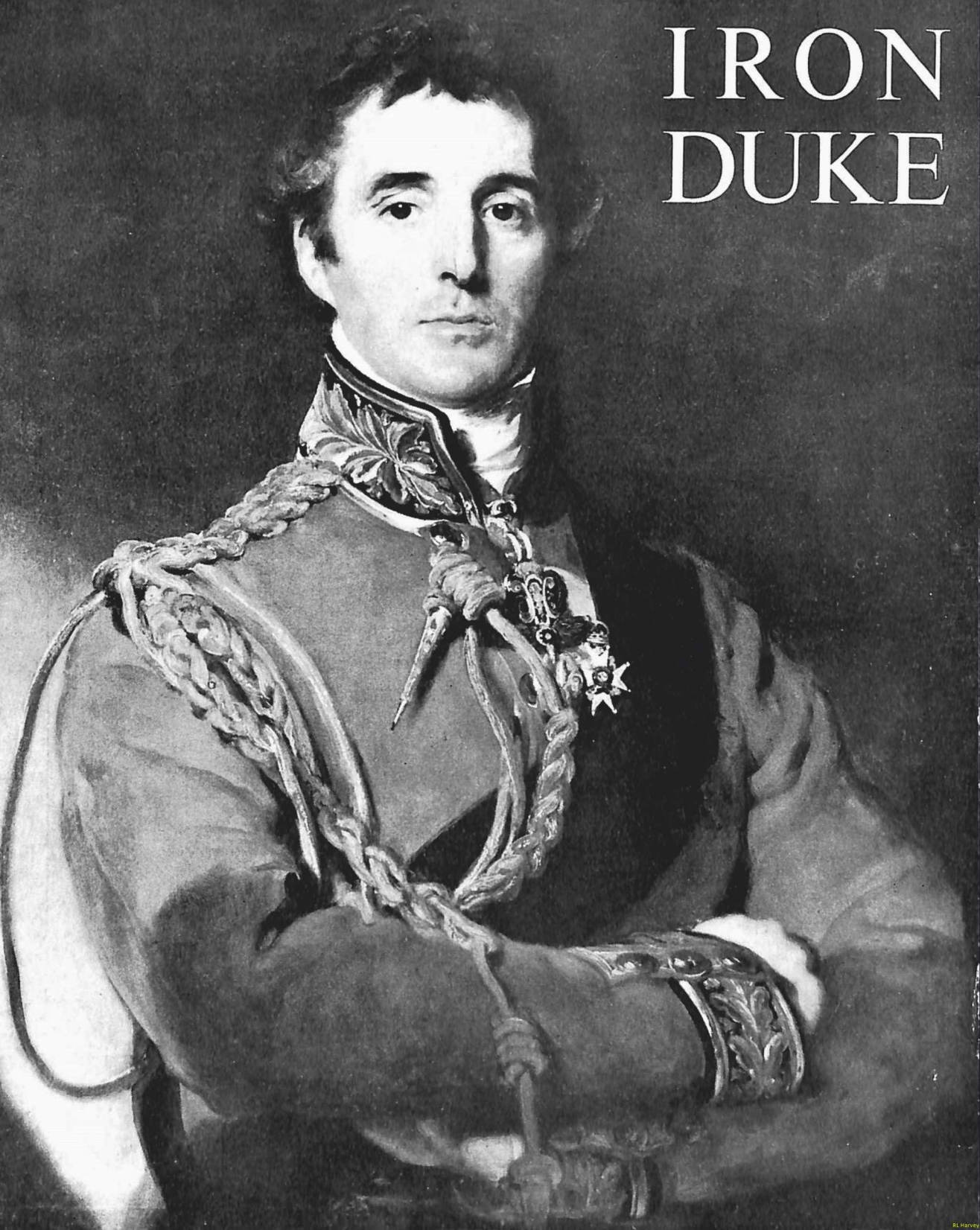


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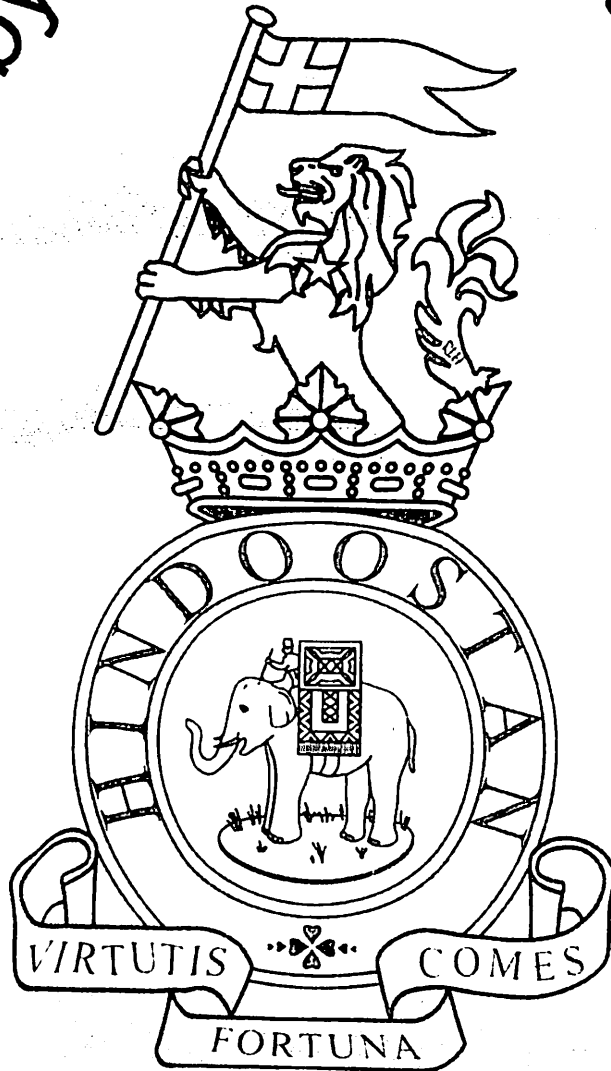
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# THE REGIMENT

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The Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment photographed at the British Army Equipment Exhibition, Aldershot in June



# Regimental Headquarters

## Message from The Colonel of the Regiment

Maintaining our Regiment's traditions and standards is often an expensive business. Many necessary activities cannot be paid for from public funds and the cost, therefore, inevitably falls primarily on the serving members of the Regiment. We all know it was ever thus, and that Battalion PRI Funds and Sports Funds etc, have frequently been used.

There is, however, a range of activities which requires financing from non-public funds and there it would be less than fair for the entire cost to be borne by the serving members of the Regiment. Examples include the upkeep of the Regimental Chapels at York and Halifax and the other Regimental Memorials; the purchase of items of historical interest for the Regimental Museum; the preservation and presentation of Colours; the publication of Regimental Histories and other similar records; entertainment of a regimental nature; presentations to organisations or individuals who have given the Regiment special help and a host of other similar expenditures. In these days of inflation some of this expenditure can run into thousands rather than hundreds of pounds.

It was to help the serving members of the Regiment to meet the kind of expenditure I have referred to above that a Retired Officers Fund was established in 1931, to which all retired regular officers were invited to subscribe. At the end of World War II the scope of the Fund might well have been widened had not the Regiment received a new source of income. This occurred in 1949, when the funds of the old 1st and 2nd Battalions were formed into a Trust. There are a number of separate funds within the Trust, but only one possesses resources of a significant nature and from which payments can be made toward the necessary wide variety of activities. It is called the Commanding Officers Central Fund. In the financial year ending March 31, 1980, it had an income of £925.

In 1973 a further augmentation of Regimental funds arose, when it was decided that all serving officers would pay a subscription of a day's pay to those funds each year. Some of the money is earmarked for specific purposes; but after these charges have been met there is a balance available for Regimental activities, which in 1979 amounted to approximately £800. Because of these two events, in 1949 and 1973, the subscription to the Retired Officers Fund has remained unaltered for many years. This, coupled with the fact that there are now very many fewer retired officers owing to the contraction in the size of the Regiment, means that help

from that source is no longer of any significance.

I now come to 1980. Costs, as all readers will know, rise continually, and without a further increase in the regimental funds the Regiment will either have to reduce its standards or, alternatively, place an ever-increasing burden on the serving members of the Regiment. In addition to the officers' subscription to the Regimental Association Fund, some 90 per cent of our WOs, Sgts, NCOs and private soldiers already subscribe a day's pay a year to the Regimental Association Fund, whilst officers, warrant officers, sergeants and corporals pay an additional subscription to the Central Band Fund, where the money is earmarked to help pay for the cost of new Honorary Colours when, in due course, they have to be replaced. It is relevant here to note that thanks to the great support which had been given and continues to be given to the funds of the Regimental Association, those funds are in a healthy state and thus able to meet all likely foreseeable demands on them of a benevolent and welfare nature.

In the light of all I have written above, I now invite all former members of the Regiment to show their practical support by becoming subscribers to a new sub-account of the Commanding Officers Central Fund to be known as the Friends of the Regiment Fund. There will be no fixed subscription. Because the Fund is part of a recognised charity the subscription can, if desired, be paid as a covenant. Lump sum gifts will be welcome at any time, as will be legacies. A separate announcement in this edition of THE IRON DUKE gives detail of how payments can be made. I shall be writing individually to all members of the Retired Officers Fund.

The Trustees of the Commanding Officers Central Fund are The Colonel of the Regiment, the Officer Commanding the 1st Bn and the Regimental Secretary. It is my intention that a simple statement of income and expenditure will be published annually in THE IRON DUKE.

I very much hope that as many former members of the Regiment as possible will see their way to supporting the excellent efforts of the serving members of the Regiment by giving their financial support. In this way they will show that they are interested in and concerned with their old Regiment in a truly practical way.

*James S. G. S.*

Colonel

## COMMANDING OFFICERS CENTRAL FUND

The following notes are for the guidance of readers who wish to respond to the Colonel of the Regiment's appeal.

### 1. Payment of Lump Sums

Cheques should be made out to:  
DWR Commanding Officers Central Fund.

### 2. Annual Subscriptions

(a) By cheque or postal order payable to the Fund as in para 1 above;

or (b) By Banker's Order.

(Complete and detach the Banker's Order part of the form enclosed in this copy of THE IRON DUKE.)

### 3. Covenants

As the Commanding Officers Central Fund is a registered charity it is possible to covenant

the annual subscriptions, thus increasing the amount drawn by the charity by some 43p in the pound at no extra cost to the donor. For administration reasons it is requested that all covenanted subscriptions are paid by Banker's Order.

A Deed of Covenant is attached to the Banker's Order form.

NOTE: In all cases the subscription, Banker's Order and/or covenant should be sent to the following address:

The Regimental Secretary,  
Regimental Headquarters,  
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment,  
Wellesley Park, Highroad Well,  
Halifax, West Yorkshire HX2 0BA.

## Regimental Notes

### EDITOR'S NOTE

We apologise for the late publication of this issue due to matters beyond our control.

### THE OFFICERS DINNER CLUB

The 76th Annual Dinner took place at the Army and Navy Club on Friday June 20, 1980.

The Colonel of the Regiment presided and the Colonel in Chief and 52 officers were present.

The guests were Maj-Gen P. A. Downward, CB, DSO, DFC, Colonel Commandant — The King's Division and Maj Gen J. Brown, Director General of Ordnance Services, who served as a subaltern — on attachment from RAOC — with the 1st Bn from October 1949 to early 1952.

The following message was received from Her Majesty The Queen in reply to a message conveying the loyal greeting of the Officers of the Regiment.

Brigadier His Grace the Duke of Wellington, MVO, OBE, MC, BA, Colonel in Chief, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

'Please convey to all Officers of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, assembled tonight in London for their Annual Dinner, The Queen's thanks for their message of loyal greeting, which Her Majesty much appreciates.'

Those who attended the Dinner were:—

Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington (Colonel in Chief), Maj Gen D. E. Isles (Colonel of the Regiment), Gen Sir Robert Bray, Maj Gen J. D. Lunt, Maj Gen G. F. Upjohn, Brig A. D. Firth, C. R. Huxtable, P. P. de la H. Moran, D. W. Shuttleworth, Cols P. G. L. Cousens, J. Davidson, P. A. Mitchell, R. G. Turner, Lt Cols M. R. N. Bray, M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, W. F. Charlesworth, C. R. Cumberland, J. B. K. Green-

way, T. D. Lupton, W. R. Mundell, J. E. Pell, W. Robins, R. G. Southerst, R. L. Stevens, J. H. Dalrymple, Majs P. D. D. J. Andrews, M. P. C. Bray, J. D. P. Cowell, J. H. Davis, C. F. Grieve, R. H. Ince, L. F. H. Kershaw, D. G. Massey, K. M. McDonald, C. D. d'E. Miller, J. S. Milligan, D. M. Pugh, W. F. C. Robertson, G. C. Tedd, E. J. W. Walker, J. R. A. Ward. Capt D. Batty, A. H. S. Drake, T. J. Isles, D. I. Richardson, The Lord Savile, Father Alberic Stacpoole. Lts N. G. Borwell, D. S. Bruce, S. H. Dixon, Rev G. A. Reddington, P. M. Rumbold, J. A. Shenton.

### PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS

The 1st Battalion will be presented with the new Colours by the Colonel in Chief to be held in Catterick Garrison on Saturday, April 4, 1981.

Full details of the Parade and arrangements will be published in the December issue.

### FREEDOM SCROLL — KIRKLEES

On March 25, 1979, the Freedom of the Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees was conferred upon 3rd Bn Yorkshire Volunteers at a ceremony in Huddersfield. The Freedom Scroll was presented by the then Mayor, Councillor Major C. C. Kenchington, MBE, to the Honorary Colonel, Major General D. E. Isles, CB, OBE. (See ID No: 180 of August, 1979, page 190.)

In order to mark the Regiment's close association with 3 Yorks in general, and with its 'C'

(DWR) Company at St Paul's Street, Huddersfield, in particular, the battalion decided to present to the Regiment a framed, coloured copy of the Freedom Scroll. The presentation took place in a short but impressive little ceremony on February 26, 1980, at St Paul's Street Drill Hall, Huddersfield, as a preliminary to the presentation by the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Sir William Bulmer, of his certificates to selected members of the TA and Cadets. The presentation was made by the CO of 3 Yorks, Lt Col A. Wilson, TD, and was received on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment by the Regimental Secretary. This gift now hangs in an honourable position on a wall at RHQ in Halifax.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription to the Iron Duke was raised to £2 for the year 1977 and has remained at that for the past four years.

For the past year and a half, due to annual rises of production costs, estimated for 1980 at 19% and more for 1981, the journal has had to be heavily subsidised from Regimental Funds. These subsidies are now reaching the stage at which they cannot be allowed to continue.

The matter was carefully considered by the Regimental Council at their meeting on June 20 and they recommended to the Colonel of the Regiment that the annual subscription be raised to £3.50 per annum from February 1, 1981.

Those subscribers who pay by banker's order will be requested to sign a new order in due course. Full details will appear in the December issue.

Those pensioners who anticipate having difficulty in paying the increased subscription are invited to write in confidence to The Editor applying to be put on the free list.

#### BALANCES DUE TO ESTATES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN

In pursuance of the Regimental Debts Acts 1893 notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the next-of-kin or others entitled, the sum of money set opposite the name of each of the deceased soldiers named in the lists which are published with this notice.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as next-of-kin should be addressed by letter to the Ministry of Defence, Accounts 1A (Estates), Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester WR5 21A.

First republication of List 819 Private D. Archer, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment £111.71.

#### REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD 1980

The Regimental Christmas Card for 1980 will be the same as last year, ie a plain white folded card 6in x 4in with the Regimental Badge embossed in red on the front. Inside is the customary Christmas and New Year greetings, with The Duke of Wellington's Regiment printed in the bottom left hand corner.

By placing a large bulk order with our printers, we have been able to keep the cost to 8p per card including postage.

Please forward orders to HRQ as soon as possible accompanied by your remittance.

## Personalia

#### Mr R. A. INNES, MLJ, FMA An Appreciation

Mr Ron Innes, Director of Calderdale Museums Service, but of more concern to us, Curator of our Regimental Museum collection housed in Bankfield Museum, in Halifax, has resigned all his offices because of ill health.

When the old Regimental Depot closed in 1959 an agreement was made with the then County Borough of Halifax for the entire regimental collection to be moved from the Museum building in Wellesley Barracks to the Halifax main Museum at Bankfield. There the local authority would assume responsibility for its care, protection, display and so on. At that time Mr Innes was the Bankfield Museum Director, and consequently became the curator of the regimental collection. Although an accepted expert in textiles, he admitted to not having much knowledge of

matters military. Nevertheless in a most professional way he applied himself to study, and in due course made himself an expert on military subjects especially uniforms, buttons, badges, accoutrements, medals and the like — but particularly with reference to, and in the history of, the Regiment. His enthusiasm for, knowledge of, and identifying himself with the Regiment led him to apply and be accepted for a TA Commission in the then 5th/7th Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (TA) in 1958. He served for some 12 years when once more signs of ill health forced him to resign in 1970.

The Regiment is most grateful to Ron Innes for all he has done, not only for the museum collection but for the Regiment as a whole. Apart from being museum curator, he identified himself completely with the Regiment and on many occasions both locally and elsewhere, 'carried the flag' as it were in our interests and as our repre-



sentative. His knowledge of regimental history and of all matters of military or regimental militia became encyclopaedic and he was referred to for information on frequent occasions.

We shall miss him and we are grateful for what he has done for us. To mark his retirement and as a small gesture of our appreciation, at the April reception at RHQ the Colonel of the Regiment presented him with a bronze statuette of a soldier of the regiment, suitably inscribed.

#### **The Rev Canon R. I. J. Matthews**

Readers will be interested to learn that Canon Roy Matthews, Vicar of Brighouse, recently celebrated 25 years as a priest.

After leaving Oxford, Canon Matthews was ordained Curate of Barnsley Parish Church and later became Vicar of Staincliffe, Batley, until becoming Vicar of Penitstone in 1965. He moved to Brighouse in 1972 and was appointed an honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral in 1976.

He has been closely connected with the Regiment for many years, having become Chaplain of the 5th/7th Bn in 1958 and with the West Riding Bn until the formation of the 1st Bn Yorkshire Volunteers becoming Chaplain of that Bn from 1967 until 1975 and also of the 3rd Bn Yorkshire Volunteers 1971-1975 when he transferred to Wellesley Coy ACF.

Always keenly interested in education he is a member of the Calderdale Education Committee and the Wakefield Diocesan Council of Education.

### **EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE**

#### **Regular Army King's Division**

Capt (QM) A. J. Welsh (499845) DWR retires on retired pay May 31, 1980 (LG June 24, 1980).

#### **Short Service Commission**

23745949 WO1 (RSM) David Hughes (509927) DWR to be 2/Lt February 29, 1980 with seniority August 29, 1977. To be Lt February 29, 1980 with seniority August 29, 1977. (LG May 27, 1980).

2/Lt (On Probation) (University Candidate) R. B. Laughton (509314) DWR is confirmed as 2 Lt September 28, 1979 with seniority March 28, 1976. To be Lieutenant September 28, 1979 with seniority March 28, 1978. (LG June 24, 1980).

The u/m Lt Col to be Col 30 June 1980 J. B. K. Greenaway MBE, (448973) DWR (LG July 7, 1980).

#### **Promotions and Appointments**

We congratulate Brigadier C. R. HUXTABLE, CBE, on being selected for promotion to Major General, and his appointment as Commander

Land Forces in Northern Ireland. Both are effective from October, 1980.

Colonel P. A. MITCHELL, OBE, has been selected for the post of Colonel GS (OR) HQ BAOR in October, 1980.

Lt Col J. B. K. GREENWAY, MBE, has been selected for the post of Colonel GS HQ Northern Ireland and for promotion to Colonel, in September, 1980.

Capt A. D. MEEK, for a Company Instructor at RMA Sandhurst, December, 1980.

Capt M. J. STONE, for Instructor Mortar Division Support Weapons Wing, School of Infantry, November, 1980.

Capt D. I. RICHARDSON, for ADC to Major General HUXTABLE, October, 1980.

#### **New Officer:**

Jeremy Charles HILL was granted a Short Service Limited Commission in the Regiment wef February 24, 1980, and serves with the 1st Battalion from February, 1980, until October, 1980, when he goes up to University.

#### **Officers Appointments**

The following postings for officers during 1980 have been notified:

Col J. B. K. Greenway, MBE, to HQ Northern Ireland (September, 1980).

Maj T. J. Nicholson to MOD MS (October, 1980).

Maj C. N. St P. Bunbury, MBE, to LSD Barbados, October 1980.

Maj E. J. W. Walker to 1 DWR (2i/c) (November, 1980).

Capt (QM) M. Carter to 1 DWR (QM Tech) (November, 1980).

Lt Col M. R. N. Bray has been provisionally selected for promotion to Colonel in 1981.

Maj E. J. W. Walker has been provisionally selected for Lieutenant Colonel in 1981.

Capt C. J. W. Gilbert has been selected for promotion to Major, September 30, 1980.

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Lt Col and Mrs C. W. Ivey, CMAT GHANA, British High Commission Accra, c/o Outward Bound Bag Room, F and C Office, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH.

Maj and Mrs D. M. Pugh, 13 Severus Avenue, Acomb, York YO2 4LX.

Maj P. T. Hirst, 10 Blenheim Place, Aldershot, Hants.

Lt Col and Mrs R. L. Stevens, 10 Green Lane Close, Byfleet, Surrey.

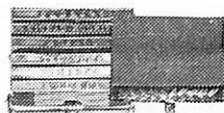
Maj B. V. Thomlinson, Rosemount, 19 Springwood Road, Heathfield, Sussex TN21 8JY.

Mr and Mrs R. Everard, Long Green Cottage, Bedfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk.



A happy couple married recently at the Minden Garrison Church were Pte Graham Ingham and Miss Tracey Shankey, daughter of Ssgt and Mrs Shankey presently serving with 4 Armoured Division Field Ambulance in Minden

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## One of Us

(Continued from December 1979 issue.)

'Easy to Lead' was how Arthur Wellesley, the young Colonel of the 33rd Regiment described his men, recruited mainly from the valleys of the West Riding. This was how I found them, and once I had gained their confidence and respect they would certainly follow gamely on any task we were set. There was a dour, but humorous side to the nature of those boys, most of whom came from East of the Pennines, but many from over the borders with Lancashire and Cheshire in the Oldham and Stalybridge areas.

'D' Coy was known as the 'Cow and Gate' Company, as so many of them were between 18 and 20 years old, and they were well led by a young OC in Barry Kavanagh, then in his late twenties. Many of the lads were known by either their Christian names or nicknames . . . Frank, Dennis, Walt, 'Nobbut,' Big Simmo and Little Simmo, etc. This was an informality which suited me, as a new Platoon Commander.

So, it was back to the old routine of patrolling, standing to, and strengthening our defences. In the pleasant summer weather we even had time to chat, when enemy activity was low. I heard stories of incidents which happened before I arrived, like the occasion before the Fontenay attack, where Walt Downs was ordered by Barry to take a three-man recon patrol forward to probe the enemy's defences. Moving cautiously down a typical Normandy lane, they were surprised by a ferocious character who came at them from the fastness of the hedge. They were able to deal with him and slung a grenade over in the direction from which he came. Later, after the battle, they were able to see the damage that one well-thrown grenade can do to an enemy position.

We had time to appreciate our surroundings. The little Norman farm, around which we were entrenched, lay on a slight reverse slope with corn fields in front and a typical cider orchard around us, while on our right the ground sloped gently away to a wooded valley. When conditions allowed it we ate under cover, and it was in these circumstances that 'D' Coy suffered its biggest setback since I joined them.

The first round from a salvo of 88mm fire landed, as always without warning, in the middle of Coy HQ area. In the space of a second we suffered severe casualties, Sgt Murphy and a Pte were killed, Barry, and Walt Downs were severely wounded and quickly evacuated. Charlie Hill, our 2IC, took command automatically.

After a few more days forward we were moved back into reserve north of Rauray, followed by Brigade reserve.

Without a Battalion Mess in the bridgehead, I had little chance of meeting Dukes Officers from other Companies, but from time to time new friends visited us in their work — George Driver

our Signals Officer, Duncan Ross, Mortar Platoon Commander, Jack Illingworth of Carriers, Ben Tomlinson, Support Company Commander, John Pyrah, Transport Officer, and all their respective Sergeants, but a spell in Brigade reserve gave us a chance to get acquainted.

Then followed our first big move, when the Division changed Corps and was switched to the Caen front, ready for the big break out ahead.

Under cover of darkness we left the pastoral surroundings of the Bocage country south of Bayeux, and as dawn broke we passed through the zone around the Orne bridge where the Airborne gliders had crash-landed on 'D' Day. The gigantic debris created by the lifeless carcasses of the now empty aircraft created an eerie atmosphere as we passed by in the morning mist. It made us wonder how so many landed and discharged their human loads intact and in fighting condition. The landing area was crowded with derelict gliders in all sorts of grotesque attitudes.

On then, over the Orne and around the north east of Caen, through the 6th Airborne Div area and up on to higher, more open ground and the 51st Highland Div area, passing the Coldstreams of the Guards Armoured Div, who were preparing to push forwards towards Paris.

Now we were moving through open country in which the armour could operate more freely, over arable farmland, and we took to our feet to march on the last few miles into the devastated village of Cagny where we relieved the Argylls, in positions astride the Paris road. What a contrast to the pastoral (if somewhat damaged) scenes around the Bocage area.

The village had been a prime target for air and ground bombardment, and in our area we found many remains of wrecked Wehrmacht transport, which had sought protection from the buildings. My hungry youngsters soon found what was left of a horse-drawn ration waggon from which they unearthed packets of 'knackebrot' (ration biscuits), and various unattractive-looking sorts of tinned food. One consisted of what looked like a tin full of fat with a few lumps of lean here and there. Added to this, we had the nerve-racking experience of being 'rocketed' by RAF Typhoons, and got a taste of what it must have felt like at the receiving end. Fortunately their target was on the other side of the village, but we didn't realise that when, after watching them approach, they peeled off and seemed to dive towards us, but fortunately went straight over our heads, and released their rockets at the enemy positions.

Back again to plenty of patrolling, but over much more open country. On the south side of the road we were on a slight reverse slope, but the companies on the north side were in full view

of the enemy, on forward slopes, and daylight movement had to be kept to a minimum.

Sometimes the weight of HE thrown at us was so devastating that the ground literally shook around us, and we were almost suffocated by dust. On the other hand the Battalion 3in mortars were right behind us, and we had a support platoon of the Kensingtons with their Vickers heavy MG sited right in our midst, so there was plenty of 'giving' as well as 'receiving.' At night we had other novelties when enemy aircraft flew overhead bombing, machine-gunning, and dropping anti-personnel mines, and it came as a bit of an anti-climax when we emerged from our slits after morning standto to see bits of paper littering the area. On inspection we were amused to find they were the latest Nazi propaganda

weapon, telling us that while we were fighting a hopeless rearguard action with our backs to the sea, the latest 'V' weapons were pounding our homes to ruins!!!

A mixture of good and bad news arrived — first a letter from Barry in England, to say he was mending rapidly and hoped to be back with us in a couple of weeks or so. Then the news that my old Royal Berks friend, Bill Fawcett, had been wounded after returning from patrol, and had already been evacuated to Blighty.

During a brief lull, I was sitting under cover in the shelter of the hedge when I had a snap visit from our Div Cdr, General Barker plus two Brigadiers. However, no need to stand on ceremony, it was just a working visit to get the local picture in our sector.

## 1st Battalion

### COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

I write these notes on a hot June afternoon to the sound of 432s returning from an exercise in Minden North training area. Belfast seems more than four months away.

The Battalion returned from block leave in March to an extremely full year — our final year in BAOR. Initially we had to retrain ourselves to our NATO role: our individual skills needed brushing up: the tank as opposed to the terrorist became the foe and we had to train forty 432 drivers. Cadres, upgrading and centralised training all culminated in a three weeks' excellent shooting and field firing at Sennelager. The results of the Annual Personal Weapon Tests were good showing a progression from the previous year, and the field firing was most realistic. Sadly the Battalion Skill-at-Arms Meeting was marred by a heavy drizzle which made seeing the targets difficult, never mind hitting them. The Milan Platoon did well and achieved an 88% hit rate in battle conditions, and the Mortar Platoon progressed on to testing part 2 shoots. The shooting team easily won the 4th Division meeting. The Dukes were back in BAOR!

On the sporting side you will know that we were well beaten by 8 Signal Regiment in the UK Rugby Cup Semi-Final. With the lack of training, preparation and the absence of several key players we had no right to expect to win. However, we sharpened up and won the BAOR Sevens most convincingly, with the RSM showing his paces.

Our adventure trainers have been active. Lt Wood, Sgt Cockshott and Cpl Tooley helping run a superb Garrison adventure training and survival camp in Bavaria. It was a demanding and arduous camp that 140 members of the Battalion went through. They all returned with a great sense of achievement; a Dukes team broke the confidence course record. My own nerve was tested when I

was required to climb up a rock face and speed down a death slide!

We leave Minden in November for Somme Barracks, Catterick Camp, and so administration and pre march out inspections are already featuring in the programme. But before we go, we complete our BAOR tour by taking part in Ex Crusader, a massive Corps exercise in September. Our work up includes CPXs, TEWTs, FTXs and a fortnight with the battle group at Soltau. It is going to be an exciting and fitting climax to our mechanised tour.

Our move to Catterick is looked upon with mixed feelings. The advantages of being in Yorkshire are obvious for both single and married soldier alike, no 432s will certainly make life more simple yet these are counterbalanced by the fear of the drop in living standards with the loss of LOA. We all look forward to another stint of Public Duties in London from February 18 to March 8, which will be an ideal build-up to the Presentation of Colours in Catterick on April 4, 1981, the date having now been confirmed.

I must finish by mentioning two people. The late RQMS Fitter, a Duke from 1915 to 1951, who sadly died last year. He left some money to the Battalion to buy a trophy. I decided to make the Fitter Trophy an annual award to the most deserving and promising potential NCO. Pte Sellers (now Lcpl) is the worthy first winner. Our thanks go to RQMS Fitter and his family, a Dukes character who will be remembered.

RSM Hughes is now Lt Dave Hughes the MTO. I have been extremely lucky to have his guidance, company and friendship for my first six months in command. He has been an outstanding RSM, and I wish him well as Quartermaster of 1 Yorks at the end of this year.

## OFFICERS MESS

Summer in Minden: visions of barbecues, croquet and tennis tournaments of a Sunday afternoon, sipping Pimms and soaking up that glorious European sun. All this sounds fine until the reality of Summer 80 is upon us. True the Gardens Member has done sterling work on the lawn and we can now pride ourselves on having an area of grass to play croquet (although the surface of the Moon is probably smoother!). The tennis courts can just be discerned through the mist and rain and the cellar is crammed with No 1 Cup: the rain continues hard enough to discourage ducks let alone human beings.

We arrived by luxury coach (PRI Minibus) with umbrellas at the ready only to be greeted by a squad of NYPD\* men who proceeded to frisk the men and generally boss the ladies about. Stranger things were to follow these odd antics of the men in blue but fortunately we were given a champagne cocktail each to revive our shattered nerves. It was not until we had paid homage to a body in a coffin that it dawned on most of us what the organisers had meant by a Maffia Wake. The waiters were not in dark green but garish pin stripe suits, had names such as Luigi, Vito, Vitorino

and many were sporting a nice line in Brownings and Colts. After sumptuous food a belly dancer entertained us and it was good to see the Commanding Officer enjoy it so much. The Garrison Ball was indeed a night to remember.

Life has been as busy as ever and thus our social calendar has been somewhat curtailed, with only 4 functions in the Mess since our return from the Emerald Isle. And over the past few months we had said farewell to Don and Jilly Palmer who just had to get back across the water. Jack Kilburn and Nick Borwell have gone to Strensall to maintain our reputation there (whatever our reputation is), whilst Mike and Penny Sherlock have departed for the rarified atmosphere of Rheindahlen. No doubt we will see them before we return to Catterick. Meanwhile we welcome back John Thorn and Peter and Liz Harvey whilst Bruce Laughton and Jeremy Hill have arrived from RMAS.

We now look forward to the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment and later in the year the Beating of Retreat, our farewell to Minden: and perhaps a little sun?

## WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESS

After the companies pokey 'Rest-Rooms' and two cans of ale a day in West Belfast, the Mess got together with our wives and friends to enjoy the St George's Ball which was held in the Ratskeller, Buckeburg, on Friday evening, February 22. We were saying goodbye to the outgoing RSM—Dave Hughes and Ruth, and welcoming back RSM Peter Robinson and Helen. The presence of our officers and their ladies made it into a big family 'do' which was much enjoyed by all. The new RSM was so determined that the Mess will remain an enjoyable and entertaining establishment that even during block leave, two Sunday football matches were organised against 4 Div RCT Regt and 1 RRF, both culminating in happy family gatherings and curry lunches in the Mess. All these before his first Mess meeting, where new directives and committees were announced.

The first social evening duly arrived in late March when we bopped and jived to a dance band as we said farewell to BSM Frank Parkinson and Nora, two most staunch and loyal members, who were leaving us for Strensall and Depot life. The first Regimental Dinner was soon to follow in early April. This was truly a Regimental occasion to remember. Mess members and guests alike were made to relax as we enjoyed both the dinner and the excellent light entertainment thanks to the Regimental Band and numerous entertaining turns and sketches produced by members and guests.

The Ladies Dinner Night in early May was just as successful and enjoyable, as were subsequent social evenings organised by the present committee.

Away from the entertainment side of life the RSM hit the Mess with three SNCOs Drill parades in quick succession followed by a Sgts Mess BFT run early one April morning. These got rid of a lot of cobwebs and the example, and benefit gained, can only be beneficial to the Bn as a whole.

On to sports and football: the mess team has played eight games since March, and is still unbeaten thanks to stalwarts in Sgt Bernie Coroner, CSM Bob Heron, Sgt Brian Aitken, Csgt Brian Sykes and Sgt Smiler Hughes, just to name a few. Well done, Sgt Max Ijeh for ousting the RSM from the goalkeeper's spot. The old and bold of rugby, Csgt Dave Dickens, CSM Sam Basu and Csgt Bill Parrott are looking forward to mauling against the officers when we take them on in October in the inter-platoon seven-a-side tournament.

In May we took our Corporals into the Mess for a games night where more stalwarts showed in RQMS Terry Conley, SQMS Dave Ash, WO2 Les Shaw, Sgt Bernie Crowther etc, as we beat the Corporals to regain the Annual Trophy.

Our wives under Helen Robinson were soon to follow suit as they, for the first time ever, entertained our Corporals' wives on an enjoyable games evening in the Mess. Mrs Mundell was

also present on the night.

Since March we have welcomed back into the mess WO2 Geoff Harding and Jenny, Csgt Brian Sykes and Ann, Csgt Bob Frear and Isa, Sgt Fred Kendrew, Ssgt Mally Hirst and Sgt Chaiky White and Val. We also welcome into the Mess Sgt Chris Jackson, R Sigs, and Sgt Brian Aitken, RAPC, and their families. Members who have departed on postings include Csgt 'Duke' Lawrence to civvy street and ice cream vans, Csgts Denis Exley and Colin Fleming to 2 Yorks, Csgt Bob Peat to 1 Yorks, Sgt John Cockshott to the Recruiting Team, Strensall, and Sgt Speedy Nutall to Warminster. We wish them and their families well.

The following attached members have also

departed: Sgts Phil Atherton, R Sigs, Taff Evans and Steve Perry, REME, and we wish them well for the future.

We welcome our new members and their families on promotion into the Mess—Sgts Hughes, Walker, Ijeh, Jamieson, Maillard and Elgar.

Two new committees have recently been appointed, one under CSM Paul Gray for the 'Farewell to Minden Do' in October, and the other under WO2 Alan Simpson for the Christmas draw in December at Somme Lines, Catterick Camp. Yes, our months in Minden are numbered, and once 'Ex Muji Kas VI' and 'Crusader 80' are behind us we shall look forward very much to Yorkshire and establishing ourselves in Catterick yet again.

### ALMA COMPANY

A clean break was made from Belfast on Sunday, February 17. The Company worked hard to the last moment. A major sniping attack occurred in Ballymurphy two days before we handed over and every householder in the estate had a visit (farewell?) from the Dukes during our last weekend in Moyard.

Having returned to Minden we enjoyed three weeks' leave before beginning an intensive five weeks of cadres, upgrading, and individual training. The company was split during the cadre period and finally re-grouped to move to Sennelager for the Annual Skill-at-Arms Camp. A very worthwhile three weeks of range work and battle shooting was carried out by all members of the company, although the dry weather restricted our use of tracer and night illumination, which proved rather frustrating at times. Nevertheless as last year, the rain managed to fail during the Skill-at-Arms Competition. In spite of much hard work we only managed to gain third place overall and the rain was not a contributory factor. Yet we were rewarded in the afternoon by achieving a most convincing victory in the Inter-Company Cross-Country Competition. Well done to Cpl Tooley, Lcpls Frear and Hargreaves and Pte Gallagher in gaining places in the first ten runners. More sport was played during the first weekend at Sennelager and our rugby seven, less the company 'stars', secured a spirited third place in the Battalion Sevens Competition, in the face of stiff opposition.

On our return from Sennelager 2 Lt Laughton took a group of 29 soldiers from the company to a most worth-while Adventure Training camp. A detailed article appears elsewhere in this edition; however the training was thoroughly enjoyed by all and many new skills were learnt and some individual fears overcome.

The early summer months of May and June were devoted to two aspects of life. Firstly re-training at platoon level in mechanised skills and secondly devoting considerable effort towards the CO's pre-march out inspection, which encompassed all aspects of company accommodation,

equipment and vehicles. In the last week of May the company conducted a 'Mini Vogelsang' in the local Minden training areas. Newcomers to the company since our last mechanised training soon became familiar with the numerous low level skills and one or two of the more experienced members of the company re-learnt the perils of road moves by night.

During June we provided a composite platoon to assist 39 Fd Regt RA with their NATO annual inspection: the remainder prepared the company and platoon stores, vehicles and accommodation in readiness for the pre-march out inspection. This included a self-help repaint of many rooms and stores. In spite of the weather a cheerful spirit was maintained throughout this rather monotonous period.

In July we move to Soltau for two weeks' hard mechanised training in preparation for the huge BAOR Ex Spearpoint in September; but finding time for three weeks' leave during August.

Early May also saw 1 Platoon re-form within the Company. Since January 1979 the Corps of Drums had been incorporated into 1 Platoon and, through hard work, had maintained their drumming standards in addition to being part of a full-time mechanised platoon. With an increase in manning the opportunity arose to reform the Corps of Drums in their own right. We were sorry to see them go — they had provided a good deal of character and spirit within the company during the past 16 months both in APCs, in Ballymurphy and on the sports field. We look forward to seeing them in their rightful place at the Beating of Retreat in October and during Public Duties in 1981.

#### Personalia

Congratulations to Cpl and Mrs Gale on the birth of a son at BMH.

#### Welcome To:

Capt Atkinson as 2i/c; Lt Laughton, 2 Pl; Ssgt Arundel, Pl Comd 1 Pl; Sgt Frear, Pl Sgt 3





'Pickin' a chicken'. Lcpl George Bryant and Pte Dave Corney try some basic cookery during the survival exercise

Pl; Sgt Walker, Pl Sgt 1 Pl; 2 Lt Harvey on attachment from University; Lcpl Hargreaves from Burma.

#### Farewell To:

Capt Sherlock — HQ 1 BR Corps; Ssgt Bailey — Corunna Coy; Lt Dixon.

## BURMA COMPANY

### COY HQ

Coy HQ has been kept very busy over the past few months, commitments ranging from the Co's pre-march out inspection to playing enemy for the platoons during their training.

In the Coy stores Csgt Craven has taken one of the tougher jobs 'in the hot seat' as A/CSM, in the absence of WO2 Heron, who along with Sgt Hepworth is at Bisley. This leaves Lcpl Kerrigan and 'always on leave' Lcpl Unnuth in charge of the stores, assisted by 'Skill at the Wheel' Pte Walker.

In the absence of Sgt Woodward, our MT Dept under the guidance of Lcpl Gregory performed admirably for the Co's pre-march out inspection. Big 'Harry', as Lcpl Gregory is affectionately known, has never looked smarter as he did that day adorned in best boots and pressed coveralls, not even a slight whisp of petrol. Special thanks

are given to Somme and Alma Coys for the lending of 2 APCs each, we are sure ours will soon turn up!

Our Signals Dept are already wired up and switched on for the forthcoming Soltau exercise, and the Dept Comd, Cpl 'Pront' Evans, has informed us that this time he will do his best not to interfere with BFBS Television. Newly promoted Lcpl 'Miffer' Smith, Ptes Robinson 70 and Smith 30 make up the rest of our very able Sigs Det.

Coy HQ welcomes back a 'slimline' Cpl Robert Haigh, who assures us that by 1987 our pay queries will be sorted out.

Yes, Coy HQ personnel, renowned for the cleanliness of its dustbin area, will always be there in the thick of things, straight backed and a song in their hearts. When's the next leave?

## NEWS ROUND-UP

### Shooting

Once again it was Burma's year at the Bn Skill-at-Arms Meeting, though with so many Bisley shots in our ranks we would have been

ashamed to come anywhere but top. The Coy has now held the Shield for three years running.

With nearly 30 officers and soldiers in the Coy team there are too many to congratulate individu-

ally, but special mention should be made of Sgt Hepworth as best SNCO and second overall in the SLR, Lcpl Sweeney as best on GPMG (despite the targets being all but invisible with binoculars at 400 metres), and Cpl Acklam for winning the JNCO trophy after a shoot off with Lcpl Smith 92 (neither will wish to recall that particular practice). A word of praise also for our SMG team, led by Csgt Craven, who won the team prize a week later. A tremendous effort by all which led to a good win.

Despite the skill of our best shots we still have some half-dozen soldiers who have failed their SLR APWT. This is worrying and cannot all be attributed to lack of time for thorough coaching. If a man cannot pass his test after a week on the ranges, how will he shoot on operations without that kind of build up? One of the Coy's 1981 challenges must be a 100% pass rate.

Meanwhile, best of luck to our men at Bisley: Capt Isles, WO2 Heron, Sgt Hepworth, Lcpl Smith 35, Lcpl Smith 92. In the top ten this year, if you please gentlemen.

### Cross Country Running

Champions in 1979, the Coy team were pushed into second place this year by a strong challenge from Alma Coy. Lcpl Sweeney and Lt Wood were well placed, but it was the fact that nearly all our runners managed to finish in the front half of the field, despite a fast and tiring course, that gave us a good placing. Team: Lt Wood, Cpl Acklam, Lcpl Sweeney, Lcpl Marshall, Cpl Meade, Lcpl Bogle, Ptes Berry, Haworth, Evanus, Kay, Brown, Oroszlan, Wetherall, Dick.

### Seven-a-Side Rugby

This competition was held the day after the cross-country, and again our team was led by Lt Wood. Sheer fitness and hard work got results, despite there being several more experienced and stronger (on paper) teams. We were unlucky to lose Pte Kay in a close match with the LAD early

in the competition, but despite this setback we managed another overall second place, this time behind a very good Somme Coy team. Kay was not the only injury: for days afterwards Lcpl Smith 92 and Pte Ingham had their right arms in slings, looking like something left over from Waterloo. Team: Lt Wood, Lcpls Irving, Smith 92, Ptes James, Kay, Robinson 27, Draper, Ingham, Mitchell 13.

### Basketball

We have now completed our matches in the inter-coy league, recording three wins and two losses. Led by Cpl Peace/Lcpl Kerrigan, the team trained hard in their own time and these results are very creditable. The league is not yet over, so final results are not yet known. Team: Cpl Peace, Cpl Meade (now Hook, thanks), Lcpl Kerrigan, Lcpl Marshall, Lcpl Sweeney, Pte Alexander.

### Soccer

The team have had several friendlies (if major battles with, eg, The Sgts Mess 3-3, can be called that) but have yet to start their league matches. We have a good team and if the players can put it all together at the right time we don't expect to end up far from the top of the table. There is a lot of new talent about, and we welcome especially a reliable goalie in the shape of Pte Alexander. Team (from): Cpl Acklam (Capt), Sgt Woodward, Lcpl Kerrigan, Lcpl Bogle, Ptes Stead 20, Oroszlan, Steadman, James, Schneider, Alexander, Mitchell 66, Acklam 67, Ingham.

### Military Matters

Apart from cadres, duties, Site Guard, Adventure Training, Skill-at-Arms Camp, Hulsede Guard, coy training, Soltau, courses and the CO's admin inspection there hasn't been any military business in the last couple of months. Amazing, isn't it? Can't think why they pay us.

## 4 PLATOON

Lack of time and continuity, and a high degree of flexibility are some essential ingredients of life in BAOR. It really seems light years ago that we were pacing up and down in Belfast, and we have achieved much since the tour.

We have been so busy rushing from place to place, preparing for this and that, from killing tanks to killing chickens, that the summer is almost half over.

The move to Catterick looms larger and from now to the handover to 2 RGJ we have to prepare for, and take part in, Spearpoint, the largest exercise for many years.

One can be astounded by facts. The fact that over sixty per cent of the platoon have never operated with tanks before, and that the platoon has its sixth platoon sergeant since early 1978. (Who is the platoon comd? people ask!)

Yes, life for the platoon has been hectic and in

the main we have managed to hack through it.

What is bliss for the platoon commander? The answer quite simply is a period of time in which he can train his platoon to an acceptable professional standard. The results would mean that a man's military skills and fitness are predominant, and not the immediate action dirrils of a brillo and duty dixie, or the art of a graffiti on the wall of some obscure site sangar!

Four Platoon saw faces come and go after NI. We wish Lcpl Percy Mitchell and Pte David Saul (Mortars), Pte Billy Smith (Milan), Ptes Eggy Moore and David Roche (MT) good luck. We bade farewell to Lcpl Jim Hanley, and Pte Jonah Jones to civvy street. We welcome to the platoon Lcpl Bob Kerry (Kelly's heroes) and Ptes Sharp, Kelly 10, Chapman, Oroszlan, Navis, Tickle, Alexander and Guest.



Canoeists Ptes Lee Greenwood, Gary Brentley, Graham Acklam and David Warden prepare to shoot the rapids

### 5 PLATOON

After returning from our well-deserved three weeks' Northern Ireland leave, we arrived back to find our next few months were to be just as busy and hectic as ever. We fitted in cadres, courses, and the inevitable duties which always seemed to come round more often. It was a busy time but it was enjoyable, and we went about it in a professional way.

Congratulations to Lcpl Sweeney on coming top of the NCOs cadre and to Pte Chin Chan on gaining a good pass. Helping out the cadre were Cpls Hunt and Williams, and Sgt Dent. We congratulate Cpl Stuart Hunt having joined 5 Platoon after his Brecon course, where he got a good pass and write up.

It's been rather quiet with the Pl Comd, 2 Lt Pugh away on his course at Warminster. He will arrive back no doubt looking keen and green all over wearing cam cream, raring to take his lads on exercise.

After the cadres and courses had finished we

went straight to Sennelager, and more congratulations to Lcpl Sweeney on winning best GPMG gunner in the Battalion, chased closely behind by WO2 Bob Heron and Sgt Len 'bull neck' Hepworth.

We all said our farewells to Cpl (sorry, Mr) Giles, Lcpl Mick Lawler, Ptes 'Hulk' Corey, Sean Mees and Colin Walker, who are now having a taste of civilian life.

Lcpl BJ Doyle seems to be having a good start to the year with a lot of luck winning DM600 on the German Totto Lotto competition, and winning two super prizes in the Corporals' Mess Xmas Draw which was held a little later this year because of our tour of Belfast.

Whilst we were at Site Guard, the game 'Risk' became a popular passtime and the result is that we have a lot of budding majors and brigadiers wanting to lead the platoon into war situations and take on the world.

### 6 PLATOON

Since arriving back from Northern Ireland the platoon has lost and also gained a few guys. We welcome Sgt Hanley, Cpl Peace and Lcpl Marshall (second time around), also Ptes 'Fast Eddie'

Edmunds, 'Wizard' Merlin, 'Bones' Proctor and brand new arrivals Ptes Dukes and Smith 20. Best wishes go to Pte Mitchell who is soon going to civvy street. 'Stag On' Mitch! We would like

to say well done to Ptes Woods, Schneider, Steadman and Dean on gaining good results on the recent Potential/NCOs cadre.

The first few months back from leave were quite busy with NCOs cadre, Upgrading cadre and a lot of duties. Some of the lads went Adventure Training in Bavaria. They thought they were going climbing and sailing for a week, but

ideas were soon dashed when mixed in was a SAS style survival course.

After summer leave we come back to the biggest exercise since the war, Spearpoint, which will be our last exercise in BAOR. Then it's back to England, which we are all looking forward to. No more crossing the North Sea to get home.

### 'A' VEHICLE CADRE

By Pte A. Stead

My driving cadre was the first cadre I had ever been on and it was great. We started off on Minden North getting used to the feel of the wagon, then, after about three days, we went on the road.

We went first on to the motor road to Buckeburg. Our aim was to try and keep on the right side of the road and the right lane. After, we went on to the main type of road, and admittedly I was nervous in case of hitting anything, luckily touch wood (sorry metal) I didn't.

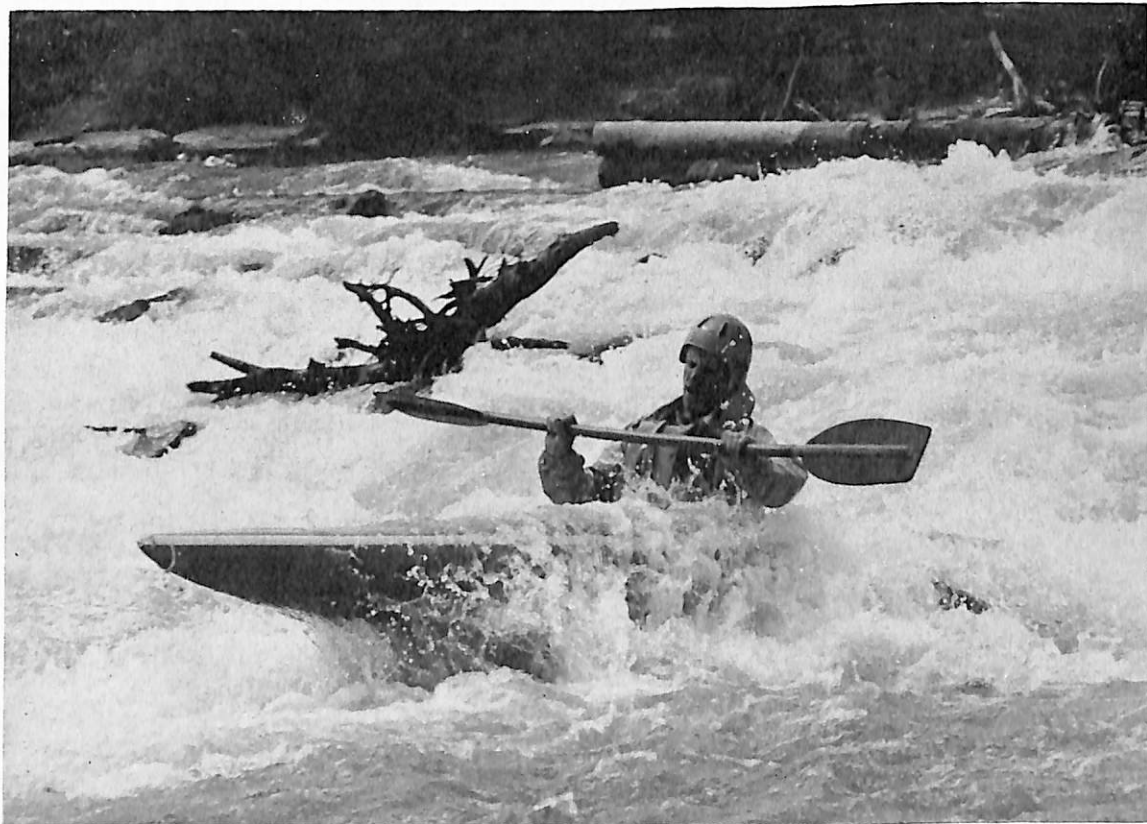
Learning the ins and outs of a 432, road sense, etc, took us to many outlying districts of Minden, seeing many of the beauty spots Germany has to

offer and visiting them again in my own time wearing sunglasses and a raincoat, brought back fond memories.

My test day came, and apart from one tiny fault, a heavy right foot, passed with flying colours. I would, very sincerely, like to thank my QTO, Sgt Hall, of whom I've heard a rumour that because of his premature greying of hair is no longer called 'Babs'.

Well, as the song goes 'With these hands'. I have now entered into the world of 'Yorkie' bars and diesel, and have never been as happy in my whole Army career. My own wagon!

PS. Dear Sir, may I take my APC to Catterick?



Cpl Kevin Whitely concentrating on keeping his balance in the fast flowing waters

## CORUNNA COMPANY

(First impressions by the new company 2i/c)

What a splendid idea! Return to Corunna, those demons of Divis, etc, etc, renew friendships after six months away, catch up on the latest gossip and generally get back into the swing of things: after all it should be very easy knowing so many of that solid body of men.

'Morning Sergeant Major' (good to see that cheerful smiling face behind the desk on a Monday morning), 'just popping in to clock back in with the company: OC here — good.' Good God — he's changed: I didn't think that Ireland took so much out of him. Now he's shouting at me it's gibberish: no — of course, different man and he's speaking Urdu. 'Sorry, thought Major Palmer was OC. Left for sshh — you-know-where four months ago? Oh: remarkable how out of touch one gets living across the square. Forgot that you had just returned from . . .'

Well that was a good start and just as well I was near the door: better be more careful from now on. I know, Jack will tell me all of what's been going on, always up to scratch. 'Mr Kilburn, about this morning Sergeant Major?' 'Why should Mr Harvey do?' Ah, should have spotted that one, they swapped over at the Depot nearly four months ago. 'Sergeant Major are you the only one left in the Company from Divis days?' Well he's a bit off this morning—fancy just handing me a bit of paper and telling me to read it. Ah, it's a nominal role: bright that CSM! Let's see: 3 new officers, new CQMS and MT sergeant, 2 new platoon sergeants and half the other names on the list are unknown. Percy Bysshe Shelley was right: 'The one remains, the many change and pass.' Nearly 50% of the Company has changed in six months and I didn't even know it was happening: I really must buck up!

First job, take over the Company account: probably overdrawn so that will have to wait. Next, write a training programme: but what have they been doing? The CO's always going on about continuity and progression and he'll have it in Corunna! 'Sorry to bother you again Sergeant Major, but could I borrow the Company diary? Thank you.' (No need to throw it at me).

February/March — Leave: good idea that. Keeps up morale and must be good for the retention game as well.

March/April — Cadres, upgrading, individual training. Excellent start: get the little things right and everything will fall into place.

April — Skill-at-Arms Camp. Lovely place Sennelager and the evenings are always so much fun and we've done the shooting for the year!

May — More leave: no wonder that Corunna are doing so well for manpower.

So what we need now is some collective training before Soltau and that exercise, the name of which escapes me, which is going on later in the year. But what's this? Pre-march out inspection six months before we move? The QM must have

really banged the table but I suppose that we at least get it over and done with early.

But we cannot do collective training and nothing else: besides the training areas are always so difficult to get hold of. I know: drill — there's no time like the present to prepare for Public Duties and the Presentation of New Colours next year and it will also keep the RSM happy. And then what? Now there's a point, we might as well include a bit of VCP practice. Lcpl Sellars will come in useful having just won the Fitter Trophy: knows all about vehicles that lad. And whilst we're at it . . .

Alphonse Karr was right! 'Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose.'

## BAVARIAN ADVENTURE

During May, approximately 140 members of battalion went off to Murnau, an adventure training camp in Bavaria. Each soldier was pushed through a rigorous seven day course of rock climbing, canoeing and escape and evasion training.

The word 'rigorous' is by no means overused in this case. Day 1 started with an early call at 0615 hours when we were quietly informed that we had to take a swimming test. It was quite a cold morning which became even colder when we plunged into the lake! In fact it was so cold that steam was rising from the surface and anyone who wasn't a fast swimmer to start with soon became one. After that, any miscreant wasn't threatened with fatigues — but an early morning dip instead.

Although the canoeing and climbing was fun, the highlight of the training was most certainly the three-day escape and evasion exercise. The first day was used to learn survival technique. This included direction finding (using a razor blade as a compass), building advanced bivouacs, using snares to catch animals for food, extracting water from the ground, gutting and cooking chicken and fish, making bread and crossing fast-flowing rivers. A great deal was learned during this short cadre and the theory was soon to be turned into practical use.

Early on the second morning (0230 hours) we were awakened for the actual exercise. After having breakfast — an oatmeal block and coffee — we were stripped naked and thoroughly searched for money, food, cigarettes or any other 'illegal' possessions. Each group of four was dropped at different start points and given check-points to head for. From then on all movement was tactical. All the main routes were covered by 'enemy' patrols (Land Rovers marked with white tape) which meant that the line of least resistance was definitely out. Being caught meant being taken back 5 km and starting again.

After evading all day our first camp was on the far side of a river. Crossing the river meant





The course record breakers—Cpl Dowdall and Ptes Oakworth, Williams and Gallagher

another soaking — but it was raining anyway! Once over, we set about our rations — a live chicken, an egg each and two bags of flour. A bivouac was built and a snare made. All aspects of the exercise were marked to determine the top group and although cold and wet, all parties performed admirably.

The next morning we set off again for the final checkpoint which was about an hour's walk away. We were then driven back to Murnau where a tricky confidence course awaited us. With a devil slide going into our favourite lake it meant getting wet again. Still it was nearly the end so no one really minded.

Difficult though it was, one of Alma Company's teams consisting of Cpl Dowdall, Pte Oaksworth, Pte Williams and Pte Gallagher smashed the course record and were each awarded a tankard, a fitting climax to a very hard, but enjoyable and useful week's training.

### 7 PLATOON

The last edition of these notes would have led the aficionado of this column to the end of the platoon's tour of duty in Belfast. Now the reader eagerly awaits news of further triumphs and achievements. However 'Super Seven' are always a perfect vehicle for any chronicler of the exciting and unpredictable. Events have conspired to deprive those denizens of the top corridor of the fullest opportunities to display their talents. Much of our time since the return from Ireland has been spent on leave so that the streets, parks and hostleries of Halifax, Huddersfield and Bradford bear more witness to our activities than perhaps Clifton Barracks. The pages of the Bradford Telegraph and Argus will probably prove more illuminating as to our activities rather than these, though not, I hasten to add, as the Court Proceedings column!

Nevertheless, as certain platoon members will

be rather swift and direct in reminding the author, much hard graft has been fitted in. As soon as we returned from Northern Ireland leave we all got a sudden reminder of our true role when the Battalion staged its very own call-out exercise. This served to introduce our newcomers to the mysteries of BAOR and the metal monsters to which we pay constant homage. It must have been with a sinking heart that the inhabitants of Ring Strasse greeted the sirens, clanks, rumbles, screams and curses that proclaimed to all but the very deaf that the Dukes were back in town and fully operational.

Soon after that the first stage of our spring training period took place at Sennelager with the Annual Skill-at-Arms camp. This also provided the climax to the potential NCOs cadre and the upgrading cadre. The results of the former cadre proved somewhat devastating to the platoon's membership with our representatives upon it having mixed fortunes. However it did mean that we had to welcome Lcpl Sellers to the platoon who brings his own peculiar brand of morbid wit to join the other hack comedians in our ranks. He brings with him the Fitter Trophy, a new award, instituted to recognise the best young soldier on a cadre. Our congratulations to him, one can only say that the judges obviously didn't take quality of humour into account!

Sennelager was hard work for all concerned within the platoon and was very rewarding.

At the end of it all only a very small number had failed pass their Annual Weapons Test and the live firing had forged the new and the old into a close team.

As usual the author will attempt to record the comings and goings within the platoon. However, the problems inherent in this are enormous due to our high turnover and also the fact that the author is usually the last to be told of any changes! The backbone of the platoon remains



the same with Cpl Gary Broadhead providing, as always, the stability in an otherwise fluid situation and at the moment extending his duties to Platoon Sergeant whilst we await the arrival of Sgt 'Dek' Allen from the Mortars. Cpl Chad Chapman remains as well and is at present at Brecon on his Junior NCOs course. We say goodbye to Lcpl Dobbs who up until he left was one of the longest serving 7 platoon members. He now graces the orbat of 8 Platoon down the stairs. Our welcome is extended to the many 'New Boys': Lcpl Brandon from 9 Platoon and Ptes Robson,

Baggaley, Whittaker, Ruff, McPherson, Lynch and Ward from the Depot. Pte Robson is especially welcome as his home is in the Commercial Inn in Bradford!

So again we reach the end of another bulletin and the fortunes of C/S31 with all of us committed after our summer leave to preparations for Battle Group exercises in Soltau and the great NATO Exercise 'Crusader' in September. From there it is home to Catterick with the new challenges of Public Duties and the presentation of New Colours.

### HOOK COMPANY

The Company re-formed after the 'Op Banner' Tour and block leave on March 17. The Commanding Officer addressed the Battalion in the gym and outlined his aims and the programme up to the move to Catterick in November.

The two aims were first to be ready in every respect for Exercise 'Spearpoint' in September and secondly for the equipment and accommodation handed over to the 2nd Bn Royal Green Jackets to be in good condition.

Since that day work has proceeded at a pace to

reach the standards required. NCOs, MT, Upgrading and Signal Platoon cadres have all come and gone. The Battalion Rifle Meeting together with three weeks' annual shooting camp at Sennelager and two task force Divisional CP exercises.

In addition, the Inter-Company Sports Competitions have been going ahead. The Company's Team results so far have not been good. However everyone playing, running and shooting in the competitions has enjoyed taking part and all teams have done their best. The events still being



### SMOKERS AID HEALTH AUTHORITY

280,000 cigarette coupons, collected by the REME LAD serving with 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in Minden, have raised more than £300 for The Bradford Area Health Authority Whole Body Scanner Appeal Fund.

The collecting started two years ago, and during a recent leave REME Sgt Stevne Perry presented the cheque to Mr Stephen Tendlow, the appeal co-ordinator, at The Duke's Regimental Headquarters in Halifax.

played are the Soccer and Basketball Competitions; The Grande Finale will be the Inter-Company Boxing Finals on Wednesday, July 30, 1980. Before this, most of the Company as elements of A1/A2 Echelon will move to Soltau for 'Battle Group' and 'Combat Team' training.

The following in the Company are congratulated on their promotion: WO2 Almond, Ssgt Vaughan, Csgt Parrott, Sgt Jameson, Sgt Logan, Cpls Gilbert, Hustwick, Harrison, Grinsdale, Lcpls Hill, Hollies, Marland.

There have been the usual comings and goings. The Company welcome WO2 Harding, Csgt Kendrick, Sgt White, Sgt Jackson R Sigs, Sgt Rance APTC, Sgt Aitken RAPC and say farewell and good fortune to Csgt Lawrence bound for civvy street, Csgt Fleming, Sgt Nuttall, Sgt Naiken — on transfer to REME, Sgt Atherton R Sigs — also promotion to Ssgt — and posted to 'Bonny Scotland'!! Thank you all for your hard work.

### QUARTERMASTER'S PLATOON

Reading the previous Iron Duke I am surprised that the platoon has done so much in the period of time these notes have to cover.

Before leaving Northern Ireland, Echelon was moved from Flax Street to Musgrave Park to take over from Echelon, 2 Armd Div Engr Regt. Hardly was the pen dry on the AF G1033 when 14 days later we handed over to the 1st Bn The Royal Scots. With all the activity, moving or stores and personnel, it was decided that the QM's platoon needed reinforcements. The RQMS was cajoled to leave the rear party in Minden and join us at MPH. He came once we convinced him it was for Q work and not to bolster the Duty Watchkeeper roster at Tac HQ.

We left Northern Ireland 'looking good'; a lot of hard work was put in by all members of Echelon with the QMS getting the last ounce of blood out of the CQMSs with that throw away phrase 'This is going to cost you'.

With leave behind us at the end of March, the platoon 'wound itself up' in preparation for the visit of the Defence Auditors. Material Regulations were taken down from the bookshelves, dusted and studied by all. As the day of the visit neared, the checking for correctness was more intense. To the outsider overhearing a conversation, 'Cpl Frear this can't be right and you are supposed to have checked it.' 'I may have checked it, Sir, but you signed it,' would have thought that the morale was on the decline. Not so! The inspection behind us, the Defence Auditors left pleased with the accounts and disappointed that none could be arrested.

At the present the platoon are involved in a pre-march out programme, mainly to find the 'skeletons' now and not in November when we hand over to 2 RGJ. Meanwhile to ensure that we all keep in practice, the Battalion took over a slice of Normandy Barracks in Sennelager in April. Shortly we move to Soltau and will take over part of Reinsehlen Camp. Still on with that side of life, the QM has visited Somme Lines in Catterick. It looks exactly the same as it did in

1970 except for the brand new gymnasium and barbed wire around the perimeter.

There have been a few changes in the Regimental Pioneers Section. Lcpl Preston has been promoted to Corporal, Pte Threlfall has been promoted to Lance Corporal. Burma Company were so impressed with the high standards set by Pte Butterworth during his detachment to them in Northern Ireland that they persuaded him to become their Arms Storeman and promoted him to Lance Corporal. Well done Butty! In his place Burma Company sent Pte Hansell who is settling into the section very well. He has begun his apprenticeship by learning how to repair broken windows; you can spot his earlier efforts by the fact it is not possible to see where the putty ends and the glass begins. Also, still on the individual side of life, Sgt Naiken is due to leave us to join the REME. Although we will be sorry to see him go, he has saved the RQMS from reading Material Regulations to find out how a soldier who is excused from wearing rubber soled boots gets his leather ones repaired. Pte Bowes (QM Clerk) has been promoted to Lance Corporal. To anyone who can remember him, he is now completely grey haired. Sgt White has joined the platoon as FAMTO SGT and Pte Bent who spent six months counting the 5,000 spare parts in the FAMTO Stores, has now left us.

Congratulations to Lcpl Myers, who with the assistance of his wife Mary, is now the proud father of a baby boy, Dean. Csgt Dickens is to be congratulated on his B Grading on his All Arms RQMS Course at Deepcut. This seems to be a good time as any to tell him if he continues to tell the QM he is out of date, he may well be out of a job.

Stepping off the buses on to the square in Clifton Barracks on return from Belfast brought an almost instantaneous change in the personality of Somme Company. No longer were we a rifle company but now mortar and anti-tank men. Seven months of life dedicated to defeating the IRA was behind us and all eyes were fixed on Mortars, Milan and BAOR. We had one week to complete our reorganisation before leave and a long looked-for opportunity to just relax and devote a bit of time to our own lives. After leave we ploughed straight into cadres which I shall leave to the platoons to write about.

New to Somme Company are the Intelligence Section and Training Wing under Capt Drake and CSM Simpson. They are still scratching their heads and wondering what they had done to deserve this honour.

The personalities in Company headquarters has changed little. Csgt Exley has moved on to 2 Yorks to be replaced by Csgt Sykes as CQMS. Otherwise it is the same bark that grips the soldiers from the company office and Lcpl Barker's fingers dance even more nimbly across the typewriter keyboard.

In the inter company competition so far we have fared well, coming third in the cross-country, second in the shooting and first in both the rugby seven-a-side and BFT results. The last result



Neuschwanstein Castle close to the exercise area in Bavaria

achieved through considerable blood, sweat and beating around the track by Csgt Sykes for some of our rounder soldiers. All good preparation for our return to England and Catterick.

#### **SOMME COMPANY MILAN PLATOON**

Having been split into 11 and 12 platoons for Northern Ireland the Milan Platoon reformed in February and prepared to retrain on the weapon system. Sgt Sweeney found the strain of working in a modern platoon too great and returned to the Mortars! The cadre to train new additions went well. There were only a few complaints from students about how hard AFV identification was, and from instructors about how thick students were! The climax to the cadre came on April 29 1980, when the firing post crews used a year's allocation of ammunition in a live firing day. Everybody was dressed in NBC kit and there was a 500 metres dash between positions. A hit rate of 84% was achieved, the best produced by a Milan Platoon in BAOR so far.

Since firing we have had a period of leave and are now working up to the CO's administrative inspection. We will move quickly from that to Soltau then to Crusader and then hand over. Four years in BAOR has left the platoon much more experienced. It has also left the platoon commander grey haired and the 2ic with tufts missing from pulling his hair out. Two of the section commanders are now being educated and the third, Sgt Butterworth, has developed a fixed, almost demented smile and keeps asking about his posting. Meanwhile everybody else in the platoon looks on and laughs. There must be a moral there somewhere.

#### **MORTAR PLATOON— A NEWCOMER'S VIEW**

I first joined the platoon in the middle of March this year. At first I was filled with trepi-

dation at joining a senior platoon. Initially we felt like dartboards with all sorts of information being thrown at us which at that stage didn't mean much to us at all. Later on, however, we soon realised that it was in our own interests to grasp what being a mortar number is all about (many thanks to Lcpl Mitchell for his non-stop demonstrations of how to run with a barrel above your head for making mistakes on the mortar line).

During the cadre we all took part in a small exercise on Minden North training area. It was here that we were introduced to the Reduced Primary charged rounds, which is a great bit of training kit but which is very temperamental. On occasions the round barely managed to clear the rear of the vehicle.

It was on Minden North that the mortar platoon devised its own version of the Grand National, with such competitors as 'Slippy,' 'JR' (of course), 'Greswell' etc. They were not horses, naturally, but frogs captured in the swamps that seemed to surround our bivouac area. A special course was constructed and floodlighting installed. The punters had a good day but I think the bookies had a better day of it, with a clear profit of DM1.50. I think Sgt Hughes was involved somewhere there.

The climax of the cadre was of course live-firing at Trauenlager. We had glorious weather for the first two weeks, but I doubt if 'Rommel' had to put up with as much as we did.

We did many different types of shoots where our newly learnt skills were put to the test. At first I was very apprehensive but as the days wore on I got more and more confident. The thing that gave me the most pleasure was putting rounds down on to a target I couldn't even see.

I only had one nasty moment and that was when my No 2, in full NBC kit, placed a bomb down the barrel, we all ducked, but there was no bang. I looked up to see the round sticking out

of the top and apparently waving at me. My No 2 was quick to act and we were soon back in business although having lost a few pounds in a cold sweat.

Another thing that sticks in my mind was the collection and returning of the empty ammunition boxes. I must point out that I was one of the fatigue party that unloaded all 300 plus of the 30kg boxes in the first place. No matter how I tried to avoid being picked for the ammo party, I always was. So at the end of live firing I reckon a few thousand 30kg boxes had passed through my hands. By that stage I was sick of the sight of them.

All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed the mortar cadre. I learnt a lot and look forward to learning a lot more.

### RUGBY NOTES

Having lost the Rugby Challenge Cup in the semi-final, the Rugby Squad was determined to gain some honour from the season by winning the major seven-a-side competitions open to us. Unfortunately, this year we had not qualified for the Courage Army Sevens in Aldershot and this was a chance to gain entry for next season.

The first step was the 4 Div Sevens at Hameln. Having done about 10 days' training we entered two teams, both of which were very strong. The competition was played on a knock-out basis with the losers in the first round entering the Plate Competition. The obvious favourites were ourselves and 7 Sigs, who also entered two teams. The Sigs B team threw their game to go and win the Plate Competition, but the Open Competition had a lot of surprises.

The 1st Seven of Cpl (Blacky) Williams, Capt (Bill) Atkinson and Lt (Martin) Drake in the pack, and Cpl (Wacker) Walker, RSM (Pete) Robinson, the skipper Lt (Simon) Dixon and Pte (Dex) Landell making up the back division. The great advantage over all sides was the out-right pace throughout the team.

The 2nd sevens bid game was against 7 Sigs in the semi-final. It was a game of lost chances. A ball dropped over the try line and a try 'went a begging' and when 7 Sigs lost a man we failed to sew it up, losing in extra time.

The 1st seven were winning their rounds quite comfortably and met 7 Sigs in the final. This was a fast game and the Dukes scored six tries to two from the Signals, and we felt we had really showed them who were the masters.

The BAOR sevens were during Sennelager and we were only able to enter one side. The squad was the same as named before, with Sgt (Taff) Rance and Cpl (Buggy) Bucknor to make the nine.

This competition was run on a league basis. Four teams in each league play each other and the top two went through to a knock-out competition.

As an Army competition, the turn-out was very poor and the organisers were trying to make scratch sides up to give it some semblance of competition.

In normal Dukes fashion we opened up with a 40-point victory and went through the league without a try scored against us. The knock-out competition was where the sevens really started to be played. In the quarter-finals we met the Coldstream Guards and this was our best game of the sevens. Everything we tried came off and we won 27-6. The semi-final was against our old rivals 3 BAPD, the Army Rugby champions. At half-time we were leading 12-0 but Capt Atkinson had to come off and Cpl Bucknor came on. This caused some problems in re-organisation and the BAPD side came back to score with the pressure mounting. Capt Drake made a try out of nothing which Cpl Bucknor scored and the Dukes were out of danger.

The final was against a large seven RHA side who had looked quite good in the competition. The Dukes put on early pressure but on chasing back to clear a kick-through, a mess-up occurred and the RHA were in front 6-0. This was the first time we were ever behind. Then the individual flair of (Wacker) Walker took over, and having side-stepped all the RHA team twice in 70 yards, scored, and from then talent proved us the better players. Our one problem was RSM Robinson trying to do a flying tackle 20 yards short of the ball carrier. The final result was 26-12. A good note to finish the season on.

Next season it is all out for the Rugby Challenge Cup and we hope to see a lot of ex-Dukes standing on the touchline supporting our games.

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

We have not appeared in these pages for some time, but this does not mean we have been idle! On the contrary, the pace at Huddersfield hardly seems to slacken. In the **Iron Duke** of December, 1979, we were in the throes of preparing for Exercise 'Stainton Chase'. Several weekends training and many hours of preparation went into this event. The South Yorkshire March was conveniently situated (on the calendar) to be used as the final warm up; and it was with fresh blisters that we faced Stainton Chase proper.

We again put up a fine performance, coming 14th of 81 regular and TA teams. In 1980 we aim to improve this, and do even better than our 1978 position of 8th. September saw Sgt Trevor Payne (late of 'C' Coy, now HQ Coy) married, and the start of our annual recruiting drive under the auspices of OCdt Tim Foster. We sadly also lost four of 'C' Company's longest serving (or is it surviving?) members: Pte 'Swifty' Swift to RA, Lcpl Sammy Samerson, Lcpl Andy Greaves and Lcpl Dave Thomas to 1 DWR together with Pte 'True Grit' McConnell (a short-lived member of 'C' Company); we wish them all well in their new units.

November was anything but a quiet month — with four weekends training. It was about this time that the first rumours surfaced that 3 Yorks were going to the USA in the New Year. Attendance picked up somewhat, surprising what rumours can do!

On December 11, we had a visit from Col A. C. Roberts — Deputy District Comd (TA). It was during Col Roberts' visit that 'C'

Coy received the Champion Pennant; thus confirming what we already knew — 'C' Company is champion company. To celebrate, a free barrel of beer, and a curry supper in the 'Terrier Tavern' was provided.

The Company Christmas party, December 22, 1979, was an event to remember. It was held in the main Drill Hall and was very well attended. Our thanks must go to SSgt Joe Cotton, whose time and effort made it such a success. (We never realised he was so good with fairy lights!)

The Company didn't just have Christmas to celebrate however, our PSI (WO2 Geoff Harding) got married, and CSgt Phil Beaumont and Sgt Ron Bentley were informed that they had been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate. Congratulations to all involved!

It was with great regret that we said goodbye to our PSI, Geoff Harding — no sooner married than off — to Germany with his new bride Jenny. We also said goodbye (perhaps) to Capt Di Bull (WRAC) who as 2IC did absolute wonders for morale. We welcomed Capt Barry Robinson to 'C' Coy as 2IC; he is no stranger to 'C' Company, having served as a subaltern with us for several years. As PSI we also welcomed SSgt Roy Arrowsmith from 1 DWR; we hope he has an enjoyable tour with us.

Training in the new year has been primarily geared for Ex Crusader 80, when the battalion will be involved in one of the biggest exercises for many years. Thus great emphasis has been put on training in the basic military skills — shooting and fitness training taking priority. The



After firing the M16 rifle all morning on the ranges this American instructor (left) found a black snake wriggling about where the men had just been and showed it to three Huddersfield members of the 3rd Yorkshire Volunteers. They were relieved when Sergeant First Class Ken Ives, who was knowledgeable about snakes, said it was non-venomous

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first two months were spent concentrating on these priorities, culminating in the annual weapons classification, and selection of the Company shooting teams. This training was continued into March, and several shooting weekends — the start of the build up for the highlight of the year — Ex Mulberry Tree in the USA. It was during March that several promotions were made — Tim Brett, Simon Brierly, Phil Longbottom, Olive Robinson and Guy Guichard — to Officer Cadets. 'C' Company almost seems flooded out with them!

Some of our lucky few formed a composite company and disappeared over to Gibraltar for our second trip there. Whilst they were getting suntanned, Lt Croft and his shooting team were showing the regiment how they could shoot — at the Yorkshire Volunteers small arms shoot. Cpl Martin Hellawell is to be congratulated for winning best shot — well done! His prize tankard, presented by HRH the Duchess of Kent, was well earned.

April brought two promotions — with Tim Foster and Danny Danilewicz being commissioned. We wish 2Lt Danilewicz all the best when he joins the regulars — DWR, of course!

What with the pay-out of Bounty and the selection of personnel to go on Ex Mulberry Tree, April was also busy. Eventually, leaving a somewhat depleted 'C' Company, off they flew to America — some only just back from Gibraltar.

Ex Mulberry Tree was based near Indianapolis in Indiana. 3 Yorks sent a composite company to train with their 'TA' — the National Guard. We used their equipment and weapons, and took part in tactical training in their training area at Atterbury. The National Guard also sent a Unit over here, but not to 3 Yorks, alas.

As this article is being prepared, 'C' Company's platoon is arriving — fully laden with duty-free 'loot,' but looking well after two weeks in the USA. Now serious training will start for summer camp and Ex Crusader 80.

## Letters to the Editor

### MR E. P. PENNINGTON

As mentioned in the April issue, the Editor received a long and interesting letter from Mr E. P. Pennington, well known to many Dukes during his service with the Regiment before his retirement as a Warrant Officer 1st Class in 1966.

Dear Major Milligan,

I hope the surprise of receiving this letter after so many years of silence isn't too great for you. The whole thing has been prompted by a note from Col Mike Hardy suggesting I give you a look at life 'down-under'.

Kathy and I sent a Christmas card to Fr Alberic and received a letter giving the information that Col Mike was in the country at Canberra. After a few attempts to contact him I finally managed to get through to his home, approximately 3,500 km as the crow flies from here, and had a very pleasant chat. A few names were mentioned so that I could get a picture of the Regiment as it is today — gosh what a change! Nearly all the names I could think of are now hosting the rank of at least Lieutenant Colonel, not to mention the Company Commander and also an ex Adjutant who are now or will shortly be Major Generals. Most of the latter information I gleaned from the December issue of 'The Iron Duke' that Col Mike kindly sent me. I also found, of course, that two of my old Company Commanders were sitting in Wellesley Park looking after the Regiment.

After leaving the West Riding Bn in December 1966 we made our final arrangements for the move to W. Australia. We departed from London on January 3 and arrived two days later.

Perth is a really beautiful place. We arrived at 0700 hours and were met by our sponsor's representative at the airport. Instead of taking us direct to our flat he detoured and drove through Perth (Riverside Drive) to King's Park for a full view of the city. After Huddersfield it was really breathtakingly clean and bright, the buildings almost shone and there was no smog layer in the air. The impact of that first look at Perth will always remain with me. The atmosphere was not of a State Capital but rather like a large country market town.

After deciding on an area to live in the next priority was to find a job. I was looking at the idea of running a service station but the chap who was looking after us explained that he previously had been a supervisor for one of the big oil companies and laid out their method of operation. I was quickly disenchanted with the idea when it became apparent that although you had to outlay large sums of money to get the place the rental system was based on 'the better you do — the more you pay'. The incentive was no longer there. He then suggested that I might try insurance as a future. The interview was arranged with the A.M.P. Society (Australia's biggest insurance company — they write at least one third of all life insurance in the country and slightly higher than that in superannuation). My commencement date was January 19, one month after my discharge and I have never looked back.

Until April 1969 I had an Industrial Agency and was then put on the staff as a Superintendent. You are responsible for recruiting, training and supervising a sales team. The area I was given had part of the metropolitan area in it with a



country area up to 240 km away, one of the places included was BUNBURY (named after Lt Bunbury). I forget the fellow's name now but I loaned my Regimental History to him so that he could check on the Bunburys — he wrote to the UK to check it all out but never informed me of how he fared when he returned the book by mail. After five years of being a Superintendent, two of which I had spent being away every alternative week I asked for a change and took up an O.D. agency (O.B. it is called in the UK). The difference being as a Superintendent I was on a salary with a production bonus — but could be working all hours. As a Representative I am on straight commission and apart from a few perks am really all on my own. This is classed as a self-employed occupation but I don't indulge in brokering and deal only with the Society. Instead of having everyone else's worries I work less for more money and you must admit that counts when it comes to effort. Going back to the time when I was in the country — this was the South West of the State. Temperatures down there are very low in the winter and the sight of frost was quite regular. I mention this because Perth is not that cold and only occasionally would you find frost around. Perth's maximum temperature is just under 40 degrees centigrade and that is normally for no more than about a week.

We have a very nice house in Perth in an area named Padbury. It is 23 km to the city and 3 km to the ocean. The house is situated on high ground and we look over the tops of houses to the blue waters of the Indian Ocean. From this elevation the lights of the district around us make a wonderful panorama at night.

As you know I was prone to find a new place to look at, if I could. Both Kathy and I still have those itchy feet. Kathy has had two trips back to England and in fact is about to set forth again in May to visit her parents (both in their 70s) in Abingdon. We have also managed to have a months cruise up through the islands to Singapore, Bangkok, Jakarta and Bali, that was in '75 and again last year spent three weeks overseas — two in Singapore and one in Bali (to recuperate from the first two).

For the past two years we have lived in Karratha in the Pilbara (iron ore country). If you care to check it Karratha lies on latitude 20.7 South and longitude 116.8 East. Our average summer temperature is around 40 degrees centigrade and quite often ranges around 48 degrees, dropping down to 32 degrees at night. In the winter it can range from 21 degrees at night to a high of anything from 27-36 degrees; 27 degrees can be very cold when the wind comes from over the desert.

The scenery here can never really be given justice, it almost defies description. The hills around us are mainly made up, at least they appear to be, of rounded boulders of all sizes piled up in such a way that one would think they had been man made. Size and the distance from anywhere, are the only things that bring you back to reality. Photographs never seem to pick out the detail either.

The town lies just over 1,600 km from Perth and is quite a good day's drive. We have left here at 0430 hours, had plenty of rest and refuelling stops and arrived home in Perth at 2120 hours. Traffic isn't the problem on this road, it's kangaroos, emus, sheep and cattle. The latter blend with the countryside, the soil being a reddy brown and quite often your lights only pick them up when you have little chance to avoid them. To date I have been lucky.

Karratha houses the people for the back-up industries that supply or maintain Hamersley Iron. Dampier, 21 km away, is a town built by Hamersley for its people and up to date is controlled by the company. This is shortly due to change and come under the Shire councils administration. Dampier has approximately 3,000 people living there and the overflow live in Karratha. The latter now has close on 6,000 and by 1988 is expected to grow to 18,000. This increase is mainly due to the North West Shelf natural gas project. The announcement for the go ahead, on this \$4,500 million scheme, is expected in the next three weeks to support the present Premier in the state elections on February 23. Apart from the above population growth there should be an influx of up to 5,000 itinerant workers for about three years for the construction of the on and off shore facilities.

Dampier, as I said, belongs to Hamersley Iron (H.I.). The whole of their processing and shipping is carried out from this point. Some of the longest trains in the world run from Tom Price and Parapardu (H.I. ore mines) to the processing plant at Dampier. Trains with up to 200 waggons loaded with ore and pulled by three giant locos. A terrific sight to see.

Close by 24 km by sea, is Cape Lambert which is the processing plant for Cliffs Robe River — their port is Port Walcott. The distance by road from Dampier to Cape Lambert is 70 km but with all the future development a more direct road is going to be built. Cliffs have their own railway which runs out to their mine at Panawonica. These trains are just the same as the H.I. ones. It is tiring to get caught at the level crossing when these trains do go through.

As you can see there is a lot of money invested and expended up here. The work force gets paid well but the climatic conditions make up for it and of course everything we buy has to be transported by road — that is very costly!

We are in the cyclonic belt here. The cyclone season runs from November to April inclusive. In the last three weeks we have had four cyclone watches — when one is around but not within 24 hours.

The first cyclone crossed the coast 280 km NNE of here hitting Goldsworthy and Shay Gap, just about destroying the former. The second one went down the coast keeping about 500 km out to sea.

The third one fizzled off into the Indian Ocean and the fourth! (the night before last). Well, that was coming down the coast and seemed to follow the pattern of the second. On Thursday at 9 am it did an acute turn for the land — speeded up —

slowed down, did minor changes in course from S to SE to SSE. Finally speeded up in the night on a SE course and crossed the coast 40 km south of the previous one. Hit Goldsworthy again and also Port Hedland this time. It had been running straight for us on its southerly bearing — so we were lucky. As you can see life has its hectic moments here also.

If any of the Regiment ever intend to migrate to Australia and would like information on the place I would be only too happy to oblige. All the newpastimes of the battalion are great goers here. For the fishermen — you would have to see to believe!

Yours

Ted Pennington

# Wellesley Company

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

## Personalities

Congratulations — to Sgt Instructor Eddie Coonan on his well-deserved promotion to Ssgt.

Congratulations — to SMI Ray Battye on being awarded the Cadet Forces Medal.

Congratulations — to Lt Peter Cole on his promotion to substantive Lieutenant.

All of the above are so well-deserved and we are fortunate in having such good quality in our ranks.

Lt Douglas Woodhouse moves to Halifax Detachment to help service Capt Terry Bonds' ever-increasing numbers — as 2ic. Meanwhile 2/Lt Stephen Baker takes over the reins at Heckmondwike. Thank you to 2/Lt Paul Briggs for the gift of two Cavalry trumpets for our ever-improving band — this latter fact due to the continuing devotion of RQMSI Brian Dolan and SI Brian Wood who put in so much extra time at weekends.

With blinkers off, Wellesley Company recognise that eventually girl cadets will enter upon the ACF scene; pilot schemes are already in operation by the MOD elsewhere in the UK. Leading the field, therefore, we have been on the lookout for someone with the strength of character, the knowledge, and the personality to develop girl cadets when they arrive in 'W' Company. We believe that we have achieved that in identifying with Miss Linda England, a former RMP and Girl Guider, to whom we wish the very best of luck in her endeavour to secure a TA — (B) Commission for service with Yorkshire ACF.

## Minden 1980

A party of two officers, two instructors and 19 cadets joined 1 DWR for the period April 9-20 in Clifton Barracks. What a splendid time was had by all — from the CO down to the latest recruit, kindness and consideration was superb. A veritable feast of activity including shooting galore, canoeing and abseiling, APC driving

Milan familiarisation, night and day exercises plus support weapon displays. Names roll off our tongues and we eagerly recall our visits to the Border, the Life Guards at Detmold, and Kaiser Wilhelm, not forgetting an impressive visit to Sennelager to J Bty RHA.

Lt Peter Harvey spent a tremendous amount of time in organising our activities and we were grateful. The adults were fortunate in that both the officers enjoyed a magnificent Officers Dinner night in the Mess, and both SMI Ray Battye and SI Tom Gibson had the good fortune to participate in the Sergeants Mess Dinner night. With great relish, one remembers super evenings with the Minden Drivers in both the White Rose Club shared by all our cadets, and in their own Club in the town! Even the climate was influenced by our stars being in the ascendancy with incredible weather, resulting in the Battalion changing to shirt-sleeve order (though we departed Minden in snow storms).

To the CO and all ranks, and those directly involved, Lt Peter Harvey, Sgt Hayes, L/cpl Whiteley, Sgt Cockshot, we thank you so very sincerely for a memorable trip — they are glorious memories.

## Giggleswick CCF

Our bonds grow stronger as the two organisations converge. Maj Nigel Musset has extended the facilities and administrative expertise of his CCF to enable a visit to be made in the autumn. The Area Commander also had the great joy of attending the 70th Anniversary Dinner of Giggleswick CCF at the Spread Eagle Hotel in June this year — a most convivial evening.

## CTC Frimley

By chance the Area Commander, Maj John Tyler, was on centre duty at our Strensall Cadet Training Centre when Col Fladgate, Commandant of the National Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park, Surrey, made a flying visit. Opportunity was taken to invite this prominent

personality to visit Wellesley Company in the winter months — and he accepted — we shall value writing and confirming all arrangements.

#### Officers Dinner

The officers held their pre-camp dinner in the 3 Yorks Officers Mess at TAC Huddersfield on July 12. Brig Dennis Shuttleworth and Jean, Col Gerry Delaney and Joan, Maj Graham Tedd, and Maj Nigel Mussett, all shared our happy table. It was good for a branch of the Duke's family tree to gather in those splendid portals, and our respective wives enjoyed themselves immensely. This dinner is, of course, our

lead into Camp 1980 and this year we converge upon Wretham Camps at Thetford in Norfolk. Maj Gen Isles will be visiting us on the Tuesday but more about it all in the next edition.

#### Obituary

On April 22, 1980, tragedy struck at the home of Lt Keith Roughton, Administrative Officer to Wellesley Company. In the early hours fire struck, and despite heroic attempts by Keith, twins Helen and Sara aged eight years of age died. Our hearts go out to Grace and Keith as do the prayers of everyone who knows this wonderful family.

## Obituary

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

#### Lieut General Sir Reginald Savory, KCIE, CB, DSO, MC.

Lt Gen Sir Reginald Savory died suddenly at the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot on June 14 in his 86th year.

General Savory had a keen interest in the Regiment having served for two years with them in India while on the I.A.U.L. prior to joining his Regiment. In the first World War he served in the Middle East and in 1923 in Kurdistan. After two years at the Staff College, Camberley, he served on the North West Frontier and became senior instructor at the Indian Military Academy.

He later assumed command of 1st Bn 11th Sikh Regt, he then became AQMG of 5 Indian Division. He commanded the 11th Indian Infantry Brigade in the Western Desert in 1940-41. In 1942 he was appointed to command 23 Indian Division, becoming Director of Infantry in India for the period 1943-45 and was made GOC Persia and Iraq in 1945. He was Adjutant General in India from 1946-47, was promoted Lt General in 1947 and retired the following year. Sir Reginald won the DSO in 1941, was made CB in 1944 and KCIE in 1947.

#### Mr R. Milhench

Mr Ronald Milhench, ex 7th Bn and Mossley Branch Regt'l Association, died on May 22, 1980, aged 66.

#### Mr H. Pilling

Mr Harry Pilling, ex 7th Bn and Mossley Branch Regt'l Association, died on June 18, 1980, aged 65.

#### Mr C. Cuff

Mr Charlie Cuff, ex 7th Bn died in November, 1979, aged 59 years.

#### Mr B. Stead

Mr Brian Stead, the Nottinghamshire cricketer, died recently. Cricket followers in the Regiment will remember him during his National Service as a quickish left arm bowler.

#### The Revd J. R. Hughes

The Revd John Rhys Hughes, Padre of the 1st Bn in Hollywood 1957-59, died recently.

#### Mr T. W. Haggie

Mr Thomas William Haggie died in the Hillingdon Hospital on June 4, 1980, after a long illness, aged 78.

CQMS Haggie served with the 1st Bn at Gosport and Devonport followed by nine years with the 2nd Bn in India, returning to UK in February, 1940. He was then posted to the 2/7th Bn and was wounded during the evacuation of St Valery in June that year.

#### Brigadier W. S. G. Armour, MBE

Brigadier W. S. G. ARMOUR, late The West Yorkshire Regiment, and the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, died suddenly on May 15, 1980, after a mercifully short illness. He was Colonel of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire from September, 1970, to June, 1979. He was the first Divisional Brigadier of the King's Division when the HQ formed at York in 1968. A Memorial Service was held at St Wilfred's Garrison Church, Strensall, on June 7, 1980, and the Colonel of the Regiment was represented by the Regimental Secretary.

**Major F. J. Deighton**

Major 'Tich' Deighton died suddenly in hospital on June 22, 1980, aged 70 years.

Tich served for some years in the 2nd Bn up to and including the 2nd World War rising to the rank of Sgt. He was then commissioned into the RWAFF serving in Africa and Egypt.

After the war he took his discharge retiring in the rank of Major and obtained a post with the West Riding County Fire Service, retiring in 1975. In his latter years he had to combat ill health, suffering from arthritis and heart trouble. Despite this he never lost his cheerful outlook on life.

**Mr R. Webb**

Mr R. Webb died suddenly in Scarborough on July 23, 1980, after a long fight against ill health.

He will be remembered most as MT Sgt in the 1st Bn throughout the Korean tour and subsequently in Gibraltar.

On his discharge he joined the H.M. Coast Guard Service in which he was doing well until ill health unfortunately caused his premature retirement.

**Mrs M. E. McMahon**

Mrs Mary Elizabeth (May) McMahon, widow of the late Tommy McMahon, died on August 11, 1980, aged 83.



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# Regimental Association

## NEWS ITEMS—NOTES OF INTEREST

### AGM and Reunion Dinner — 1980

Huddersfield, St Paul's Street Drill Hall, Saturday, October 4, 1980. AGM Sergeants Mess 6.30 pm. Dinner 7.30 for 8 pm. Tickets £5 from RHQ, Wellesley Park, Halifax (Tel Halifax 61671) or branch secretaries.

### Regimental Service — York Minster. Saturday November 1, 1980.

All meet in St William's College (behind East of Minster) at 1030 hrs for coffee and biscuits. Service in the Minster 11.30 hrs.

Huddersfield Branch are arranging a social and buffet in the Drill Hall, St Paul's Street, Huddersfield, commencing 8 pm to which all members of the Association are invited, along with their friends. Details will be forwarded to branches later and also given to individuals at the mornings meet in York.

### London and Home Counties Reunion and Dinner — 1981

Saturday, May 9, 1981, in The Carisbrooke Hall, The Victory Club, Marble Arch, London. Further information will be published in the December issue but if advance particulars are required please contact General Secretary at RHQ Halifax.

### Presentation of New Colours

The Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion will be made by The Colonel-in-Chief at Catterick Camp on Saturday, April 4, 1981.

Details will be published and notified to all concerned later.

## POINTS TO PONDER

by Arthur Wood

When concern was expressed at the Management Committee Meeting held in March about the diminishing numbers in active membership of branches it left the chaps 'in office' with problems, not entirely new, but not unsurmountable with a little help and cooperation by ex-members of the Regiment. Since that meeting, according to the news media anyway, the whole world seems to have gone a little off balance with little old Britain taking a good fair share and the answer to our Association's problem can, in a way, be an antidote to the problems besetting the world. What better the friendship, the helping hand, of men (and women) of like-ilk who have previously been thrown together and found real friendships and willing helping hands when danger threatened. Not necessarily in a trench, a tank, a dug-out or other tight corner — it might have been

the price of a packet of fags, a bob or two or the loan of a coat. Most of those individuals you know are still around, feel the same, but somehow seem to have got lost in the present whirl-a-gig and only need a little direction-finder.

Looking at other factors in this lack of over-enthusiastic support of branches, apart from the expense and travel problems, I am of the opinion that our 'parliaments', who, by virtue of age and experience tend to be a little World War IIish and the now Veteran Korean fighters bring memories of National Servicemen.

**Korean War Veterans.** From Somerset, Scarborough and Brighouse comes news of individuals forming an Association for all forces who served in that campaign from June 26, 1950, until July 27, 1953.

An inaugural meeting at Brighouse on July 29, 1980, organised by Mr John Dyson, Shelley Grove, Lightcliffe, Brighouse, to which all Korean veterans in the Halifax and Huddersfield area were invited. Maj J. S. Milligan has accepted the Chairmanship of this Branch and the General Secretary, Mr Wood attended.

A link-up between our Associations will be of great benefit to both our organisations, to each individual and the well-being in general of the whole community by helping to keep alive the comradeship found during service with the Forces and be in a position to give assistance should fate be unkind.

**Music hath charms.** During a recent visit to Halifax by the Band of the 1st Battalion who gave a concert on the shopping precinct, Ernest Hale, the Halifax Branch Secretary, and myself showed the banner of the Association and chatted with individuals congregating. Martial music, classics, jazz had the crowd in a happy, foot-tapping, appreciative mood and had we carried swords with cakes impaled, could have been dubbed 'Havercake Dads'. Many an 'old soldier' with shoulders back and head high stood to attention and one old dear, with all the pride and smartness of the old ATS saluted with dignity. The music transformed that dull square into a warm friendly meeting place where greetings and smiles replaced the wan dour looks of a penny-pinching shopping crowd. The colourful tunics, the lively music I am sure brightened everyone's day.

**Meetings.** We are very fortunate in having the opportunity to enjoy the facilities of the Territorial Army Drill Halls at Halifax, Huddersfield and Keighley for our meetings and functions and the cooperation and assistance given to us by the Permanent Staff and Territorials is very much appreciated.

**An invitation.** Serving or ex-serving members of the Regiment are cordially invited to attend any of the Branch meetings or social functions — information from:

Regimental Association HQ, RHQ DWR, Wellesley Park, Halifax HX2 0BA (Tel Halifax 61671). General Secretary, Mr Arthur Wood.

Halifax Branch. Meet first Saturday each month, 8 pm, Sgts Mess, Prescott Street, Halifax. Secretary: E. Hale, 20 First Avenue, Manor Drive, Halifax. Tel: Halifax 54576.

Huddersfield Branch. Meet last Friday each month, 8 pm, Drill Hall, St Paul's Street, Huddersfield. Secretary: Mr P. W. Coward, 16 Hallcross Grove, Lowerhouses, Huddersfield.

Mossley Branch. Meet first Wednesday each month, 8 pm, Friendship Hotel, Mossley, Lancs. Secretary: Mr E. Cooke, 11 North Avenue, Hague Estate, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

Keighley Branch. Contact Secretary: T. Gibson, 57 Aireworth Road, Stockbridge, Keighley, Yorks.

London Branch. Contact K. Waterman, 21 Vivian Court, 128/134 Maida Vale, London W9.

## 5 DWR OCA

The Mirfield Branch of the 5 DWR OCA held their Annual Dinner at the RAFA Club, Mirfield, on April 23, 1980.

The Chairman, Col S. J. E. Huxley, welcomed all present which included Maj M. Hawley, OC C(DWR)Coy 3 Yorkshire Volunteers, Maj J. C. Shaw, President, Mr J. Robinson, treasurer and Mr L. Brook, secretary.

Maj Hawley gave a very informative insight into the present day life and all that is entailed by the Territorial soldier in the Yorkshire Volunteers.

## Stephen Burke (4607017)

Mr Burke, who enlisted in Leeds in 1924 and served with the Dukes in UK, Singapore and India until transferring to the Reserve in 1932, but remaining in Madras with the police on completing his military service and still resident there sends, via The British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, his sincere best wishes to all his comrades.

## Cpl Ernest Taylor, 8th Bn, 1916

The daughter of Cpl Taylor (8th West Riding Regiment) who was killed in the Battle of the Somme in September, 1916 would like to contact anyone who knew her father. Her address is: Mrs E. Usherwood, 22 Briarsdale Court, Leeds LS8 3NF.

## John Henry Young

Enlisted Depot DWR Halifax January 7, 1931. Served in India 1931-38 (NWF) 2nd Bn. Recalled September 1939-45 with 1st Bn Dunkirk, Africa, Italy, Palestine. John Henry, now a retired British Railways guard, would like to hear from many of his service comrades. His address is 167 Furlong Road, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, Yorks.

## Cpl B. Siswick, DCM and Bar. 1/5 W Riding Regt WWI

Will any relative or friend of Cpl Siswick please contact: K. G. Petrie, 1805 Florin Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902, USA.

## Tom Mawson

Tom, who served with the 1/6th Bn in UK, Iceland and Normandy, was wounded and medically discharged in 1944. He joined the Royal British Legion as a serving member in 1943 and has helped countless members of that organisation on many problems from that day and is still doing so at the present time. In appreciation of this tireless work he has now received every honour the Legion can bestow including Area Certificates, National Certificates and the Legion Gold Badge.

He is president of the King Cross, Halifax Branch of the Royal British Legion, head of Savile Lea Nurseries in Halifax and a proud and ever-willing helper in any matters concerning his Regiment — The Duke of Wellington's.

## George Woodcock

Ex 7th Bn, now President of the Lees and Springhead (Oldham) Branch of the Royal British Legion has been presented with the Legion Gold Badge. George previously held the office of Chairman from 1964 until 1972.

He joined the 7th Bn in 1928 until demobilisation in 1945.

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## Mountbatten Memorial Trust

The launch of the Certificate of Contribution by the Mountbatten Memorial Trust will mark the official announcement of its objectives. The Trustees wish to emphasise that the Trust will follow Lord Mountbatten's principal interests and will include in its objectives the promotion and support of the United World Colleges and the sponsorship of technological research aimed at assisting handicapped and distressed people at home and abroad.

The Certificate will be given to everybody making a contribution, no matter how large or small the amount. The Clearing Banks have kindly agreed to accept contributions to the Trust in all their branches from April 8 onwards.

The Trustees have spent a considerable period in the discussion and formulation of the broad objectives of the Trust. It was considered essential that the Trust should reflect Lord Mountbatten's own interests and follow the work that he did during his lifetime. United World Colleges and technological research were decided to be two of the most suitable causes.

The aims of the United World Colleges project are to establish a chain of international schools throughout the world in which boys and girls between the ages of 16 to 18 mix and work together and, most important of all, give social services together, thus promoting international understanding through education and making it a force which unites nations and races.

An essential part of these aims is that the majority of students should enter with two-year scholarships awarded on merit alone. When Lord Mountbatten became the project's first International President there was only one college, the United World College of the Atlantic at St Donat's Castle on the coast of South Wales. Since then two further colleges have been established, the Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific on the shores of Vancouver Island, Canada, and the United World College of South East Asia in Singapore.

Emphasis is given in each College to community service activities in order to develop in the students, whatever their nationality, a sense of service to the society in which they live. For instance, at the UWC of the Atlantic the Rescue Services (Beach Rescue, Cliff Rescue and Inshore Lifeboats) are responsible to the British National Authorities for the safety of the public along the twenty-mile stretch of coastline of which St Donat's is the centre. The Social Service works with the elderly people and with handicapped and other needy young people in the neighbourhood.

Lord Mountbatten was also very concerned with technology. On June 28, 1978, he delivered the first Mountbatten Lecture at the Royal Institution in his capacity as President of the National Electronics Council, which he founded in 1964. In it he said: 'Conscious neglect of technical ability, especially when it applies to relieving human suffering, is a sin against humanity.' It

is for this reason that the Trustees have also decided to support technological research aimed at assisting handicapped and distressed people at home and abroad. The scope and depth of this support will depend very much on the amount of money raised.

The following people have agreed to join members of the Mountbatten family as Trustees of the Mountbatten Memorial Trust:

The Right Reverend the Lord Coggan

His Eminence Cardinal Hume

Admiral Sir Henry Leach (ex-officio as First Sea Lord)

Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

Professor the Lord Zuckerman.

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The offices of the Trust have now been established in Lord Mountbatten's former home, 2 Kinnerton Street, London SW1, under the Directorship of Mr John Barratt, CVO, who was for many years Lord Mountbatten's Private Secretary.

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