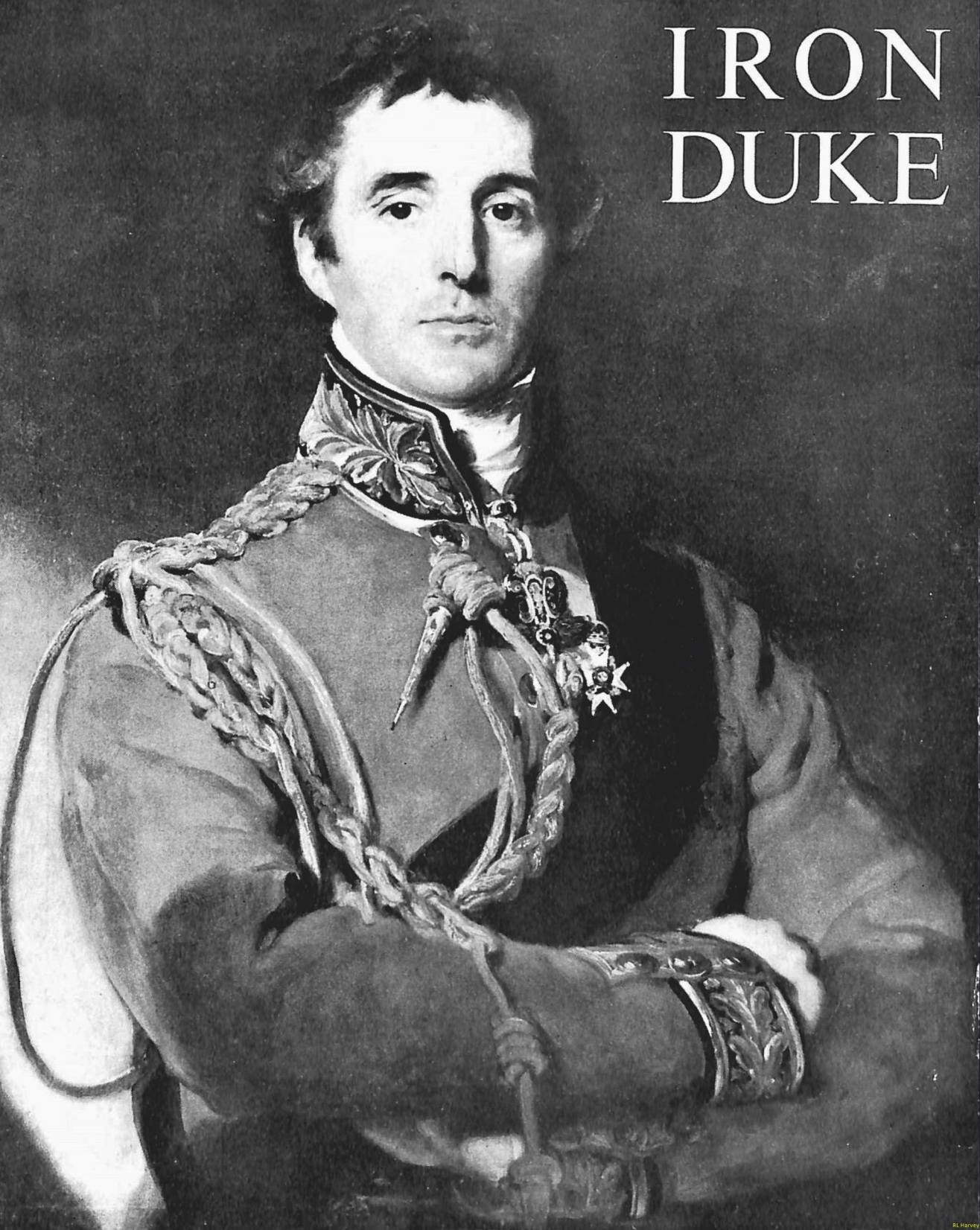


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# THE REGIMENT

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## *Colonel of the Regiment*

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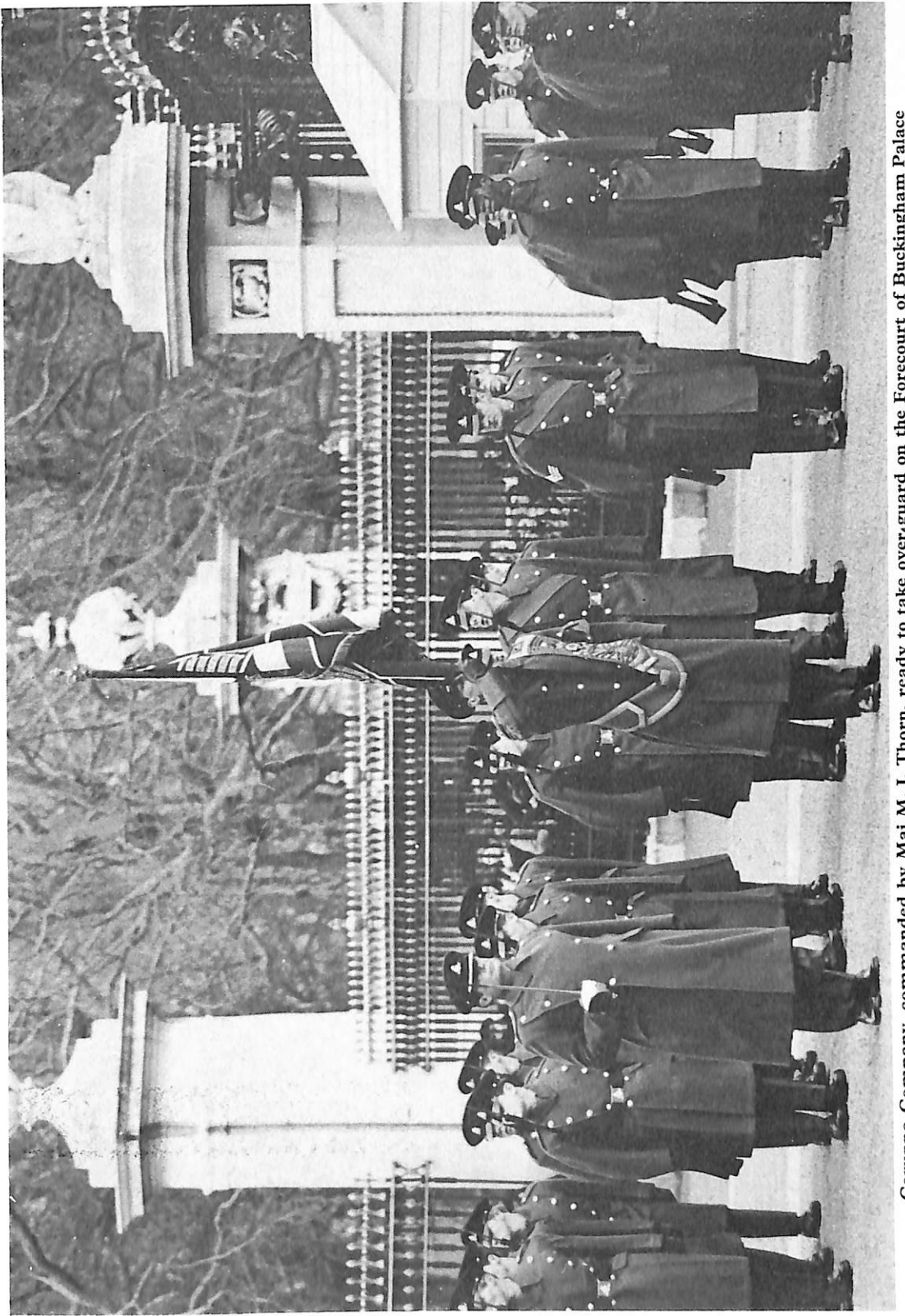
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## **Special Order of The Day**

**By**

# **Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington**

**MVO OBE MC DL**

## **Colonel in Chief The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)**

My father, the 7th Duke, presented the Old Colours in Chiseldon in 1956.

As your Colonel in Chief I am most honoured and privileged to be presenting New Colours to the Battalion today on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

I know that I have no cause to fear for the future of such a fine Battalion as many of your commanders have spoken to me most highly of your performance in Ireland, Germany, and most recently on Public Duties in London.

I wish you all the best of good fortune today and in the future.

SOMME BARRACKS,  
CATTERICK GARRISON  
April 4, 1981

*Colonel in Chief*



## Editorial

The first three months of 1981 have seen three important events in the life of the Regiment.

In February the battalion took over Public Duties in London and once again had the honour to Mount Guard over our Sovereign.

In March the Regiment exercised its privilege of the Freedom of Halifax by marching through the town with Bayonets Fixed, Colours Flying and Bands Playing.

Finally on April 4, the Battalion was presented with new Colours by the Colonel in Chief on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

Coverage of the first two events will be found in this issue, though photographs of the Freedom

March have had to be held over until the August Issue due to pressure of space. In the case of the Presentation of New Colours, this is in the form of a photographic supplement, the pages of which are unnumbered in order that it may be detached from the magazine if desired.

We have just been informed that the magazine printers side of Messrs F. J. Parsons (Westminster Press) Ltd is to close at the end of June. Messrs Parsons have been our printers since 1949 and it is sad to think that all who worked on the production of this Journal for over 30 years are all being made redundant. We offer them our sincere thanks and wish them well.

## Freedom of Halifax

On Saturday March 14, 1981, the 1st Bn exercised the Regiment's right to the Freedom of Halifax, granted on June 18, 1945, by marching through the town with 'bayonets fixed, Colours flying, and band playing'. The old stand of Colours were on parade for the last time prior to the Presentation of New Colours on April 4.

Four Company Guards and the Band and Drums were on parade under the command of the Commanding Officer.

The salute was taken in George Square by the Mayor of Calderdale, Councillor Harry Wilson, and the Colonel of the Regiment.

Following the Parade two receptions were held, at the Town Hall and the Wellington Hall TA Centre, Prescott Street.

The Mayor and the Colonel of the Regiment attended a band concert and military display held in the Piece Hall in the afternoon.

## Rugby

### ARMY RUGBY UNION CHALLENGE CUP SEMIFINAL (UK FINAL)

1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment 26  
1st Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales 19

The 1st Battalion Team won an exciting match at the Aldershot Stadium on March 18, after extra time, against their old rivals 1 RRW.

This time the Duke's were the superior side but the Welshmen put up a titanic struggle. Just 20 minutes to go, the Welsh put up a determined effort, scoring a converted try and a penalty goal to bring the scores level.

The Duke's had to continue facing a strong wind in the first half of extra time, eventually going ahead with a penalty goal from wide out.

The Welsh replied with a magnificent penalty

goal from 48 yards. After the change of ends, the Duke's pressing hard on the Welsh line, the Welsh fly half badly sliced a clearance kick on which the Duke's left winger pounced to score in the corner.

The Duke's then made victory certain by kicking another penalty goal. So ended a splendid hard fought clean game.

1 DWR—Lt S. H. Dixon, Lcpl A. Kay, Sgt D. Allen, Capt W. A. N. Atkinson, Sgt S. A. Rance, Capt G. D. Shuttleworth, Sgt G. W. Walker, Capt G. A. Kilburn, Capt T. C. Sinclair, Lt C. A. Harvey, Lcpl C. P. Holliday, Cpl I. Pendleberry, Cpl S. Moorhouse, Cpl G. O. W. Williams, Capt. A. H. S. Drake.

Result of Final—see STOP PRESS on page 134

# Regimental Headquarters

## Regimental Notes

### THE MEDALS OF THE LATE HENRY TANDEY, VC, DCM, MM

Henry Tandey died on December 18, 1977. In THE IRON DUKE of April 1978, No 176, we published an obituary and citations of the deeds which won him the VC, DCM and MM. Considerable interest was aroused in the early autumn of 1980 when information was received that his widow, Mrs Annie Tandey, had decided to put his collection of medals up for auction at Sotherby's. When the information became public later in the year the interest became almost intense, not only within the Regiment but from outside—from well meaning individuals, newspapers from all over the country and even the BBC. RHQ received numerous calls daily ranging from—giving us the news in case we hadn't heard about it, questions as to what we intended doing about it, and offers of advice as to what to do to raise money.

In the meantime the Colonel of the Regiment had been consulting medal experts and senior officers in the Regiment as to what our policy should be. In view of the price this collection of medals would be likely to attract it was decided that the Regiment could not afford it, and to enter the bidding for them was not a practical proposition. Time was short, and even if we had had the time it was extremely unlikely that anything like the amount required could be raised from an appeal.

Parallel with this the British Legion and the Civic Authorities in Leamington Spa, the town of which Henry Tandey was a Freeman, considered launching an appeal. The latter acted and obtained promises of varying sums of money from local organisations in Leamington and from some of the central organisations in London provided the medals, if obtained, were retained in Leamington on public display. Both we and the Green Howards also promised some money.

In the event, at the sale on November 26, 1980, even the large sum guaranteed for Leamington proved insufficient. And it is now widely known the medals were sold for £27,000—a record. We do not know who bought them—the successful buyer remained anonymous—and Sotherby's respect confidentiality in this matter and would not disclose who it was. However, we do believe he is an Englishman and that the medals are likely to remain in this country, but where we don't know.

It is sad that events have turned out this way but we could not possibly have provided this sort of money. Furthermore we are advised by those who

were at the sale that the successful buyer appeared ready to continue the bidding to a higher figure if necessary. In the final analysis, when sales of medals reach this level, it is argued by some that it is not worth it, and that that sort of money could be put to other and possibly better purposes. Who knows—but it is still sad that this unique collection of medals is no longer in regimental hands.

### INVESTITURE

Capt A. H. S. Drake, MBE, and Cpl C. E. Tait, QGM, both attended investitures during the period the Battalion was on Public Duties to receive their awards from Her Majesty The Queen.

Sgt D. Hayes (now discharged) attended the investiture on March 10 to receive his award of the QGM.

### The following newly commissioned officers have recently joined the Regiment.

2Lt D. S. Bruce, from RMA Sandhurst, in December 1980.

2Lt P. M. Rumball, from RMA Sandhurst, in December 1980.

2Lt C. A. Harvey, BA, from Oxford University and RMA Sandhurst, February 1981.

2Lt C. J. Danilewicz, BA, from Oxford University and RMA Sandhurst, February 1981, (SSC).

Lt S. H. Dixon has been accepted for conversion from SSC to a Regular Commission.

O/Cadet S. C. Wood, for SSCL in mid-1981, joined the 1st Bn February 1981.

### EXTRACTS FROM LONDON GAZETTE

To be Addition Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Capt Andrew Herbert Schofield Drake (494411), The Duke of Wellington's Regt (West Riding). (LG December 16, 1980).

### Regular Army

Brig Dennis William Shuttleworth (400063) late DWR, is appointed Aide de Camp to The Queen, December 22, 1980, in succession to Brig Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor Bt (330869) retired. (LG January 13, 1981).

2Lt (On probation) C. J. Danilewicz (510642)



DWR, from TAVR Group A 3 Yorks, to be 2Lt (On probation) (University Candidate), September 5, 1980. (LG December 2, 1980).

2Lt M. A. Chapman (506822) DWR, to be Lt, December 9, 1980.

2Lt R. M. J. Pugh (506883) DWR, to be Lt, December 9, 1980. (LG December 23, 1980).

Lt S. H. Dixon (503796) DWR, from Short Service Commn, to be 2Lt, April 2, 1980, with seniority April 8, 1977. To be Lt, April 2, 1980, with seniority April 8, 1979. (LG January 13, 1981).

### Regular Army King's Division

The undermentioned Major to be Lt Col, December 31, 1980, with seniority from December 31, 1980. S. J. Nash (433198) DWR.

The undermentioned 2Lts from General List (subject to confirmation) are confirmed in their commns of April 12, 1980, and are transferred to the Regiment as shown with effect from November 8, 1980.

### Reg Commns

D. S. Bruce (509494) DWR; P. M. Rumball (509571) DWR.

### Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve Group A

Capt (A/Maj) M. Hawley (492737) 3 Yorks, to be Major, January 24, 1981, with seniority September 16, 1977.

2Lt (on probation) C. A. Harvey (504832) DWR is confirmed as 2Lt 4 July 1980 with seniority August 15, 1977. To be Lt July 4, 1980, with seniority August 15, 1979.

### Short Service Commission

2Lt (on probation) (University Candidate) C. J. Danilewicz (510642) is confirmed as 2Lt September

5, 1980, with seniority February 1, 1977, to be Lt September 5, 1980, with seniority February 1, 1979.

### 22538956 WO1 (GSM) R C FENN, DWR

Mr Fenn enlisted in March 1945 in the Queen's Royal Regt. In 1946 he was rebadged to the York and Lancaster Regt and served with them in Germany until 1948 when he was demobilised.

After two years he re-enlisted and joined the Duke of Wellingtons Regt in 1950. From 1950 to 1968 he served with the Duke's in BAOR, Korea, Gibraltar, Northern Ireland, Malta, Cyprus, Kenya and British Honduras reaching the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2 and the appointment of Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant.

In 1968 Mr Fenn was promoted to Warrant Officer Class 1 and was appointed the Regimental Sergeant Major of 1st Battalion Prince of Wales Own Regt of Yorkshire. From then until 1970 he served in Cyprus and Northern Ireland. From 1970 until 1972 he was the Regimental Sergeant Major of Sheffield University OTC. At the end of this tour he was appointed to the Long Service List and from 1972 to 1974 joined York Garrison as the Garrison Sergeant Major. 1974 to 1977 saw him again in Northern Ireland, this time as the Garrison Sergeant Major, Lisburn Garrison. In 1977 he returned to the Colchester area to take up his present appointment as Sergeant Major of the Garrison.

Mr Fenn was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 1965. This was followed in 1978 with the award of the Meritorious Service Medal.

He has now been awarded a Clasp to his Long Service Medal. At a short ceremony in the Garrison Sergeants Mess Mr Fenn was presented with the Clasp by Brig M. N. S. McCord, CBE, MC, Deputy Commander Eastern District.



WO1 (GSM) R. C. Fenn being presented with the clasp to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by Brig M. N. G. McCord, CBE, MC, Deputy Commander Eastern District

## WO1 (GSM) R. F. Chilvers

A farewell handshake for WO Chilvers (right) from Maj Gen Ian Baker, General Officer Commanding North East District



WO1 Bob Chilvers, RSM of the 1st Bn from 1970-73, has just handed over his appointment as Garrison Sergeant Major, Headquarters York Garrison prior to retirement.

He transferred to the Long Service List in 1973 and served as Garrison Sergeant Major in Hong Kong (1973-75) and Cyprus (1975-78).

He has served in BAOR (two tours), Korea, Gibraltar, Northern Ireland (four tours), Cyprus, British Honduras, New Zealand, Kenya and Malta among many others.

He was Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Bn during their previous tour on Public Duties in London.

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D. E. ISLES, CB, OBE, Colonel of the Regiment, Hon Col 3 Yorks.

## Major General

C. R. HUXTABLE, CBE, Commander Land Forces, Northern Ireland.

## Brigadier

D. W. SHUTTLEWORTH, OBE, ADC, Divisional Brigadier The King's Division.

## Colonels

E. M. P. HARDY, DA, Canberra, Australia.  
R. M. HARMS, MC, Depot HS, at MOD (DGAT) to August 1981.  
F. A. MITCHELL, OBE, Col GS(W) HQ BAOR.  
J. B. K. GREENWAY, MBE, Col GS HQ Northern Ireland.  
M. R. N. BRAY, Col GS (OR) 2, MOD ACGS (OR).

## Lieutenant Colonels

J. E. PELL, GSO1 (Psy Ops) JWE, to May 1981. Next appointment not yet known.  
J. R. P. CUMBERLEGE, GSO1 (Trg) HQ NE Dist, York.  
R. L. STEVENS, MBE, GSO1 Live Oak.  
M. J. CAMPBELL-LAMERTON, OBE, GSO1 Fortress HQ Gibraltar.  
C. W. IVEY, GSO1 (DS) Ghana Staff College.  
T. D. LUPTON, CO Warminster Sp Unit, School of Infantry.  
W. R. MUNDELL, CO 1 DWR.  
W. F. CHARLESWORTH, CO of a TA Unit.  
C. R. CUMBERLEGE, GSO1 (Ops/SD/Int/Sy) HQ SE Dist, Aldershot.  
S. J. NASH, at HQ 1 (BR) Corps, Proj Offr FIBUA Village.

## Majors

P. B. L. HOPPE, 1 DWR.  
D. M. PUGH, DAAG (Ops) HQ 1 (BR) Corps.  
I. P. REID, GSO2 (Sy A) HQ UKLF.  
P. J. PUTTOCK, OC Sp Div, School of Inf (NCOs Tac Wing).  
P. D. J. ANDREWS, GSO2, DNBC Centre, Winterbourne Gunner.  
C. N. ST. P. BUNBURY, MBE, GSO2/OC Team (Army) LSP Barbados.  
E. J. W. WALKER, 2IC 1 DWR. For Lt Col late 1981.  
C. G. FITZGERALD, TISO 6 UDR.  
P. J. MELLOR, Training Major 1 Yorkshire Volunteers, York.  
A. R. WESTCOB, GSO2 (Air) HQ NORTHAG. For 1 DWR late 1981.  
T. J. NICHOLSON, DAMS MOD (MS4).  
A. R. REDWOOD-DAVIES, MBE, 1 DWR.  
P. D. GARDNER, GSO2 D Ops XCS, MOD ACDS Ops.  
A. D. M. PALMER, GSO2 (MIO) HQ Northern Ireland.  
A. D. ROBERTS, MBE, GSO2 (W) A, BDA Washington.  
J. M. THORN, 1 DWR.

M. P. C. BRAY, Training Major, 3 Yorkshire Volunteers, Huddersfield.

J. R. A. WARD, GSO2 (Ex) UKCICC, HQ UKLF.  
C. J. W. GILBERT, Staff College, Camberley.

## Captains

D. L. J. HARRAP, LLB, 1 DWR (Actg Maj).  
T. J. ISLES, 1 DWR (Actg Maj).  
M. S. SHERLOCK, GSO3 (SD1) HQ BAOR.  
A. J. FITCHERS, B. Ed Coy Comd, Royal Brunei Malay Regt (Actg Maj).  
K. BEST, Adjt, 1 Yorkshire Volunteers, York.  
T. PICKERSGILL, Families Offr, 1 DWR.  
C. F. GRIEVE, OC JS Coy, Depot King's Division (Actg Maj).  
A. D. MBEK, Coy Instructor, RMA Sandhurst.  
A. H. S. DRAKE, MBE, 1 DWR.  
M. J. STONE, BA, Instr Mor Div, Sp Wpns Wing, School of Inf.  
D. I. RICHARDSON, ADC to Maj Gen Huxtable.  
W. A. N. ATKINSON, 1 DWR.  
G. A. KILBURN, 1 DWR.  
G. D. SHUTTLEWORTH, 1 DWR.

## Subalterns

S. J. N. MORGAN, BA, 1 DWR.  
S. C. NEWTON, Adjt 1 DWR (Actg Capt).  
M. WHITE, BA, 1 DWR.  
R. B. LAUGHTON, BSC, 1 DWR.  
P. J. HARVEY, 1 DWR.  
C. J. DANILEWICZ, BA, 1 DWR.  
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M. J. B. DRAKE, 1 DWR.  
P. R. S. BAILEY, 1 DWR.  
J. A. C. KILBURN, Depot The King's Division.  
C. A. HARVEY, BA, 1 DWR.  
N. G. BORWELL, Depot, The King's Division.  
J. W. WOOD, 1 DWR.  
M. A. CHAPMAN, 1 DWR.  
R. J. M. PUGH, 1 DWR.  
A. J. BREAR, At Durham University (2Lt on Prob).  
D. S. BRUCE, 1 DWR.  
P. M. RUMBALL, 1 DWR.

## Quartermasters

Lt Col (SQM) W. ROBINS, MBE, Staff QM, RMA Sandhurst.  
Maj S. H. KIRK, MBE, QM 2 Armd Div and Sg Regt. For QM Depot King's Div Strensall, August 1981.  
Maj R. A. TIGHE, QM, 1 DWR.  
Capt M. CARTER, Tech QM, 1 DWR.  
Capt D. HUGHES, OM 1 Yorkshire Volunteers, York.

## LT GEN SIR HERBERT E. BELFIELD, KCB, KCMG, KBE, DSO, COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT 1909-1934

Mrs E. M. E. Rodwell, the daughter of Sir Herbert, has recently presented to the Regiment three beautiful pieces of silver, consisting of a cake basket and a matching pair of bon-bon dishes.

These dishes were made and decorated from gold lace worn by the General and all three are engraved with the Belfield crest and have inscribed on the base 'gold lace worn by Brig-General H. E. Belfield, CB, DSO, 1876-1906'.

In his later years the General prepared a history of his own family. He gave each member a number and his was 69 as will be seen from the extract which follows:

Herbert (69) was educated at Wellington College, which he joined in September 1870, and after private tuition entered the Royal Military College in February 1876, being commissioned, as was the custom in those days, a Sub-Lieutenant on the unattached list a fortnight later. Leaving the RMC at the end of the year, he joined the 101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers (afterwards the 1st Bn Royal

Munster Fusiliers) in 1877 at Malta. In those days service as a Sub-Lieutenant counted for nothing, and a man dated his service from the date, two years after being commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant, that he was promoted a Lieutenant, unless the date of his promotion was antedated, and this depended on the class in which he passed out of the RMC. His commission was accordingly antedated for two years, he having passed out of the RMC in the first class.

After service in Malta 1877-78, Halifax, NS 1878-83, Pembroke Dock 1883-85, Dover 1885-87 he passed through the Staff College in 1889 and was appointed to the Aldershot Staff in the following August as Brigadier Major, 1st Inf Brigade, under Maj Gens Lynden-Bell and Gregorie. He was transferred to the Head Quarter Staff of the Command in May 1893 as DAAG under Sir Evelyn Wood, who was succeeded in the Autumn of that year by HRH The Duke of Connaught.

Leaving Aldershot in September 1895, he was

appointed six weeks later Chief Staff Officer of an expedition to Ashanti (1895–96), for which he was awarded a Brevet Lieut Colonelcy. On return he was granted sick leave and there rejoined the 1st Bn of his Regiment at Fermoy.

He was transferred to the Command of the 2nd Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regt in July 1897, joining them in Pietermaritzburg in the following month. The Battalion moved to India in December 1897, experiencing a severe monsoon between Madagascar and Mauritius, and was quartered at Bangalore, whence it moved to Rangoon in October 1899. Towards the close of that year he was ordered to South Africa for service on the Staff as an AAG during the South African War. This gave him the rank of Colonel. Towards the close of the war he was appointed Inspector General of Imperial Yeomanry with the temporary rank of Brigadier-General. For his service during the war he was awarded the CB and the DSO.

Reaching England in August 1902, he was appointed Assistant Adjutant General at Aldershot (this was before the separation of General and Administrative Staffs) on the Staff of Sir John French (afterwards the Earl of Ypres), and in the following year was given command of the 4th Infantry Brigade, at Aldershot as a Brigadier General (temporary).

Promoted Major General in 1907, he was given command of the 4th Division, with Head Quarters at Woolwich, and held this appointment until 1911.

In 1909 he was appointed Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's Regt, and this he still holds—nearly 22 years later.

Promoted Lieutenant General, he retired from the Service in May 1914, but was recalled three months later on the outbreak of the Great War. He was employed at the War Office from August 1914 until March 1920—firstly as Director of Organisation, and later as Director of Prisoners of War. In the latter capacity he attended, as a delegator of the Government, three conferences with many representatives, under neutral chairmen, for the discussion of matters regarding prisoners of war, *viz*: With Germans at The Hague with Lord Newton and Sir Robert Younger (afterwards Lord Blansburgh) in 1917, and with Lord Newton, Sir George Case (afterwards Viscount Case) in 1918. Also at Berne with Turks in 1917 with Lord Newton. He made an exhaustive report on the subject of prisoners of war.

He is Governor of Wellington College and of the Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army, a Special Commissioner of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, a Commissioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a Member of the International Law Association, Colonel of what remains, subsequent to disbandment of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, and a member of various Committees.

H.E.B.

27 Egerton Crescent, SW3,  
May 15, 1931

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Brig B. W. Webb-Carter

### A Coatee of the 76th Regiment—Early 19th Century

Sir,

I am at a loss to understand the confusion in the minds of the Regimental Museum staff and Regimental Headquarters as to the date of this garment as expressed in the short article on the subject in the December 1980 issue of *THE IRON DUKE*.

This coatee was fully and accurately described in an article in Volume 53 of the *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research* by Mr Pickup, the then owner of the garment.

The coatee was introduced in 1829 and cannot be of an earlier date. The coatee was worn from 1829 to 1855 when it was succeeded by the tunic.

The vital date in establishing the date of this particular garment is whether the lace is silver or gold. In 1830 the regular army were ordered to wear gold lace—silver lace being confined to the militia. In 1830 therefore the 76th and, incidentally the 33rd who wore silver lace, had to change to gold. The issue is, of course, obscured by all lace having been removed. The only determining factor left is the buttons. These were silver or white metal up to 1830 and gilt from 1830 to 1855.

Assuming the buttons are genuine as they are of white metal the coatee must be dated 1829–30.

A further complication is the addition to the coatee of light infantry wings. These were NOT with the garment when in Mr Pickup's possession and I strongly suspect were added by some member of our Museum staff. They look to me surprisingly like the 76th post-1830 wings which have been in the Museum almost since its inception.

I consider that to claim that this dubious and much vandalised garment is the most interesting acquisition for the last 15 years is extravagant when one considers the number of authentic and historic items our Museum has had the good fortune to add to the collection in recent years.

Yours faithfully,  
B. W. WEBB-CARTER

The Editor,  
*THE IRON DUKE*

*Note*—There was no real confusion in the minds of RHQ about this Coatee. The only doubts expressed were those of our then Curator. Most if not all the facts given by Brig Webb-Carter as to the dating of this garment and the arguments or evidence in support of these facts were included in one or other of the two articles in the ID of December 1979 and of December 1980. Mention was also made of Mr Dixon Pickup's very full article in the *Journal of the AHRS*. As for the wings, they were not added by the Museum staff nor are they those which have

been in our collection for many years. They were in fact obtained with and at the same time as the coatee. In the article in the ID of December 1979 it was already stated there was nothing to indicate or authenticate that they belonged to this particular coatee. Nevertheless the pattern of holes in the shoulder area of the coatee—observed by the Western Museum and Art Gallery Service and before it was seen by our Museum staff, coincide with the attachment tapes of these wings and suggest at least that the original owner could at some stage have worn Light Company wings—*Ed.*

From Mrs Joan Exham      The Brick House,  
Llanfrynach,  
Brecon,  
Powys, S Wales.  
March 1

Dear Sir,

I read recently in *The Daily Telegraph* an obituary notice of Brig Andre, who was the first commanding officer of the Malay Regt. The notice very rightly named him 'The Father of the Malay Regt' and it occurred to me that my late husband, and Gen McKay Bruce, might well be looked upon as the Regiment's grandparents. Kenneth, an Acting Captain, and McKay Bruce then a Major, were seconded in 1932 to Port Dickson—the first British officers appointed to the raising of the Malay Regt.

Kenneth arrived in Port Dickson some little time before Maj Bruce and did a great deal of the ground work. Having already served with the Duke's in Singapore in the 20s and, later, up-country in Malacca with the Malacca Volunteers, Kenneth already knew and loved Malaya. He had the advantage too, of speaking Malay. The partnership with Maj Bruce was a very happy and successful one, and the speed of the progress they made in those first years of the raising of the Malay Regt was truly astonishing to everyone. Neither Kenneth nor Gen Bruce ever returned to Malaya but those early years with the Malay Regt were always remembered by both of them with happiness and with the pride of having had a hand in its beginnings.

In case any of this is of any interest to your readers, I am also enclosing a rather delightful recruiting notice which might amuse them.

Yours truly,

JOAN EXHAM

*Recruiting Notice*

1.3.37

### WARTA JINATA

**An opportunity to become a Malay soldier**  
In this issue we publish a notice inviting Malay youths to join the Malay Regt.

It is not any young man who is required, but young men with soldierly qualities, aged between 18 and 23 years, and 5ft 3in in height.

Young men who like to seek their comfort on the healthy Port Dickson coast with proper wages, reading room and all sports available, and who wish

to serve their rulers, are invited to apply to the District Officers of their respective districts. 'Warta Jinata' would like to explain that those to be accepted as Malay soldiers will not be old men, young men suffering from debility, dwarfs, the lame or impotent, the humpbacked or the maim, or small men. Above all those whom we advise not to apply for this work are men who are startled or cowards, and most of all those who do not dare to leave their Mothers armpits, because soldiers are forbidden to weep in the middle of the night, calling for their mothers.

But young men of soldier-like bearing of good blood, who will whole-heartedly live up to their heritage in face of the enemy, are advised to join in the race to seize the opportunity of advancing their race and kinsmen in a type of service which is worthy of their kin and their rulers and at the same time provides a wage which makes life comfortable.

The Barracks,  
Brecon,  
Powys LD3 7EB  
February 24, 1981

Dear Editor,

I am collecting material to produce a book called 'Dogs and Mad Englishmen'. It will be a selection of stories about soldiers and their families and the special relationship they established with animals during their service overseas.

I should be grateful to receive contributions from readers about their experiences, not only with dogs but from the wide range of animals that fall into the category of 'pets'.

Yours sincerely,

MAJ R. P. SMITH,  
Editor, The Men of Harlech,  
(Regimental Journal of the  
Royal Regt of Wales)

### REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

This Association is part of the Forces Resettlement Service. It exists to help the non-commissioned ranks of the three Services to resettle in civilian life when they leave the Forces, and in particular to help them to find suitable employment. It also takes a long term interest in ex-Regulars, who may use its services as often as they wish.

The Association has 40 branches covering the United Kingdom, and its Employment Officers—all ex-Servicemen—are in close touch with employers. It provides all its services free. Addresses and telephone numbers of branches can be obtained from Corps and Regimental Associations—or from Post Offices, Employment Offices or local telephone directories.

# 1st Battalion

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

We are back in Yorkshire and Minden is fast becoming a distant memory. The Green Jackets got a good handover and we left without a bill. I must thank and congratulate all those drivers, soldiers, storemen and 'wives' for their hard work over what is a trying period.

Moving to Catterick on a damp cold November day into barracks and quarters that have been empty for over six months is an equally daunting prospect. However, with three weeks' leave over Christmas, a bit of paint and a lot of effort I can say that we are now home and settled. It is good to be amongst our relations and friends.

The year 1981 is the year of Public Duties, Presentation of Colours and another tour to Northern Ireland in that order. January saw a flurry of visitors from the Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin, the C-in-C UKLF, Gen Sir Timothy Creasey, to the England Under 16 National Rugby Squad! It also saw the start of some long overdue individual training. The main emphasis though was on drill. The RSM, Drill CSM Simpson and Sgt Huxley got out their pace sticks with glee.

As I write this our last guard is mounting at Buckingham Palace. Burma and Corunna Com-

panies furnished the guards for Buckingham and St James's Palaces, whilst Alma and Somme fielded the Tower of London. Praise has been fulsome and justified; the boys looked very smart. We were delighted to be able to entertain the Colonel-in-Chief, the Colonel, Generals Bray and Huxtable the Colonel Commandant of the King's Division and the GOC amongst many others. It has been fun, an honour and an ideal build-up for the Presentation of Colours.

Our sportsmen have been flexing their muscles' with some success. The rugger and soccer teams are still in the Army and Infantry Cups respectively. We were unable to field a full ski team, but Sgt Hirst, Lcpl Brown, Lcpl Hargreaves and Bdsm Jones kept the flag flying and our new Judo team has just gone to compete in Aldershot!

Sadly I have to report a tragic motor accident. Five Dukes from the Battalion Orderly Room going on weekend leave were involved in the accident. Pte Steven Horton was killed and the other four admitted to Leeds Infirmary. We all send our sincere condolences to Horton's family and pray that the others will be fit soon. A terrible waste.

The Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin, GCB, MVO, DSC, chatting to Csgt Hey and Maj Redwood Davies during his visit to the Battalion in January





### OFFICERS MESS

The move from Germany took place smoothly and apart from some trouble with a young officers Golf Clubs all personnel and Mess property arrived safely. Particular thanks are indebted to those property members and Mess staff who were responsible for the safe packing of the Mess silver and pictures.

The expense of alcohol in England has been a shock to some but a number of successful social functions have taken place. The Warrant Officers and Sergeants visited the Mess before Christmas and apart from Simon Newton forgetting his lines at the crucial point in the award ceremony the event was enjoyed by all.

### SERGEANTS MESS

The hand over in Minden, of Clifton Barracks to 2 RGJ, went very smoothly and efficiently. A credit to all concerned. Quite obviously after such a long tour it marked the parting of the ways, to a way of life and to friends, both military and civilian. I think I speak for most Mess members when I say that it was a sad occasion and that I will cherish forever fond memories of Minden and the people there.

Walking around Somme Barracks on arrival here in Catterick one could almost have imagined that the clocks had been turned back 10 years to our arrival then from Hong Kong. Little if anything has changed in the camp. Even the time of year and the future forecast of events were much the same. Unfortunately a quick glance in the mirror made one realise that not everything is the same and in fact, apart from the obvious, there has been an extension built onto the Mess. The few days we had prior to Christmas leave were spent settling in and re-organising and for most of us learning how to cope with the coke fires in our quarters.

On the entertainments side of life we were soon into the swing of things. Our seasonal visit to the Officers Mess was once again an amusing and enjoyable occasion. The 'Rupert Bear' and 'Andy Capp' awards providing us all with lots of laughs.

This was followed by the Christmas draw which was as usual a great success and it was good to see so many familiar faces in attendance.

The new year saw the introduction of new committees and a special mention must be given to the PEC Tosh Goddard for all his efforts so far in providing the mess with regular, varied and thoroughly enjoyable entertainment. Each occasion being too numerous to mention but one night in particular must be recorded. That being a cabaret evening held recently where each company provided two acts for the show, it was hilarious. Well done, Tosh.

There have obviously been lots of comings and goings recently so may we bid farewell to ORQMS Allport, WO2 Grey, WO2 Shaw, Sgts Staniland, Hall and Dent. And wish them best wishes for the future wherever they may be.

Thanks must be extended to Robin Pugh and Mark White for the organisation of the Italian evening; it was evident that should Robin ever leave the Army, Louigi's Ice Cream will fear for their trade. We now look forward to celebrating the Presentation of New Colours and meeting again many Regimental friends.

Duncan Bruce and Paul Rumball have joined us from Sandhurst whilst Chris Harvey and 'Danny' Danilewicz have arrived after studying at Oxford. Martin Hopkins and Peter Fullerton are at present attached for six months from the Intelligence Corps.

Welcome to the Mess ORQMS Barr, to our new attached members WO2 SQMS Britt, Ssgt Burnip, Sgt Wicketts, Sgt Hall, Sgt Long and Sgt Allen. I trust that they will have an enjoyable tour with the Battalion. Also welcome back to some old faces, WO2 Lowney, WO2 Hemmings, Ssgt Shadbolt, Sgt Hutchinson, Sgt Theodore—its good to have you back.

Congratulations are in order to newly promoted WO2 Dickens, Ssgt Vaughan and Sgts Warrior, Tyler, Dalladay and Morton.

Congratulations also to Ssgt and Mrs Breach on the birth of their son Andrew and to CSM and



**Csgt Malcolm Budden receiving his LS and GC medal from the C-in-C UKLF, Gen Sir Timothy Creasey, KCB, OBE**



Mrs Basu on their newly adopted daughter Adi Litia Qdliwasawasa Adibunonitokalaus Vesikula. Gasp-Litia for short.

At this point in time we are in the midst of Public Duties and so far the drill and turnout of our boys has been tremendous. With the Colour Parade only a few weeks away, we eagerly look forward to meeting a host of ex-members. It should be a splendid occasion.

### ALMA COMPANY

Having left an immaculate Barracks for 2 RGJ in Minden the Company endured the long flight and bus drive back to Yorkshire to be greeted by our new home, Somme barracks, a barracks with much potential once some of the long outstanding repairs have been completed.

It seemed a common belief in BAOR that once we returned to the UK, life would be lived in an orderly fashion once again. We soon learned that this was not to be. The three weeks before Christmas saw the time split between drill and sorting out the barrack rooms. After four years on 'wheels' drill was a sharp contrast and it was hard to believe that we would achieve the standard required for Public Duties in February.

Since our arrival in the UK nominations for cadres, courses and postings to the Recce Platoon have taken their toll on the Company strength and at the time of writing these notes Alma Company is a skeleton of its former self. New recruits keep drifting in. One new recruit we have acquired is the new OC and we are most pleased to see him. The 2IC thought that he was about to feel the weight of responsibility lifted from his shoulders. It was for a time, and then dumped firmly back on his desk.

Our first task was Public Duties. Alma Company furnished the Tower of London guard for the first three guard duties. Prior to leaving for London on February 9 a great deal of time was spent on the square. The results paid off and the CSM can be justly proud of the very high standard of foot and arms drill achieved. As a final 'brush up' a Drill Sergeant from the Scots Guards arrived from Chelsea and the last week was spent with the Company being taught the procedure for the guard mounting and dismounting and the ceremony of the Keys. When the Drill Sergeant left the Battalion he openly admitted that the standard of drill achieved by the Company was as good as he had seen anywhere (including the Brigade of Guards).

Performing Public Duties is a chapter in itself. It is not often that a line Regiment has the honour and we consider ourselves fortunate enough to be selected to carry out Public Duties in London not only now but also 10 years ago to the month. During our tour in London we were stationed at Victoria Barracks, Windsor, travelling to Chelsea Barracks on the day of each guard mount. Each guard lasted 48 hours with a 48 hour break in between. Unfortunately the time off in between guards was spent, in the main, rehearsing drills and bringing kit back up to the required standard. This

Finally may we bid farewell to a few old friends. RQMS Terry Conley, WO2 Geoff Cookson and WO2 Eddie Craven are shortly due to depart to greener pastures. All great characters of the past decade, they will be missed by one and all. Thank you for all your past endeavours and good fortune and happiness for the future to you and your families.

left little time for sightseeing, although many of the soldiers managed to take full advantage of being stationed close to our capital city. The first guard set the standard for the remainder, the mount was performed with excellence and throughout the day the Governor of the Tower was ringing the Guardroom complimenting the sentries on their drill and their paying of compliments. The crowds of tourists who watched the ceremony at the Tower were seldom large and rarely numbered more than a 100. However, in the confined space of the Tower these crowds appeared much larger and hence added spice to each ceremonial occasion. During the day the soldiers could walk in the Tower grounds and join the parties of tourists. Most of them felt quite embarrassed when people asked if they would pose for photographs. Pte Lodge (Drums Platoon) was always a great attraction in his scarlet tunic and helmet. The evening ceremony was perfectly performed on all three occasions. Once again the tourists present inspired the troops to excell. However, it would be fair to say that this ceremony was overshadowed by the excellent timing and polished performance of the Yeoman Warders. It is interesting to note that the last Yeoman Warder connected with the Duke of Wellingtons Regt was CQMS C. Harper who served with the 33rd in 1896.

Still talking of history it was also provident that during the third guard a piece of history was recalled. Many hundreds of years ago the Governor and the Wardens of the Tower were not paid a salary and their living was made by levying a toll on passing ships. Usually a deduction of food or goods was made from the ships cargo. During the third guard a frigate, HMS *Argonaut* on a naval Kape tour was made to pay its toll. In old fashioned dress the crew delivered a wooden barrel of beer. A BBC TV crew was there and Pte Raw was seen on 'Nationwide' carrying out single sentry drill. As a final comment on Public Duties, the following conversation was heard during the guard dismount.

Small boy: 'Daddy which are the Guardsmen?'

Daddy: 'The ones with the bit hats'.

Small boy: 'But Daddy, the others have shinier boots'.

Having completed Public Duties, the Company is preparing for the Colour parade under the guidance of CSM Goddard. As we are Champion Company we have been given the honour to be the escort of the old Colours. This means that we troop the Colours through the rest of the Battalion. A great deal of effort will be required before the Com-

pany reaches the necessary standard, in both drill and turnout; but with our excellent performance at the Tower this should not prove to difficult.

The Company would like to congratulate the following:

Lcpl and Mrs Dooler on the birth of a son.

Lcpl and Mrs Hepworth on the birth of a daughter.

Lcpl Hunt and Pte Kenney on their marriages,

and we welcome their wives to Alma.

Congratulations also to Pte Nutter on winning the Fitter Trophy, for coming top of the Trained Soldiers Cadre, also Pte Patton on being the most improved student.

A warm welcome to Alma Company to: Sgts Hutchinson and Warrior and Cpls Pierce, Harrison, Peace and Connolly.

### BURMA COMPANY

These notes mark the beginning of a new role for the Regiment and Burma Company. We are pleased to report that the APCs and barracks were handed over successfully to the Royal Green Jackets without a bill being raised. It must be said that there were several sad faces on leaving Minden. The four years tour in Germany meant that many of us put down firm roots in that attractive part of Europe. Both the soldiering and the social climate were unique to most of us and few do not look back happily on the better times we had. Four years is a long tour by Infantry standards and BAOR did much to broaden everyone's experience.

We left on a high note with a farewell to Minden Company Social which went off well. It was enjoyed by all except Lcpl Smith 35 who forgot to collect the members of the fair sex. Two BAOR

stalwarts parted company with us at this function. WO2 Craven left us to go to Taunton having been CQMS for two years, and Ssgt Smith who remains in Minden to continue to maintain the best APCs in the fleet for the Green Jackets. Both played a major part in the smooth running of the Company.

We have now settled into Catterick and have had a very welcome period of Christmas leave. For those who remember Somme Lines from our last tour 10 years ago little seems to have changed, winter days are pretty fierce and the easterly wind tends to cut through any amount of clothing. However, we are back in Yorkshire amongst people who speak our language and that compensates to some extent.

We have started well in this years Inter-Company Competition. We won the cross country convin-



Burma Company guard arriving at Buckingham Palace

cingly. We have played three games of basketball and have won two of them. The drill, rugby and soccer are next on the list and we are hoping to do well in them too.

We are now over half way through our time doing Public Duties. Our first Guard Mount was on February 24 and we were a little surprised to see the crowd of thousands there to watch. It was only after the 'mount' that we heard of the announcement of the engagement of the Prince of Wales to Lady Diana Spencer. We thoroughly enjoyed our time down there in London, but are very grateful that we do not do Public Duties all the time!

The drill will not be over once we return to Catterick. We have the drill competition which is closely followed by the Colours Parade. It is hoped that our spell on Public Duties will help us with both of these. However, our training time has not been totally devoted to drill. We have had a good number of soldiers on courses and cadres and we have also started this year's preparation for the shooting. We need to produce a ten-man team for the North East District Skill at Arms Meeting and Maj Isles is now devoting much of his time to training them and other company teams from the Battalion. It is hoped we will be able to supply more than our fair share of this year's team for the Regular Army Skill at Arms Meeting squad.

We have had a number of additions to the Company since we left Minden, these include Csgt

Budden as CQMS, Cpl Smith 55, Cpl Lever, Cpl Priestly and Lcpl Swain. We have also had several newly trained soldiers posted in. They are all most welcome.

Most of the families seem to be happy in Catterick. West Yorkshire is only an hour away and most soldiers, single and married alike, take the opportunity to visit friends and relations they have had little chance to see over the last four years. Whether our Ireland tour be July or December it's being looked forward to as a challenge and it will be good to feel that on returning we really will be coming home in more ways than one.

*Burma Coy Orbat 81*

OC Maj T. J. Isles  
2IC Capt G. A. Kilburn  
CSM WO2 R. Heron  
CQMS Csgt M. Budden

*4 Platoon*

Pl Comd Lt Danilewicz  
Pl Sgt Sgt Ennis

*5 Platoon*

Pl Comd Lt Pugh  
Pl Sgt Sgt Woodward

*6 Platoon*

Pl Comd Sgt Hanley  
Pl Sgt Cpl Smith 55

### CORUNNA COMPANY



Corunna Company presenting arms to the Old Guard whilst changing guard at Buckingham Palace

This report on Company life starts in December after our return from BAOR. The Company had a few changes in structure, namely a new Sergeant Major in CSM Harding and a new Platoon Commander in 2Lt Bruce. The settling in process was complicated by some necessary improvement to the accommodation prior to going on Christmas leave.

After Christmas, training was intermingled with periods of 'square bashing' in a gradual build up to Public Duties in London. Slowly the greatcoats and boots began to take shape and the intensity of drill was increased to the point that we found ourselves on the square everyday. As the rubber was burnt and the polish cracked for the umpteenth time we moved towards perfection. The final touches were made by Sgt Maj Camlen, Irish Guards. He ensured that we were ready to compete with the Guards on the Palace Forecourt.

All the soldiers were very enthusiastic about Public Duties, it was a new experience for everyone and for many their first experience of life in the South of England. During our tour we stayed at Victoria Barracks, a transit barracks, in Windsor. The barracks were not exactly up to the standards of the Hilton but did provide us with a bed for the odd night that we were in Windsor.

Our first Guard Mount was an experience to remember, once the apprehension and nerves were countered on the march from Chelsea Barracks to Buckingham Palace, it was all most enjoyable. You could visably see everyone grow two inches as we

marched towards Buckingham Palace to be greeted by a large crowd of people. Everyone felt exceptionally proud and the parade was a great success. The actual period of Guard, was hard work but at the same time enjoyable. No 5 post at St James's Palace where the sentry is on the main street, was a well sought after position, as during the day a good crowd of people would watch him perform. Some coming up and touching him asking 'is he real?' It is still a closely guarded secret as to how many 'addresses' were collected! The enthusiasm of the Guard was clear when three very smart soldiers leaped to attention and 'presented' to the postman! All the three guards we did went well.

We are now back in Catterick and recovering from London. Drill is still uppermost in our minds with the Drill Competition, the march through Halifax and the New Colour Parade all to come in the next two months.

This report would not be complete without a mention of the fact that several courses have been taking place during the last few months. A large number of the Company have been busy developing new skills. Courses such as the Signals, Trained soldiers cadre and Brecon all have representatives from the Company.

Arrivals to the Company are 2Lt Harvey, Sgt Morton, Cpl Walker, Ptes Scully, Lakey, Phillips, Scollick and Teal. We are sorry to say goodbye to CSM Cookson, Lcpl Austin, Ptes Harrison, Zina, Basu and Machen, who have left the Company to take up other appointments within the Battalion.

## SOMME COMPANY

Looking back on the final weeks in Minden, once Ex Spearpoint 80 had ended, the dominating picture in our minds is one of almost endless preparations for the handover of Clifton Barracks to the 2nd Bn Royal Green Jackets. Corridors were filled with the sound of Black & Decker sanders rubbing down floors and our noses were filled with the smells of wet paint and varnish. Stores were all meticulously laid out and our kit and equipment cleaned, checked, counted and counted again. Every driver worked long hard hours ensuring that the day his vehicle left his hands it would be in the best possible running order, perfectly clean and newly painted. As a Company we particularly had our work cut out for us with nearly half of the Battalion's armoured vehicles in our charge and the stores for both the Company and Support Platoons. On top of this was the training wing accommodation and our own to prepare. Inspection followed inspection. Thanks to the hard work of every man in the Company, particularly the private soldiers we handed over everything as we ourselves would hope to find it.

We left Minden with mixed feelings, one of nostalgia remembering four good years of mechanised soldiering in BAOR and the other of anticipation for England, Yorkshire and good basic hard infantry soldiering. Catterick the platoons have written about. It has seen little by way of change in our character as a Company. We are still

'The Somme' proud to still have in our ranks the Corps of Drums. Sadly we have lost the Intelligence and Training Wing, though I daresay Cpl Flaving is just too happy to be away from the 8am Company run and able to return to a gentle study of T72s. We look forward now to a good year ahead whatever it may bring us.

### Mortar Platoon

Since returning from Minden, many of the old faces have disappeared, Sgt Sweeney to Alma, Cpls Dwight and Lofthouse with Ptes Gorrige and Gardner have crept away to recce. On the 'for' side we welcome a new platoon commander, Lt Peter Harvey, and Ptes Dooley, Dawson, Driver, Harrison, Tickle and Zina from the Companies.

With Christmas behind us we launched into four weeks of intensive cadres culminating with a day's live firing at Feldom. The results of the cadre were very promising and Pte Dooley was awarded the Pryce Memorial Shield for the most promising soldier in the Mortar Platoon.

Almost immediately after the cadres, we rattled our way down to Larkhill to fire for the Royal School of Artillery for two days. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves (not only in the NAAFI) and the firing gave us the opportunity to put into practice what had been learnt—with great success.

**The Mortar Platoon live firing in February this year**



All being well there will be more live firing in March before the colours parade (where does the Platoon Commander get all the ammunition from?) and then back to infantry training.

#### **Milan Platoon**

We are home, these notes are being written from the heart of North Yorkshire in sunny Catterick (Brrr!). Life here has proved extremely busy. With a cadre to start off the year combined with drill and preparation for public duties in London. The cadre proved a difficult period. Our new Milans failed to arrive until early February which imposed some obvious problems. We were nevertheless able to use the time fruitfully concentrating on AFV recognition, and battle procedure. Right now we are providing the guard for the Tower of London. Its been nothing short of a miracle to see how the shapeless brown sacks we tried on several weeks ago have with the aid of considerable tailoring, heavy application of soap and much weight behind the iron been transformed into sharply creased and smart items of military dress. The Platoon has done well in aspects of this guard and we have enjoyed it.

Whilst this has been going on we have had a

constant stream of soldiers from the platoon to the MT and back again with their driving licences. It is good to see all have passed their test so far.

Looking ahead beyond Public Duties is the colour parade on April 4 and then Ireland or more Anti Tank work. Either way it will be a good year.

#### **Drums Platoon**

Essentially we have remained at heart the same old team, though we are steadily gaining. Since arriving in Catterick we have grown from 11 to 18 strong. Welcome to Ptes Allen, Rawcliffe, Shaw, Sykes, Evans, Carr and Sidebottom. It is many years since we had the strength and spirit in the Corps of Drums that we have now. In Catterick we have been able to fix our attentions exclusively on drumming with our sights firmly set on Public Duties in London, the Freedom of the city March through Halifax and finally the Colour Parade. A real challenge to bring out the best in the Corps of Drums. At the time of writing we are mid-way through Public Duties which has gone well to date.

The next issue of THE IRON DUKE will be the time to look back and report. We look forward now to the challenge of the next two months.

### **HOOK COMPANY**

All are settling down well to the open spaces, wide views and fresh air of Catterick Garrison. The move from Minden and BAOR went, generally, without too many dramas. Since arriving the Quartermaster and his staff have spent many hours endeavouring to master the Barrack thermostats and get the hot water and heating systems correct. Nearly an impossible task with fuel economies and the variation of North of England weather! Now that summer time is coming in March! it will be all change again. Such is life.

The ration roll has grown since Minden days by some 65 all Ranks. The increase being mainly due to the formation of the Recce Platoon and the Training Wing staff joining the Company.

During the past three months the Signal, MT

and Recce Platoons have all been running their own cadres, there has also been a Trained Soldiers Cadre taken by the Training Wing. In addition a certain amount of range work and BFT and swimming tests have been taking place each week. Life has not been dull.

The Band have been heavily involved in the rehearsals and guard mounting ceremonies in London where they have acquitted themselves well. They will have been away for nearly a month; staying at Victoria Barracks, Windsor, when they return next week. Sport has played its part too. The cross-country team tried hard in the Inter-Company Competition trained and led by Cpl D. Tooley and Lcpl R. Lindsay who ran in 1st and 2nd on the day. Unfortunately the other 18 mem-



bers of the Team couldn't match them for fitness or pace and we ended up in 5th place. 'C'est la Guerre'. The Inter-Company rugby, soccer and basketball competitions are at present taking place. We are well represented in most Battalion teams.

Capt Andrew Drake, MBE, and Cpl C. E. Tait, QGM, have both attended investitures to receive their decorations from HM The Queen at Buckingham Palace. In fact Capt Drake was present when HM The Queen announced the engagement of the Prince of Wales to Lady Diana Spencer.

The following members of the Company are

congratulated in their recent marriages: Cpl and Mrs C. E. Tait; Lcpl and Mrs A. R. Russell-Cox.

Congratulations too are due on recent Births to families in the Company.

Ssgt and Mrs I. Breach, a son.

Lcpl and Mrs P. L. Fairclough, a daughter.

Cpl and Mrs P. Maltby, a daughter.

Lcpl and Mrs P. Cheetham, a daughter.

Lastly we are pleased to welcome to the Company HQ Staff, Sgt J. Hird as CQMS IC Accommodation and Pte P. Summers as Company Clerk No 2.

## MINOR SPORTS

Minor sports has flourished since we returned to England. We have managed to remain a competitor in skiing which is normally considered a BAOR sport. Our team went to the Army Cross Country Ski Championships and did well. In particular Lcpl Brown was one of the best competitors. He has now represented Great Britain in the World Championships and it is hoped that he may get a place in the next British Olympic Team.

The boxing went well initially with a very convincing victory over 8 Sigs but in the 2nd round we were beaten by the Green Howards. The boxing team fought well in each case and Cpl Chapman who is their trainer is to be congratulated. We should also congratulate Lcpl Bogle for being selected to represent the Combined Services and Lcpl Juma for reaching the semi-finals of the Army Open Championships.

The squash team has not yet managed to play its best five players in any one match. It has played seven games and won two of them. The standard of play is improving all the time. It is hoped that

the best five will be available to play the next game against the RAC Training Regt in the NE/NW District Knock out Competition.

The Battalion Cross Country competition was held in January. An arduous five mile course resulted in Burma Company winning with the first three runners being Cpl Tooley, Lcpl Lindsay and Lcpl Sweeney.

Basketball, badminton and volleyball are now being taken more seriously. Each team train once a week and several competitions have been entered. Interest has increased recently and we hope that these sports will continue to increase in popularity.

The final minor sport to be mentioned is judo. This has recently become a popular sport, mainly because a Black Belt 2nd Dan has recently joined the Battalion. We have now entered several competitions and have arranged to train at a Halifax Sports Centre once a week. This chance to train in very good facilities with the assistance of a regular coach should mean that the Dukes judo team will do well in the near future.

## HANG GLIDING

Since writing the last IRON DUKE notes the sport within the Army has progressed somewhat with the forming of the Army Hang Gliding Association with Maj Gen M. Mathews, DPS(A) as President, Brig J. H. Hooper, OBE, as Chairman, and also the setting up of a Hang Gliding Training Centre at Sennybridge, Wales, which opens in April. The centre will run two-week courses where students can hopefully gain their Pilot 1 Certificate.

The next major event was the Army Hang Gliding Championships (sponsored by NATO Cars) held at Marlborough on October 17-19, 1980. Six Dukes flyers took part. With the kind permission of Lt Col Mundell the Battalion team was given 10 precious days to prepare for the event. This was done all over Yorkshire, where ever the wind and the weather permitted. The Battalion glider came in for some punishment during the first couple of days as the team started to dust of the cobwebs. Lt Bruce Laughton caused a stir one morning, when on take off he didn't get it quite right and dropped one of his wings to the ground causing the glider to swerve into the hill, carrying

Lt Laughton, by now an unwilling passenger, with it. The ensuing contest between Lt Loughton's nose and the hill was a talking point among the rest of the team members for many days later.

From this slightly shaky start the team progressed to a excellent final days flying down at Cayton Bay. Everyone had at least four flights, and Sgt Cockshott brandishing his new Skyline had a marvellous 35-minute ridge soaring, finally landing with the punch line that he was getting bored, while the rest of the lads looked on with jealous awe.

From there a long drive down to Marlborough for the Championships. The weather was most unkind (curse! curse!) but over the three days the Battalion team proved unbeatable in the Students class with Lcpl Sean Dean taking 1st prize, Pte Mark Mann 2nd, Lcpl Brian Walters 3rd, Lcpl Dave Barker 4th and Lt Bruce Laughton our most inexperienced flyer 9th. Sgt John Cockshott flew into a most commendable 9th position in the Pilot 1 class. So all in all the Battalion had a huge success, making a name for ourselves in the world of hang gliding. Special thanks to Capt Jim Taggart

(REME) and his wife for their support on the hill and a 200% effort in running the army championships.

Looking to the future Sgt Cockshott is going to

learn to fly prone and we look forward to new members joining our ranks and carrying on the name we have already made for ourselves.

### SKIING 1980-81



**Lcpl Paul Brown competing in the Army Championships 1981**



The season marked the end of another spell of competitive skiing for the Regiment. It is very much a Germany sport now being too expensive to run from UKLF. Since arrival in Minden we certainly made our mark in the skiing world and the engraving on several 'pots' will ensure that we are not forgotten. Additionally Ex Snow Queen gave many soldiers the unusual opportunity to broaden their sporting interests in winter whether it was 'bombing' down the slope at Moosbach or exhibiting an immaculate Stem Christiana in the Army Alpine Championships in Isghl, Austria.

This year we sent a small team of four biathletes—Ssgt Mal Hirst, Lcpl Paul Brown, BdsM Chris Jones in his second year and Lcpl Mick Hargreaves a novice skier—to the Army Championships at Zwiesel in the Bavarian forest near Munich. We were unable to send a full team and therefore our entries to the various races were limited. Our real aim was to have one more crack at the 3 by 7.5km Biathlon Relay, a race for which some readers will remember we presented a rather splendid silver trophy. This was perhaps one trophy that had eluded Ssgt Hirst. Last year, Olympic year, we were runners-up and this year in the event we were 6th from over 30 teams. But from a highly talented field and with a team of four, the result was very satisfactory. This result did much to influence the Nordic Committee in planning future meetings as,

amongst all else, skiing is also under scrutiny by the financiers. For those familiar with the meeting, the Biathlon Relay 'A' race is likely to be included in the 'Military Combination' of 4 by 10km relay, 15km, and pistol race. If this happens, then the race, and our trophy will survive.

So, it is farewell to skiing for the Regiment for a spell. Perhaps the most thrilling of all the achievements over the past five years is the emergence of Lcpl Paul Brown as a World Class Biathlete in only his third year of Biathlon. Lcpl Brown is now well established in the British National 'A' team and at the time of writing he has just returned from representing Great Britain in the World Championships at Lahti, Finland, where he took part in the 20km, 10km sprint and the 4 by 7.5km relay. It is very early days in his career and he has a long way to go but he has quite clearly shown that he has the ability to reach the top in his sport. To illustrate this he came 53 out of 83 starters in the 10km senior sprint at Lahti but at the 2.5km intermediate stage he was 13th having shot clear first time round. This shows outstanding potential and with more experience such a performance could produce a better final position. His results in all three races placed him 2nd in the British Team beating one of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic team members.

Of course the man to whom Lcpl Brown will attribute his success is Ssgt Hirst. What of him



now? He has definitely retired from racing! He coached the National Junior 'B' Team for four years from 1976 to 1980 and was appointed coach to the 'A' Team after the Lake Placid Games last year. Having just taken the team to Lahti, he is on line to take them to Sarajevo in Yugoslavia for the 1984 Winter Olympics. What a debt is owed this man in the field of biathlon skiing and a more modest and loyal Dukes soldier you couldn't meet. As a reminder, in his racing days Ssgt Hirst competed in five World Championships from 1970-

75 in Sweden, Finland, USA, Russia and Italy, and two Olympic Games in 1972 (Japan) and 1976 (Austria). He was British Biathlon Champion in 1973 and 1974 and the British National Cross Country Champion in 1974. We are proud to have these two outstanding athletes in our Regiment and wish them both the best of good fortune in their respective ventures over the next three years. Readers will be pleased to know that Ssgt Hirst is to be promoted to substantive Warrant Officer on September 1, 1981.

## **The DWR Contingent, Depot The King's Division**

Since the return of the 1st Bn from Minden the Dukes contingent at Strensall has grown considerably. Whilst we have recently said goodbye to Sgt Hutchinson, Cpl Warrior, Cpl Pierce and Lcpl Ashton we have received in their place a mini-tidal wave of NCOs.

Maj Charles Grieve has replaced Maj Martin Bray as OC 'W' Coy. He is often seen heading off into the hills on yet another junior soldiers Adventure Training Camp. A welcome also to Sgts Hepworth, Staniland and Dent. Sgt Hepworth is now now in the specialist training wing and is busy emulating Sam Peckinpah with his video camera poised to preserve recruit antics for posterity. Sgt Dent seems to spend every hour of his spare time completing the Lyke Wake Walk—have wagon will travel! WO2 Toplis is Rugby Secretary and has a complicated job due to the diversity of military tasks which fall upon the players. WO2 Coll is settled as Platoon (Supreme Allied) Commander, a job which he appears to enjoy.

With the number of recruits being enlisted into the Army dropping over 1981 the Depot seems rather empty. We now have greater latitude to discharge recruits who fail to make the grade, so we are able to supply the Battalion with fewer recruits but of a higher standard.

Sgt Cockshot is still alive and well in spite of his preoccupation with leaping off mountains with only a bit of hessian, aluminium and string for support (hang gliding).

Perhaps the noisiest member here is Lt Jack Kilburn who runs some very impressive explosives (battle) camps. He has now succeeded in surpassing Lt Nick Borwell's reputation as the Regimental 'Blaster Bates'. Shouts of 'heads down' are regularly heard around Strensall these days!

In spite of our reduced 'soldier production' we are still busy in supplying good lads for the Battalion. The Depot contingent will be present for the Presentation of Colours at Catterick.

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

### **8 Platoon**

This being the first time 8 Platoon has been asked to write notes for THE IRON DUKE we hope the readers will bear with us whilst we recall a few past events, and sing our own praises!

The greatest event in the TA's year is annual camp, and camp in Germany is looked forward to even more as it is now a bi-annual event for us.

Crusader 80 came and went hardly causing a ripple in the smooth running of the platoon—though the platoon commander had to be woken up twice. The first occasion was to rescue the Assault Pioneers from some rats, the second was to wake up 7 Platoon who had all managed to fall asleep.

Pl Sgt Dave Lewis kept us all well fed and watered, some of us even managed to put on a little weight—very unusual!

Casualties, both real and exercise, were light—the only enemy activity we encountered was a gas attack. After some careful 'sniffing' we were able to unmask within two hours (long enough!), whilst the rest of the company displayed commendable spirit by remaining masked for a further 12 hours.

All the tasks given us were performed to the best of our abilities, and we shall improve on this in two years time when we return with lots of new kit, enabling us to even better support our regular counterparts.

Within a month of the end of camp 8 Platoon had further glory heaped upon them by supplying all the command element, and most of the team members, for the Company's successful 'Stainton Chase' team.

At this time of the year we have just completed our APWT season (why is it we always go shooting in winter?), and we are looking forward to the Duchess of Kent competition (similar to 'Stainton Chase'), and the company mini-camp (defence cuts permitting).

Finally we would like to mention several newcomers from the disbanded Assault Pioneer Platoon (we thought they did quite well at camp!), Cpl Nanney, Lcpl Ashcroft, and Ptes Akhtar, Greaves and Richardson. May your stay with us be a long and happy one.

## 'C' (DWR) Company, 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Volunteers

Since the last issue of THE IRON DUKE, the Company has been extremely busy, concentrating on the ever increasing number of new recruits. 1980 proved to be a very good year from the point of view of recruiting and for the first time we were able to pick and choose. However, the Company did mount an advertising campaign in the local press which was very successful; also many new recruits were brought in by the encouragement of existing members of the Company.

To help us in the training of the new recruits, a 3rd Platoon was formed at the beginning of November, commanded by Sgt O'Neill, who came to us from 'C' Coy, 1 Yorks. Cpl Heathcote was appointed acting Platoon/Sergeant. Two JNCOs were appointed within each of the sections to act as Instructors, who are replaced after 12 weeks by a further six JNCOs. Training consists initially of five introductory lessons which include subjects such as: dress, hygiene, Battalion and Company organisation, followed by set periods of drill, weapon-handling, field craft, map-reading, signals, and three introductory periods on NBC. The basic course has so far proved successful and has given our recruits a good grounding before they attend Recruit Camp. September brought the restriction to 44 man training days per year into force. With many of our Company having over the 44 days, applications were made and accepted for more days to be allowed, in order for a man to complete his Bounty commitment.

November, like last year, again proved to be a fairly quiet month for the Company. A well attended Remembrance Day Parade in Huddersfield was followed by a delicious curry lunch, held in the Company Club. Also well attended was the shooting weekend at Strensall and the Company Signallers Training Weekend. Our congratulations go to CSM Hickling on being nominated to receive the Lord Lieutenants' Certificate for long and loyal service in the TA.

Bellerby Camp during the first weekend in December was highlighted by the Christmas dinner, complete with Corps of Drums; we were pleased to see recruits from 3 Yorks recruit cadre, who came up to join us for dinner. The conditions at Bellerby during the dinner could be described as

nothing short of Arctic! Pte Brennan who, at first was thought to be suffering from a mild form of frost-bite had unfortunately to be casevaced to the Duchess of Kent's Hospital with tonsillitis (what lengths 'C' Coy will go to, to get warm!)

On the 12-13th the Company held a recruit/JNCO training weekend, the highlight of which was the night navigation exercise, during which Cpl Dean took it on himself to help the Government in their spending cuts, and brought his Section back by bus, at great expense to himself—applications to join Cpl Dean's Section can now be made to the Company 2IC!

The Company Christmas Draw was held on the 20th and is widely reported as having been the best yet. The draw was also attended by 'HQ' Coy, who are now based at the Huddersfield Drill Hall, and by the official guest, the Battalion 2IC, Maj C. J. Tattersall—who was fortunate enough to win a suitcase in the draw. Cpl (Mrs) Warenycia (ex/DWR) took part in 'This is your Life' and accused Lt Croft of fathering his offspring—an accusation which surprised no-one! Pte E. K. Mason presented himself dressed only in nappies—I must say how pleased we all were to see him out of his pram so quickly. It was nice also, to see some of the lads from the Dukes, amongst whom were Ptes Samerson, Gilbert, Greaves and D. A. Thomas. The Company got off to a flying start in 1981 with an extremely well-attended and successful field-firing weekend at Warcop, during which all the senior ranks took part in a map-reading exercise; the first to be organised for us by the new Bn Trg Maj—Maj M. Bray.

Our farewells go to OCdt Tim Brett, who after constant deliberations between the Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry and Royal Marines, has finally decided to join the Regulars as a Royal Engineer; our best wishes go with him.

The Company would also like to say farewell to Maj Pugh, who left the Battalion in November, and we wish him every success with his new appointment. I know that every officer in 'C' Coy will certainly miss his dreaded morning-calls!

### Promotions

Congratulations to the following: OCdt Brierly (ex-AAC) to 2Lt; Pte T. O'Brien to Lcpl.

# Wellesley Company

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

## Personalities

Welcome to Under-Officer Paul Laycock an ex-cadet Sergeant of some years ago who enters upon the scene at Mirfield. Hence Lt Peter Cole moves to command Huddersfield whilst Lt Tony Russell graduates to Area Staff Officer. We are also delighted to say hello to Sergeant Instructor Chris Mulligan at Skipton, John Hammond to Keighley, Stephen Taylor at Mirfield, Mark Pickard at Heckmondwike.

Farewell to our Staff Officer Keith Roughton—his family tragedy some 12 months ago and other factors prevent a continuance of his sterling services. We are grateful for your journey with us Keith, keep in touch.

Congratulations to Capt Terry Bonds, Capt Peter Turner, Lt Peter Cole and SMI Ray Battye upon all being awarded the Cadet Forces Medal. Brian Kelly makes another move forward towards his goal of County RSM with much deserved promotion to Staff Sergeant—well done!

## Annual Visits

We have greatly enjoyed the visits of Lt Col B. W. Ayres, MBE, NEDIST to Huddersfield, Thongsbridge, Mirfield and Heckmondwike; Lt Col F. H. Pedley, NEDIST to Halifax and Lt Col J. H. C. Hordern, OBE, NEDIST to Keighley and Skipton.

All three have taken a very detailed interest in our affairs; carefully noted our problems; kindly highlighted any deficiencies. Their visits are important to us and we are appreciative that they have all gone out of their way to be firm but kind, critical when merited, praiseworthy when due. We shall act upon their advice.

## Colours 1DWR

To the CO and all Ranks thank you for permitting a party to attend the above—our experiences and

impressions will be recorded in the next edition. Meanwhile excitement abounds and 'Duke's' cadets polish their boots with great fervour.

## Officers dinner

The officers and their wives assembled in the Officers Mess at TAC Huddersfield for their Christmas function. Delighted we were to have at our table Maj Gen and Shiela Isles, Lt Col and Jilly Mundell, and Col and Joan Delaney (Commandant, Yorks ACF). A convivial evening occurred including the emergence of a camouflaged aluminium tea pot which deputised for a coffee pot, the latter having met its Christmas demise on the kitchen floor (our Area Commander will forever be on tenderhooks at these functions!).

## Camps

We enjoyed a Christmas camp at Strensall followed by Deverell Barracks Ripon in February. Much activity appears on the ACF scene and we are now training for our Annual Camp at Longmoor Hants which promises to be a super location.

A belated congratulations to SMI Jack Swithenbank who chaperoned the ACF contingent on Exercise Square Leg with 3 Yorks, of NATO exercise fame. Well done Jack, you attended annual camp too, you've certainly done your 'bit'.

## Sports

The appointment of SSI Kelly as sports representative for the Company is certainly doing the trick. Entries to events flow freely and Cadet John Hoyle of Halifax won the Yorks ACF Cross Country and a 'Dukes' cadets team won the football competition. This is but the tip of our sports iceberg and our climax will be the day we sweep the Rugby trophies in true DWR style—be not in doubt, its all systems go.

## STOP PRESS

**Army Rugby Union Challenge Cup Final April 15 1981**

**1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment 20pts**

**7 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery nil**

## Obituary

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

### **Pte S. R. Horton**

Pte Steven Roland Horton of the Regiment died in Leeds Infirmary on February 7, 1981, as a result of injuries received in a traffic accident on February 6, aged 18 years.

Pte Horton was an ex-Junior Soldiers' Bn boy, serving with them from September 1979 to joining the 1st Bn in September 1980.

### **Mr R. L. Bye**

Mr R. L. (Dick) Bye died at his home in Ripponden on December 23, 1980, aged 78 years.

Joining 9 DLI (TA) as a youth he joined the Duke of Wellington's Regt as a regular soldier in 1922 serving 25 years with the Colours. On discharge he enlisted in the Duke's Territorials and continued his long association with the Regiment as an active member of the Regimental Association until his death.

He was a keen sportsman and a great Regimental character.

### **Mr H. Halstead**

Mr Herbert Halstead died in Northowram Hospital, Halifax, on February 27, 1981, aged 78.

Born in Colne, he enlisted in the Regiment in 1922, serving in Egypt, Palestine and Singapore, amongst many other stations. He was discharged in the rank of CQMS.

### **Mrs A. M. Dennett**

Mrs Dennett widow of the late Sgt T. Dennett, died in Huddersfield on January 25, 1981, aged 88 years.

### **Mr B. Wadd**

Mr Bernard Wadd died in a Sheffield nursing home on February 23, 1981, aged 75 years.

### **Mr D N Roberts**

Mr Dennis Roberts, of 10 Harvey Road, Almondsbury, Huddersfield, died on March 14 1981, aged 59 years.

## One of Us

*(Continued from December 1979 issue.)*

I often find myself speculating on why I am in the fortunate position of being able to write my reminiscences like this. Its difficult to avoid the first person singular, but where I do, it's because any survivor must have a story to tell, and he carries his 'fruit salad' on his chest proudly, in honour of those comrades who were less fortunate than himself, and whose support always carried him along, and for whom he has difficulty in holding back tears on occasions of Remembrance.

Back to the progress of the 7th Dukes again then, as we approach the big 'Break Out' from our little tract of the Normandy bridgehead which we had held grimly since the early days of the landings, while we slogged on, patrolling night and day, and enduring continuous intermittent bombing, shelling and mortaring in every increasing intensity. Added to this, novelties like 'Butterfly' aerial anti-personnel bombs, 'Moaning Minnie' or multi barrelled rocket propelled mortars, and a harmless bombardment with propaganda leaflets which told us that while we were suffering intense hardship, our families back home were under continuous heavy bombing by Hitler's latest secret weapon the V1 or Doodlebug. This revelation came at a time when we were advancing on all fronts.

Now the preparatory moves intensified before the breakout, in which the whole British Second Army rolled forward towards the next big obstacle, the Seine, about 50 to 60 miles ahead. Intense activity began on our right flank where the Canadians were established astride the Caen-Falaise road. At night we heard the rumble of engines and clatter of tank tracks as the Canadian armour moved into their positions, and when daylight we could see what we took to be tanks in camouflaged and in 'Hull-down' positions, meanwhile we kept up an active programme of patrolling with the Six Airborne Division on our left flank.

The Luftwaffe came back into the picture again, with nightly raids, bombing and 'strafing' our positions. A new hazard appeared now—aerial anti-personnel mines, which we found scattered about our positions as daylight came.

Having seen the terrible havoc wrought by shelling and mortaring on the 'Bocage' farms and livestock, we now saw a new tragedy, and something which I had only seen on warning posters in police stations back home in Britain—Colorado Beetles—thousands of them . . . what had been furrow after furrow of healthy potato plants were now stripped of foliage down to the ground, with swarms of yellow and black striped beetles somewhat larger

than a ladybird crawling over the bare earth. The lads didn't allow this to put them off though, and enjoyed a jolly 'good mash' up of new potatoes improved by whatever margarine they had saved from their rations.

Before the start of operation 'Goodwood', the break out, I received a pleasant surprise in being chosen to escape from front line conditions for a short break at base rest camp on the coast. The leave truck soon whisked me back away from the line, and I was interested to see quite a lot of unspoilt country which the battle had obviously bypassed. Thank goodness the Allied Tactical Air Force had virtual dominance, as the warm dry weather had turned the country roads into dust tracks, and the truck wheels were stirring up a thick layer of several inches of dust, making every moving object a perfect target for enemy aircraft.

The tented leave camp overlooked the sea near Port-en-Bessin and there I met George Driver, the Dukers Signals Officer who soon became a good friend. We enjoyed the comparative luxury of bell tents, camp beds, and store tents and marquees for messes, baths, entertainment, etc, and the convivial company of chaps from other units of the Division who were enjoying a break as well. We compared notes on our respective experiences and it became obvious that in the dense woodland, sunken lanes and undergrowth of most of the early bridgehead we had all led similar lives of attack, defence, and constant patrolling to dominate 'No Mans Land' within a few hundred yards of each other, without meeting anyone outside one's own Battalion or Brigade area. In company with a friend from the Tyneside Scottish (Black Watch) we rode into Bayeux on borrowed cycles for sight-seeing and shopping.

After a short break it was back to life in the line again with the added excitement of prospects of the big Break out ahead. There was the main road to Paris stretching away ahead of us, with no further natural barrier until we reached the Seine. Still, there was a continual programme of patrols to carry out. Two in particular stand out in my memory, each of which should have been a 'piece of cake'—a routine job again, something we had done many times before.

The first was a two man recce based on the standing patrol maintained some three hundred yards in front of our positions. We were given ample time to study the aerial photographs before setting out after dusk 'Stand To', and I thought I had a clear mental picture of the fields, hedges and cover which we were to cross on our way to the area for reconnaissance. We left the comparative safety of the standing patrol in conditions of intermittent cloud and moonlight, moving mainly within the extremity of the shadows thrown by the tall hedges. We crossed two intersecting hedges well away from the field corners, which could be weapon positions, skirted a small copse, and were moving stealthily under the shadow of a friendly hedge when we were suddenly challenged by a shadowy figure at the base of a large tree. My instincts reacted quicker than my reasoning, as I automatically gave him a quick burst of Sten before dropping quickly to the ground when I realised that what I

had heard was the official challenge 'Wer Da'. Things began to happen very quickly then, and while I flattened to the ground and crawled back into the sheltering shadows from what was obviously an enemy strongpoint, they let fly with everything they had got—automatics, mortars, grenades, etc, but we had obviously taken them completely by surprise, and within a few seconds their fire was going in all directions except the one we took back to the safety of the standing patrol.

By now I was known to the Divisional Press Officer as a lucky survivor who could often provide him with material to send back to his HQ. That story later appeared in our local paper back in England as 'Quick on the Draw Patrol'.

Luck was on our side that night, but later, on the eve of the big offensive, we were manning the standing patrol—a relatively cushy number where although the nights could be rather nerve wracking, the days were fairly peaceful, and we listened very unofficially to the AFN radio programme on a very low volume. Everything had run its normal course, and I was half dozing while Sgt Harry Hall was on the alert as a thin ground mist was creeping around us making everyone feel very isolated and on edge, when he shook me by the shoulder and whispered 'Someone's creeping up on us'. We strained ears, eyes, and nerves to the limit as whoever it was crept through the undergrowth around us, snapping twigs, rustling leaves, and rattling empty tins. We made a quick appreciation and Sgt Hall and I decided to do a pincer movement on him. Meanwhile he crept steadily nearer and nearer until we could hear him grunting, and realised he was a very hungry stray pig, rooting around for food. It was almost worst trying to shoo him away silently. Needless to say, this got into the news as the Pig Patrol, no joke at the time!

Meanwhile activity built up on our right flank around the Bourgeois area on the Caen-Falaise road. At night there was the continual hum of tank engines and the rattle of tank tracks, and by day we were able to make out the vague outlines of tanks in hull-down positions, and we were sure then that the main thrust on our front would be on the Canadian Army Axis astride the Falaise Road.

Our orders came through quite soon and gave a big boost to morale. At last we were all to move forward along the whole front, as the news came round that Rommel was injured and several German Generals had already been captured, Jerry seemed to know all about this, but kept very quiet. Our Canadian Allies on the right were pushing forward in a night attack, and next morning we found a small influx in our area, with the colourful shoulder titles of 'The Governor General's Footguards'.

Now it was our turn to advance, and it was funny to be moving openly across ground which we had been creeping cautiously over during the last few weeks, but this time we had the support of our own Churchill tanks, the Divisional Artillery, and our own support groups of Carriers and 3in Mortars, plus the Kensington Vicker's HMG. Our objective was the village of Le Hameau de Franqueville about a mile or more ahead, where we met isolated opposition, which was soon overrun.

Here we met tragedy, and good fortune. While we were consolidating and without adequate cover, a heavy 'stunk' came down, Coy HQ caught a direct hit, and poor, gentle Charlie Hill was killed. Eric Mattock took over command as 2IC, as we rapidly got ourselves dug in more securely. Any hollow in the ground was cover enough, and each time the enemy got our range and gave us a good plastering.

The good news was that Barry Kavanagh was back, fighting fit, riding on a Sherman tank of the Sherwood Rangers. This was a great tonic, and we made plans for the next big move ahead. Our patrols showed that there was only light opposition ahead for several miles. Enemy deserters started to trickle in, none of whom could be trusted on sight. One real Nazi came in with his fist clenched above his head and promptly spiked one of our A/T guns with a grenade. Many of them were quite harmless though and included a few young Jugo Slavs who were glad to be out of it, as been they had forced into service against their wishes. They were only too keen to talk, and told us that their countrymen were anxious to surrender. This information, combined with reports from our snipers, gave us confidence to try a daylight patrol rather than the tedious night patrolling crawling about like animals, and as a result we found the ground ahead for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile was clear of life, but littered with deserted equipment, evacuated A/T A/A gun positions. Next day I learnt how lucky I had been, as Bob Smith of 'A' Coy had taken out a big fighting patrol towards Argences and bumped into 3 Spandaus. He and one of his NCOs were killed, and three Privates missing, probably prisoners.

We were pleased to welcome Lcpl Dearden who had just returned fit from Blighty, bringing with

him several members of 16 Platoon who had been wounded and evacuated in the early stages.

Then the good news that the 'Jocks' and the Leics had moved forward on our flanks, with little opposition and many prisoners. We were going to do a right flanker in transport, and at least we were free of the grim battlefield surroundings we had become accustomed to, and in lovely weather we left the corn fields and flat open country behind, climbing a sizeable hill from the top of which we got the first open view of the countryside, looking down across a vista of woodland, corn, orchards and open pastures, with little damage now to be seen. The road to Lisieux stretched out before us bordered by pleasant Norman farms but we were diverted-in transport, for a change! This time we switched directions SW towards Mezidon, an important railway junction, and now began to make contact with more and more refugees, on foot, in horsedrawn farm transport plus the occasional vintage and veteran Renault, etc. This was a very uncomfortable phase, as it would have been too easy for fifth columnists to infiltrate as we just didn't have time to check identities. The English speaking refugees were friendly, and free with information about the enemy positions which were not far away across the little river Divas.

The next news was that the Jocks were across the river, and were going to mount a battalion attack on the high ground on their flank.

We now received a welcome reinforcement Platoon Commander in the shape of a Lt Ken Evans of the King's Regt who had landed on 'D Day' with a beach group. A keen photographer, he had been taking photos all the time. Ken proved to be a very tough character, and a very fine leader of 18 Platoon. A fluent French and German speaker he became a very useful member of the Company.

# Regimental Association

## NEWS ITEMS—NOTES OF INTEREST

### NOTICES

#### London and Home Counties Dinner—1981

Saturday, May 9, 1981, in the Carisbrooke Hall, The Victory Club, Marble Arch, London, 7.30 for 8.0pm. Tickets £7.50 from Mr Rod Owers, 12 Waterfall Road, London N11 1JD.

#### AGM and Reunion Dinner—1981

Saturday, October 10, 1981, in Wellington Hall TA Centre, Prescott Street, Halifax. AGM, Sergeants Mess 6.30pm. Dinner 7.30 for 8.0pm. Tickets £6.50 from RHQ DWR Wellesley Park, Halifax HX2 0BA. (Tel Halifax 61671) or branch secretaries.

#### Regimental Service—1981

Saturday, October 31, 1981. York Minster 11.30hrs. Further details will be published in the August issue.

### LONDON BRANCH

Our Christmas Party was held again this year at the residence of Mr and Mrs Cossins. Ken Waterman cooked his special chicken curry which he insists has a secret recipe and music was provided by Charlie Cossins. A number of members were absent due to illness but they are all now feeling much better.

Mr Les Ludbrooke sends his regards to all ex-Dukes who served with him. He is in poor health and would appreciate a letter from any of his old friends. His address is: 10 Church Gardens, Church End, Great Dunmow, Essex.

We continue to hold meetings on the last Monday of each month—details from the Secretary—and any new faces would be most welcome.

## REGIMENTAL BENEVOLENT FUNDS

1. At the last meeting of the Trustees of the Regimental Benevolent Funds it was observed that nothing had been promulgated or printed in THE IRON DUKE about the Funds, what they are, their purpose, or the state of the Funds at any given time, for many years. It was decided therefore that the time was appropriate for an explanation of these Funds to be published. In addition it was decided that, also for the information of all readers of THE IRON DUKE, but principally for those who contribute to the Funds, that details of each account should also be published from time to time.

2. The Funds themselves are managed under the watchful eyes of the Charity Commissioners and as such are subject to the rules and regulations for the operation of charitable funds which are designated as 'charities'. Their general supervision is the responsibility of a number of regimental Managing Trustees of whom the Colonel of the Regiment (as Chairman) and the Regimental Secretary (as Secretary) are permanently appointed. The other Trustees are appointed at the invitation of the Colonel of the Regiment and serve for three years at a time, extendable at the invitation of the Colonel and if the individual Trustee is willing. They meet once a year. The United Services Trustee acts as Custodian Trustee, principally with regard to investments. The Funds are operated and managed on a day-to-day basis by the General Secretary of the Regimental Association at RHQ.

3. The Funds and their objects, summarised from the Rules of the individual Funds and their Deeds, are given below.

### (a) The Old Comrades Association (1st and 2nd Bns DWR) Fund

Originally established in 1912. Exists to aid or benefit ex-members of the 33rd or 76th Regts and the 1st and 2nd Bns, their wives, widows and children, who are in distressed circumstances.

### (b) The Regimental Association Fund

Established in 1945. Exists for the assistance or benefit of any person serving or who has at any time served in the Regiment, or the dependants, wives, widows (whether or not remarried) or issue of those persons (whether living or dead) as may be for the time being in need of assistance or benefit.

In addition the Fund may make grants to other charities, funds or charitable institutions which, in the opinion of the Managing Trustees, merit support and which may directly or indirectly benefit any of those individuals specified above.

### (c) The Mitchell Trust Fund

Established in 1940 by the Will of the late Mr James Mitchell of Halifax. Exists to aid or assist ex-soldiers disabled in war who have served in any battalion of the Regiment, and who ordinarily reside within the Ancient Parish of Halifax.

### (d) The McGuire-Bate Trust Fund

Established in 1953 by the Will of the late Maj W. T. McGuire-Bate, late DWR. Exists to assist officers serving or who have served in the Regiment and the widows of officers who formerly served in the Regiment, being in need of assistance.

In addition the Fund may make grants to other charitable organisations which, in the opinion of the Managing Trustees, merit support and whose objects include the assistance of such officers and widows as specified above.

### (e) The DWR War Memorial Fund 1939-45

Established in 1949. Exists to help in educational matters where hardship exists for the benefit of members or ex-members of the Regiment, their families and dependants with a preference for those who suffered through the 1939-45 war. Also to give financial assistance where considered appropriate for the upkeep of the Regimental Memorial Chapels in York Minster and Halifax Parish Church.

4. Although operated and managed in the same way as the other Funds and with the same Trustees, the War Memorial Fund is not strictly a benevolent Association Fund in the same sense as the others are.

5. The Regimental Association Fund is the main benevolent Fund of the Regiment. From it aid can be and is given to deserving serving or ex-members of the Regiment or his dependants whatever his type of service or whatever Duke's Battalion he served in. Also it can provide grants to other charitable organisations, such as the Army Benevolent Fund, which themselves benefit either directly or indirectly any serving or ex-member of the Regiment or his family. It is also the Fund into which the money from the Day's Pay Scheme is paid upon which the Fund considerably relies. In this way members of the Regiment stand to benefit either now or in the future from their own contributions.

6. **The Day's Pay Scheme.** All serving soldiers are invited to voluntarily contribute the equivalent of one day's net pay (a full day's pay less charges for food and accommodation currently in force) per year to this scheme. The amount is deducted in quarterly instalments by the Regimental Paymaster at source and is paid into the Regimental Association Fund. Serving officers also contribute the equivalent of a day's pay to the Funds at RHQ, and pay separately into the Regimental Association Fund by individual bankers orders.



# Regimental Funds

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1980

## D.W.R. REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£ 68	Regimental Service .. .. .	£ 300	Transfer from RA Account .. .. .
69	Branch Expenses .. .. .	125	Grant for Dinner (London) .. .. .
6	Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .	28	Balance from Doncaster Bldg Society .. .. .
125	Dinner Expenses (London) .. .. .	—	Excess of Expenditure over Income .. .. .
145	Dinner Account (Loss) .. .. .		
40	Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .		
<u>£453</u>		<u>£453</u>	
	£79.30		£300.00
	87.22		125.00
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	125.00		35.24
	168.72		
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	£460.24		£460.24

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 1980

£	General Fund .. .. .	£ 60.36	£	Cash at Bank .. .. .	£ 10.51
60	Less: Excess of Expenditure for Year .. .. .	35.24	£60	Cash in Hand .. .. .	14.61
		<u>£25.12</u>			<u>£25.12</u>

## OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (1st & 2nd D.R.W.) FUND

£ 668	Grants to Sundry Individuals .. .. .	£ 527.39	£ 1,237	Interest on Investments—Gross .. .. .	£ 1,243.42
379	Pensions/Special Allowances .. .. .	420.00	7	Bank Interest .. .. .	35.32
15	Trustee Expenses .. .. .	30.00		Legacies—Col O. Price .. .. .	100.00
36	Sundry Expenses .. .. .	—		J. I. Hewitt .. .. .	1,000.00
—	Wreaths .. .. .	28.50	2	Subscriptions .. .. .	2.27
—	Donation—'Iron Duke' .. .. .	50.00			
—	Regimental Service—York .. .. .	15.00			
—	Audit .. .. .	15.75			
—	Insurance .. .. .	3.47			
—	UST—Income Tax Recovery .. .. .	7.80			
148	Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	1,283.10			
<u>£1,246</u>		<u>£2,381.01</u>	<u>£1,246</u>		<u>£2,381.01</u>

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 1980

£ 12,078	Capital Account .. .. .	£ 12,078.48	£	Investments (at cost)	£
	Income Account .. .. .	5,122.74	17,062	(Market Value 31.3.1980 £9,571) .. .. .	17,062.38
5,123	Add: Excess of Income for Year .. .. .	1,283.10	55	Income Tax Recoverable .. .. .	55.41
		<u>6,405.84</u>	84	Cash at Bank .. .. .	1,366.53
<u>£17,201</u>		<u>£18,484.32</u>	<u>£17,201</u>		<u>£18,484.32</u>

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

£ 2,853	Grants .. .. .	£ 3,041.76	£ 5,203	Interest on Investments—Gross .. .. .	£ 5,494.30
400	Grants 1st DWR Association Fund .. .. .	600.00	214	Covenanted Subscriptions—Officers (Net) .. .. .	285.41
583	Secretary's Expenses .. .. .	654.14	43	Bank Interest .. .. .	63.62
200	General Secretary's Honorarium .. .. .	200.00	4,267	Day Pay Scheme—Soldiers (Net) .. .. .	5,638.83
300	Transfer to Managemt Fund .. .. .	300.00		G. Turner Trust .. .. .	150.00
300	Transfer to Management Fund (London Dinner) .. .. .	125.00	100	Grant from—ABF .. .. .	402.00
1,000	Donation—Army Benevolent Fund .. .. .	1,000.00	—	Others .. .. .	40.70
50	'Iron Duke' .. .. .	160.00	26	Subscriptions .. .. .	32.22
47	Wreaths .. .. .	82.00	3	Sweepstake—Close of Account .. .. .	—
30	Printing, Postages, Stationery and Office Machinery .. .. .	83.50	—	Income Tax Recovered .. .. .	140.77
40	UST Expenses—Income Tax Recovery .. .. .	37.50	702	Officers Subscriptions .. .. .	739.83
67	Trustees Expenses .. .. .	104.18		Days Pay Scheme (Soldiers) .. .. .	880.60
—	Donations .. .. .	57.95		Legacies .. .. .	
—	Dedication Service—St Pauls .. .. .	69.15	—	T. Miller .. .. .	100.00
70	Sundries .. .. .	83.11	—	H. L. Green .. .. .	50.00
4,793	Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	6,539.39			150.00
<u>£10,558</u>		<u>£13,137.68</u>	<u>£10,558</u>		<u>£13,137.68</u>

## MITCHELL TRUST FUND

£ 156	Grants .. .. .	£ 170.00	£ 260	Interest on Investments—Gross .. .. .	£ 255.96
5	Trustees Expenses .. .. .	12.43			
7	Sundries .. .. .	12.85			
92	Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	60.68			
<u>£260</u>		<u>£255.96</u>	<u>£260</u>		<u>£255.96</u>

