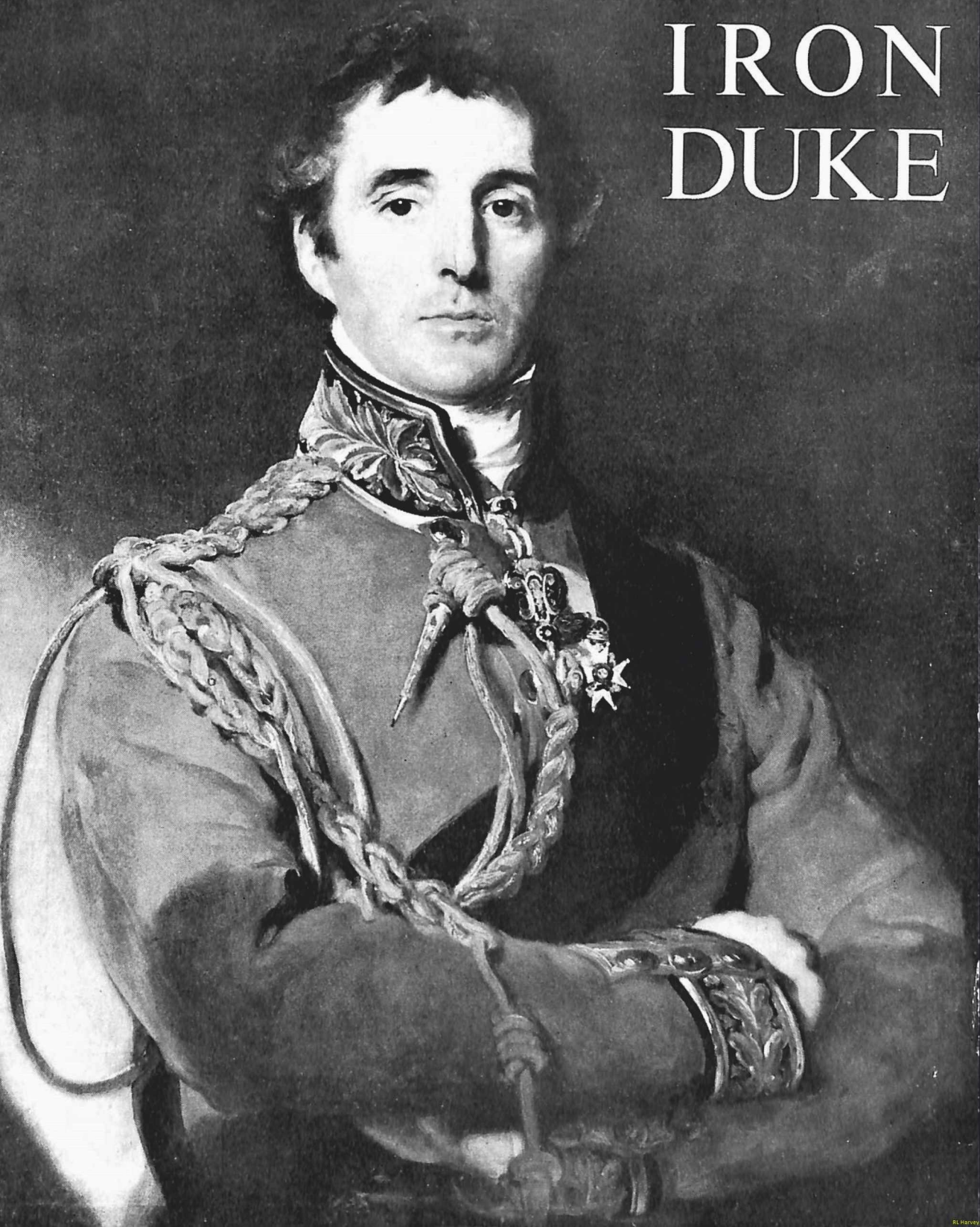


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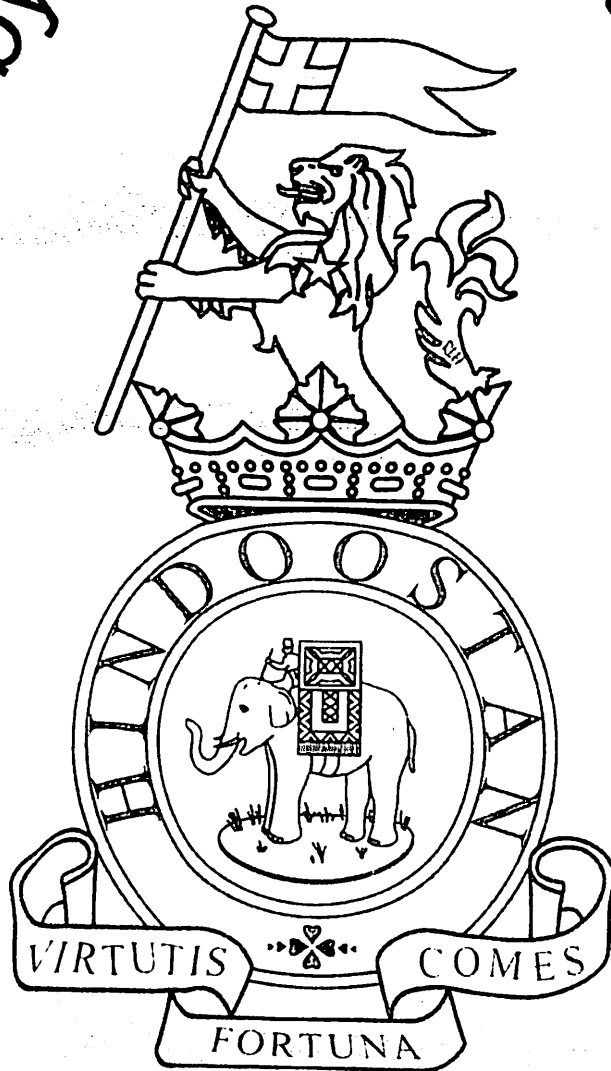
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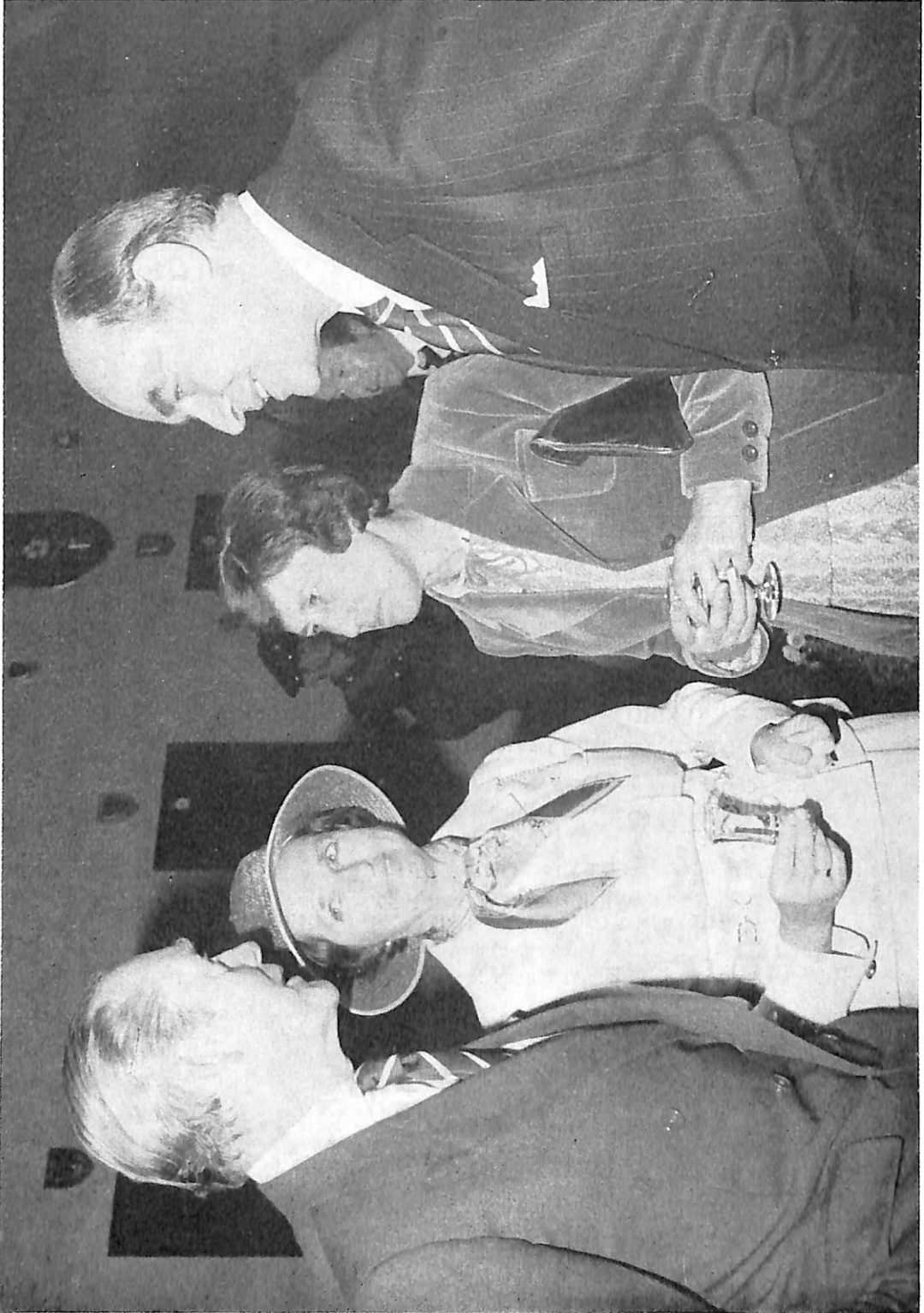
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REGIMENTAL CHAPEL ANNUAL SERVICE 1978

The Colonel in Chief and the Duchess chat to the Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs Isles at the Luncheon in Lumley Barracks following the service

Photo Yorkshire Post

Editorial

This issue contains an article on the Ulster Defence Regiment. We find that many readers who have not served in Northern Ireland during the decade have but a hazy idea of its organisation and tasks, indeed most only hear of the Regiment when one of its members is killed, usually when off duty and going about his lawful occasions.

In its short life, four officers of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, have or are commanding battalions of the UDF and the Regiment has provided several Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs for the Permanent Staff.

We hope readers will have a much clearer picture of this gallant Regiment as a result of this article.

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

Annual Service in the Regimental Chapel, York Minster

The Annual Service was held in All Saint's Chapel, the Regimental Chapel, in York Minster on Saturday, October 7, 1978. The Service was conducted by the Rev Canon A. Widdess, Canon in Residence, and the Rev Canon R. I. J. Matthews, Vicar of Brighthouse, who is also Chaplain to our Wellesley Company Cadets of the ACF.

The address was given by the Bishop of Selby, the Rt Rev Morris Maddocks. The lesson was read by the Colonel in Chief, Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington.

This year's service was rather a special occasion. It was the first time the Colonel in Chief and the Duchess of Wellington had been present at one of these services; it was the first time the late Bishop Eric Treacy had not been with us and given the address since he became our Honorary Regimental Chaplain. Also, during the service, the 39 or so kneelers or hassocks, into which so much care, hard work and patience had been given by the devoted band of workers referred to in previous IRON DUKE's were dedicated by the Bishop.

A large representative gathering of past and present members attended the service including two ex-Colonels of the Regiment, Gen Sir Philip Christison and Gen Sir Robert Bray, and Mrs Joan Exham, widow of our other recent Colonel, the late Maj Gen K. G. Exham. Guests included Mrs May Treacy, Mrs Phyllis Richardson, Mrs Maddocks, Mrs Widdess, the CO of the Depot, Lt Col B. G. Johnson, and all those who had worked on the kneelers.

The Service was also attended by the members of Les Ancienne Combatants des Hem as guests of the Mossley Branch of the Regimental Association.

After the Service Officers, their guests and families had lunch in the Drill Hall of 1 Yorkshire Volunteers in Lumley Barracks by kind permission of Lt Col C. W. Ivey, and were entertained by a display by the Volunteers Corps of Drums. The Regimental Association contingent after various activities during the day ended with a large and successful social gathering at the St Paul's Street Drill Hall, Huddersfield.

Officers' Dinner 1978

The second Officers' Yorkshire Dinner was held at the Gimcrack Banqueting Suite in the Grandstand of York Racecourse on Friday, October 6. The Colonel of the Regiment presided and we were delighted that the Colonel in Chief was able to be present.

Our guests were Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Yorkshire, Sir William Bulmer; the GOC NE Dist, Maj Gen H. G. Woods, MBE, MC, BA; the previous Divisional Brigadier The King's Div,

Brig P. H. Vayghan, CBE; and the Regimental Colonel The Yorkshire Volunteers, Col R. M. Weare. Ninety-eight officers of the Regiment, Regular, ex-Regular, TA, TAVR, NS, Wartime and Cadets were present.

The Colonel of the Regiment proposed the Toast to The Queen and later read out our loyal message to The Queen and Her Majesty's reply, which were as follows:

'The Officers of The Duke of Wellington's

Regiment, gathered together for their Annual Dinner in the Gimcrack Banqueting Suite at York, send their most loyal greetings to Her Majesty the Queen.'

And Her Majesty's reply, through the Defence Services Secretary:

'Please convey to all Officers of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, gathered together tonight for their Annual Dinner in York, The Queen's thanks for their message of loyal greetings, which Her Majesty much appreciates.'

Those who attended the dinner were:

Birgadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington, Colonel in Chief; Major General D. E. Isles, Colonel of the Regiment; General Sir Philip Christison, General Sir Robert Bray, Major General G. F. Upjohn, Brigs A. D. Firth, C. R. Huxtable, D. W. Shuttleworth, Cols N. T. Bentley, P. G. L. Cousens, C. R. T. Cumberlege, J. Davidson, P. A. Mitchell, R. G. Turner, W. A. Waller, Lt Cols M. R. N. Bray, J. Howarth, S. J. E. Huxley, C. W. Ivey, A. B. M. Kavanagh, H. S. LeMessurier, T. D. Lupton, W. Robins, W. Skelsey, G. Taylor, Majs C. M. B. Bateman, S. A. Berry, M. P. C.

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8th BATTALION DWR/145 RAC

The 34th Officers Reunion Dinner was held at St Ermins Hotel, London, on October 21. This year in honour of Col Boy Armitage no guests were invited. The Toast to the Regiment was proposed by Maj Douglas Overend and replied to by Maj Bruce Murgatroyd; both served with the 8th Bn, raised by Col Armitage prior to conversion to an Armoured Regiment and continued as 145 RAC.

Due tribute was paid to him and the high regard and affection in which he was held was clearly evident.

Maj Gen E. V. M. Strickland, CMG, DSO, MM, who commanded the Regiment in the Italian campaign presided.

COMMEMORATION OF GREAT SOLDIERS OF WORLD WAR II

In the April 1978 issue of THE IRON DUKE (No 176) there appeared an article about the proposal to erect a National Memorial in the form of a number of plaques round the walls of the chamber in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral which contains the Great Duke of Wellington's sarcophagus to commemorate 10 great soldiers who were created Field Marshall during or immediately following World War II. All Branches, Corps and Regiments of the Army were asked to subscribe and our Regiment was one of the first to do so.

The Colonel of the Regiment has received a letter from Lord De L'Isle, VC, KG, who heads the memorial committee, thanking the Regiment for our gift and reporting on the state of the fund and the project. A copy of that letter is repeated below:

From Lord De L'Isle, VC, KG September 6, 1978
Dear General Isles,

I am writing to offer my warmest thanks and those of my colleagues in Committee to your Regiment for your generous response to my appeal for funds for this project.

Through the generosity of both the Army and the public I am happy to say that we have passed our target of £35,000. But I do not propose to announce the closure of the Appeal till September as I know that both here and overseas many organisations have launched internal appeals to individuals, who would be disappointed not to feel involved in the project.

I am now able to proceed with the detailed planning and execution of the project with sound financial backing. I am confident that a worthy memorial will result.

Thank you again for your help,

Yours sincerely,
DE L'ISLE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, April 27, 1979

Col of Regiment's Spring Cocktail Party, RHQ

Saturday, May 12, 1979

London Branch Regimental Association Dinner, in London

Monday and Tuesday, May 14, 15, 1979
Col Comdt King's Div Annual Meeting

Friday, July 13, 1979

Officers' Dinner Club, Army and Navy Club, London

Friday, July 13, 1979

Regimental Council (if held)

Saturday, September 29, 1979

Trustees' Meeting, RHQ

Saturday, September 29, 1979

Regimental Association AGM, Reunion and Dinner, Prescott Street, Halifax

Saturday, November 3, 1979

Service in Regimental Chapel, York Minster

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS (UK)

The above Association is in the process of being formed and if any of our members are interested and served in the Korean War from its onset in 1950 until Armistice Day July 27, 1953, they should contact:

Graham A. Granville,
200 Bath Road,
Bridgwater, Somerset.
(Tel: Bridgwater 0278/3342.)

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

This Association is part of the Forces Resettlement Service. It exists to help Servicemen to find suitable employment when they leave the Forces. It also takes a long-term interest in ex-Regulars, who may use its services as often as they wish.

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Addresses and telephone numbers of branches can be obtained from Corps and Regimental Associations—or from Post Offices, Employment Offices or local telephone directories.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION INDUSTRIES

This organisation, in the Royal British Legion Village, Maidstone, Kent employs disabled ex-servicemen under sheltered conditions and following an expansion programme now has places to offer. Rates of pay are comparable with those in civil industry and hostel accommodation is available for single men. A limited number of houses is also available for married men and their families following a qualifying period of three months.

Any disabled ex-servicemen (or women) interested should contact RHQ when further details will be given. If you know of anyone, other than DWR, who may be interested please let RHQ know and details will be forwarded to them.



DUKES STATUETTE

Gen Sir Robert Bray, is very kindly donating a silver statuette of a Duke's soldier in N Ireland to the Officers Mess, 1 DWR

A limited number of bronze copies have been cast which are available from the PRI, 1 DWR, at £29 each. The figure stands about 9 inches high and shows a Duke about to take out a baton round from his pouch to load his riot gun in the face of an oncoming crowd of rioters. It is mounted on an attractive wooden plinth

Personalia

LT COL M. R. N. BRAY

All members of the Regiment will wish to congratulate Lt Col Micky Bray on his very well-earned Mention in Despatches for service in Northern Ireland.

MR W. HOYLE

Old friends of Bandmaster Mr Will Hoyle will be delighted to hear of him again.

He was taken prisoner with 2/7th DWR at St Valery and did a splendid job as 'Man of Confidence' in the many camps he was in.

Unfortunately for a period he had to work in a salt mine which had a bad effect on his health; and after he returned to England in 1945 he developed

tuberculosis and the specialists gave little hope for his recovery.

However, by good treatment and an operation for duodenal ulcer 12 years ago, he recovered and has reached the age of 70 and still helps to teach in local schools from time to time.

His wife has suffered from an illness which confines her to the house which prevents him from travelling very far. This sort of life he says does not sound exciting but ex-prisoners of war know how to make the best of things and he finds plenty of interesting things to do every day.

He will be delighted to welcome or hear from old friends. His address is Holt Cottage, Scalby, Scarborough. (Tel (0723) 62558.)

RETIREMENTS

Maj Gen D. E. Isles, CB, OBE, retired from the Active List wef October 1, 1978.

Maj D. R. D. Newell, retired on September 30, 1978, and has taken an appointment with the prison service.

APPOINTMENTS

Brig C. R. Huxtable, CBE, has been selected for the appointment of DMS(A) in MOD, early 1979.

Col E. M. P. Hardy, has been selected for Military Attache, Canberra, Australia, May 1979.

Lt Col M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, has been selected for GSO1 Fortress HQ Gibraltar, February 1979.

Maj P. J. Puttock, has been selected for OC Support Div, School of Infantry (NCOs Tac Wing), July 1979.

Maj E. J. W. Walker, has been appointed GSO2 (Ops/Plans/NATO) at HQ UKLF, November 1978.

Maj P. D. D. J. Andrews, has been selected for OC Junior NCOs Wing, School of Infantry (NCOs Tac Wing), February 1979.

Maj T. J. Nicholson, for 1 DWR January 1979.

Maj P. D. Gardner, for 1 DWR February 1979.

Capt C. J. W. Gilbert, has been appointed Staff Captain (AQ) HQ UNFICYP, December 1978.

Capt J. R. A. Ward, has been selected to attend Staff College, October 1979.

Capt C. F. Grieve, for 1 DWR November 1978.

Lt G. D. Shuttleworth, for 1 DWR April 1979.

PROMOTIONS

To Lt Col, Maj (QM) W. Robins, MBE, SQM at RMAS, to be Lt Col (SQM), Decmeber 1978.

To Major, Capt J. M. Thorn, December 31, 1978.

To Major, Capt A. D. Roberts, MBE, December 31, 1978.

NEW OFFICERS JOINING THE REGIMENT

2 Lt P. P. DeNiefte, June 1978, from Oxford University

2 Lt S. J. N. Morgan, June 1978, from Oxford University

2 Lt T. J. Coburn (SSC), August 1977, from RMA Sandhurst

2 Lt J. W. Wood (SSC), January 1978, from RMA Sandhurst.

2 Lt J. A. C. Kilburn, March 1978, from RMA Sandhurst.

2 Lt N. G. Borwell, July 1978, from RMA Sandhurst.

WO1 (GSM) R. Chilvers has been appointed Garrison Sergeant Major of York Garrison, August 1978.

Congratulations to Lt Col (SQM) W. Robins, MBE, on his selection for promotion to Lt Col. If our memory serves us correctly, he is the first in the Regiment since the war.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Mrs S. Armitage, 30 Valroy Close, off Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey. Tel: Camberley 22559.

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Lt Col and Mrs C. W. Ivey, 2 Selby Road, Riccall, North Yorkshire.

Capt and Mrs R. Huffam, Glynn Park, Taylors Avenue, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 7HW. Tel: Carrickfergus 63284.

Capt and Mrs C. J. W. Gilbert, HQ UNFICYP, BFPO 801.

Maj and Mrs W. F. C. Robertson, Barnards, Appleford, Oxon.

Mr and Mrs R. Wilkinson, 21 Spinkfield Road, Birkby, Huddersfield. Tel: Huddersfield 46163.

Maj P. J. Mortimer, TD, MA, 258 Wakefield Road, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire WF12 8AN.

WO1 and Mrs R. Chilvers, c/o HQ York Garrison, Imphal Barracks, Fulford Road, York YO1 4HD.

EXTRACTS FROM LONDON GAZETTE**Regular Army****Commands and Staff**

Maj Gen D. E. Isles, CB, OBE, (404096) late DWR relinquishes the appointment of Director General of Weapons (Army) Ministry of Defence September 4, 1978. (LG September 4 1978).

The undermentioned Colonel to be Brigadier June 30, 1978. D. W. Shuttleworth, OBE (40063 (late DWR). (LG July 11, 1978).

Kings Division**Mention in Despatches**

Lt Col Michael Napier Bray (453445) The Duke of Wellington's Rgt. (LG June 5, 1978).

Regular Commission

The undermentioned 2 Lt from General List (Subject to Confirmation) to be confirmed in his commission and transferred to the Regiment as shown with effect from July 1, 1978.

N. G. Borwell (504429) DWR. (LG August 21, 1978).

TAVR**Group A**

Maj K. Marsh, TD (471089) 1 Yorks resigns his commission May 1, 1978. (LG July 18, 1978).

BIRTHS**Green - Armytage**

On August 23, 1978, at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Susie (nee LeMessurier) and Jock, a son, Mathew.

Pearson - Adams

On October 9, 1978, to Celia (nee Davidson) and Richard a daughter (sister for Thomas).

ENGAGEMENT**Mr G. A. Kilburn and Miss P. A. Shuttleworth**

The engagement is announced between Lt George Andrew Kilburn, The Duke of Wellington's Rgt, son of Mrs M. Kilburn and the late Mr J.

Kilburn of Upper Hopton, Mirfield, and Penelope Anne, daughter of Brig and Mrs D. W. Shuttleworth, of Fulford, York.

MARRIAGES



Capt and Mrs T. J. Isles
Photo Yorkshire Post

Capt T. J. Isles and Miss D. Knowlson

The marriage took place on September 30, 1978, in the Regimental Chapel, York Minster, of Capt Timothy John Isles, The Duke of Wellington's Rgt, son of Maj Gen and Mrs D. E. Isles to Miss Deborah Knowlson, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Knowlson.

Mr R. A. Innes and Mrs S. Hanson

The marriage took place at Halifax Register Office on October 17, 1978 between Mr Ron Innes, Director of Calderdale Museum Service and Curator of the Regimental Museum and Mrs Sandie Hanson.

DUKE'S RUGBY CENTENARY

The first record of Rugby being played in the Regiment was at the Depot in 1878.

The 1st Bn intends to play a Celebration Match v The C in C's XV on March 31, 1979, and to hold a Centenary Dinner on that date.

Anyone from UK wishing to attend will be very welcome and should contact RHQ for further details.

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A Night to Remember
WO1 (GSM) Bob Chilvers was dined out by the members of the Episkopi Garrison Sergeants Mess on August 9, 1978, prior to his return to England.

He was presented with a silver and glass punch bowl and miniature replica punch cups by WO Sandy Watt, RAF on behalf of the members

Photo Bob Weeks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fettercairn,
Broadwindsor,
Beaminster,
Dorset DT8 3PX

The Editor,
THE IRON DUKE
Sir,

September 24, 1978

I was most interested to see that *rare* reference on p 80 August issue to the 10th Bn The Duke of Wellington's Rgt.

I was posted to the 1st Dukes from Sandhurst but the 3rd Bn Depot at N Shields sent me off to join the 10th Bn in the Yypres salient.

I joined 'C' Coy and I believe I very vaguely remember John Hodgson who I believe was one of our 'old soldiers' who had already served since the early part of the first war.

I would like to express my sympathy with his relatives as I am perhaps one of the very few survivors of 'C' Coy 10th Bn The Dukes.

Yours faithfully,

H. MIDDLETON-HANDS

The Thatched Cottage,
Dene Park,
nr Tonbridge, Kent

Dear Editor,

Your mention of the promotion of 'D. W. Shuttleworth (400063) late DWR' reminds me of a conversation I had with a Royal Engineer (no names, no pack drill) who was once attached to 1 DWR.

ME: 'Oh, so you know Shuttleworth'.

RE: 'Yes, he was quite good at Soccer wasn't he?'
Collapse of ME.

Yours sincerely,

R. W. (NICK) NICHOLSON
Lt Col (Ret'd)

THE TAYLOR-MILES AWARD

BY LT COL GEORGE TAYLOR.

In 1936-37 Capt H. G. P. Miles was appointed Adjutant to the 7th Bn DWR.

The Regiment had always been most helpful in sending us good examples to fill the positions as adjutants, and Permanent Staff instructors and we quickly found that we had again been more than fortunate in getting Bonzo Miles.

He was an outstanding man in so many ways—nothing seemed impossible to him, and in every way he was a splendid example of a Regular officer.

He had played Rugby for the Army, had coached the Regimental team to win the Army Cup.

Administration to him was simplicity and when in 1938 it was decided the Territorial Army should be doubled in strength the duplication of the 7th Bn became his joy.

Bonzo got permission when recruiting to address audiences at Cinemas and Theatres which he did looking most impressive in Blue Patrol.

A Committee was formed to raise money to purchase special cooking facilities, crockery and plate, Band and Drum instruments for the new Battalion the 2/7th which very quickly reached a few thousand pounds.

By 1939 the 2/7th Bn DWR had reached full strength and had a Band and Drums which had been invited to broadcast.

Bonzo had an interesting war but never reached the promotion and rank which he so well deserved. He went to Iceland with the 1/7th then as an instructor to the Staff College.

He was made Brigadier—sent to Egypt and from there was sent as principal liaison officer to General Mihailovich the leader of the Yugoslav Army in 1944.

Living as Bonzo would, built up an important and thriving organisation he was told that it had become so important that a General must take

command—or was it that our love had changed to Tito.

Bonzo was larger than life and did everything in a larger way. He had a delightful family of eight charming children, five boys and three girls.

He had three houses, one in London another on the North coast of Cornwall and one in Madeira where the family had a brewery and wine business.

After the war with his family of eight to educate and a charming wife Margaret, he decided to leave the Army and join the family wine business and be with the London Company.

We were invited each September to be guests at Booby's Bay in Cornwall also to the lovely house in Madeira; and on one occasion along with our wives we toured Portugal, Spain and France, visiting the 1st Bn who were stationed in Gibraltar. We stayed four days—stupendous! I could not have lasted one day longer!

Bonzo lived 65 minutes to the hour 25 hours to the day with a big family to look after and an

important business to work with. This tremendous and constant effort throughout the years brought some heart trouble and his early death brought a deep sadness to his very many friends.

As a momento to such a dear and generous friend I wished to give a capital sum to the 1st Bn to be called the Miles Trust and a prize from the interest on this money should be given each year.

With the help of Charles Huxtable who was commanding at the time he suggested the prize should go to the best junior NCO of the year who would be likely to reach the rank of Sergeant and because of our long friendship would like it to be called the Taylor-Miles award.

Cpl Mortimer who has won the award this year visited me this week and I was delighted to meet such a splendid contestant.

In a letter from Andrew Meek, Adjutant of the 1st Bn in Minden, he tells me of the past five winners three are now members of the Sergeants Mess.

The Ulster Defence Regiment

Tackling a challenging job in Northern Ireland with a unique volunteer citizen-soldier force are three members of the Duke of Wellington's Regt—Lt Col J. R. P. Cumberlege, Lt Col M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, MBE and WO1 P. Robinson. They are among more than 120 Regulars, drawn from some 50 Regiments and Corps of the British Army, who are helping to train and administer soldiers of the Ulster Defence Regt (UDR)—the youngest and largest infantry regiment in the British Army.

Lt Col Cumberlege is commanding officer of the 7th (City of Belfast) Bn, UDR; Lt Col Campbell-Lamerton is CO of the 9th (County Antrim) Bn, and WO Robinson is the WO1 training on the regimental headquarters staff.

The 8,000 soldiers (men and women) who serve with the 11 Battalions of the Ulster Defence Rgt conduct their anti-terrorist operations, day and night, in all six counties of the province. Their 40 Company bases range from Enniskillen in Fermanagh's south-west 'Lake District' to Larne, more than 100 miles away on the north-east coast of Northern Ireland; and from Ballykelly, site of a former RAF station on Londonderry's north coast, down to Armagh, bordering the Republic of Eire.

The UDR's infantry role has recently been emphasised by an affiliation scheme which links a specific Division of Infantry with each of the 11 Battalions.

The King's Div has been affiliated to the 6th (County Tyrone) Bn, and there are also officers and SNCOs on attachment to the Ulster Defence Regt from the Division's other six regiments—The King's Own Royal Border Rgt, The King's Regiment, The Prince of Wales Own Rgt of Yorkshire, The Green Howards, The Royal Irish Rangers and The Queen's Lancashire Rgt.

It is nearly nine years since the Ulster Defence Rgt was formed and its increasing professionalism and effectiveness as an anti-terrorist force is becoming noted by military experts at home and abroad.

Brought into being to support the regular forces in Northern Ireland in measures protecting the border and the State against armed attack and sabotage, its tasks range from making foot and vehicle patrols and manning checkpoints and road-blocks, to guarding vital installations and searching out caches of terrorist weapons. It operates boat patrols on the Province's loughs to prevent arms smuggling and puts soldiers ashore in surprise landings to set up snap vehicle checkpoints. Helicopter airlifts further increase its mobility.

The Regiment has its own fleet of locally-built Shorland armoured cars and its role has become more varied as it has developed its search techniques. Each Battalion now has a special search team, trained by the Royal Engineers in England, while the UDR's dog-handlers are trained by the Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

And because of their deep local knowledge, the potential of the Ulster Defence Regt soldiers for gathering information is of considerable value to the police and to the Regular Army with whose operations those of the UDR are fully integrated, through the General Officer Commanding, Northern Ireland and the headquarters of the three Regular Army Brigades based in the Province.

Though the UDR takes pride in being a unit of the Regular Army, it differs from other regiments in a number of ways. One of these is that three-quarters of the force is made up of part-time soldiers, who, after a normal days work as civilians, report to their UDR bases for eight-hour duty stints or two or three nights a week. Any night of the week will find

about 1,000 of them in uniform and on operations, and this figure doubles at weekends.

But while the backbone of the force remains these 6,000 part-timers, the UDR's daytime capability has been steadily developed by the build-up of its full-time element to more than 2,000 soldiers—so improving the Regiment's round-the-clock effectiveness and strength that it has now been allocated 11 tactical areas of responsibility where the UDR provides the first line of military support for the police.

There can be no clearer indication that the authorities consider the Regiment is fit to carry out any operational task that would normally be demanded of the Regular Army in Northern Ireland—with the one exception of crowd control and riot duty in cities, tasks for which the UDR has not been trained.

This year, UDR riflemen performed impressively at Bisley where one of its teams took 16th place in a major units championship in which 64 teams competed, and another (2 UDR) team was just pipped by a Gurkha team for first place in the snap-shooting (Falling Plate) competition.

These successes at Bisley, and on the Nijmegen Marches, and the Regiment's increasing participation in annual camps in England and in many other activities such as pipe band championships and sporting and other events, are bringing the UDR even wider acceptance as part of the Regular Forces.

Unlike the attached Regulars who live in accommodation provided by the Army, all the UDR soldiers, including the 750 women (known by their original radio call-sign of 'Greenfinches') live in their own homes. And the Greenfinches are recruited directly into the UDR, wear the same badge as the men, and do not have their own corps, such as the WRAC.

Today, most of these citizen-soldiers operate from new purpose-built centres, with their own firing ranges, armouries, Messes and helicopter pads. As recruits join they are given eight days intensive training and subsequently are expected to complete at least 12 full days training a year, including three days at annual camp. UDR officers attend courses at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and all ranks may attend courses at other Army schools such as the School of Infantry at Warminster.

Although members of this unique Regiment (which serves operationally only in Northern Ireland) may leave after giving 28 days notice, large numbers in fact serve on for years and many of the soldiers today have been with the UDR since its formation at the beginning of 1970.

Most of the Regimental headquarters staff, headed by the Commander UDR, are attached Regulars. And on all Battalions attached Regulars fill the posts of commanding officer, training major, quartermaster, training warrant officer, RSM, chief clerk, SNCO (Intelligence), weapon training instructor and armourer. Some of the pay sergeants are also Regulars.

All Battalion 2ICs are part-time UDR soldiers and at Company level, too, most of the OCs are part-timers, with only the full-time Companies having a permanent cadre (full-time) UDR OC.

The Commander UDR is responsible for all aspects of command except for operational tasking of the Regiment which is controlled by the GOC through the three Regular Brigades—8 Brigade with headquarters in Londonderry, 3 Brigade with its HQ in Portadown and 39 Brigade with its HQ in Lisburn where Army Headquarters Northern Ireland and HQ UDR are also based.

High points in the UDR's operations since it was formed have included the Regiment's mobilisation for a spell of full-time service when internment was introduced in 1971 and some 3,000 UDR soldiers were on duty, or available for duty, for three weeks. The following summer the Regiment was called out for Operation Motorman, the security forces' campaign to clear barricades in Belfast and Londonderry when 5,300 UDR soldiers reported for duty. Then, in 1976, when violence reached a high level, there was a selective call-out for five Battalions, along with elements of a sixth, and in 1977 there were two general call-outs—the first to counter a Protestant workers' strike and the second to boost security during the Queen's visit to Northern Ireland.

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Brainchat

I

'... one finger ... keep moving'

Got to clear out the junk in the skull. Two years accumulation of fragmented facts; nomadic knowledge floating free, glad at last of a home to put its feet up in and buzz.

Didn't ask it to settle in mine. First few months you're the idiot boy, can't tell a PUS from a paper clip. Then, one morning, the phone rings, chap asks a question and ZAPP! POW! get him with a left and a right and leave him sprawled all over the floor. Because it's got to you and you know. Who does what, how, when and to whom. Instant expert; piece of cake. 'Ring up old thingammy. he knows all about it'.

Handover soon. Scoop out the contents of the brainbox and stuff them up the new bloke's nose. Watch his eyes spin round like lemons in a fruit machine, searching for something in the torrent of flossam he can latch on to and understand.

After half a day he hates you. By teatime and the 23rd handshake and the 40th file, he's beginning to gaze at the sky through the window and ask 'why me Lord?' Nobody answers. He thinks he will fail to cope.

By end of day two he knows he will. Got left alone for 10 minutes and the phone rang twice. Picked up the receiver like he was Felix inspecting a milk churn that smells of almonds. Didn't understand a word of what was said and overcompensated for inadequacy by making copious notes. Which he can't read.

Friday. He's in the chair, fully confident that he is going to make a massive fool of himself but resigned to it. I sit on the other side of the desk, flooding his senses with scraps of information, hints and suggestions; random recollections to grease his wheels. He smiles at me. But he's thinking 'get lost! Until you stop gibbering and go away I can't even begin to unravel this mess you've left me!'

Wish him luck, goodbye all round, and go. Amazing—the junk in the skull has gone too, but not to him. Its floating again, looking for a billet. It'll get to him in the end.

ZAPP! POW!

'What did you do in the war, Daddy?'

Not.

A lot.

II

'... one thumb ... you'll live 'til you're ninety nine.'

When it was relaxed and comfortable I asked my body, as nicely as I could, if it would mind getting up early and going for runs. Say, twice a week. It wasn't keen. In fact it hated the idea, but I said 'listen! Who's in charge of this person anyway, me or you? You go where I go, right?' Right.

The sun and I rose together; he to sail effortlessly along his appointed galactic path, me to stump painfully up the pavement. He was winning when I withdrew from the competition, three miles and 25 minutes later.

I bathed the bod, then dragged stiffening limbs to the morning train. All day anatomical deputations formed up to complain. Feet were blistered, and rigor mortis was spreading fast from ankle to neck. Heart said any more of this and I pack it in, and lungs rasped concurrence, but oh! My thumb. How weird can you get but my left thumb hurt! It wanted me to suck it but I said no chance push off go hurt by yourself.

You have to be really someone to get away with sucking your thumb in public these days. You know how people talk.

See bod, I said, days later, things are getting a little better now. Only 10 minutes after rolling back in we can make it up the stairs to the bathroom. Of course I'm sorry you've got carpet burns, knees, but feet need more time. They do all the outside work, remember?

Two years in a chair or a train seat practising for old age, then back to a teeth arm.

Good point. At least the snappers are in good shape. Any Russian keenie pesters me and he's going to get bitten good.

And I'm keeping my thumb in a safe place now, too. T.J.N.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

As I was penning a few lines to explain what a busy time we have had this summer I received the news that we had just been selected as the hardest worked unit in 1(BR) Corps and would therefore be subjected to the 1979 Pay Review. This very doubtful privilege involves us in a large amount of extra work! I shall say no more; have torn up my notes, and will write about something quite different.

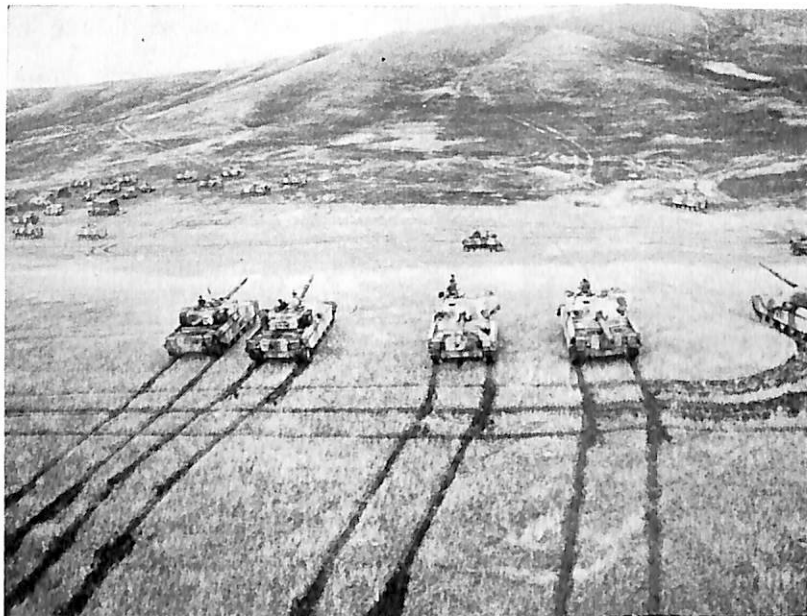
Much of what keeps us so busy is no more than a hazy memory a year later, but decisions made which affect a man's future career may have repercussions that last for 20 years or more. It is therefore very important that career planning for our NCOs should not take second place to the other more obvious demands of a full life. The regimental system we operate, a privilege enjoyed by few nowadays, gives us a special and more profound interest in our men's futures because we know that we serve together in the Regiment for ever. To ensure that the highest priority is given to looking after our NCOs we set up at the beginning of 1978 a new career planning system in the Battalion which is complementary to and a valuable extension of the well established work done by our Records Office. I should like to tell you about it.

Twice a year we hold a career planning conference attended by all the chiefs. Before it every NCO is interviewed by his company commander and given the opportunity to express any wishes on

his own future. We look at every WO2, Csgt and Sgt, decide whether they have the potential to make RSM, list them in order of merit within each rank, and review what each should do in his career interest. We carry out a similar process for Cpls giving special attention to those we think have the potential to make SNCOs. We build up lists of Lcpls and Ptes recommended for promotion.

One of our chief concerns is to see that the bright prospect is spotted early and given the acceleration without which a man will not reach the top in the all too short span of a 22-year engagement. Another is to consider employability: if we promote a man, can we employ him in that rank for the rest of his service. We look at all NCOs in the Regiment so those away from the Battalion are not forgotten. Most important of all, the decisions made at the conference and the wishes expressed by the individuals are recorded on a career planning sheet which has been specially produced for the purpose, one for every NCO, and is kept by the appropriate company commander. To complete the process individuals are interviewed as may be necessary after the conference.

All this adds up to a very good system for looking after our men, and at the risk of boasting, which is after all what we do on every page of this magazine, I doubt if this task is undertaken with such thoroughness anywhere else in the Army. I hope that many of our readers from ambitious junior leaders to contented generals will be pleased to know that nothing is more important than looking after our Duke's.



**Training in Canada
Moving into a Battle Group
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OFFICERS MESS

The Mess has had a chequered existence in the last four months. It has been closed, open but with no facilities, and bursting at the seams. At present it is a nice compromise of characters, many with a colonial bent. The Mess has only just returned to normality but I doubt if it will ever be the same without George, Cpl Hayton, one of the most colourful of all the Mess staff who departed from the Depot and subsequently from the Army in late September and his emotional departure will long be remembered by all those who regarded George as someone special in Dukes history.

During August and September the Dukes Battle Group ran an Officers Mess in Crowfoot Camp, near Medicine Hat, near absolutely nothing else! And if you think it rains in Minden or Halifax, then you should see Suffield on a rainy day. Mike Stone was normally in charge of the Mess and seemed to be doing jolly well until Padre Peter Bayley married him to one of the local waitresses! With so many different Units in the Mess it was amazing to see how well it blended together (some of the Blues and Royals even ended up drinking beer!) The Adjutant tells an interesting story of car parking and R & R. And Messrs Palmer and Sinclair and the yellow 'Chevie' probably have even more tales to tell.

By mid-September nearly everybody had re-gathered in Minden and an informal Pizza evening was a big success. The 'Old Mar.' Ssgt John Hemmings has handed over to Ssgt Vinnie Pye and what a good job he has done. Ssgt Pye is sweeping clean like a new broom should and the Mess will undoubtedly benefit from his attentions.

We say goodbye to Peter and Maureen Bayley who have slipped up the road to Hohne. The Mess will be a less holy place without them, and there will be no more numbers from South Pacific on Guest nights! Peter Mellor has succeeded in getting back into a pin-stripe suit in London, and Peter Harvey has popped back to the Depot for two years. To Phillip 'the Spick' Jenkins we say a more permanent goodbye. He assures us that you can ski in the Oman, but that's just one of his many options in civilian life. 'Snakes' Drake has gone off to visit the Sch . . . you know who!

Apparently they do a nice line in hair transplants. Murray Colville and Martin Drake have wangled four months down under as exchange officers in New Zealand and Australia respectively and we welcome Capt Mark Howell and 2 Lt Scott Perkins as their replacements.

Mike and Penny Sherlock are making their second visit to Minden—welcome back! 2 Lt Nick Borwell has recently joined us from Sandhurst, and it's nice to see Bill and Janet Atkinson back from the Depot. Watch this space for more news from downtown Minden.

MESS PAINTINGS

We have a number of nice pictures in the Mess but we do lack a few good large pictures for our dining room. The oil portraits we have are of poor quality and doubtful interest. If anyone would like to give us, lend us, sell us or tell us where we can buy two or three fairly large good pictures of Regimental interest suitable for our dining room we

would be very grateful. Any ideas gratefully received.

WOs AND SERGEANTS MESS NOTES

With Medicine Man finished the Mess is now, once again, together. It seems a little strange to see all the old faces again, and quite a lot of new ones. We now look forward to a settled period of socialising and normality.

MM5 finished in grand style with an excellent Bar-B-Q and a self help cabaret, at which the different units in the Battle Group performed with much excellence. The Blues and Royals putting us all in our places, the QOH putting the Blues and Royals in their place and the whole argument being decided by a Tug-of-War. Taffy Davis was awarded 'Midget of MMS' award, the prize being a blank shield. Taffy has been invited to compose his own motif. The ASM was also awarded a prize for his additions to the EMER classification terms. BLR and BER are now superseded by some very well coined phrases.

Back in Minden, the social life has started off with a bounce, AQMS Barry Harkness and his crew put a lot of work into our social activities. Terry Conley has recalled the 'diehards' out of retirement and produced a darts team, the like of which we have not seen since the days of HK. The Mess has produced a fairly strong team for the Sunday Morning Sergeants Mess League, and it performs nicely, both before and after the games.

John Hemmings has finally received his LS & GC (much to the annoyance of those Mess members who have failed to receive this). The CO conferred this honour on John in front of the Battalion, and the MO saw that John, being overcome with feelings, was transported to the MI room on a wheelchair. John has now left us (yet again) to take command of MT with 1 Yorks (yet again). We don't expect to see John again, but as the RSM said 'John, if you come back, leave your farewell present in the Silver Room'.

The 1 DWR Post Canada Ball was held in the Zur Grille on Saturday, October 7.

A monumental amount of planning and preparation went into the Ball, and the results were truly worthwhile. Norman Bryson and his chefs put on a superb display of gastronomical delights, of which the quality was excellent. The Corps of Drums gave a superb display, and with their fluorescent lighting and luminous sticks and gloves, drove Vinnie Pye into convulsions, muttering 'Eeh, it makes me so proud'. The 'Big Brass' sound tried their best to deafen us and the remainder of the entertainment kept the young at heart stepping out into the wee hours.

Maj and Mrs Cumberlege were chief guests representing the Commanding Officer, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Blues and Royals and QOH were well represented and gave us a short display of their own tribal dances, the RSM stepping out well. RSM Hughes and a few well wishers saw them off in great style with a short burst of 'The Dukes are Coming up the Hill', and sang so well that they were almost kidnapped on the bus.

Finally a big Thank you to Geoff Cookson and his Committee for a very well organised and most

enjoyable evening, a worthy note to end the Canada episode with.

Finally a Commercial

The walls of the Mess, are at present a little bare of such things as medals, and other mementoes or awards of past serving members. If there are any past or present serving members or relatives of same who have any item of interest, which, suitably framed and cased would in some way contribute to the decor of the Mess in all its best traditions, the RSM would be most grateful to receive those items for display. In particular the old style Swagger sticks and medals. (Jock Norman, no doubt, may be able to help.)

ALMA COMPANY

Headquarters

Company HQ is the place where everything runs smoothly and efficiently, some people however, may call it 'Organised Chaos'.

For those of you that have little or no knowledge of company headquarters, there are a few main celebrities and the rest are understudies.

The main celebrities are, Maj Andrews, who is the company commander, and in the past few weeks acting CO, 2IC, Adjt, Rugby Officer and PMC Officers Mess.

The Second in Command is Capt Sherlock, who gets more leave than anybody else and the rest of the company are still trying to find out what he does for a living.

The final celebrity is CSM Wilkinson who keeps asking people to put their feet in his in tray. Downstairs in the cellar we have the company stores headed by Csgt Lowney with a large workforce of storeman, we never see them unless they are signed out on a 1033.

Finally we come to the workforce, consisting of the company clerks and the signal detachment. That is more or less a run down on the Company HQ. For those I've missed, that's another favour you owe me, and for those I've mentioned, I'll see you when the Military Police catch me.

Platoon Notes

We left you in the last notes at the end of training in Canada and looking forward to R and R. Well all that is now behind us, leaving us with many memories. The company disappeared in all directions and we had representatives in Montana, the Rockies, Seattle and Los Angeles to name but a few.

On arriving back in Germany we had three weeks leave and then back down to serious training.

Most of the company moved down to Hammelburg to take part in a training film and I can confirm that nobody is being signed up by 20th Century Fox. They did have some time off for sunbathing and night life especially in a little place called 'The Kuphacamm' from there it was straight on to Site Guard at Munster which was quite interesting because of the German Terrorist Threat.

At this moment we have just finished a pre-Brecon Cadre which is mentioned farther down the page.

1 Platoon Personalities

We would like to say farewell to Sgt John Hogg who has moved to 3 Platoon. Cpl Sugie Sugden who has been promoted to Sgt, Lcpl Choma on leaving the Army and Pte Glynn who has moved over to the Cop Shop, we would also like to welcome Sgt Ellis who is on attachment from the Australian Army.

2 Platoon Personalities

We would like to welcome our new Platoon Commander, Lt Scott Perkins, on attachment from the Australian Army and Pte Hunter and the Patton brothers who have just joined the Company.

3 Platoon Personalities

We would like to say goodbye to Lt Peter Harvey who has gone to the Depot and Sgt Hogg who is our new leader.

The Upgrading Cadre

The Cadre developed into something like a pair of utility straps, it fulfilled every requirement, not only was it an upgrading Cadre, but also a continuation Cadre, NCOs' Cadre and above all a pre-Brecon Course.

Because of the importance of this final aspect, the Cadre was based on Brecon itself, much to the benefit of Sgt Cooper, Cpl Hepworth, Lcpls Acklam, Thomas, and Metcalf who are soon to depart along the long and winding road to Dering Lines Brecon.

The Staff, Lt Dixon, Sgts Hogg, Huxley, Cpls Sugden and Mortimer, assisted by the training team, hoped to assimilate the conditions at Brecon School of Tactics, feared by many undeserving NCOs. This I believe we achieved to an extent.

After the usual cries of 'Lack of Preparation' the Cadre did in fact start, an amusing and beneficial time was had by all, what with Lt Dixon's training programme, Sgt Hogg's lecture technique, and Sgt Huxley's overhead projector technique, we successfully demonstrated how not to do it, eagerly debriefed by Sgt Cooper.

The course was terminated by a three-day exercise on Minden North Training Area. Lt Dixon managed to occupy himself more ably with a 'Silver Putter' and left the beasting to the more experienced, i.e. Sgt Hogg, Sgt Huxley and Cpl Mortimer. Cpl Sugden contracted a severe, and in fact almost mortal, cold and couldn't come . . .

The exercise was terminated by a Forced March from the area to camp, in all something like 15½ miles, covered in 3hr 16min, considering the troops had no sleep for virtually three days and very little time to feed, all did extremely well. Sgt Huxley, our resident 'yank' set the killing pace and his American Marine training (of the you wanna be variety) showed to the end, his speed was staggering, his withdrawal was American . . . even more staggering.

BURMA COMPANY

Well, Canada has been and gone and once again we are back in the throes of BAOR soldiering with a Divisional exercise, a site guard, some leave, and, of course, skiing all in the offing. In every respect

Canada was for Burma Coy a great success. We all managed to hit it off with the Queens Own Hussars who looked after us extremely well; the training appeared to go well and we were not prevented from completing the course by the weather; and the R & R proved enjoyable for almost everyone. We did feel a little sorry for the two soldiers who went ranching and spent four days helping the rancher build a road on his homestead. Nevertheless it was all a great experience and for a while, Vancouver, The Rockies, Banff, Whitefish, The Glacier National Park, Montana were all household names.

We enjoyed our summer leave with people travelling to such places as Yugoslavia, S Italy S France, the Moselle, Munich and Bradford. Still, each man to his choice. It was very good to see a band of smiling and happy faces on return to Minden; and Cpl Mortimer met Lt Col G. Taylor in Huddersfield and has received his award.

One of the disappointing aspects of an exercise such as Medicine Man is the change that takes place in a Company after the exercise. Already there are many new faces. Capt Chris Gilbert has left the Company and having spent four months in the corridors of power at HQ 4 Div is now off to Cyprus. The CQMS Csgt Pye, has left us after a long stay to go to the Officers Mess. Thank you both for your help to Burma over the past couple of years. Lt 'Spic' Jenkins has also left the Company and the Army at the end of his three-year stay. We are not sure whether he is going to ski, sail boats or soldier in Oman but he knows he is always assured of a job selling his native Neapolitan ice-cream. Good luck Jenkins. We welcome Capt Mark 'Haka' Howell from 1 RNZIR on a four-month stay in exchange for Martin Drake who has gone to Australia for the same period—we hope! Csgt Craven has rejoined Burma as CQMS after a spell away.

We have just learned that next October the Battalion heads for the Falls district of Belfast. This will be a homecoming for a few of the Ulster veterans as well as the seventh tour for the 'Sad Sarnt Major'.

There is always much talk of turbulence and overstretch in BAOR with N Ireland ever present. Contrary to popular belief pre-Ulster training and the tour itself is the one period of time when the Battalion is left alone without turbulence—roll on September.

4 PLATOON BURMA COMPANY

We have left the prairies, rattlesnakes, gophers, girls and 'molsons' behind in Canada and are once again settled into familiar surroundings and routine! We all found out in Canada the effects of heat, space, and the testing situations of a platoon operating from two vehicles! Debussing was an art in itself and it took a few minutes to unravel all the arms, legs, 84s, 66s, rifles etc, before we could actually skirmish!

We bade farewell to Cpl Alan White of 'C' Coy 1 Yorks and Lcpl Grieve of 3 Yorks attached to us for Ex Medicine Man 3, both men settled into the Platoon very quickly and I am sure assimilated a lot of new knowledge. We bid farewell also to Pte Neville

Carbine who goes to IDB Warminster and Pte Keith Hansell who leaves us for Dog Handlers training.

We have played a major role in producing the lion's share of Company socials. Credit must go to Cpls Jim Whiteley and Steve Mortimer for their unceasing energy, drive and enthusiasm. Notable were the pre-Canada CT Barb-a-que and post-Canada country and western night, both very successful.

Congratulations to Mrs Percy Mitchell and Mrs Chris Meade on the birth of their respective sons! Percy now knows every inch of the road to BMH Rinteln having shuttled backwards and forwards like a yoyo with false alarms, wrong dates etc!

With our 'Radio 21' vehicles freshly IR painted, we now look forward to the full programme leading up to Christmas.

5 PLATOON

The obvious highlight over the past few months was undoubtedly our trip to BATUS at Suffield, Canada. After a long and tiring journey by VC10 to Canada everyone soon knew what the term 'Jet Lag' really meant, our bodies were trying to tell us that it was evening and time to relax or go to bed while the CQMS was telling us that it was only lunch time and there was plenty of work which had to be done. So work we did, we had no choice for the next day, we were out in the field for 12 days solid and during that time we had to be self contained, arms, ammo, rations the lot until our first replen by the CQMS.

The training we did at BATUS was first class and everyone really enjoyed it. What a change it was to be given real live ammunition instead of blanks and be able to fire it on the exercises. It was all good fun, but hard work at the same time and the breaks that we had every three to four days were looked forward to by all even if it were just for the chance of a shower. During our stay in Canada we had Cpl Seepuyjak who is a member of the TAVR attached to the Platoon. 'Jack' as he was known by all, became our Platoon medic, and had on quite a few occasions, to practice his civilian occupation of SRN. Thanks a lot Jack and if you're ever without a job, 5 Platoon will have you back.

As said before the training was hard but, of course, there was the funny moments as well, highlights of which were—Pte Sweeney, when told to go and check the tracks of his sections' 432 came back to the section commander, Cpl Tooley, and reported 'Yes there's still two'. Pte Watts whose suspicions of a 'snake' being in the sections Basher one night had everyone sleeping anywhere, except on the ground, and lastly during the final assault the antics of 3 Section trying to debus from every conceivable exit point when their rear door jammed and would not open. Unfortunately Cpl Dent's remarks on the incident cannot be repeated here.

And so on to the R & R (what we all really went to Canada for). This is what everyone really enjoyed, the few days that we had to explore the huge continent of North America, the tales to be told are as numerous as the places we visited and would take up more space than permitted here. Even now we still talk about what we did during R & R.

After our return from Canada and a spell of well deserved leave we find ourselves preparing for the coming winter months here in Germany.

Mr Drake the Platoon Commander already departed on a temporary exchange posting to the 5/7th Bn The Royal Australian Rifles, we wish him all the best during his stay 'down under' and look forward to seeing him again in December. All the skiers are now hard at training getting ready for when the snow gets here. We do ourselves proud at this sport having five people who will be representing the Battalion this year, Sgt Arundel, Pte Sweeney, Pte Lawler (cross country) and Lcpl Broadhead and Pte Edwards (downhill).

Once again we find ourselves short of drivers in the Platoon and Pte Bakes has much to his delight found himself being taught to drive, initially on Landrovers and then on to the heavies the 432s.

Now finally for the hello's and goodbyes, firstly we would like to say goodbye and good luck to Cpl Morton who leaves us to go teaching recruits at the depot, Cpl Tooley, SAS, on his transfer to the Battalion newly formed adventure training wing, and Pte Fairburn on his discharge from the Army.

We welcome Cpl Dent and Lcpl Ward to the Platoon and hope that your stay will be long and happy with us, and finally congratulations to Lcpl Silcox, Pte Kerrigan and their wives on their recent marriages.

6 PLATOON

Some day, I am assured, a platoon commander will have the responsibility of looking after 30 men; sadly, we are still waiting for that day. In order to exercise successfully at BATUS this year it was essential that we should be as close to our establishment as possible and so, with a hardcore of old sweats, namely, Sgt Bob Blackburn, Cpls Bill Staniland, Pete Williams, Dave Oxley and 'Herbie' Kendall, and two of the best drivers in the Company, 'Sedge' and 'Summy', 6 Platoon took to the Canadian Battlefield. Making up the numbers were Dettingen Coy personnel but a great sense of togetherness, nurtured at Soltau, moulded us into an efficient, successful and happy fighting unit. Lcpl Jock Lindsey did his utmost to impress upon us that a PTI can skirmish as well as the next man whilst Ptes Emmersley and Fenton, converted drummers, worked hard to maintain 6 Platoon's standards. Unfortunately we lost Lcpl Russ Whelan, Pts 'Smudge 35' and Graham Ingham to the Bisley shooting but their success in that field should not go unmentioned. Earlier in the year 'Smudge' came away from the Battalion Skill at Arms Camp with the distinction of being declared the best Private soldier at the meeting, winning the Roupel Cup and the Savory Medal. Lcpl Russ Whelan showed us that his ability to shoot is equal to his ability to ski Langlauf style—he raced extremely well for the Battalion Team last season. With skiing in mind it must be recalled that 'Smudge 92' did the Platoon proud with his aggressive downhill racing last Christmas and the active part he played in running Ex 'Snow Queen' for the benefit of his fellow soldiers.

As time passes members of the Platoon come and go. Lcpl Barry Walker went back to the job he

enjoys most, dog handling. Civvy street claimed Pte Steve Western and I'm sure the Battalion soccer XI were sad to see him go. Pte 'Lofty' Lofthouse was transferred to Company HQ but as he wants, so much, to return to the Platoon atmosphere that he enjoys, we should see him back before Christmas.

Looking to the future I have great confidence—well established NCOs will lead the way for quality recruits like Ptes Andy Goodwin and Steve Irving, Best Recruit at Strensall and Junior CSM at Shornecliffe respectively. Six Platoon will soldier on setting an example to others both professionally, in the field, and socially, enjoying a very valuable group identity.

CORUNNA COMPANY

As usual it's a last minute rush for these notes. We haven't stopped since the last issue and judging by the forecast of events, things aren't going to improve. We flew to Canada in mid-August, via Brize Norton and Gander. With all the time changes we were never sure what meal was what, but the flight took a long, long time. They warned us that the prairie was flat and unending and the trees so scarce that they were marked individually on the map but no one was prepared for the nothingness of Suffield. It is literally in the middle of nowhere—a vast expanse of undulating grassland. We had been warned to expect temperatures of over 100 deg F and sure enough, in typical Duke's fashion it poured with rain for our first two days in Canada.

During the takeover we lived in Crowfoot Camp which looks as though it is temporary and will be for the next 20 years. The vehicles were parked up in the Dustbowl which was a mudbowl for much of the time. They have a strange method of recording the passage of time at BATUS. They start at D Day and all subsequent days at D+1 or 2 or whatever. Initially we were involved in Platoon and Company training during which time our Anti-Tank detachment succeeded in disposing of a Wombat (one of their guns) from a very great height. It dropped from a helicopter and made a considerable indentation in the ground. Pte Bent went right off rattlesnakes! Lt Newton found out that his elbow was not harder than the front of his APC. 39 Gout went back to Crowfoot for a rest until threatened with an Ops Stag at which he promptly rejoined us. When told by the MO that had had to wear plimsolls and stay seated 39 Gout was heard to reply 'But I always debus with the Major'. And so he did I might add, much to the chagrin of the boys. 2 Lt Kilburn came across one or two orientation problems and when asked by the 2IC if he was playing on a particular attack promptly headbutted a Carl Gustav in his haste to debus.

The CQMS provided the usual regular support (although the NAAFI supplies were a bit irregular) and Sgt Arrowsmith spent many valuable hours worshipping the sun god.

There is no truth in the rumour that Lt Stark makes his fiancee wear cam cream (just everyone else!). After some excellent training and occasionally some not so excellent training we all sprinted back into Crowfoot leaving the remainder of the battle-



**Training in Canada
9 Platoon withdrawing after
a Bridge Demolition**

group to ponder on how we could have misunderstood the order of march.

The handover of vehicles went well (by and large), and the 2IC led the rush on R & R in his nice yellow Chevie. Tales of adventures and misdemeanours on R & R are abundant but will be kept for the Company Club, not these tender pages. Everyone made it back from Canada in one piece and were given three days leave in order to do a quick refamiliarisation course on wives and loved ones.

Now it is back to the grindstone and the routine of BAOR. Already we have cracked duty company, done a small exercise and are busy preparing for a two-week exercise up near the German border. Life goes on (so they tell me).

The OC Maj Fitz and his wife have departed for York and Maj Palmer has promptly assumed command and shot off to Warminster on his Combat Team Commanders Course. The Anti-Tanks and Mortars who joined us for Canada have departed for Hook Coy and thanks to them for all their hard work and amusement value. Welcome to Corunna all our new recruits, too numerous to mention, and goodbye to all our odds and bods who were attached for Canada—they know who they were!

Our assault pioneer section has now been trained by Cpl Parkinson and they are all looking forward to Ex Full House so that they can practice their new found skills. Little do they know what they're in for! Cpl Parkinson is also our fisherman (he only uses PE if he can't hook them). Fishing along with hang gliding, sub aqua and sailing are now becoming very popular sports in the Company.

During the period there have inevitably been a number of internal changes. We have said goodbye

to Ptes Ireland and Farrell to Civvy street and welcome Ptes Saul, Smith, Peet and Holdsworth from the Depot or I JLB. Congratulations to Lcpl Coatsworth on his addition to the family and to Cpl Laws on promotion to Sgt. It is rumoured that now that he has gone to the Drums as Platoon Sergeant that he is going to take over as bass drummer—he certainly has the build for it!

DETTINGEN COMPANY

Since our last notes Dettingen Coy was reduced almost to a cadre due to the Canada Training and KAPE. At last we are all back together again and preparing ourselves for the major Divisional FTX Exercise Full House.

During the last quarter a section from the Drums under Sgt Blackburn was attached to Burma Coy elements of 11 and 12 Platoons and Coy HQ were attached to Alma and Corunna Coys for their Canada training. All found the experience well worth while but regretted not being able to go as a formed Company. Several members of the Company took advantage of the adventure training and indeed as I write these notes our last three men should be returning. Everyone had at least four days R & R and much enjoyed themselves. Very little has been said of their experiences but all returned wearing big smiles and sporting empty wallets.

The bulk of the Drums went on KAPE with Alma Coy. They much enjoyed being back in the home country and many a swift half was enjoyed in the local pubs. Sadly the weather was unkind and so the Drummers were not able to perform as much as they would have liked.

Since KAPE the Drums have performed at two major functions—Bad Salzuffen which is a spa not unlike Harrogate and in the Minden Massed Bands.

As usual their performance was first class and they attracted a good deal of favourable comments.

11 Platoon have spent the last month getting to know each other again and of course concentrating on their military training. They now boast an Officer Platoon Commander 2 Lt Nick Borwell. We welcome him to the Company. An enthusiast for adventurous training we expect great things of him in due course. As he has just completed the adventure training in Canada he should be raring to go.

Despite all the work we have managed to get a number of people away on non-military pursuits. With the CSM as Battalion Sailing Officer we have had our fair share away sailing and a good number have joined the British Weser Yacht Club and obtained dinghy sailing qualifications. Cpl Cockshot has eventually convinced the unit that he is wasted as a section commander and after a canoe instructors course he moved to 12 Platoon and the Training Team to start an adventure training wing. We look forward to the venture bearing fruit.

The 'double hatted' men of 12 Platoon are slowly reducing in number and who knows, one day, if we are to believe the Defence Review, we might even have a full-time rifle Platoon. Though they've had no opportunity to perform as a Platoon since the ARU they have quietly got on with their jobs and we all know we couldn't actually do without them.

HOOK COMPANY HQ

So many things have happened during the present period, that I feel they are best recorded by the individual departments within our empire.

The Coy HQ Element continue to travel. Gone are the days when we stayed static. Maj Palmer, Csgt Dickens, Cpl Greenwood, Lcpl Stoddart and Lcpl Harrison showed the flag in Canada. The

CSM volunteered to help the MTO as UEO and promptly forgot to send himself.

We sadly say goodbye to Maj Donald Palmer who has sat in the 'chair' for the past two years. He now takes Corunna Coy. Capt Gilbert has arrived back from his Staff job to fill in until Maj Bunbury, our new OC arrives in early October. What a Coy HQ we will have then. OC—MBE, CSM—BEM, Csgt—BEM. We must get something right at last.

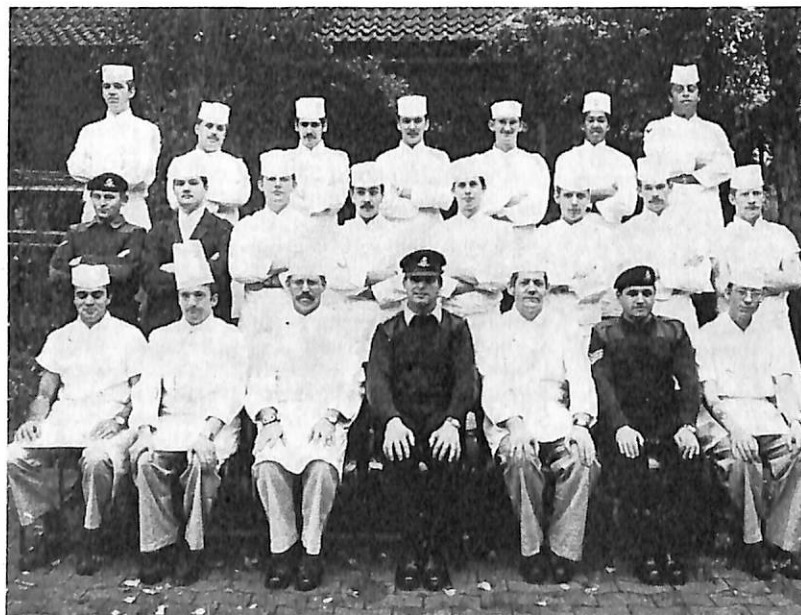
QUARTERMASTERS DEPT

'ORDEM' screams the Ops Room, 'right' says Csgt Peat, 'not another' moans Cpl White, 'Oh bloody ell' shouts Cpl Crowther, 'stuff it' says Cpl Deaville, 'I did the last one' cries Pte Robinson 'why not get the QM out of bed'. Gasps of surprise after all it's only 11.30 and lunch doesn't start for another hour. At times we did wonder if the other side was carrying any Famto. Perhaps they did because on the last day we were all poised pen at the ready but not an ORDEM in sight. But may be there was another reason (after all the magic words end Ex had been heard).

So one side of the work in Canada had finished. We could now concentrate on the more mundane things like getting the Camps and Vehs ready for handover to 3 RRF. This was done and we all disappeared to various parts of America on R & R.

Capt Tighe decided he was Billy (or Bobby) the Kid and went ranching. He came back after two days to check on the camp (his story), ours as it was because they didn't give him a horse and a colt '45.

Cpl White and Pte Robinson went to Montana. When asked what it was like they gave a terrific Sitrep on 23 bars in a $\frac{1}{4}$ square mile, so it must have been good. They were so impressed they nearly didn't come back! Cpl Crowther tried Banff and Calgary, he says he was only drunk for two of the four days so only half enjoyed himself.



Catering Platoon 1 DWR
October 1978
 Back row L to R: Lcpl Comerford, Ptes Creaser, Wilson, Sparks, Wright, Williams, Cpl Holloway
 Centre row: Lcpl Furness, Ptes Silcox, Hyde, Devlin, Sutton, Atkinson, Lcpl Fuller, Pte Charnley
 Front row: Cpl Kay, Sgt Napier, SQMS Bryson, Capt Tighe (QM), Sgts Peden, Fleming, Cpl Clouse

Cpl Deaville being more adventurous travelled 800 miles to Vancouver. Two days there then 800 miles back. He says he was sore.

Csgt Peat took the Purple Avenger (or vice versa) and went to Great Falls and then on to Banff, the Elks on the Golf Course were big, the Bears small but the scenery terrific. He also went to lunch at the Banff Springs Hotel (mainly because the Officers couldn't afford it).

On arrival back in Minden we found the RQMS, Bowes and Beardmore had each lost 1½ stone. They told us it was due to overwork and BFTs. The RQMS then disappeared on a week's leave (again) there must be a moral in that somewhere.

All in all Canada was very beneficial (and enjoyable), 'When do we go back!'

REGIMENTAL BAND

It was rather disappointing to learn that the Minden Final of the Miss BAOR Beauty Competition had been cancelled this year. The Band had been engaged to perform incidental music, and normally on these occasions, we manage to get a front row seat with an excellent view. We understand that there were so many lovely lady entrants this year so the judges decided it would be unfair to elect just one to go forward. One member of the Band did not mind the cancellation. Ssgt Sid Almond was thus able to take delivery of his brand new car, a Citroen CX GTI.

Some engagements are straightforward but occasionally, we are tasked to provide something out of the ordinary. This was the case when our Band President indicated a requirement for the Band to re-enact the Battle of Dettingen of 1743. This was quite interesting really as it made us brush up on our Regimental History and delve deep in the archives for as much information as was possible. One source of information was the Historical Museum in Hannover. The Bandmaster and Sgt Vaughan embarked on a visit. One can imagine the problem of describing to the German Curator in limited German what was required, such things as Coats of Arms of the day, and a special piece of music, 'The Dettingen Tedeum' by G. F. Handel, to commemorate the battle. It was a great relief when making initial introductions, our researchers were shown to an office and met a very smart looking lady who spoke excellent English. As soon as the word Dettingen was mentioned, she immediately exclaimed, 'Ah yes', 'That was George II in the year 1743'. Before she had finished speaking, she was already engrossed leafing through the pages of a book and efficiently extracting facts and figures. Eventually, armed with diagrams, picture postcards, and posters, our researchers left the Museum rather bewildered, and yet very much enlightened. The lady had even produced a massive music score of approximately 30 pages of the Handel Tedeum (published by Boosey and Hawkes of London). After 10 days of painting, writing of music and piecing together information, the Battle was finally re-enacted by the Bands of 1 DWR, 1 Cheshires and The Queen's Own Hussars. The spectators consisted of both English and German personnel and the Band Battle as it was called was the final event of an Anglo-German Open Day in Barracks.

We are often requested to perform at Schutzen-fests but were rather surprised to be asked to attend an Oxonfest. We expected to find on the day that it would be a cattle market engagement, but in actual fact, if turned out to be on the lines of a Schutzenfest, held in a Marquee with bags of entertainment and, of course, liquid refreshment. We were beginning to wonder why it was called an Oxonfest when all of a sudden we had to dash outside to play for the ceremony of lighting and cooking the ox. There in front of us was this enormous ox on a spit. We were told that it takes 26 hours to cook by this means and the festivities continued throughout the period culminating in a lavish feast and more liquid refreshment. We decided we had other business elsewhere and could not hang about to taste the ware.

It is often necessary to play outside of normal working hours and usually this means evenings or weekends. However, when visiting JHQ in Rheindahlen in July, we were told that our participation in the Rheindahlen Allied Marches required us to commence playing at 06.15 hours. As we are not early risers and unaccustomed to starting work without breakfast, it was hastily agreed that an urn of tea would be provided and so with this assurance we paraded bang on time to set the marchers off on time and in style.

Also in July, we attended the opening of a German Sports Club in Wennigsen near Hannover. This was going well until the local huntsmen appeared on the scene and one rider decided to ride his horse under a patio among the beer drinking spectators. After three attempts, the horse plucked up courage and entered the area; however, the rider forgot to duck his head and promptly hit a beam. Fortunately, he was not hurt and both horse and rider enjoyed a drink. We are not sure what the horse drank but it was later seen swaying and finally ended up in a ditch riderless.

It was nice to travel to England again for our KAPE tour in Yorkshire. Full of enthusiasm, we set off for the first engagement in Skipton intending to entertain the crowds of fans. Alas! it was a case of 'When we got there, the park was bare, and our poor little fans got none'. This was due to inclement weather, and it made us realise that a wet weather programme would be useful for such occasions. The weather again played havoc at odd times during the tour but we did manage to get around and to keep the music flowing. To our loyal supporters in the OCA who followed us around, we offer our thanks and hope that we entertained you well, and perhaps brought back memories for you.

One of our tasks during the KAPE was to provide a concert for the staff and residents of Leeds University. The University had kindly accommodated us. The Bandmaster who was feeling a little off colour on this night had to call on assistance from the assistant Bandmasters, Capt Sherlock and Cpl Sugden of Alma Coy. They both rose to the occasion and surprised us all by demonstrating their knowledge of music while conducting the Band. Cpl Sugden did so well that he applied for a transfer to the Band but after an interview with the Bandmaster, for which Cpl Sugden paraded in Scarletts, he was advised that as he was also a very experienced

soldier, he should remain where he is, at least for the time being.

With our return to BAOR, we have commenced the Massed Bands Season. The first one took place in Bad Salzuffen in mid-September and this is followed by the Minden Massed Bands.

We welcome to the Band Bdsm Jones who has joined us from Kneller Hall. We were pleased to learn that he had been awarded the Progress Prize on the French Horn.

We said farewell to Bdsm Wedgwood who decided to move to the PWO Band. We hope that he has now settled in with them.

SIGNAL PLATOON

THE BOARD

RSO, Lt D. I. Richardson (Chairman)
ARSO, WO2 Shaw (Managing Director)
Csgt, Sgt Parrott (Sales Director)
Radio Sgt, Sgt Fielding (General Manager)
MT Sgt, Sgt Brook (Works Manager)

As you can see once again the Board has changed, so we said welcome to Lt D. I. Richardson from 'D' Coy and farewell to Capt (Tony) Pitchers who has left the shores of Germany and has gone to be 2IC of a Company and once again RSO at Shornecliffe, hope your stay is enjoyable Mr Richardson, and that you, Capt Pitchers are not too hard on the boys.

We also welcome back WO2 (Les) Shaw, once again, but as you know every time he has returned it has been at a different rank. On handing over WO2 (John) O'Donnell is now up to his old tricks

of Trg Wing/Ops duties, and once again we hope they both have good tours in their new ports.

Sgt (Tom) Shadbolt left his stores to Sgt (Bill) Parrott or should I say nearly didn't leave all his stores, and since Bill's return he has been kept busy with a Clansman Conversion course for his preparation to receive Clansman Oct/Nov 1978.

Note; Tom Shadbolt still insists it was invented by a Jock (Clansman).

Ssgt Shadbolt as he is now known arrived at Shornecliffe as 2IC to his old boss, Capt Pitchers (I just hope Shornecliffe know what they have let themselves in for) but I suppose Rugby can keep them occupied most of the time.

Left from the old board is myself and the Works Manager (Mr Canada Spares) but the war goes on and I think we will all survive.

Probably the main feature in the last few months was Canada, and as it was the 1 DWR Battle Group the Signal Platoon was there in force. Or nearly.

The exercise was not as beneficial as we would have liked for Signal Platoon personnel, as the ranges for radio use were so well tried out that it was really just a matter of keeping the equipment going, and I think overall we succeeded but only because of the excellent repair back-up we had, especially from 'I'm not tired' Works Manager (C/S 92B) or (have half-ton Landrover will travel) and did he travel. But let's hear from the man himself, and then some funnies.

In Canada the spares back-up was provided by one Sgt and one Cpl Tels and one Sgt (Maniac)

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Signals which worked as follows. A call went from a Sub-unit to 92B asking for equipment, 92B went forward changed the u/s kit for the serviceable type, and then returned to A2 Echelon and swapped the u/s kit for repaired kit. It then moved forward again to A1 Echelon on call. Sounds simple doesn't it, well, 1,800 miles in 14 days is not bad but there were some worrying moments. Like tank hunting at 03.00 hours with no lights, with eight C42s in the back and three on the front, on the side of a hill at a 45 degree angle, or the time when things started to fall off commencing with the radiator grille, then a headlight, then the horn. At one stage I was wondering which was going to give up first, the Rover or its driver.

From 98 to 92B

'We desperately need a re-supply of water and petrol as we have no water and only half a can of petrol Over'

From 92B

'Roger. Drink petrol. Out'

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

The Platoon has changed a lot since April and our last notes. First of all we lost the 'Old and Bold', Sgt Templeman and Capt Drake, and gained Lt G Kilburn and Csgt Walker.

Training came hard and fast for Canada and we departed by Companies and different B.G. Hap-penings for 'A' and 'B' Coys will be covered in their Company Notes, but 'C' Coy and Platoon HQ with these notes.

There's not much to say about Canada except where's the sun? We did, however, acquire a new name 'The DWR's'. This does not mean 'Duke of Wellingtons Regiment' as you probably think it does, it means 'Drop Wombat Regiment' because not only Para-Birds come out of the sky, others things do too. But it seems we are not the only ones to have fun and games.

That's not all, Pinky and Perky (Cpl Birks and Lcpl Able) went on a skive (so they thought) to the adventure training course, but bet they never go again as they came back overweight (if that's possible), broke and came face to face with the Csgt because the CO said 'HQ would do at least one form of PT per week' but the Csgt thought he said every day. Now we know how he got his name.

Our Platoon Commander came back hoping for a long rest, but to his joy he was off again for a two-day exercise, still suffering from jet lag but we don't think it will catch him.

Well we are all back to one happy family again and things seem to be settling down—it must be because there is a week-end ahead, and our next exercise is only one week off. After that we welcome 10 more recruits to our fitness camp.

We wish all the best to Capt Drake, Sgt Templeman, on their new postings and to Cpl Hepworth on his Brecken Course, we hope he can find a smile somewhere in Wales. Our congratulations go to Lcpls Pedley, Conlon, Ptes Russell and Sutcliffe on their marriages and hope all their problems will be little ones. Before we close we would like to thank the medical staff for their assistance and treatment to the casualties 'non serious' which our Platoon Sgt kindly supplied after his tighening up on fitness and

gun drills. Our donations made a total of six in one week. Is this his favourite charity?

MOR PLATOON

The 'event of the year' for the Platoon has undoubtedly been Canada. The wild rose country of Alberta has given us unparalleled opportunities to fire the 81mm mortar in as near to realistic conditions as one could possibly achieve in training areas. And also to prove the falsehood of that nickname of ours—'drop-shorts'! Although the weather was at times unkind, everyone managed to return with some sort of suntan, so much so in the case of Cpl Lofthouse we're thinking of applying for a new nationality for him. To many the highlight of the Exercise was the R & R period at the end. Although we ventured far and wide across both Canada and USA all managed to catch our scheduled flights and have some amusing stories to recall to our families at the end. Those fortunate few of c/s 52 managed to sample the excitement of the Calgary Stampede while to the remainder of us the delights of the Great Falls drew our attention. However, there was one lone warrior who fancied himself as 'Dusty Fogg' and set off for the ranches to try his hand at 'rustling'. Well, I don't think he stole anything but I'm sure he lost something!

Now that the Platoon has reformed back in Minden the pace of Germany has brought us all down to earth and the winter training season is hard upon us. As the memories of Canada begin to fade we can at least say 'it was gee good while it lasted'!

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DUKE'S RUGBY

After the turmoil of the summer trips to Canada rugby has finally spluttered into action in Clifton Barracks. The Sports Bar is now a flourishing concern and seems to be primarily a rugby watering hollow. If a check of the records is correct then the season 1978-79 is the Duke's rugby centenary. Apparently the first match the Duke's played was in Halifax 100 years ago, and I have been asked to mention that contrary to popular opinion Johnny Thorn did not skipper the side! In order to celebrate in a proper manner the Dukes will again tour the West Riding, with games against Halifax, Old Crossleyans, York Unicorns and Headingley (see below for details). It is hoped to arrange a centenary match in March. It will either be a Past/Present match or a game against a touring Army side, this will be followed by a dinner/dance in the Sports Bar.

While the Duke's Battle group were surviving the rigours of Canada and R & R, Maj Peter Andrews and Maj Vernon Davies were busy coaching the younger players who were back in Minden. The results were extremely good and several promising young players have emerged, notably Ptes Steve Blackham and Ian Hurst who have already played for the 1st XV. Rugby is at present taking a back seat to our many military commitments but by early November we should be able to settle down to a more serious approach. Our first two matches resulted in convincing wins by over 50pts in both games, but unfortunately the 2nd XV met sides who had packed their XV's with first team players and our 2nds suffered accordingly; however, they are training hard and will soon prove their worth.

In mid-September a Duke's seven went to Denmark to compete in the Aalborg Sevens. The team, led by Capt Tim Sinclair, won the tournament, scoring 236pts and conceding only 6pts. Pte Dexter Landell scored 24 tries and insists that we correct the mistake in the last issue of THE IRON DUKE. It was in fact Pte Landell who scored the first try in the Army Cup Final and not Lcpl Sam Fleary (but it was a dark afternoon!)

1 DWR Rugby Appointments 1978-79

Captain 1st XV —Captain Tim Sinclair
 Vice-Capt 1st XV —Sgt Mick Cuss
 Rugby Officer —Maj Peter Andrews
 Coach —Maj Vernon Davies
 Secretary —Lt David Richardson
 A/Secretary —2 Lt John Wood
 Treasurer —Cpl George Gill
 Captain 2nd XV —2 Lt Tim Coburn

UK Tour details—January 6-16, 1979

6—Meet in Old Cock Halifax 19.00 hrs
 7—Old Crossleyans, KO 11.00hrs
 9—York Unicorns, KO 14.30hrs
 11—Halifax Select, KO 14.30hrs
 14—Headingley (unconfirmed), KO 14.30hrs
 15—Return Minden.

Army Rugby Cup—BAOR Competition

1st Round 1 DWR bye
 2nd Round 1 DWR 102—1 Cheshire 4
 3rd Round HQ 4 Armed Div 0—1 DWR 82
 & Sig Regt

ARMY RUGBY UNION FIXTURES 1979**January**

3 Hampshire, Aldershot (kick-off 7.30pm)
 6 Harlequins, Stoop Memorial Ground
 13 Leicestershire Barbarians, Away
 17 United Hospitals, Aldershot
 24 Oxford University, Aldershot
 31 Rosslyn Park, Roehampton (kick-off 7.30pm)

February

3 Cambridge University, Aldershot
 14 Surrey, Esher (kick-off 7.30pm)
 24 Blackheath, Rectory Field
 28 Bristol, Bristol (kick-off 7.30pm)

March

10 Royal Navy, Twickenham
 14 TAVR, Away
 24 Royal Air Force, Twickenham

April

4 Civil Services, Aldershot
 17 BAOR Tour
 23 BAOR Tour
 25 Courage Army Sevens, Aldershot

ARMY CUP DATES**MAJOR**

Preliminary Round by 4 Oct 1978
 1st Round by 18 Oct 1978
 2nd Round by 1 Nov 1978
 3rd Round by 15 Nov 1978
 4th Round by 29 Nov 1978
 UK Semi-final 21 Feb 1979
 UK Final 14 Mar 1979
 FINAL 28 Mar 1979 in UK

MINOR

Preliminary Round by 11 Oct 1978
 1st Round by 25 Oct 1978
 2nd Round by 8 Nov 1978
 3rd Round 22 Nov 1978
 4th Round 6 Dec 1978
 UK Semi-final 28 Feb 1979
 UK Final 7 Mar 1979
 FINAL 4 Apr 1979 in BAOR

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES—1979

20 Jan Ireland v France
 20 Jan Scotland v Wales
 3 Feb Wales v Ireland
 3 Feb England v Scotland
 17 Feb France v Wales
 17 Feb Ireland v England
 3 Mar England v France
 3 Mar Scotland v Ireland
 17 Mar Wales v England
 17 Mar France v Scotland

INTER-SERVICES MATCHES 1979

17 Feb Royal Navy v Royal Air Force
 10 Mar Royal Navy v Army
 24 Mar Army v Royal Air Force

COMBINED SERVICES FIXTURES—1978

27 Sept	Devon, Devonport
23 Oct	United Hospitals, Aldershot
7 Nov	Public School Wanderers, Aldershot
9 Nov	French Armed Forces, Aldershot
21 Nov	New Zealand, Aldershot

WHITE ROSE SPORTS CLUB

Since its resurrection in January of this year the club has had mixed fortunes. Its aim is to provide social and recreational facilities for the Battalion and its families not covered by the various Messes.

Current facilities include:

1. A sportsman's bar which sponsors all post game entertainment and sports club activities but besides providing the usual lemonade it also provides bar food from the grill.
2. A families club which organises families social activities both in and out of camp. A committee of wives plan the events which so far have included a dinner dance, a disco, film show, families lunches, games evening, shopping trips, barbeque, excursions, Anglo-German events and a band concert.
3. A youth club for approximately 100 10-14-year-olds, which meets weekly.
4. A creche for the under 3's which twice a week allows mothers a couple of hours peace and quiet.
5. A Cafe which is open every morning.

Csgt Skipworth is in charge of the day-to-day running and Cpl Ankers is 'Mine Host'. They make very interesting comparisons between the tearaways of the youth club and certain late stayers of the Rugby team. The premises were built by the pioneers and are a great credit to them.

They are still, however, in the process of decoration and when the shy skiers can be persuaded to advertise and the Soccer team win a trophy then we hope they will join the Boxers and Rugby team in displaying trophies and memorabilia.

NATO SMALL ARMS TRIALS

NATO countries are at present involved in choosing a new weapon system. The trials are taking place at Hammelburg in the US zone. 8 Duke's are part of the British testing team, they are: Cpl Gale, Lcpl Acklam 71, Ptes Smith 79, Galtress, Hayton, Greenside, Jones, Sewell.

The trials are progressing well and they are at the moment well into the second phase testing the French MAS rifle.

DUKE'S PUBS

One of the great successes of the last two years has been the introduction of Duke's Pubs in local areas in England. The three 'Duke's' pubs we have at the moment have all been inaugurated and they are very impressed with the success of the idea.

Present Duke's Pubs are:

1. The Old Cock—Southgate, Halifax
Landlord—Jack Arrowsmith
2. The Unicorn—Huddersfield.
Landlord—Wally Gooding
3. The Horseshoe—Bell House Road, Sheffield
Landlord—Barry Dodson

We are keen to have a Duke's Pub in each area, principally in Yorkshire but not necessarily, so if anyone knows of an ex-Duke running a pub or even a pro-Duke landlord, who would like to become associated with the Regiment please contact the Assistant Adjutant, 1 DWR, BFPO 29. Even our undergraduate officers in Oxford are not to be left out. Mr Middleton an ex-Duke who runs the Newlands Inn, Eynsham, near Oxford, will very shortly be added to the list.

The aim of the scheme is to provide focus points for those who may wish to maintain their links with the Regiment. The Battalion will use the pubs as gathering places when our teams are touring and they will hope to meet as many people with connection to the Duke's as possible.

MINDEN FLOAT 1978

One morning whilst feeling at peace with the world the phone rang and shattered a pleasant reverie—'we have the details of the Minden Float 1978, can you come to the planning conferences . . .'

It appears from conference that we are to be Denmark and Iceland. After a number of zany suggestions such as an Icelandic gunboat sinking a fishing boat or maybe a half-naked woman sitting on a rock, to represent Denmark, it was finally decided that we would produce an all embracing tableau of a viking longboat being waved off by a Viking family. It was decided that Vikings really represented Scandinavia as a whole.

Building the float posed lots of problems for our pioneers but after one abortive effort we achieved remarkable results. After the day our float was the only one to feature in the German Press. So well done everyone involved.

WIVES TRIP TO DENMARK

At last the day we had been looking forward to had arrived. We were going to Denmark, all 33 of us, and with no men and no children we were all determined we were going to enjoy ourselves. One last call at Clifton Barracks and then we would be off. Down Lubbecke Strasse to Clifton we went, or rather, we tried to go. Phut, phut and we came to a stop. A breakdown already? Yes. In the pouring rain we all jumped out and trooped into the White Rose Club, amid roars of laughter from everyone we passed. However, two hours later we were back on the road. Despite the fact that we had to put umbrellas up to catch the rain as it came through the roof and windows and sometimes through the floor, and every five minutes a knock coming from the engine (we thought REME had hitched a lift) everybody was cheerful and happy.

We made very good time and arrived at Vejla at approx 8.30. The only problem was finding the Youth Hostel. Everyone we asked directed us the wrong way. Due to road works there were more diversions than a railway station had lines. Finally one kind gentleman, two hours later, took pity on us, got his car out and guided us to where we wanted to be. Amid much singing, laughing and joking we finally arrived at the Youth Hostel and after having eaten, sheets and pillowcases in hand we all trooped

tired and weary, to our rooms, which looked remarkably like a prison cell even to the striped sheets, and all wondered what was for breakfast—'porridge'?

Bright and early next morning, 6.00am would you believe, we were all up and ready to go sightseeing. So immediately after breakfast off we went. Vejla is a pretty little place. There really isn't a lot of it so the three hours we had for looking around was for the most of us, quite ample. Back at the hostel for lunch, we all looked in amazement at what was put before us. Everyone agreed, however, that the bread was very nice.

Once more we assembled on the bus for our trip to Legoland plus the courier who was to show us around. Thank goodness the weather was fine. Once at Legoland the party split up and quite a few went round with the courier. The rest, headed for the nearest cafeteria for a plate of chips. Real food at last. Legoland cannot be described really. One needs to go around oneself to know what a place built entirely out of Lego bricks looks like. It really is fantastic.

Before we set off for our evening meal at the Palmhaven we all had one or two glasses of our favourite tippie, having taken a bottle with us, to warm us up. On being told the prices when we got there we were all very pleased we had. Our courier who had joined us for the evening with his wife, explained the different Danish dishes to us and the Danish customs. After we had finished eating the disco came on. All of a sudden there were lots of

men. Where did they all come from? Certainly there was no lack of dancing partners. By a strange coincidence there was a Butchers' Exhibition in Vejla that weekend, hence the influx of men.

At 1 o'clock we trooped back to the bus, all of us tired by happy, ready for a good night's sleep before the journey home the next day. I wonder if Vejla has recovered yet from having 33 British wives on their own for a weekend?

We left early next morning to make our way home. Yet again out came the umbrellas as the heavens opened. However, laden with gifts for our loved ones we all arrived safely at last in Minden. Everyone of us tired and weary.

KAPE NOTES

When anybody mentions KAPE Tour immediately one hears 'I remember on the last KAPE . . .' It seems to conjure up an orgy of beer drinking, chasing girls and generally keeping the Army in the public eye.

What ever the soldiers may have done in their spare time is their own business but certainly on KAPE Tours I have been, on they have worked hard. The last KAPE Tour was no exception.

Unfortunately this time the weather was unkind. We had eight engagements for the KAPE Team (less the band) all of which were cancelled apart from three. It can be depressing looking up at the sky and having to say yet again 'Sorry but no KAPE Team today.'



The Robb Drum
Messrs Robbs Menswear International of Halifax have kindly presented a new drum to the 1st Bn Drums
The Managing Director, Mr Clifford Harrison hands the drum over to Cpl Barraclough, during the 1978 KAPE tour assisted by 'Miss Welli', Miss Jill Mathewson
Photo Halifax Courier

The band and drums on the other hand were able to play in covered precincts on a number of occasions; although it may have sounded as though it was a wash out the actual tour was a success. We were given plenty of press coverage and the soldiers were seen around many of the towns chatting to and discussing Army life over a pint of 'Best' with the locals. If there is a flood of WRAC recruits in the near future I will deny all knowledge.

One of the highlights of the tour was the Band Concert at Mossley for the Regimental Association. I believe they enjoyed it and we certainly did.

A tour of this length always has its dramas and we had our percentage. Two of our vehicles broke down and there was the possibility that we would have to leave them in the UK or towed back to Germany. My mind was made up for me when I realised that one of them was the Commanding Officer's Land-rover. Eventually the vehicles were repaired and

able to make their own way back. We had a few minor traffic accidents, none of which were serious. The most dramatic accident took place outside Leeds University (our home for the tour) when the bus carrying the band, backed into the Luton Bedford. The bus had one of its side panels ripped open, but the Bedford didn't have a scratch on it.

Writing these notes also gives me the chance to thank the various people or organisations for their support. I was given a good deal of valuable backing from the Battalion 2IC and my Company Commander. Whilst on KAPE, on many occasions I used the facilities of both the Huddersfield and Halifax ACIO's and I'm waiting for the telephone bill. RHQ as usual pulled out all the stops and gave me tremendous backing throughout the KAPE.

Finally I would like to thank the Band and Drums and the KAPE Team for their unceasing hard work throughout the tour.

'C' (DWR) Company, 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Volunteers



The China Cup
The 1st Bn The Yorkshire Volunteers crowned a most successful TAVR Bisley Meeting this year by winning the coveted China Cup.

Left to Right: Capt Newcombe, Sgt Farmery, Sgt Waller, Lt Col Ivey (CO), Sgt Ashton, WO2 Shepherd, Lcpl Perry, 2 Lt Tetley, Sgt Appleton, Csgt Boocock, Lt Stone

Photo Gerald Style

'The time has come, the Walrus said, to speak of many things'.

After that spurious thought, the notes.

The pace continues to be fast and weekends follow each other in blinding succession. The Company is now well up to strength and turnout for drill nights and weekends is consequently good.

The OC is persisting in his plan to make the Company fit with early morning runs and Sgt O'Neill is persisting in his plan to try and stay in bed. The last time the CO's wife visited us Sgt O'Neill was heard to say that he didn't mind the OC going on morning runs but did he have to take a hundred soldiers with him!

Training has recently taken a new turn with the Battalion running 'Study Weekends' for the soldiers on a number of subjects, all of which were very well received. Especially the time that Lcpl Woodcock walked backwards off the landing stage into the river and, so Cpl White swears, came up with his cigarette not only still alight but dry as well.

Cpl Bentley has returned to us from attachment to 1 DWR after 18 months absence, full of knowledge to impart to the rest of us.

We have also obtained a new officer, 2 Lt Carlin, who joined us from Aberdeen UOTC and are busy at present trying to teach him English. Welcome to both of them.

Camp has been and gone (in September) and took place in Germany again. Part of the time we (the Company) were attached to 3 Para which went off well, so well, that they seemed to follow us around from then onwards. The OC turned down a suggestion that we took them on strength on the grounds that they would not like working weekends as well as weekdays.

We only had one instance of suspect contaminated food, a batch of corned beef, as against the constant cry from last year of 'Don't touch the sausage rolls!' and the only person to eat any was the RSO, Lt Tetley (ex'C' Coy) who was given it by his wife when he got back! We await results with interest.

The Sergeants Mess spent the middle weekend

in Minden as guests of the Sergeants Mess 1 DWR and had a very enjoyable time by all accounts.

Since coming back from camp the activity has gone on non-stop to get a team together for the Duchess of Kent competition and the NE District March and Shoot competition, Stainton Chase. A lot of effort was put in by all concerned but unfortunately it was not crowned with success. We now look forward to Christmas and the Children's Party!

We still have vacancies for experienced soldiers and NCOs so if any ex-Dukes who are living in the Halifax area and have recently left the Regular army or are about to leave and wish to join the TAVR—Tuesday nights 19.30–21.30 are our drill nights and the bar is always open afterwards.

Depot, King's Division

The Dukes at the Depot have changed over quite considerably of late. With the loss of Lts Bill Atkinson and Paul Bailey, we gain Lt Peter Harvey—plus small liver and white monster—who arrived from the Battalion in September. We have also gained a new couple to the 'Patch', Mitch and Chris Fitzgerald although he isn't in fact working at the Depot.

Various Regimental functions have involved a number of Depot Dukes lately; Capt Tim Isles' wedding in September and then the Annual Officers Dinner and the Annual Regimental Church Service all held in Depot territory at York.

There remains a good proportion of Dukes NCOs within the training teams and the number of Dukes recruits seems to be on a steady increase.

It is perhaps worth noting here that we are the only Regiment at the Depot, whose Recruiting Office Sgt follows up on his young proteges and pays them a visit during training—well done Sgt Budden.

We eagerly await the arrival of another Subaltern from the Battalion. Life can be on the quiet side here with lots of work and no cliffs to hang off—let alone be able to afford a skateboard anymore!

Best Recruit

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Pte Andrew Goodwin, 19, of Halifax receives the award for the best overall recruit in his intake at the Depot, The King's Div, Strensall Camp. The passing out parade was taken by Col L. Turnbull, MC, TD, JP, DL

Photo M. Budden



Arnhem Company, Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

August 12, 1978, was the date that five 'Dukes' Junior Leaders had been longing for during the previous 11 months. Other members of their intake had either fallen by the wayside or exercised their right to be discharged during the first six months.

Junior CSM Irving is to be congratulated on his outstanding performance in the King's Div Coy, whilst the other successful personnel were Junior Leaders, Frear, Peet, Burns and Holdsworth.

During the year's training the opportunities for

travel have been good. They attended battle camps in those well known holiday resorts of Sennybridge and Otterburn, the latter being the scene of the climax to their training. Adventure training also took place in Wales, skiing in Inverness and trekking expeditions in Stirling. In addition, during February, they had the opportunity to visit the Battalion on exercise in Soltau, Germany. This latter trip proved to be of great interest as it was their first contact with their parent unit. They worked with all the various elements of a combat team and managed to find time for a day's skiing and visits to Belsen and Helmstedt as well as spending a weekend discovering the delights of 'down town' Minden. We now wish them well in their future Battalion life.

Giggleswick School Combined Cadet Force

During the past year we have increased our establishment from 4 Officers and 120 Cadets to 5 Officers and 125 Cadets. Ray Batty was promoted A/Capt in 1977 and is still our QM. He is also kept busy running the school tuck shop, golf club and clay pigeon society. Two new Officers have taken a commission during the year and are currently responsible for recruit training. Lt Ian Shevill continues to run the signals section and has also started air rifle shooting. We have been pleased to have Sgt George Templeman of 10 Cadet Training Team helping to run an NCOs' cadre, two week-end exercises and proficiency tests in weapon handling and safety.

We were honoured this spring by having the Divisional Brigadier, Brig Peter Vaughan, CBE, as our Inspecting Officer. He subsequently wrote us a very complimentary report. He was able to see all aspects of our training with the exception of .303 shooting, which was rained off, but the day went well and ended with a battlecraft test and a hotly contested competition over the confidence course.

Our junior team came 1st, and our senior team 2nd, on their respective weekends at Welbeck College for the annual cadet leadership Pentathlon. At Jurby camp this summer we were unfortunately beaten in the March and Shoot competition, which

There are a further four Dukes Juniors who have just commenced their training. They are now nearing the end of their first term and are due to pass out in April 1979. In September yet another intake is due to be filtered in to the seemingly endless cycle of training.

The number of permanent staff at IJLB is on the increase despite the impending departure of Maj Alan Westcob. Capt Tony Pitchers has arrived to be Regimental Signals Officer and a Company 2IC. Lt Guy Shuttleworth is a Platoon Commander with Sgt Barry Hey as a Platoon Sergeant. Staff Sergeant Tom Shadbolt has just joined the Signals Wing and Cpl Keith Garner continues as a Regimental Policeman.

we had proudly won at Cultybraggan the year before.

Following the admission of girls into our sixth form, it was inevitable that sooner or later some of them would want to join the CCF—thought by some to be the last stronghold of male rule at Giggleswick! On joining, the girls have taken part in all normal cadet training, including cadre and assault course, and they have now gained their Proficiency certificate. One of the girls is also a Queen's Guide and has recently completed her Gold Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme; she must be the only girl cadet in the country to wear these coveted badges on her brassard along with those indicating .22 Marksman (Marksperson?) and proficiency.

A former cadet and head of school, Guy Griffiths, has entered Sandhurst and several others have joined the Army, TAVR and OTC units. During the summer we have built a Simple Cyclone 225cc light hovercraft, *Endeavourer I*, as an advanced training project. Already we are looking for a larger engine so that we may exceed the 28.6mph achieved by the prototype. On each front corner we have painted the profile of the Iron Duke to indicate our affiliation to the Regiment.



Giggleswick School CCF
Cadet Simon Watts prepares
for 'lift off' in Endeavourer I

Wellesley Company

Huddersfield Area
(The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)
Yorkshire Army Cadet Force

'Virtutis Fortuna Comes'—and good fortune does indeed favour the brave with Duke's cadets. As enthusiasm leaps from detachment to detachment we can but say 'comme il faut' ('as it should be').

Comings and Goings

A very big welcome is extended to Sgt Instructors Brian Kelly, Brian Wood and Roy Horrobin, SI Horrobin being late of 1 DWR. These gentlemen will serve at our Halifax, Huddersfield and Mirfield Detachments respectively.

After many years of sterling service with both TAVR and ACF, BQMSI Gordon Simpson bids farewell to the active military scene. Well earned promotion in his civilian capacity brings this about and we are grateful for his service with us. Countless TAVR personnel and Army Cadets who have received his guidance are enriched for the experience. Well done Gordon you will not be easily replaced.

Hello to Under Officer Stephen Baker at Heckmondwike direct from our cadet ranks; welcome into our officer ranks. It is this superb combination of Regular, TAVR, and ACF experience that makes the ACF tick so well, enabling us to be a father, soldier, mother and friend to every pint sized cadet.

Congratulations for his promotion to SMI to SSI Bernard Coxell from the Huddersfield Detachment.

Weekend Camps

Scarborough and Burniston Barracks in particular formed the back drop for our last weekend. Because our General Travel Grant finally bit the dust, the cadets and adults chipped in to pay the savage transportation costs but so long as we have such enthusiasm, the ACF will flourish. Training led ably by Lt Terry Bonds our Training Officer was stimulating and varied with every adult working hard to play his role.

Annual Camp 1978

Stanford PTA in Norfolk was the venue. Superb catering, good weather, a traditional Dukes team and super training were the ingredients for a most splendid week. A 36-hour exercise was one highlight with 156 cadets and adults asking for more. An Area Dinner at The Bell in Thetford attended by every single member of the Company was of particular quality. Rangework abounded on some excellent Team and Individual Battle Ranges with Capt Doug Bennett of Keighley in his element. SMI Bill Fitzgerald abandoned his normal catering role and revelled in a very busy training role but how useful for our field kitchen needs. Lt Terry

Bonds emerged at Stanford in his ATO role and boy was he enlightened. All Officers and Instructors were allocated to a platoon and a variety of competitions held. Capt Doug Bennetts Dunkirk Platoon were judged as best overall, the Jack Ashton Billet Shield was won by 2 Lt Peter Coles, Burma Platoon. Cpl Julien of Huddersfield Detachment was voted the best cadet winning the Brian Hartley Memorial Shield. Promotion competitions for Company appointments were held resulting in Sgt Simon Bennett (son of Capt Doug) being promoted to CSM and Sgt Crawford of Skipton and Sgt Sidebottom of Halifax both being promoted to Ssgt.

Very special for Wellesley Coy was the visit on the Friday by Maj Gen D. E. Isles who made a very detailed tour of our various training activities asking some very welcome and searching questions. To crown a marvellous day, Gen Donald was also able to stop for the Officers' Guest Night and his visit was a fitting climax for another milestone.

Sport

Wellesley Coy continue to support the Rugby traditions of the Regiment with Ssgt J. Sidebottom, Cpl C. Hosty, Cdt P. Dillon and Cdt M. Haymer being selected for the County Team. All hail from Halifax Detachment. Indeed Halifax Detachment have won the Yorkshire ACF Sports Challenge Trophy in splendid style with 71 detachments being eligible to compete.

Divisional Brigadier

Brig D. W. Shuttleworth visited Wellesley Coy training whilst on his Yorkshire ACF Annual Camp Tour at Stanford. Subsequently Maj John Tyler the Company Commander had a detailed conversation with the Brigadier who indicated his intention to see as much of Wellesley Coy as he could. How tremendous it is when the Colonel of the Regiment, the Divisional Brigadier, the Regimental HQ, and every Regimental personality, past and present, declare how interested they are in our activities and how they see us as 'their Regimental Cadets'. We well and truly feel really wanted and urges us to demand the highest standards from everyone in the Company so that our great Regiment is never let down.

TAVR Liaison

We continue to foster relations with 3 Bn Yorkshire Volunteers and how good they are to us. Having sent no less than five personnel to Annual Camp with us, and how they worked, complete with SLRs, SMGs etc, they now contemplate inviting

four of our senior cadets to participate in Ex Marble Tor III in Gibraltar and (wait for it) 4 No Platoons totalling 80 to possibly join 3 Yorks in their Annual Camp at Lydd. What ACF unit could ask for more; add this to the scribe's earlier comments re the Regimental connection, and you will understand why these notes opened up with *Virtutis Fortuna Comes*. Thank you Col Ben Roper and all in 3 Yorks—we look forward to discussion with you.

The Band

The band is now to be domiciled on Capt Peter

Turner's Huddersfield Detachment with specialist training from SI Brian Wood our Drum Major. Yorks ACF see the band playing a major county role as occasion dictates, so once again 'Dukes cadets' are way out front.

Conclusion

All is well, progress is being made, APC testing surges ahead, and the Team work like a well oiled machine . . . Merry Christmas, see you in April.

Obituary

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

Mrs R. Webb-Carter

Mrs Rosemary Webb-Carter, wife of Brig Brian Webb-Carter died peacefully at her home, Ashton Cottage, Bishop's Waltham, Hants, on Monday, September 10, 1978.

The funeral took place on Thursday, September 14, at St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham.

Mr S. J. Morley

Mr Stanley Joseph Morley died in October 1977. He enlisted at Lincoln in 1924 and served in the 2nd Bn in Singapore until 1932, being finally discharged at York in 1936.

Mr R. E. Smith

Mr Robert Edward Smith died at his home, 6 Corsham Road, Penhill, Swindon on September 20, 1978, aged 63 years.

He enlisted in 1930 and served in both the 1st and 2nd Bns. He was discharged in 1946. He leaves a widow.

Mr L. Hartley

Mr Leonard Hartley died at his home 70 Cecil Road, Sheffield on April 30, 1978, aged 71 years. He enlisted in the Regiment in 1928 and served in the 2nd Bn becoming a regular member of the Football Team in Calcutta and Bombay. He was recalled from the Reserve on the outbreak of War and served in the 1st Bn in the retreat of Dunkirk. He then served as a Cook in the 7th Bn and was transferred to the ACC in Iceland. He was released in 1945.

Capt F. H. Hill, MC

Capt F. H. Hill, MC died in Lister House, Ripon on July 3, 1978, aged 87.

He was a WO1 in the South Staffords who was commissioned in the Field and posted to the 2nd Bn of The Duke of Wellington's Rgt. He was awarded the MC for leading a raid on Pacant Wood on July 18, 1918. The Raiding Party consisted of five Officers and 200 Other Ranks under command of Capt Hill and was completely successful.

The enemy casualties were estimated at 40 together with 29 prisoners. One MG was captured and three destroyed. DWR casualties were five killed, 25 wounded and two missing.

He was badly wounded on October 25, and this affected his sight. He managed to rejoin in 1939 but was invalided out in 1942. He was totally blind for the last 20 years of his life, the latter part of which he spent in Lister House.

Pte S. Drake

Pte Stephen Drake, son of Mr A. Drake, 9 Cullingworth Gate, Cullingworth, died suddenly as the result of a road accident in Germany on August 16, 1978.

The funeral took place at Cullingworth Parish Church followed by interment at Thornton Cemetery on August 25, and was attended by Lt Bailey, Sgt Budden, Sgt Hutchinson and Mr A. Wood representing the Regiment.

Maj F. H. V. Wellesley

Maj Frederick Henry Valerian (Ginger) Wellesley died after a mercifully short illness at his home in Crayke near York on September 21, 1978, aged 70. The funeral service and interment took place at St Cuthbert's Church, Crayke on September 25. A large number of regimental friends, headed by the Colonel of the Regiment, represented the Regiment.

Ginger was born on August 10, 1908, at Rhaniket, India, the son of the then Capt F. H. B. Wellesley who was serving in the 1st Bn at the time. He was educated at Winchester and Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Regiment in August 1928. He joined the 1st Bn at Devonport where his father was then Commanding Officer—and there is a photograph of the two of them together in ID No: 13 of June 1929—with whom he served. Soon after he left for the 2nd Battalion in India, until returning to England for a tour at the Depot in May 1936. After a spell at studying Turkish in 1937 in Ankara, and a short tour in MI at the War Office, he rejoined the 1st Bn in June 1938; but a heavy fall from a horse just before the war put him into hospital with serious injuries which prevented him from going to France with the Battalion. Various tours at ERE and on the staff followed, including a long spell from 1942 to 1946 as Assistant Military Attache in Ankara in Turkey—and an attachment as Turkish Interpreter for the Olympic Games in England in 1948. He finally retired from his last appointment as Deputy President of the WOSB in September 1952.

He soon afterwards became an RO on the Staff of HQ Yorkshire and Northumberland Bde (later the Yorkshire Bde). He continued in this capacity,

moving across to and being one of the founder members, of the HQ of the King's Div at Strensall in 1968, where he remained until his final retirement in 1973.

One of his contemporaries in his early days in India quotes—'he loved the life of a subaltern in the India of the 1930s and took advantage of the many opportunities offered. Keen on horses, often riding far into the countryside, where he enjoyed talking with all and sundry. He appeared to master Urdu and Pushtu with the greatest of ease, but in fact worked hard at them. He was an amusing and generous companion. Always ready to enjoy life and always willing to help others. He took his soldiering cheerfully but conscientiously and was one of those good regimental officers who helped maintain a happy and efficient Regiment.'

He had a gift for languages, and apart from Urdu and Pushtu he applied himself to others, becoming a master of Turkish, and his latter days at Strensall taking up Welsh!

Finally, and historically, Frederick Henry Valerian Wellesley was in the direct male line from the Great Duke of Wellington's younger brother, Gerald Valerian, the Prebendary of Durham, the fourth and youngest son of the 1st Earl of Mornington. G.C.T.

Regimental Association

NEWS ITEMS—NOTES OF INTEREST

NOTICES

London and Home Counties Dinner—1979

Saturday, May 12, 1979 at the Victory Club, Marble Arch, London. 7.30 to 8pm. Details and tickets from Ken Waterman, 21 Vivian Court, 128-134 Maida Vale, London W9.

Future dates

May 12, 1979, London and Home Counties Dinner. Victory Club, London.

September 29, 1979, AGM and Reunion Dinner. Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax.

November 3, 1979. Regimental Service. York Minster.

Details will be published in the April edition of this journal.

Annual General Meeting—1978

The AGM was held in the Sergeants Mess, 3 Yorks before the Annual Dinner on Saturday, September 23, 1978. The Colonel of the Regiment, Maj Gen D. E. Isles, CB, OBE, presided. He opened the meeting by welcoming all present, especially Mr Ken Waterman, the London Secretary and others from the London Branch.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Iron Duke

The Colonel informed the meeting that it had been decided that THE IRON DUKE would continue at three issues per year.

Accounts

Copies of the accounts were available for perusal and had already been circulated to Branches. The Colonel informed the meeting that they had been approved by the Finance Committee and by the Trustees. He reported that the Funds were in a healthy state, thanks to good financial advice, but he stressed the need to safeguard them and not to be spendthrift, against the possibility of more cases and the possible need for increased assistance in the future.

The Colonel of the Regiment

The Colonel told the meeting that he wished to clarify a misunderstanding about his personal position; although he was retiring from the Army at the end of September and taking up an appointment in civilian life, he was continuing as Colonel. He made this statement because some Old Comrades had wrongly interpreted the notice in the August edition of THE IRON DUKE.

General Secretary's Report

Mr Arthur Wood in his report stressed the need for RHQ to be told of cases where ex-members of the Regiment might be in need of help.

Welfare

During the year 102 cases with grants totalling £4,145 had been dealt with. This was a reduction of 29 cases on the previous year but little reduction of expenditure.

OCA 'Special Allowance'

This grant of £60 per year had been made to six ex-Regular soldiers or their widows. This allowance is for ex-Regular Soldiers who have served with exceptional zeal during their Army service. Nominations can be submitted to RHQ for consideration by the Finance Committee.

ABF Assistance

Aid in direct support of DWR during the year totalled £1,756. This Fund is available to Regular, ex-Regular or other serving personnel or their dependants who are in distress or real need and can be called upon in addition to, or in lieu of aid given from our own resources. All cases are dealt with by the Association and not direct from the ABF.

After-care

Soldiers invalidated out of the Army and widows and dependants of those who die. Eleven cases had been investigated and financial assistance given to three.

Holidays

Six ex-Soldiers had enjoyed a two-weeks holiday at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre, Lowestoft, organised and arranged by our Association.

Active Branches

Halifax, Huddersfield, Mossley, Keighley—fluctuating attendances could many times give cause for concern but during the last few months an 'influx' of the 'younger elements' (NS types), to use an old Army phrase, 'bodes well for the future'.

The General Secretary ended his report by informing the meeting that monies had been given to the Association by individual ex-Dukes, who wished to remain anonymous, for the benefit of any ex-Dukes who may be down on their luck or in distress. Proof, he said, that the 'soldier masonry' within the Regiment lives on and will do so as long as men and boys enjoy the esprit de corps that soldiering brings.

ANNUAL REUNION AND DINNER HUDDERSFIELD, SEPTEMBER 23, 1978

After the AGM in the Canteen, members and guests were massing in the big hall of the Drill Hall with the usual hogging of the bar and high-pitched excited chatter of old friends meeting.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Maj Gen D. E. Isles, CB, OBE, welcomed all present which exceeded 200 in number and included, as Guests of Honour, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kirkless, Maj and Mrs C. C. Kenchington late DWR, Gen Sir Robert Bray, Brig and Mrs D. W. Shuttleworth, Col J. Davidson, Lt Col T. D. Lupton, Lt Col T. Bentley, Majs Lewis Kershaw, Bruce Murgatroyd, Tony Savory, John Davis, Gordon Ashton, Graham Tedd, John Milligan, Peter Hoppe, Keith McDonald, Freddie Potts, Dr Derek Turner, John Tyler, Jack 'Pop' Dodds from Chelsea, Sid Code from Blackpool, Bob Chilvers, now Garrison Sgt Major at York, Johnny Sargeant, George Townend, Bob Bollard, Ken Waterman to mention but a few.

After the Dinner, enjoyed to the music of the Band of The Yorkshire Volunteers, Maj Cyril Kenchington in his speech told of how he, as an orphan, had joined the Dukes as a boy and from then on the Regiment had been his home and his family. He spoke of events, incidents and colourful individuals during this period of his life and how he would always consider our Regiment as his 'family' as all men who serve in her should. He was proud, honoured and humble to propose 'The Toast to The Regiment'.

The Colonel, replying, read greetings from the Colonel-in-Chief and the CO of the 1st Bn who regretted their unavoidable absence, also read the apologies of numerous others. He paid tribute to the Band and thanked Lt Col Roper and Maj Hawley for letting us use the hall also thanking the

TAVR and staffs, ACF and civilians for their great efforts in making this event such a splendid occasion. He paid tribute to the many old friends we had lost, by death, since the last Reunion. It was grand, he said, to see with us this night Sgt 'Pop' Dodds from Chelsea, his friend CSM John Edgar (Scots Guards) and members of Huddersfield and District Army Veterans Association.

He reported the many activities of the 1st Bn and what a tight commitment they had, but again, with a special mention of the winning of the Army Cup, for the 12th time, by our Rugger XV. Owing to the tight commitment of the 1st Bn it had not been possible to arrange for the presentation of New Colours and that it might not be possible for this ceremony to be laid on until the return of 1 DWR to the UK.

The Colours on display this evening, he said, were those of the West Riding Bn DWR (TA) which had been handed over to RHQ DWR for safe-keeping.

Concluding his speech, The Colonel said that it was with pride and pleasure that we had invited Cyril and Edie Kenchington, in their Mayoral Year, as Guests of Honour and he wished them a happy and successful year in office.

What need be said of a Reunion when the tables and chairs have been pulled aside, music provided by Gary Martin, son of Tom Martin, and a gathering of Dukes bent on enjoying themselves with old friends?

A composer might write a symphony, a pop group a 'hit' number—pick the best out of both mix with good ale and wine—then 'goodnight, Harry, John, Tom, Mary, Bill... see you next year... roll on!



The Regimental Association Dinner 1978

The Colonel of the Regiment seated between the Guests of Honour—the Mayor and Mayoress of Kirklees, Councillor and Mrs Kenchington, from Right to Left of the Mayor—Mrs Isles, Maj Tedd, Brig Shuttleworth

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REGIMENTAL SERVICE, YORK MINSTER OCTOBER 7, 1978

On this pleasant sunny day with York crowded with tourists and visitors over 150 members of the Regiment met in the Bishop's Chamber, St William's College for coffee and biscuits and a get together before the Service in The Duke of Wellington's Chapel, York Minster.

After the Service members of the Association were taken on a conducted tour of the Minster by a guide. Afterwards the Mossley Contingent with their guests, members of the Ancienne Combattants de Hem (France) had lunch in Terry's Restaurant, York, later visiting Harrogate and Knaresborough for shopping and sight-seeing. Returning to Huddersfield they joined other branches' members for a social gathering in the Sergeants Mess and Canteen, 3 Yorks at the Drill Hall, where the music of Gary Martin (son of Tom Martin) with his Disco drew the dancers to the Canteen whilst others kept the bar staff in the Sergeants Mess under severe pressure, to help build up merriment, boosting their energy with a first class buffet supper.

REGIMENTAL BAND CONCERT

A Grand Concert by the Regimental Band under the Baton of Bandmaster Alan Clarke, arranged by our Mossley Branch was given in the George Lawton Hall, Mossley on Sunday, August 13, 1978.

Over 200 people listened to music military, classical and modern interspersed with humour and comedy acts and enjoyed the company of members of the Band during the interval and after the concert.

Miss Hannah Bentley, who was Mayor of Mossley when the Freedom of the Town was presented to the 7 Bn in 1967, in her welcoming speech said how proud the people of Mossley were to have the Band of 'their Regiment' as guests and the immense pleasure it gave her to be with them that evening. The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Tameside, Cllr and Mrs Stelfox were also present and thanked the Band for helping to keep the 'spirit of The Dukes' in Mossley.

7th BATTALION REUNION AND SUPPER

Mr Walter Downs once again 'on his own bat' organised, financed and enjoyed yet another grand Reunion held in the Drill Hall, Huddersfield on Saturday, October 21, 1978. Cols Kavanagh, Taylor, Majs Denton, Driver, Hibbert and others were among the 100 guests who had travelled from far and wide—each trying to convince the other that they 'hadn't changed a bit' supped and ate together, adding yet another chapter to oft told escapades and adventures of yore.

This Reunion of Walt's started immediately after the 1939-45 war as a 'D' Coy dinner in Huddersfield with such success that other members of the Battalion were allowed to attend and now, 30 years on, a comradeship born from the 1930s flourishes. Thank you Walter.

LONDON BRANCH

At the AGM held on September 25, 1978, the following were elected as Officers for the year ending September 1979.

Chairman—Mr F. W. S. Richardson.

Sec/Treasurer—Mr Ken Waterman.

The Branch expressed its thanks to Mr George Woodward the retiring Chairman.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND NEWS ITEMS

Photograph Nostalgia

Edna's bright idea of holding a 'Photograph Nostalgia' evening on October 6 at Huddersfield, when members were asked to bring along old and treasured photographs of days in the Forces, proved a very pleasant and interesting evening, helped, no doubt, by the luxurious surroundings and well stocked bar of the Sergeants Mess (by kind permission of RSM Stansfield and members of the Sergeants Mess 3 Yorks).

Maj K. Buckland came along with his cine-projector and showed colour films of the Freedom of Mossley celebrations in 1967 and splayed around the walls of the Mess were groups of old photographs being eagerly viewed which soon turned the whole room into a laughing emporium with howls of uproarious laughter from viewers and 'victims' staring in disbelief at the proof of their once considered glamorous image.

Sgt Arnold Loosemore, VC, DCM

Very welcome visitors to the Reunion and dinner on September 23 were Mr and Mrs A. Loosemore from Sheffield. Mr Loosemore is the son of Sgt Arnold Loosemore, VC, DCM, who was awarded the VC for conspicuous bravery on the Somme on August 11, 1917, whilst serving with the 8th West Riding Regt (DWR). Later, on June 19, 1918, Sgt Loosemore was further decorated with the DCM for gallant action and powers of leadership in a raid on Zillebroke.

Three weeks before the Armistice, on October 11, 1918, in an action on the La Selle river Sgt Loosemore was shot through both legs and died as a result of war wounds in 1924.

Mr Loosemore has presented to the Regiment an embroidery of The Dukes cap badge, done by Sgt Loosemore whilst in hospital, which will be displayed in the Regimental Museum at Bankfield, Halifax.

NEWS ITEMS

Sgt Alfred Campbell Kirkpatrick (4610776)

A letter received at RHQ from Mrs Osgerby, sister of the late Sgt Kirkpatrick, who served in India and was killed at Dunkirk, relates of the pride she and another brother felt listening to the Regimental Band playing in Manor Heath Park, Halifax during their KAPE tour. Mrs Osgerby, had seven brothers serving in the Forces.

Sgt Butcher (4612530) 'C' Coy 1 DWR (1944 period)—would like to hear from any old Dukers who served in the Anzio campaign. His address is: Southey Green, Sheffield S5 7QH (tel: 386781).

Joseph Triguara (4611452) writes from Malta, GC for a blazer badge and other Regimental accoutrements and enquires about Regimental friends. He served with the 1st and 2nd Bns in Bordon and India. His address is: 12/1 Argotti Avenue, Horia, Malta, GC.

Pte Michael John. Michael, who was very seriously wounded whilst serving in Northern Ireland in August 1977 is now a patient in the Joint Services Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Chessington and is making a miraculous recovery. The latest report from his father tells of his prowess at chess where he remains unbeatable by staff and patients alike.

Maj F. N. Potts ex-1st and 7th Bns has retired from the Sultans Army and is now working as Administrative Officer at a huge port being built on the Arabian Gulf. His youngest daughter is a well-known actress appearing in the TV series 'Crossroads'.

ARMY BENEVOLENCE IN ACTION

Corps and Regimental Associations working in close co-operation with the Army Benevolent Fund provides help to any man or woman who is serving or who has served in the British Army (whether Regular, Territorial or War Service) who is in real need, and to their families. This help takes two forms. Financial help is given to the individual by his Regimental Association, supplemented where necessary by grants from the ABF. Practical help is obtained for the individual by the ABF through the substantial financial support it gives on behalf of all Corps and Regiments, to these national charitable organisations which provides for the special needs of the soldier and his family.

The overall aim is to bring help to the many cases where State assistance is either inapplicable, inadequate, or unable to meet the immediate need at the time it is required.

A total of £1,183,660 was disbursed in relief work by Corps and Regimental Associations supplemented by the Army Benevolent Fund during 1977-78.

A further £585,260 was disbursed in compassionate loans by the ABF where hardship or similar circumstances warranted it.



Old Soldiers Never Die
In-Pensioner 'Pop' Dodds at the Regimental
Association Dinner

Photo M. Budden

Mr A. A. Fitter

Mr Albert Ashton (Bert) Fitter died in St. Mary's Hospital, Colchester on 26th November aged 79 years.

The funeral took place at Colchester Crematorium on 1st December. RSM (GSM) R. C. Fenn represented the Regiment.