R. Redwood-Davies, W. Robins, M. G. L. M. Stacpoole, T. D. Sugden.

*Lieutenants*: S. R. Arnold, D. Battye, K. Best, P. J. Bird, S. F. Bruce-Lowe, J. Dowdell, C. J. W. Gilbert, C. F. Grieve, T. J. Isles, A. D. Meek, J. A. Shenton, M. S. Sherlock, J. M. Thorn, J. R. A. Ward.

### THE LUNCHEON

Col. and Mrs. F. R. Armitage, Mrs. V. Boutflower, General Sir Robert and Lady Bray, Major and Mrs. R. V. Cartwright, Major J. H. Davis, Major and Mrs. J. E. Driver, Major C. F. Grieve, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. R. M. Harms, Lt.-Col. C. R. Huxtable, Major and Mrs. R. H. Ince, Col. and Mrs. D. E. Isles, Mrs. J. V. Kirkland, Major and Mrs. K. M. McDonald, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. O. Price, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. E. H. Sayers, Major and Mrs. A. C. S. Savory, Col. R. G. Turner, Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter.

# A VISIT to the UNITED STATES

By CSM W. NORMAN

Ever since Brigadier Bunbury interested me in the Regimental shooting team, I have had an ambition to travel to the shores of Lake Eire, Ohio, USA, and there to shoot in the National Rifle Association of America High Powered Rifle Championship. A chance for fulfilment came when my friend James H. Cannington, who is one of the National Team of America, offered to assist me with accommodation, equipment, training and anything else that I would care to mention. So, on August 2, 1972, I set off with somewhat cautious hopes and a bug I had picked up in Huddersfield.

The following day found me on a Greyhound bus, making a 900-mile journey from New York to Atlanta, from whence I would get a plane to Columbus, Georgia. My companions were mainly negroes, who had little to say, and a white bus driver, who did, telling me all the points of interest in his stretch of the journey. The temperature was in the top 90s and the humidity the same.

The countryside through the states of Virginia and North and South Carolina was heavily wooded and very pleasant. I thought of the 33rd who had fought in this area and eventually been held in captivity and wondered how they had fared in that awful heat, wearing their heavy scarlets.

The late evening brought me to my friend's home, which was a beautiful bungalow, fitted with air-conditioning and all the "mod cons" for which one would wish. I was soon being pampered and spoilt by all the family. Jim is an ex-infantry soldier of World War II, who was badly wounded in the Philippines and now works as a civil servant at the Army camp at Fort Benning. Like most of the Americans I met in Georgia, he was quiet and modest but a very capable man. He is one of the top shots in America and, besides shooting, he makes the long Kentucky muzzle-loading rifles one sees in pictures of the early settlers. He was also building himself an aeroplane! I was loaned a Winchester 70 target rifle and we hand-loaded the ammunition for extreme accuracy. All I will say about that is that I never knew what a rifle was until I handled that marvellous piece of shooting mechanism.

Two days on McAndrew's range did much to help my performance and brought me in contact with Col. Bill Horan who was also a great shot and a fine gentleman. He, too, was quiet, modest and capable with a wonderfully dry sense of humour. Bill was to take charge of me when I started the serious shooting at Camp Perry, the American Bisley.

I also met some young infantry captains with whom I could have shot for the rest of my life without a wrong word ever passing between us. They had all been in Vietnam and were most annoyed at the exaggerated and bad reports we constantly hear on the mass media about the American Army. They know of no instances of drug-taking and I am on their side.

The most interesting part of my stay in Georgia

was a visit I made to the family farm of about 800 acres of cotton and peanuts, where I was entertained by Jim's brother, Bo, who took me round the fields where deer and wild turkey were in abundance. I actually saw some and, in season, Bo and his son, Charleton, hunt them with one of Jim's Kentucky rifles and a bow and arrow! The family were the quietest people I have ever known. Perhaps being in such a remote area had something to do with it. We had wild turkey for supper that evening.

When I left Georgia for the north I thought how different the Americans I had met were from the popular imagination of our people and, when I mentioned this, Jim said: "This is the real America, Bill".

It is two days' journey by car to Camp Perry and we made the first night's stop at Boaz in Alabama at Ann's (Jim's wife) mother's house, complete with porch, squirrels, and great hospitality. Then we continued through the hill-billy State of Tennessee, the blue grasslands of beautiful Kentucky and the farmlands of Ohio to the National Guard camp of Camp Perry, named after the American captain who won a naval engagement on Lake Erie against the British—the rebellious colonial son of a gun!

Jim had to move on to Ottawa, Canada, to shoot for his country in the National Team and I bade him a reluctant farewell and bunked in a somewhat spartan hut with Col. Bill who, as I said before, is a great guy.

Knowing the standard of the American shots, for I had done this very same shoot with them in Korea, I had no illusions about covering myself with glory. I reckoned that the first visit would be for experience only; then, perhaps, after serious training for about a year, I might hope to approach the class of these superb American riflemen whose style of shooting is different from our own NRA Championships.

Without going into too much detail the practices were as follows:

200yd Slow fire (standing)	20 rounds	(20 minutes)
200yd Rapid fire (sitting)	2 x 10 rds.	(60 secs each string)
300yd rapid fire (prone)	2 x 10 rds.	(70 secs each string)
600yd Slow fire (prone)	20 rds + 2 sighters	(22 minutes)
1,000yd Slow fire (prone)	20 rds + 2 sighters	(32 minutes)

This course was to be fired twice and few points were dropped by the competitors in the top class.

Expecting to see thousands of competitors, I was most surprised to find that they only ran into the hundreds, which was less than our own Bisley, and of these quite a number were from the Services. I missed, too, the social life such as we have in the many clubs at Bisley where, when not shooting, life consists of many parties where you very soon get to know almost everyone in the camp. At Perry there

were no individual clubs and, for anything in the food and drink line, you had to go to Port Clinton once the Mess Hall, where everyone fed, was closed. Thus you lost touch with the shooters. However, the shooting, billeting and messing organisation was first class and was run by volunteers for whom I had the greatest admiration. They were NRA members who were not shooting but volunteered to do all the administration. They were very efficient and very pleasant to all, as long as you did not knowingly break the rules, which nobody seemed to do.

After a week the shooting was drawing to a close and the time for me to move on to Ottawa, Canada to see the Palma match was due. This is an international match shot at 800, 900 and 1,000yd, usually between Great Britain, Canada and the USA, the location alternating between these countries. It was to be Canada's turn at the Connaught Ranges but I had a problem. I could not get to Cleveland Airport in time to get the flight. I mentioned this to one of the good old volunteers and I was almost swept into the HQ to see a Mr. Warye who impressed me deeply with his efficiency and resulted in one US Army staff car with a sergeant chauffeur and a "die if you don't do order" to ensure I caught that plane. This was only one of many similar incidents.

The Connaught Ranges were much more like those to which I am accustomed. I soon met shooting friends from the British team and was pleased to hear that they had all but swept the board in the Canadian NRA meeting but I was most surprised to find that we had not got a team in the Palma Match. I am now amazed. The Canadians won and this I put down to the fact that the Americans were not as able to cope with the light 144 grain bullet which did not "buck the wind" like their 190/200 grain heavier one. Jim and Ann were there, of course, and I felt very sorry that I could not go back to Georgia with them as I would have had no time to spend with my Canadian friends and I had now all but reached the point of exhaustion, helped on by the return of the Huddersfield bug. So I took things easy, ambling around the very lovely city of Ottawa and making a wonderful trip to Montreal.

All RSM's look sideways at me when the square and the drilling thereon is mentioned, for I was ever a "follow the guns" soldier. I do not normally criticise drill, except when I had the odd row with dear Old Harry Randall, and I never volunteered for a drill course, as the sight of all those rifles having polish put on them that was intended to polish boots and slapped about would have made me ill, but, despite all this, I could not miss the guard mounting of "The Governor General's Guards of Canada". This was great but something was not quite the same as Buckingham Palace and the Coldstream and, when I discovered the unit was not a regular battalion, I realised why. Taking that into account, they really were magnificent and not "professional". With the guard mounting over, it was time for my RTU which went smoothly apart from one incident. I had obtained 500 bullets of the finest make and 200 x 7.62 cases which were to be used for the "handloading" of my own ammunition.

At the airport the metal detector went berserk, so did all the airport staff at Montreal, but all was smoothed over when the pilot himself came and the "artillery", as they termed it, was permitted aboard in the pilot's cabin. The final stage of my American shoot will end on the Brockoles (Huddersfield) rifle range with some careful bench-rested hand-loaded shooting.

I now look forward to Jim and Bill coming to shoot at Bisley when I can repay them for all the kindness they heaped upon me. Included in their programme, of course, must be a visit to The Duke's.

### Fort Gibbs

In a recent IRON DUKE we included the information received from Col. Harvey that this fort, built during the Matabele rebellion, was named after Capt. J. A. C. Gibbs, who later commanded the 2nd Battalion and took it to France in 1914. Col. Harvey, who has again been visiting his son in Rhodesia, made further enquiries about the fort and received a letter from Mr. J. D. McCarthy of the National Archives of Rhodesia, of which the following are extracts:

"Gibbs was responsible for the reorganisation of the Gwelo laager and for the construction of Fort Gibbs and Fort Shangani. Nothing remains of the laager, though it would be possible to say where in present-day Gwelo it was situated. Fort Shangani was erected on the Bulawayo-Gwelo road and was of the standard circular earthwork type; I have been unable to find any information on its ruins.

"Fort Gibbs, on the other hand, was made of stone and is very much in existence. Some research on this fort was done 20 years ago and there are some good photographs and diagrams.

"On May 20, 1896, Gibbs left Gwelo with a force of 66 troops and 120 others to prepare a fort controlling the Charter Salisbury road. He chose the site for the future Fort Gibbs two days later at Makalaka Kop, a low but commanding kopje where, three weeks before, the Salisbury Column on its way to Bulawayo had skirmished with a Matabele force, and which dominated the rebel grain lands. The outer wall was completed in a week and work started on a brick iron-roofed store within it. Two weeks later the fort was complete, the flag hoisted and appropriately celebrated. This square building, with fine dressed stonework and even the fort's name engraved on a stone block at the entrance, is probably the best built of any fort.

"Subsequently a cattle kraal and pole and dagga huts for the officers' mess, hospital and telegraphist were built outside the entrance to the fort and a laager hut for the men inside, and the stone wall protected by sods and sandbags.

"The fort never saw action beyond a skirmish in which a coloured scout killed three Mashona. At the end of 1896 Fort Gibbs was taken over by the British South Africa Police, to be finally abandoned at the conclusion of the rebellion".

Fort Gibbs is now a historical monument and is signposted 22 miles along the Gwelo-Lalapanzi road. The fort is five miles off the road through a farm.

## Obituary

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

### Col. G. H. Aykroyd

Col. George Hammond Aykroyd died at his home, The Priory, Nun Monkton, York, on September 30, aged 72. He had a long connection with the Regiment which dated back to the time of his joining "B" Company (Brighouse), 4 DWR, on its re-formation after World War I and lasting, initially, till 1935 when he was transferred to the TA Reserve of Officers. In 1939 he was recalled and took over command of 230 Bty, 58 Anti-Tank Regiment, to which 4 DWR had been converted in 1938. Later he was appointed Commandant of the Artillery Ranges at Lydd. From 1956 to 1959 he was the Hon. Colonel 382 Medium Regiment RA (DWR) TA which was what 4 DWR had then become.

Formerly of Toothill Hall, Rastrick, Col Aykroyd joined in 1922 T. F. Firth & Sons Ltd., carpet manufacturers, Bailiff Bridge, where he rose to be a director and later the vice-chairman of the company for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a daughter and three sons, one of whom, Richard, served as a national service officer in 1 DWR in Gibraltar.

### Brigadier V. C. Green, CBE

Valentine Christian Green, who died in hospital at Exeter on November 1, 1972, was born on February 14, 1891.

He originally enlisted in the 4th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment in 1909 but obtained a SR commission in the Scottish Rifles in 1911.

He was commissioned into the West India Regiment in December 1913 and joined their 2nd Battalion in Jamaica in May 1914, proceeding with them to West Africa in June 1915. He returned to U.K. in September 1916 and joined 2/4th KOYLI of which he became adjutant. He went to France with the Battalion in January 1917, returning home in August 1918.

In February 1920 he rejoined the 2nd Battalion West India Regiment, once again in Jamaica, but was transferred to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in November 1921, remaining seconded to the West India Regiment until October 1923. He joined 2 DWR in Cairo in February 1924. He was Garrison Adjutant and Quartermaster, Cairo, for a year but accompanied 2 DWR to Singapore in February 1926. After a tour at the Depot he rejoined 2 DWR in India in 1929, remaining with them until September 1937 when he returned to Command the Depot as a major.

In June 1939 he was promoted lieutenant colonel and transferred to the Royal Artillery to command 216 SLMD, RA and 30 AA Battalion in succession. In January 1942 he was granted the temporary rank of brigadier and commanded in turn 41 AA Brigade, 75 AA Brigade and 56 AA Brigade.

He was appointed CBE in April 1945 and retired in December of that year.

Green (normally known to his friends in The Duke's as "Vert") was a very keen Regimental officer and a very loyal "Duke". He was a man of the highest principles and always paid meticulous attention to detail. He had a quiet though very friendly nature but for many years his health was not robust, possibly as the result of many years' service in tropical climates.

He married in December 1917. On retirement he settled in Budleigh Salterton where he took an active part in local affairs, including those of the church, and was much respected. His wife, Pauline, died in 1962. He is survived by a daughter, Mary, who married Major P. M. C. Wakefield, late Royal Norfolk Regiment, and a sister, Marjorie, who lived with him at Budleigh Salterton after his wife's death.

### Mr. T. H. Greenwood

Tom Greenwood died at his home 73 The Village, Haxby, York, on October 21, 1972.

*Col. A. H. G. Wathen writes:* "No. 4608185 Pte. T. Greenwood served with the 2nd Battalion in Singapore, Ahmednagar and Kamptee in the Signal Platoon and as HQ Wing Storeman.

On transfer to the Reserve, he got employment as an under gardener at Fulford Hall. He was recalled to the Colours in 1939 and spent most of the war in the Maritime AA Regiment RA. After the war he obtained employment with the North Eastern Electricity Board and worked for them until retirement in 1970.

Tom Greenwood came to me as gardener-handyman in September 1956 and worked for me for three or four hours every week until a few days before he died. He rarely missed a day's work and always got on with his job. I well remember shortly after he came to me: it had been snowing during the night and when I got down to breakfast, I found that the paths to the garage, front and back doors had already been swept without any hint from me. He was in every respect all that a good old regular soldier could be. He will be sadly missed in the village, where he was highly respected. At one time



he was on the committee of our local Conservatives and a member of the Church of England Men's Society.

He was intensely proud of being a "Duke" and interested in all matters concerning the Regiment.

Tom Greenwood leaves a widow and two daughters.

### Major J. A. Lennon DSO, MC

Major Lennon died on October 21, in hospital in Aldershot, aged 77. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

*Brigadier Webb-Carter writes:* When I joined the 1st Battalion from Sandhurst in September 1921, I found "Fish" Lennon the senior subaltern in Capt. Boutflower's company to which I was posted. We were friends ever since.

The two outstanding characteristics of "Fish" were his gallantry and his loyalty to the Regiment and to his friends. As regards his gallantry it is sufficient to record that he was awarded both the MC and the DSO as a subaltern with the 2nd Battalion at the end of World War I. No one ever knew in the post-war Regiment what he did to earn these distinctions but it must have been exceptional.

"Fish" spent two years in the Indian Army just after the war and, presumably being unable to attend an investiture, he received the insignia of his decorations by post. I remember one attempt being made to discover what gallant deeds he must have performed when a brother officer asked him: "How did you get your DSO?" to receive the

unexpected reply "By bloody registered post".

"Fish's" loyalty to his friends could take a violent form. In 1925, when we were both seconded to the 1st Battalion Nigerian Regiment, I remember a guest night in the Mess. We were, of course, in the anonymity of Nigeria Regiment Mess dress. A visiting officer from the 3rd Battalion made some fairly caustic comments about a Duke's officer who had been in that Battalion. I was meditating a protest but Fish decided that action was better than words. With one swift, well-aimed blow he stretched the bewildered culprit on the Mess room floor. To use his inimitable vocabulary "he handed him a domino".

His loyalty to the Regiment was outstanding. Up to two years ago, when his health began to fail, he invariably attended the regimental dinner and the Regimental Association dinners in Halifax and London, often at considerable personal inconvenience.

With the passing of "Fish" Lennon the Regiment loses a modest, gallant and outstandingly loyal member and for us older officers who did service with him he leaves a gap which cannot be filled.

### Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Walker

Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Walker of 16 Hodgson Avenue, Bradford, died on August 2, 1972. She was the widow of the late CSM P. E. Walker, No. 1 Company, 2 DWR, an account of whose death in 1923 in Palestine appeared in the last edition. Mrs. Walker was the author of "The True Story of a Boy's Life" which also appeared in the last edition.

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## *From the London Gazette*

### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace,  
London SW1.  
October 3, 1972.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of distinguished services in Northern Ireland during the period February 1, 1972, to April 30, 1972:

*To be an additional member of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Captain (Acting) Alistair David Roberts.

### INFANTRY DWR

#### REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. Timothy John Isles from Short Serv. Commn. to be 2nd Lt., March 24, 1972, with seniority August 4, 1970. To be Lt., Apr. 25, 1972.

David Louis John Harrap (University Candidate) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation) May 3, 1972.

The following Capts. to be Maj., June 30, 1972:  
I. P. Reid, C. R. Cumberlege.

Capt. G. I. McGlynn retires, receiving a gratuity, Sep. 5, 1972.

#### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS Class II

Capt. I. Fillan, TD, from TAVR, 3 Yorks, to be Capt., Jan 30, 1972.

# The Regimental Association

## St. Leger Sweepstake

The result of the Regimental Association's Sweepstake on the St. Leger was as follows:

- 1st, Boucher, Pte. Jack (78), 1 DWR—£100.  
 2nd, Our Mirage, Mr. F. G. Brown, Leeds—£50  
 3rd, Ginevra, PRI, 1 DWR—£25.  
 4th, Avancer, Lt. C. J. W. Gilbert, 1 DWR—£10.  
 Runners (£1 each): Cara-Cara, Lt.-Col. D. W. Shuttleworth, BFPO 40; Lord Nelson, Ciritis, 1 DWR; Steel Pulse, Sharon Lester, Doncaster.

The prize of £5 for the seller of the winning ticket also went to 1 DWR.

## London and Home Counties Branch

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, May 12, in the Drill Hall of the Queen Victoria's Rifle Association, 56 Davies Street, London W1, at 7.30 p.m.

Applications for tickets, price £1 each, to the hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Temple, 59 Burnfoot Avenue, Fulham, London SW6.

## THE A.G.M. AND DINNER

Our meeting place this year was the Sergeants Mess, Wellington Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax, and to Major T. D. Tetlow, TD, we say "Thank you" for the facilities accorded us. Again we were pleased and honoured to have as our chairman the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Robert Bray. Amongst those also present were Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, Colonels J. Davidson, D. E. Isles, J. C. Moncrieff, H. Harvey and Lt.-Col. C. R. Huxtable, CO of 1 DWR.

Regrettably, our General Secretary, Mr. Arthur Wood, was in the Leeds General Infirmary having undergone a serious operation and from which we wish him a speedy and successful recovery. His place was taken by Sgt. D. Barnett of the 1st Battalion and he thoroughly deserved the vote of thanks he received.

The dinner and dance which followed were a huge success—perhaps the best which the writer has had the pleasure of attending. The "toast" to the Regiment was given by RSM R. Chilvers of the 1st Battalion and this naturally included the activities the Battalion had been engaged in throughout the past year and the success it had gained. From the applause he received as he sat down we were led to believe that he had brought along the majority of his Mess. General Sir Robert Bray replied. He began by saying how pleased he was to attend the dinner and reunion once again. He then spoke of achievements of the 1st Battalion who had just completed their second tour in Northern Ireland. Without doubt it had been one of the best battalions over there, its record had been outstanding and all could be justly proud of what they had done. In closing he paid tribute to the band of the evening which was comprised of volunteer and unpaid musicians. At the close of his

speech, and in an amazingly short time, the dining tables were moved and the hall prepared for dancing. Our MC was Mr. Fred Stringer, and how ably he performed his task was evidenced by the crowded floor.

At this point the writer must hand out to one of the participants in the dancing the biggest "bouquet" of the evening. If ever one man at any function has, by his actions alone, given a "toast" to his Regiment and the true meaning of our Regimental motto *Virtutis Fortuna Comes* that man is L/Cpl. Bradley (who recently lost a leg in Ulster). He danced with verve and in perfect harmony with his partner; he danced with pleasure written all over his face; his handicap he had mastered. Many were the remarks passed regarding his "guts" but perhaps it is best summed up by the remark of one high-ranking officer—who shall be nameless: "I wish the whole battalion could see him now".

Well, what more is there left to say? The General and all officers mingled and chatted around; the bars did a good trade—as did "Aspros", I should not be surprised; young and the not so young spoke of the prowess of their respective days and the ladies loved every minute of it.

Finally, a word of thanks once again to Tom Mawson, Savile Lea Nurseries; Halifax, for supplying free of charge the floral decorations.

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## BRADFORD BRANCH

No longer a strong branch in numerical terms, the present members comprise a very solid core which will ensure survival against the very strong competition of civilian social institutions.

During the past two or three years the frequency of our social events, home and away, fell to an all-time low. This was due to a variety of factors, not the least being the unsuitability of the branch accommodation at Belle Vue Barracks, Bradford. One could not expect members and their families and friends to forego the attractions of warm, well-lit clubs and pubs, for the counter "detractions" of a cold, ill-lit barracks, with a bare unwelcoming look.

Fortunately, things have undergone a radical change for the better. Thanks to the present incumbent (an RE unit having taken over the barracks from the former RA (TA) occupants) the accommodation available to us has been transformed into a well-decorated, nicely furnished and carpeted Sergeants Mess. A new, polished floor is available for dancing, with a small stage for dance band use.

Naturally, this is looked upon as our opportunity to again make the social life of the branch attractive in the hope of bringing back old members and, if possible, new ones.

The new branch secretary, Mr. A. Copley (ex-7th Battalion) is just the man for the job. An old

stalwart of the branch, he has already made clear his "revival" intentions and we all wish him every success.

Since election to the post in March last, Mr. Copley has organised a very successful social evening, with attendance figures of about 120; two cricket matches with the Golcar Cricket Club; an evening coach outing and dinner; and two social outings to other branches. On October 21 we are to host a much larger social evening, and future agenda items are: the Memorial Service at York Minster and, for 1973, a tour of the Dutch tulip fields.

The branch future looks bright!

### HUDDERSFIELD BRANCH

All members of the Branch were very sorry to hear that Arthur Wood had been taken into Leeds Infirmary for a serious operation. We have since been delighted to learn that he is improving. Keep smiling, Arthur, and remember we at Huddersfield wish you a speedy recovery and hope that we shall be seeing you at our meetings and socials again very soon.

These meetings and socials are well attended and appreciated. At our last social we had the pleasure of having members, and wives of the Huddersfield Army Veterans' Association with us, and I hope they will come along to our future events, for we will always be pleased to see them.

On behalf of our President, Lt.-Col. G. Taylor, DSO, TD, and all members I thank the Commanding Officer and all ranks of The Yorkshire Volunteers for their kind permission for the use and facilities of the TA Centre, St. Paul's Street, Huddersfield, and the help and advice given.

Holidays are well behind us and, from reports and escapades told, a good time was had by all. While Rose and I were on holiday in Gosport in September, we once again had the pleasure of spending a few hours (with char and wads) with Jack and Lily Love and Tommy and Annie Yates. They are all looking fit and well and send their very best wishes to all 1st and 2nd Battalion "wallahs" and, like all "Dukes", they are proud of the achievements of the 1st Battalion.

I am pleased to say that, although Jack Love was a POW with the Japs for five years, they never broke his spirit or humour. Well done, Jack.

All members are looking forward to the weeks to Christmas and join me in wishing all ranks of the Battalion, all branches and all "Dukes" everywhere "The very best wishes and compliments of the season".

JACKIE HORNE.

### HALIFAX BRANCH

Since last we went to press, and apart from our usual meetings-cum-social, only two items of any note call for mention. The second of them will be dealt with elsewhere in this issue—the AGM and annual dinner. The first was on Sunday, September 24, when a party of us travelled to that Mecca of the North, Blackpool.

We were blessed with a fine day although there were no reports of any sunburn. Many people suggest that Blackpool has priced itself out of the

holiday business but, on that day, it was as crowded as the "Wakes Week" of yester-year. In fact, the only complaint was the difficulty encountered in getting meals. Of course, it was "Illuminations" period and also a Scottish holiday time—we left before the "fun and games" of pub closing got underway. For those readers who have not seen Blackpool's illuminations there is a treat in store should opportunity ever present itself.

"Switch on" time was 7 p.m. and our driver had timed his approach to the starting point to a nicety and, although there are some six miles or so to travel, we made excellent time and viewing. It would be well-nigh impossible to paint a word picture of the lights—certainly beyond this writer's capabilities. Suffice to state that sections of the promenade were divided up to illustrate different spheres of topical interest. These were nursery rhymes, pictures from fairy tales of childhood memories, spacemen and rockets, people of all nations in national costume, wild animals, a massive tableau of HRH Charles, Prince of Wales, and three really beautifully decorated trams. Well, having started at Squires Gate in the south we eventually emerged at Bispham in the north at 8.30 p.m.

*En route* to Halifax we stopped at the Hare & Hounds, Todmorden, where mine host and hostess are Mr. and Mrs. "Joe" Brennan whom many will remember in their days with The Duke's. The Hare & Hounds is a well-appointed pub with a large and well-furnished dining room and, although we did not partake of any solid nourishment, the meals and service are excellent. We spent a most enjoyable hour or so there and it was a splendid end to our day out.

On Saturday, October 21 we will be visiting our Bradford Branch friends for a social evening, but more of that after the event. October 28 will see us on our way to York for our annual service which, this year, will be back in the Minster.

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Regimental and Old Comrades Associations of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment held in Wellington Hall, Halifax on Saturday, October 7, 1972, at 17.30.**

#### Previous meeting

1. The minutes of the meeting held in the Huddersfield Drill Hall on Saturday, September 25, 1971, were read by Major Davis.

It was proposed by Mr. W. G. Smith and seconded by Mr. H. Rowlands that they be accepted as a true record.

#### Points arising

2. There were no points arising from these minutes.

#### Secretary's report

3. Sgt. D. Barnett, deputising for Mr. A. Wood, read the secretary's report, notes of which are printed below.

Major Savory asked whether the £1 a week OCA pension had been raised. In reply, the Regimental

Secretary said the pension was still based on £1 a week but was paid quarterly and w.e.f. October 1, 1972, was to be increased by £2 a quarter.

The Colonel asked branches to watch for deserving cases as those most in need were often diffident about asking for help.

#### Accounts 1971-72

4. Copies of the audited accounts which had been examined in detail by the Finance Committee and Trustees had been brought to the meeting for anyone to see who so wished.

It was proposed by Mr. J. E. Horne and seconded by Col. Harvey that they be accepted.

#### New design RA/OCA badge

5. Stocks of the present RA/OCA badge are nearly exhausted.

The lead impression of the proposed replacement badge which would be a polished gilt with a pin and grip fastening was shown to the meeting.

Suggestions included finding what the cost would be of an enamelled badge of similar design to the old and present badges, and whether a buttonhole fastening could be produced in addition to the pin fastening.

It was decided that the meeting was not fully representative enough to take a firm decision and that the whole question be referred back to branches for re-examination. If possible, a finished sample of the proposed new badge should be produced. 1 DWR was also to be consulted.

In order not to delay production unduly the Regimental Secretary was authorised to take action if a clear decision was reached.

The views of branches would be obtained on problems of issue and payment and its use by wives and other branch members.

#### Other business

##### 6. (a) *London Branch*

The Colonel thought the meeting would wish to record its appreciation of what the London Branch do for the Association such as the London dinner and attendance at the Field of Remembrance.

Thanks to Major Savory, Mr. D. Benson and Mr. R. H. Temple were recorded.

It was hoped that fuller support would be given to the London Branch functions by those officers living in the area.

##### (b) *Patron of the Regimental Association*

The Colonel informed the meeting that the fifth and seventh Dukes of Wellington had been patrons of the Regimental Association. The sixth Duke, a serving officer, was killed at Anzio before he had been invited to be patron.

It was proposed by Mr. F. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. F. Stringer that the present Duke be invited to be the patron.

##### (c) *RA/OCA*

The use of Regimental Association and Old Comrades Association was discussed in relation to branch names. The use of the term "Old Comrades" gave, it was believed, the wrong image of branches and might tend to reduce new membership. RHQ was asked to get branch views.

(d) *Clash of dates with other Association branches*  
Mr. H. Rowlands drew attention to the fact that

the dinner date clashed with that of the 9th Battalion DWR. It had also clashed with 6th Battalion DWR in the past.

RHQ was asked to try to co-ordinate reunion dates with a view to avoiding clashes.

##### (e) *Representation at the AGM*

Colonel Isles asked if anything could be done to get fuller representation at the AGM.

Mr. Temple referred to the cost of attending to a representative of the London Branch.

It was proposed by Major Savory and seconded by Mr. H. Rowlands that the Finance Committee be asked to authorise payment for their branch secretary or representative to attend this meeting.

##### (f) *Halifax Branch visit to London*

Mr. F. Stringer asked whether it would be possible to visit Apsley House museum on the next branch visit to London.

The possible cost of arrangements to have the museum opened on a Saturday when it was normally closed were discussed.

RHQ would make enquiries but before doing so, Mr. Stringer was to let the Regimental Secretary know how many of the branch wished to see the museum at their next visit to London.

Brigadier Webb-Carter suggested a visit to the National Army Museum as an alternative for consideration.

##### (g) *Mr. A. Wood*

Major McDonald proposed that good wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to Mr. Arthur Wood. This appeared to be seconded by all those present and was passed.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT, YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1972

Sgt. D. Barnett read the General Secretary's report.

#### Accounts

1. The result of the year's business was that income exceeded expenditure by £2,100.

The main reason for the excess both for last year and this has been the success of the day's pay scheme. Over 90% of serving DWR soldiers are now subscribers.

£400 of this surplus has been loaned to the Army Benevolent Fund. A readjustment of investments with a view to getting an increase in capital growth is at present under examination.

#### Assistance given during the year

186 cases were helped this year, an increase of 39 over last year. A total of £2,810 was paid out giving an average grant of £17.

Despite rationalisation in industry, which often means a reduction in the number of jobs available, there has been no indication so far that there will be an increase in the number of cases during the current year.

It is possible that the average grant may increase slightly keeping pace with rising prices.

#### OCA pensions

The number in receipt of the special weekly allowance remains at 10.

Mrs. Hemblys had been added in October 1971 but died on April 22, so shortly after her husband

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whom she had looked after so devotedly.

The Finance Committee at their meeting in June approved an increase of £2 per quarter w.e.f. October 1, to these allowances.

#### ABF assistance

Supplementary allowances totalling £156 were given by the ABF during the year.

#### Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home, Lowestoft

The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home is a very well-run establishment.

Seven ex-soldiers were given a holiday there last year and all thoroughly enjoyed it. This sort of help we believe is often more appreciated than an equivalent sum given as a monetary grant.

#### RA branches

Branches seem to have had a successful year and, judging by the amount of functions, are lively and going concerns.

We have been told the Old Comrades part of the title tends to give an impression of 14-18 war veterans to the younger element and that, for example, "the Huddersfield Branch of the Regimental Association" may be a better choice of title.

#### Regimental sweepstake

I am grateful for the co-operation and help that continues to be so willingly given.

This was a record year and the profit of £225 will be allocated to Regimental Funds.

#### Conclusion

It has been a pleasure to substitute for Arthur Wood and to read his report for him.

My 17 days as a member of the RHQ staff have been interesting but not long enough to learn the job thoroughly, so I hope none will expect me to give an answer to any fast balls.

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