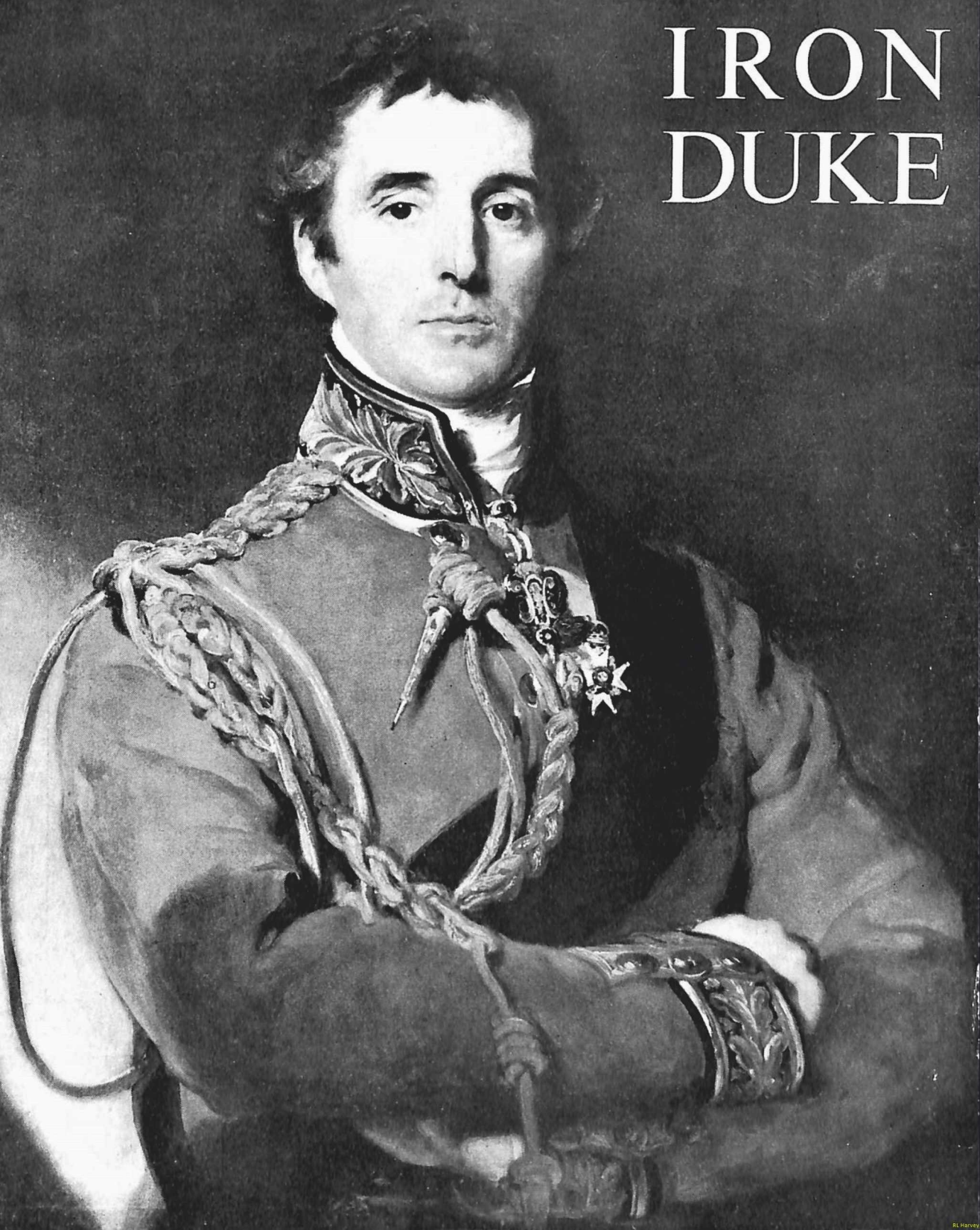


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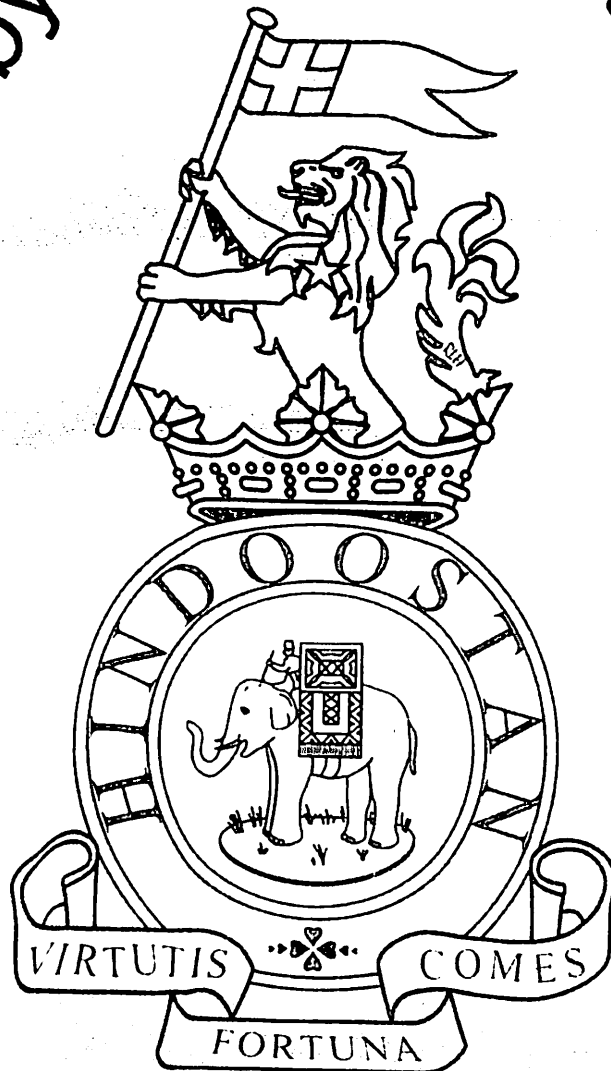
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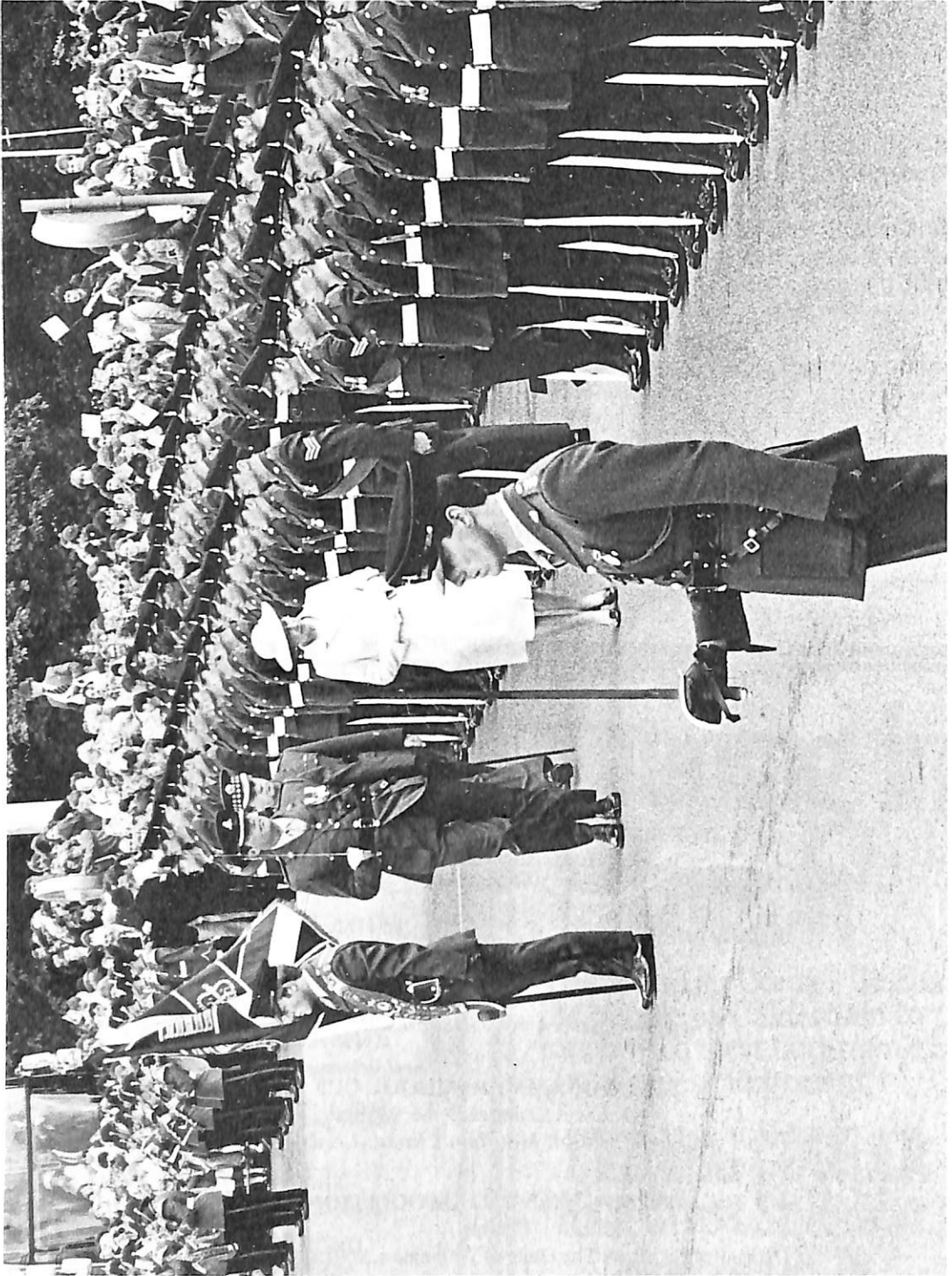
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Her Majesty the Queen inspects the Guard of Honour formed by the 1st Battalion at the Opening Ceremony of the Humber Bridge on 17th July 1981
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Regimental Notes

GUARD OF HONOUR FOR HM THE QUEEN

The Band and Drums, Escort to the Colours, and Guard of Honour, found by Corunna Company, under the Command of Major M J Thorn, were present at the opening of the Humber bridge by HM The Queen on 17th July 1981.

BRIGADIER M N S McCORD CBE MC ADC

Brigadier Mervyn McCord assumed the appointment of Divisional Brigadier, The King's Division in July 1981. He was previously Deputy Commander Eastern District for three years and prior to that Commander, Ulster Defence Regiment.

The son of a former officer in the Royal Ulster Rifles, he was born in Armagh and educated at Coleraine Academical Institution and Queen's University, Belfast. He attended the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and was commissioned into the Royal Ulster Rifles in December 1949.

Most of his service was spent with the RUR until their amalgamation into The Royal Irish Rangers and he commanded the 1st Battalion of that regiment in Cyprus with the United Nations and also in BAOR.

Brigadier McCord has served in Korea in 1950-51, where he was awarded the Military Cross, Canada, Malaya, Hong Kong, the West Indies, Cyprus and Germany. He has also served on the staff of The Royal Irish Rangers Depot at Ballymena, HQ Northern Ireland and the School of Infantry, as well as attending the Staff College at Camberley and the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer. He was appointed an OBE in 1974 and CBE in 1978.

Brigadier McCord, whose home is in Sussex, married in 1953 and has three sons. His main interests are cricket, athletics and shooting.

LEEDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMBINED CADET FORCE AFFILIATION TO THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT

Leeds Grammar School CCF used to be affiliated to the Regiment. Evidence of that affiliation exists in the issues of the Iron Duke of the mid to late 1950's, and older members of the Regiment who were stationed at the Depot in Halifax in those days will remember visiting the CCF for the cadets old Certificate 'A' examinations. The affiliation may be of a much earlier origin, indeed there has been some explanations given that an "unofficial" connection existed from the first World War or even earlier.

For many years now the CCF wore our regimental cap badge and continues to do so today. But somehow, and at some stage, the affiliation and close links between the CCF and the Regiment lapsed—probably about twenty years ago. Neither the CCF nor the Regiment can find any evidence or reasons why this took place.

The C.O. of the 1st Battalion, Lieut Colonel W. R. Mundell, himself an old boy of the school recently visited the school and has awakened interest on both sides for the affiliation to be re-established. As a result the Headmaster wrote to the Colonel of the Regiment asking for this to happen and the Colonel warmly supported the proposal. A formal request was put to HQ North East District. The latter has given approval and authority for the CCF to be affiliated to the Regiment from 17 June 1981.

So, we welcome Leeds Grammar School CCF into the regimental family—back into the family would be more accurate—alongside our other affiliated CCF at Giggleswick School. Long may it thrive and continue to our mutual benefit.

STATUE OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN

A statue of Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma will be erected at the Horse Guards Parade looking towards the Old Admiralty. The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, announced the project in a letter to The Times.

The project will cost about £100,000 including a design competition among leading sculptors and a fund for maintenance. The costs are to be met from public subscription with any surplus going to the Mountbatten Trust for assisting the Handicapped and the United World Colleges.

Lord Mountbatten's statue will not be far from the only other full length statues of admirals in central London—Nelson in Trafalgar Square and Raleigh outside the Ministry of Defence. Appropriately, since Earl Mountbatten was the last Viceroy of India, the statue will also be quite close to that of Lord Clive of India. The site chosen is on the grass on the Downing Street steps side of Horse Guards Parade. The statue will show Lord Mountbatten in naval uniform.

Lord Mountbatten is remembered for his long career in the Royal Navy, especially commanding a destroyer flotilla early in World War II, his contribution to final victory as Chief of Combined Operations and later Supreme Allied Commander in South East Asia, his services as First Sea Lord and then Chief of

the Defence Staff and his statesmanship as the last Viceroy of India. he was one of the most respected figures of recent times in Britain and beyond and it is expected that there will be very many donations to the statue fund.

All donations will be acknowledged. They should be sent to:

Rear Admiral L W Townsend, CBE,
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The names of all contributors will be recorded in a special memorial book to be presented to the Mountbatten family.

WALL CHART REVIEW

DAILY TELEGRAPH TIME CHARTS

History of World War I

History of World War II

For some years now the Daily Telegraph has been producing history charts of a high standard. They have now moved into a different area and have produced two charts that are probably the most fascinating and eye catching yet. being designed to clarify the causes, acts and effects of the two World Wars.

The charts are divided into bands, each covering the various theatres of war, politics and social events.

The authors, Keith Simpson and John Pinlott, are respectively lecturers on World War I and World War II at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

These wall charts can be recommended to the keen student of Military History.

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MILITARY KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR

We have been asked to bring to the notice of any officer who may be interested and who is retired or about to retire, the conditions required for appointment as a Military Knight of Windsor.

Basically to qualify for appointment an officer must be under 65 years of age and the income of himself and his wife, excluding pension, must not exceed £1,200 a year gross. Preference is given to married officers with long and distinguished service.

Full particulars are held by the Regimental Secretary, who will forward them on request.

Personalia

Major R. H. Ince

We hear from Major Dick Ince that he is retiring from his appointment as Assistant Regimental Secretary—The Parachute Regiment—on 31st August.

We wish him well in his retirement.

Major A. C. S. Savory

Major Tony Savory after many years loyal service in the office of President of the London Branch of the Regimental Association has handed over the office to Major Derrick Wood.

The London Branch owes a great debt of gratitude to Major Savory for his drive and hard work as president. We hope he will be able to attend many future gatherings without the strain of being in "the chair".

Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth, OBE, ADC

Brigadier Dennis Shuttleworth relinquished the appointment of Divisional Brigadier HQ King's Division in late July 1981.

His successor is Brigadier M. N. G. McCord, CBE, MC, late R. Irish.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

Sgt William Henry Glew (4607671) late DWR was admitted to the Royal Hospital Chelsea as an In-Pensioner on 6th July 1981. Sgt Glew enlisted in the Regiment at Sheffield in September 1924 at the age of 19.

Since In-Pensioner Dodds left the Royal Hospital earlier this year Sgt Glew is our only Pensioner.

GEORGE TOWNEND

My old friend and I both belong to the same file so before it finally gets to the bottom of the pile I thought I would pen this short appreciation of a true Yorkshireman and certainly, in my opinion, the best **all round**, I underline all round, rugby footballer the Regiment has produced. That he has never received due tribute is no doubt due to the fact that he lived and breathed the same air as that other powerful regimental personality and rugby genius, Horsey Browne.

Yes, George was certainly first class in any position we would care to name: Two International trials

played: George never shirked a regimental match because he had been selected for a higher grade game a few days afterwards. A fine character, an equally fine rugby footballer and one who had a deep affection for his Regiment.

J H D

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

Regular Army

Commands & Staff

Brigadier (Acting Major General) C. R. Huxtable, CBE (420858) late DWR is promoted to the substantive rank of Major General 24 January 1981 with seniority 1st September 1980.

King's Division

Lieut N. J. B. Drake (503797) DWR from Short Service Commission to be 2/Lieut 18 August 1980 with seniority 8 April 1977. To be Lieut 18th August 1980 with seniority 8th April 1979.

Lieut David Hughes (509927) DWR from Short Service Commission to be Capt (QM) 1st April 1981.

Lieut M. A. Chapman (506822) DWR resigns his commission 9th May 1981.

Capt T. C. Sinclair (491533) DWR resigns his commission 23rd April 1981.

Regular Army Reserve of Officers

Lieut M. T. W. Jenkins (495623) DWR ceases to belong to Res of Offrs 10th March 1981.

R.M.A. Sandhurst

The undermentioned officer Cadet from Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to be 2/Lieut 11th April 1981.

General List

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T & AVR

Lieut Colonel Michael Wilson, TD (434596) is appointed Honorary Regimental Colonel Yorkshire Volunteers TAVR 1st April 1981 in a new appointment.

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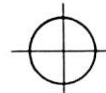


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The 9th Battalion, The “Bobber” and the Winchester Connection

Some twenty years ago it came to my notice that at the start of World War I a master from Winchester College had joined the 9th Battalion together with some of his former pupils. My interest was aroused because a cousin of mine had been one of those former pupils. What intrigued me particularly was that they had joined a Yorkshire regiment rather than a regiment whose base was somewhat nearer their old school in Hampshire. When in 1980 an Iron Cross was presented to the Regimental Museum I decided the time had come to find out a little more about the master from Winchester and his former pupils.

The master's name was Malcolm Robertson, or as he had become by the end of the War, Major M. Robertson, OBE, MC; widely known as the “Bobber”. By all accounts he was a ‘big man’ in every sense; physically, mentally and, in particular, in his attitude to his fellow men and his apparently vast capacity for friendship. His friendships were life long, often passing from one generation to the next and sustained by massive correspondence.

At the outbreak of the War in August 1914 a hastily organised camp was established at Tidworth for volunteers, instead of the normal Officers Training Corps (OTC) camp. Amongst them was the Bobber. It was at about this time that the 9th Battalion was raised with its Headquarters at Wimborne in Dorset. Its first Adjutant was Capt A E Miller who had just been posted back from India and the Bobber, with experience in the OTC, was invaluable to him in his efforts to bring order into the prevailing chaos. Another of the Bobber's lifelong friendships was formed. In due course he became god-father of Tony, the eldest of Capt Miller's two sons, both of whom served in the Regiment.

Wimborne is under 50 miles from Winchester, so there was some logic in the Bobber's former pupils

joining a Yorkshire regiment. There were four of them; F J F ‘Cully’ Cullinan, Alan Ferguson; Maurice Savory and Thomas Weatherby.

The ‘Bobber’ commanded ‘D’ Company. The accompanying photograph of the Company's Headquarters staff has been provided by Mr C E Mulhall who clearly recalls going to Wimborne with his mother, in order to join his father, who was the CQMS of the Company. Although only age four at that time he still remembers many details of that visit, including the fact that the ‘Bobber’ wore size 15½ boots! Battalion Headquarters was in the Masonic Hall, where the 1914 Christmas party was held. The battalion was well looked after by the people of Wimborne, not least by Sir John Hanham, a local landowner. He had been educated at Winchester and the ‘Bobber’, no doubt, provided the introduction.

The 9th Battalion left England for the Western front in July 1915. There, in April 1916, the action occurred that led 64 years later to an Iron Cross finishing up in the Regimental Museum. The action has been well documented, not least by the ‘Bobber’, whose hand written note accompanied the Iron Cross when it was given to the Regiment;

“This Iron Cross was taken off the dead body of an enormous German officer, shot by Capt Maurice Savory (OC ‘D’ Company 9th Duke of Wellington's) on 26th April 1916. The Germans wanted to get one of the ‘first’ Stokes Mortars taken into the line and after a 3 hour bombardment, during which M J S was wounded slightly but refused to leave the Company, they raided trenches 88 and 89 (next the Lys, in front of Armentieres), held by ‘D’ Company. Maurice though shot first and badly wounded, killed the leader and hit two other Germans and ably supported by Lieuts Alan Ferguson and E Mallinson

‘D’ Company Headquarters 9th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment Wimborne 1914.

Back Row: CSM Riles,
Pte Swales *Company Clerk*,
Pte S Leonard *Company Storeman*,
CQMS E Mulhall
Front Row: Lieut M J Savory,
Capt M Robertson (*The ‘Bobber’*),
2/Lieut Knight



repelled the raid and saved the gun. 'D' Coy had 46 men (out of about 80) killed and wounded. . ."

The Germans got a Stokes gun the next morning from the Australians, next to the 9th Battalion, who had (contrary to orders) taken the gun into the front trench.

Lieut J W Russel also described the action in his diary and added:—

" . . . there was some beastly sights including the Hun shot by Savory, a brutal looking devil (about 16 stone), with close cropped hair and foul little pig eyes and yellow skin. He was an Iron Cross man, but he did look a beast".

Extracts from Lieut Russel's diary and letters were published in the Iron Duke, edited by the 'Bobber'. Lieut Russel had been killed in action on 7th July 1916.

Private Arthur Sunley, whose diary has also been published in the Iron Duke, recording the action, added the information that the German was "a big fellow, over six feet tall".

Among those who served in the 9th Battalion were Captain W R Huxtable, the father of Major General C R Huxtable; Sir Walter Monkton, who was legal adviser to King Edward VIII at the time of his Abdication; Capt Edward Molyneux who became HM The Queen's dressmaker, and one of the Hawkes of Boosey and Hawkes. The latter's batman was at one

time Private Arthur Sunley, who had a high opinion of the officers recording that ". . . no battalion could have wished for better officers or finer gentlemen".

None of the young men from Winchester, who had joined the 9th Battalion at the 'Bobber's' behest lived very long. Thomas Weatherby died of meningitis before the battalion had left England. Alan Ferguson was killed in action on 4th July 1916 and Maurice Savory died of wounds 3rd February 1917. Only Cullinhan survived the War, but he was killed in an earthquake in Yokohama in 1923. And the 'Bobber'? He returned to Winchester after the War. He became Housemaster and as ever left his distinctive mark on events. He retired in 1946 and died ten years later. The obituaries were fulsome and lengthy. One and all paid tribute to his great interest in his fellow men and his unlimited capacity for friendship, pointing out that his friendship was in no way a relationship. Acceptance of it meant that the recipient was likely to receive forceful, but wise advice concerning his affairs whether or not such advice was solicited. The obituaries also recorded his great influence on succeeding generations of Winchester boys, in particular in giving them an insight into the meaning of citizenship and service. His own service with the 9th Battalion during World War I was something he never forgot.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

It's June and we are still waiting for summer. The Colour Parade is over, and what more can one say—it was a great day and a great reunion. All I can do is record my thanks to those on parade, to those behind the scenes and to the myriads of helpers in the District. I was privileged to be the Commanding Officer on the Day. The old Colours have been laid up in the Warrant Officer's and Sergeant's Mess; a simple yet moving ceremony in May with General Huxtable standing in for the Colonel who was unavoidably detained in Nigeria. The rugby team have done it again—the Army Cup now also laid up quite properly in the same Mess for a year.

Our main 1981 task has been slipped a few months. This is welcome for apart from giving us a summer with our families, we have been able to set up an adventure training camp in the Lake District and a survival camp in Warcop. The companies have spent a week at each camp. Our Mortar and Milan platoons have been able to fire at Otterburn and we have had a good friendly families occasion on Waterloo Day, starting with the Band and Drums leading the children a la Pied Piper marching from Camp Centre to Somme Barracks; for barbecues, games, side-shows and mock battles. After this happy start to summer it is now all systems go to get the Battalion in the right frame of mind and well trained for our operational tour at the end of the year.

The Battalion is now fully manned and goes to Gibraltar for two years in March 1983. I mention these two facts together for there is an important, if not obvious connection. A fully manned battalion, with many soliders extending their service, means very few recruits and no re-enlistments at this precise moment. Whilst this does allow one to be very selective it will undoubtedly have an effect on the recruiting organisation and the numbers of potential recruits coming forward.

The word will get round that the Army is full. It is vital in the long term that we continue to get men of the right quality coming forward into the Dukes. We leave Yorkshire in under two years, therefore, we must take every opportunity to keep the Regiment in the public eye in West and South Yorkshire, to foster our regimental ties with the Volunteers and Wellesley Company and to get our soldiers and our friends to encourage the right youth to come forward.

As an old boy from Leeds Grammar School, I am delighted to see that the affiliation of the CCF to the Regiment has been renewed, and to note that two of their boys are heading towards the Officer's Mess via university, with a third in the pipe-line. Two of them do play rugby as well!

The band lead the Battalion's wives and children up to Barracks to open the Battalion Open day held on Waterloo Day.





The 1st Bn exercising the Freedom of Halifax to march through the town, with "bayonets fixed, Colours flying and band playing" 14th March 1981.

The Colour Party



The Drums and Colours on display in the Town Hall during the Mayor's Reception.

OFFICER'S MESS

The Colour Parade is now over. It will be remembered by all as a tremendous reunion for everyone in the regiment both past and present and a chance to see again many regimental friends. The parade itself was followed by an excellent buffet lunch and ample quantities of champagne for 550 to celebrate the day. The reunion atmosphere continued on into the evening with a party in the Officer's Mess, here the champagne flowed on into the early hours of the morning. On the Sunday a simple Service in the Garrison Church was followed by a curry lunch in the Mess. Then into a much needed leave and a chance to clear our heads.

Since the Colour Parade the social calendar has remained full. The highlight being a joint Officer's and Sergeant's dinner night in honour of Garrison Sergeant Major 'Bobo' Chilvers on his retirement from the army. The occasion was a rare collection of old faces from both the Officer's and Sergeant's Messes. All of whom had been closely associated with the rise and occasional fall of Bobo's career. In particular it was good to see Derek Battye in the mess again.

Otherwise we have had two good mess parties, an American Steak Night and on Waterloo Day a barbecue. Both went very well though not surprisingly on the barbecue night no sooner was the food eaten than everyone was back inside to warm up on the dance floor in one way or another depending on their nature.

The long awaited paintings of General Christison and General Bray are now both in the mess hanging on either side of the Iron Duke himself in the mess hallway. The three pictures together look most im-

pressive. We were fortunate to be able to have the artist Mrs Miki Lacoste (Artistic name Miki Hood) and her husband to lunch in the mess.

The mess is very full of officers at the moment, with Paul Bailey rejoining us from the Junior Soldiers Battalion at Taunton, and Simon Wood who has joined us on a Short Service Commission. He arrived as an Officer Cadet in February this year, and was commissioned on the 29th June 1981—another excuse for a party! We also have 2 Intelligence Corps subalterns, Martin Hopkins and Peter Fullerton, who are with us for their Infantry attachment until after the South Armagh tour.

We have said goodbye to Denis and Sheila Whittaker who have been posted to Huddersfield. Denis proved to be a strong finisher—his last job before being posted was that of Parade Secretary for the Colours Presentation! A very tedious and detailed task—especially for a Lancashireman, and yet it proved no problem for Denis. We have also said goodbye to Simon and Suzie Dixon who have been posted to the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Shornecliffe—a cosy number!

Finally it should be recorded that the mess has been overwhelmed by a flood of engagements—so much so that Majors John Thorn and David Harrap have been forced to move out and take refuge in a married quarter! (This has been taken over as an annex to the mess and also provides useful overflow accommodation). However we do offer congratulations to Guy Shuttleworth, Paul Bailey, Robin Pugh and Peter Fullerton, all of whom have decided to take the plunge next year—a very brave group of men!

SERGEANT'S MESS

Since the writing of our last Iron Duke note the Warrant Officer's and Sergeant's Mess have become the proud owners of three very important Regimental items, namely: The UK Major Units Rugby Cup, The Army Rugby Cup and The Old Colours (marched off parade at Catterick on the 4th April 1981).

The UK final was played at Aldershot on the 15th March this year against our old rivals the Royal Regiment of Wales. The Duke's ran out eventual winners by 26 points to 19 points after 20 minutes extra time.

The Army final was also played at Aldershot a month later on Wednesday 15th April against the BAOR Cup winners—7 RHA. Whilst winning 20 points to nil the score did not reflect the effort 7 RHA put into the game. It was good to see many 'old comrades' had made the trip to support the Duke's. For the record WO1 (RSM) P Robinson now holds the record for Army Cup winners medals, having a total of 7. Our congratulations go to RSM Robinson.

The third addition to the mess is by far our proudest. On Friday 29th May 1981 Major General Huxtable, CBE presented to the RSM the old Queen's Colour and Regimental Colour marched off parade for the last time at Catterick on the 4th April. This simple but unique ceremony was a great honour for

the Mess. It is the first time the Warrant Officer's and Sergeant's Mess have been granted the safe custody of old Colours. An honour very few Regiments of the British Army hold. Our thanks go to Major General Huxtable. The old Colours will be displayed in a sealed display case to be kept permanently in the Mess.

Following the laying up of the of Colours, the WO's and certain SSgt's attended a farewell dinner in the Officer's Mess for WO1 (RSM) Chilvers (who was also being layed up, but not in a sealed case—not yet anyway!) An excellent evening and our good wishes go to Mr and Mrs Chilvers.

Under the watchful eye of the RSM the Mess constantly changes to track suits in a bid to become the fittest Mess in the Battalion. Runs at seven o'clock in the morning, football, cricket, volley ball, all adding to a varied and exciting Mess life! It is worth noting that the Sgt's Mess were easy winners at a recent cricket match against the Officer's Mess.

We say farewell to S/Sgt Arundel who goes to JSB Taunton and Sgt Hanley to 10 CTT.

Welcome back to WO2s Hewson and Coates, SSgt's Hunter and Sellars and Sgt's Mortimer and Holmes.

ALMA COMPANY

Since the last issue of the Iron Duke, Alma Company has completed a very successful period of training. After the Colour Parade on the 4th April and 3 weeks well earned leave, we started a physical fitness programme to prepare ourselves for the Adventure Training and Survival Exercise at Keswick and Warcop respectively.

Prior to moving to Keswick we excelled at 2 events in the Inter Company Competition. The first was in the Battalion Shooting Competition. Final placing of 3rd did no justice to the very fine effort achieved by our young team. We were beaten by the veteran Somme Company team by a mere 1 point and by a highly skilled Burma Company team by only 5 points. I do not think we could have wished for a better result and much credit must go to 2/Lieut Rumball, Cpl Connolly and all the other members of the team. The second event was the Rugby Competition which we won with the utmost ease:—convincingly beating all other Companies.

In May the Company moved to Keswick for a weeks Adventure Training. This proved to be a most enjoyable week (apart from the weather) and many members of the Company obtained proficiency certificates in canoeing and sailing. The climbers and fell-walkers also gained enormously from their 'ordeals'. Our thanks should go to Capt Drake and his team at Keswick for making our stay so enjoyable.

The following week took us to Warcop to carry out a weeks arduous survival training. Even though food was kept in short supply throughout the week a lot of hard work was put into the training. The second phase of the training involved the Company marching back to Richmond (some 60 miles cross country) on an Escape and Evasion Exercise. Congratulations are due to Cpl Dowdall, L/Cpl Hunt and Pte Samerson whose 'bricks' did exceptionally well throughout the

exercise. There is no truth in the rumour that Pte Kelk is writing a book called '1001 ways to kill a chicken'.

The next major event after our return to Somme Lines was the Inter Platoon Fitness Competition. Fire and determination was shown by all 3 Platoons and we managed to hold an overall 2nd place behind Somme Company. Congratulations are due to 3 Platoon whose 2nd position out of the 12 taking part was a most creditable performance.

Owing to our commitments, the boxing team was not able to train as hard as it might have done. However this did not deter Cpl Dowdall and Pte Adamson 32 from producing an excellent team with no fewer than 7 finalists. Out of the finalists, Pte's Heavey, Wroe, Adamson and L/Cpl Devaney won their fights and L/Cpl and Pte's Block and Collins were 'runners up'! The hardest part of the competition was for the OC to present the Company trophy to the best boxer. After much deliberation Pte Adamson was chosen with Pte Heavey as a close runner up. Pte Collins, who lost his final to the person who was eventually awarded the Best Battalion Boxer, was awarded the Company prize for the best loser.

Waterloo week is now over and the Company up-grading cadres have started. After these, the Company will concentrate on shooting, building up for the Battalion Skill at Arms Meeting in early August. After the Battalion shooting, we all go on block leave, prior to starting further training.

Finally we would like to congratulate the following:—

L/Cpl and Mrs Rose on the birth of a daughter.

L/Cpl and Mrs Leedham on the birth of a daughter.

Pte's Pearson and Gallagher on their marriages and we welcome their wives to the Company.

BURMA COMPANY

The last Iron Duke Notes left Burma company building up to the colours parade. The weeks of preparation proved worthwhile as the parade was a great success. The weather was very cold and standing still for almost an hour and a half in near freezing conditions was no mean feat. Once the parade was over everybody was released on three weeks leave.

This leave was most welcome and everybody returned in late April ready to start work again. The Company shooting team had already been back at work for a week practising for the Inter Company Shooting Competition which took place in early May. We won that competition and were doing well in the North Eastern District Skill at Arms Meeting when the famous Bellerby fog stopped the shooting and the meeting was effectively cancelled. The OC Major Isles and CSM WOII Heron then started to train the Bisley team and as a result have had to spend much time away from the Company. L/Cpl Smith 35 was also part of the Bisley team until he broke his leg again. He has our sympathy even if he has made life difficult for us as he is one of our better shots.

During the weekend the Skill at Arms Meeting and the following week a few members of Company Headquarters went to Germany on an exercise with 5 Field Force. There were a number of interesting incidents but one of the most amusing happened on the drive out there. Each vehicle had a driver and a passenger, the idea being that the passenger would help the driver to stay awake. After several hours at the wheel the driver of our vehicle dozed off and was heading at speed towards the back of a large truck, suddenly he woke up and braking and swerving he narrowly missed the truck in front. Having survived so narrowly he turned to the passenger and finding he was wide awake said:

"why didn't you wake me up?"

To which the passenger replied:

"I've already woken you up three times in the last half hour and I was getting sick of it".

In early June we went up to Keswick for a week's adventure training. That week was enjoyed by all and some came back with skills they never expected to possess. Lieut Pugh is now a canoeing instructor and



Lieut Danilewicz and members of Burma Company 'plucking their supper' during survival training.

has remained in Keswick to train the other companies, that is providing repairs have been done after our white water experience which left 3 canoes holed 2 paddles lost and 1 paddle broken. Some of the fell walkers had unusual attitudes to Striding Edge, a narrow causeway of rock with sheer drops either side. Winds were very strong the day Lieut Bailey's group did that walk and reactions varied from Pte England walking the full length whistling and with his hands in his pockets, to Pte Berry who insisted on crawling along on his hands and knees.

After the great fun of adventure training the Company moved to Warcop and down to earth with a bump. The survival camp was set up just outside the Warcop training complex and about as easy to escape from as Colditz. The first few days consisted of some survival instruction and an inter-brick competition. It was also something of a softening up process with food being limited to Compo only. The training culminated in an exercise which started late on Tuesday night. Everybody was woken up soon after last light, blindfolded and taken in a 4 Ton vehicle for about 50 minutes. They were finally dropped off at a quarry which was the start point for the exercise. Here the bricks were separated and softened up for up to 3½ hours. After that they were body searched and then dropped down a hole and had to crawl a short distance before they could actually start to make their way to various RV's. At each RV they were given some food: at RV1 it was a raw egg each; at RV2 it was a small bag of flour, and at RV3 the luxury of a fresh chicken (the only slight drawback was that the

chicken was so fresh it was still clucking). Having eaten their chicken, which looked and tasted like boot leather the bricks went off to do a river crossing and complete the course. Survival training was a very gruelling week which nobody claims to have found easy, however, everybody accepts that it was worthwhile and some claim to have enjoyed it. Congratulations are due to Lieut Bailey and his brick for completing the survival course in the fastest time and to Lieut Danilewicz and his brick for winning the inter brick competition.

We returned to camp in the week in which Waterloo Day fell and some time was spent preparing for the Battalion Open Day. The Company had to run various stands and do a section attack demonstration. The whole day went very well, with the section attack demonstration being particularly popular. There was so much smoke that few spectators could see much, but the sounds were impressive and they all applauded loudly at the end. Cpl Doyle who ran the section thinks he did so well that he has tried to nominate himself for an Oscar.

We are now up to strength with a number of trained soldiers from the Depot and other establishments having joined us recently. We have lost Sgt Hanley to a Cadet training team and wish him the best of luck. We have gained Lieut Bailey from IJSB Taunton and Sgt Mortimer from ACIO Sheffield, both are welcome. In the next few notes there should be news of the Company exercise being run in July, shooting training being run in August and perhaps some news of other training.

CORUNNA COMPANY

If the actual battle of Corunna saw the demise of a tough old boot such as Sir John Moore, the battle's namesakes within the battalion have over the years threatened to cause us similar decline in others privileged to be associated with them. However, of late,

the men in blue have been covering themselves in glory rather than more unsavoury substances and their star in on the ascendant. Having been relegated for some time to the outer-darkness in the Inter-Company competition Corunna is today poised to

produce a good result. It has been a source of some vexation that we could not harness the drive and enthusiasm shown in "the field" to the sports pitch, but now it seems we are succeeding.

To date the company has won the Basketball and more recently the football competition. The latter victory coming from the skill and science of its players and the cunning strategy of our own Brian Clough, Sgt Benny Coroner. Sadly Sgt Coroner leaves us soon but there are those who say that with Ron Greenwood's position looking precarious?? The team is strong in all departments although the skill of Pte Allanby and the power of L/Cpl Dobbs have lead the company account holder to consider trying a deal with some struggling side who would pay a fair fee, Ipswich Town perhaps?

In the Rugby we came second and were unlucky not to have won. However the rugby team proved to be a fertile ground for selecting our potential boxing team! We are confident that they should do well in the Inter-Coy boxing competition later this month, as they have trained extremely hard. All this has come on top of a lot of hard work professionally. Corunna

were impressive on the Colours parade in April showing all the style displayed outside Buckingham Palace. Our drill was of a high order and we were unlucky to be beaten to second place in the Inter-Coy drill competition. However we gain a wonderful consolation prize in being chosen to represent the Battalion and indeed the Army as the Honour Guard to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the opening of the Humber Bridge in July.

So the future looks promising. On top of that great honour we have more mundane but no less enjoyable activities planned. A weeks Adventure Training in the Lake District followed by a weeks gruelling Survival Training at Warcop.

This latter activity is under the control of the newly formed Recce Pl and culminates in a long forced march with very little food. However moving long distances away from camp with little of use on them comes as second nature to many in the company. We should prove equal to the ordeal. Looking ahead further there is a company exercise on Feldom and then the annual personal weapons test just before leave.

8 Platoon Corunna Company, Commanded by Lieut Harvey, finishing the inter Platoon fitness competition



SURVIVAL TRAINING 1981

"What's for breakfast today Colour"? "One sausage three beans and a quarter-full cup of tea", "next"!

The survival training package in June was based and run at Warcop Training Centre. The five day package followed more leisurely pursuits which had been enjoyed at Keswick by the Companies prior to moving to Warcop. The training was set up and run by the Recce Platoon whose programme kept people very active!

The aim of the training was to get the Companies on their feet again after our four years of mechanised soldiering in BAOR. The five day package was split into two. Two and a half days were spent in and around Warcop undergoing physical training and instruction, the next two days were spent completing the Test Exercise.

The physical training was aimed at toughening up the men and consisted of early morning PT and a swim, varied sports, milling, a cross country race,

assault course and swift movement between the instructional stands.

The instruction centered around basic survival principles and techniques such as the use of sun and stars for navigation, firefighting, food, it's preparation and cooking, construction of shelters without aids and river crossing techniques. More relevant to operations were a map reading stand, personal organisation in the field, medical and hygiene tips, the construction of shelters and casevac of casualties over difficult ground.

The Test Exercise followed this lasting for approximately 36 hours.

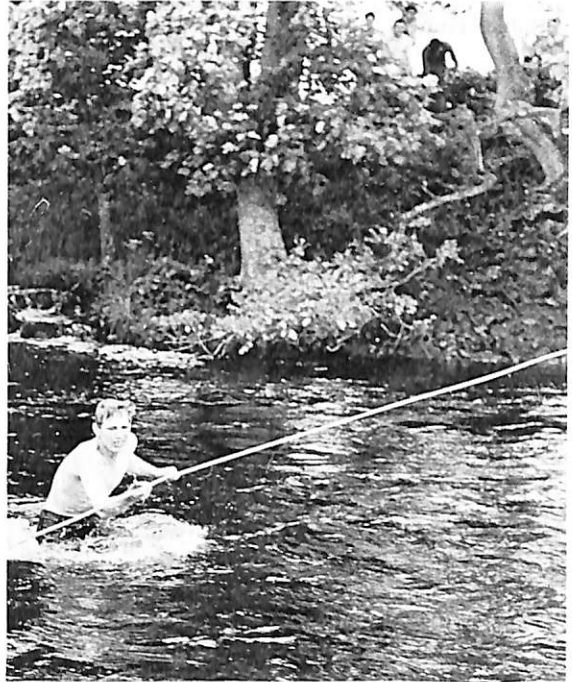
The Exercise began in the late hours of Tuesday evening. The patrols having had their Oatmeal block and cup of tea for breakfast were then thoroughly searched hooded and driven off to meet their destiny! They were put through their paces by a select group (who will remain anonymous!) on arrival at the prison compound, somewhere cold, wet, windy, and 'high up' (near Ingleton).

Having broken out of the camp each patrol had to move tactically approximately fifty five kilometres North East to the final river crossing West of Richmond.

The route took them through partisan RV's where they received information and if lucky some food. Harrassing movement were patrols of Recce Platoon, who took patrols back five miles if caught.

Having reached their final objective each patrol crossed the river Swale which at times rose quickly and had a strong current.

The training package was certainly a training obstacle for most of the soldiers who took part. The Companies came through the test well and results were encouraging.



Pte Brown, Burma Company, Crossing the river Swale during survival training.

MINOR SPORTS

Squash

Although the inter Unit competitions and Leagues have been completed a great deal of Squash is still being played as a very active Squash Pyramid competition has recently been started and much keen competition is taking place. A number of new players have recently joined the Battalion which augers well for next seasons team.

Badminton

The Battalion Badminton Club is now taking shape after a slow start and it is hoped that the nucleus of a team for the start of next season will soon be ready to take the field. The Club played guest to the Green Howards on two occasions before they went to Cyprus. Much enjoyable Badminton was played by

all members and it is hoped that other meetings can and will be made when they come back from Cyprus.

Judo

A Battalion Judo Club has recently been born due to the keenness of Pte Walton of Corunna Company. He has a National Coaching Certificate and has won a bronze medal in the European Championships and so is very well qualified to run the Club with a junior and senior section. The juniors will be aged from eight to fifteen years and the senior section from sixteen upwards. The aim is to form a Battalion Team for next years Army Inter Unit Competition. The Club has training sessions in the Gym at Somme Barracks every Wednesday evening starting at 1800 hours.

HOOK COMPANY

THE RECCE PLATOON

The Recce Platoon was reformed in January this year. Initial Training was based on a four week selection cadre at Class I level. This enabled us to get to know each other quickly, brush up skills, and regain fitness which had been affected by Tetley's Bitter and Christmas pudding!

At the time of writing we are running the Battalion Arduous Training Camp at Warcop, for the rifle and

support Companies. More about this appears elsewhere!

Concurrent with this has been JNCO EPC Education, Brecon courses, Freefall parachuting and Driving Cadres. Cpl Thomas has been a Canoe Instructor at the Bn Adventure Training Camp.

Congratulations to Pte Gorrige on his recent marriage and L/Cpl Kay on winning his 1st XV cap and progressing to the England Colts Final Trial.

DRUMS PLATOON

Public Duties and the Presentation of the New Colours, both memorable events which we as a platoon were very proud to take part in, are now firmly behind us. Since then we have enjoyed a well earned 3 weeks leave in April followed by a two weeks Milan Cadre in early May. We now feel confident that we can train hard and come up to operational standard by the time we go on Live Firing at Otterburn in late June. The platoon also attended the Company's Upgrading Cadre in late May and Pte's Shaw 58 and Sidebottom volunteered to do a Radio Regular Users Cadre which both passed.

The platoon is now very busy working with the Band to a full Summer Season programme of official engagements. These entail a lot of hard work practising and rehearsing, and although most engagements involve week-end work and travel, the lads have enjoyed the season so far, and the platoon as a whole has benefitted.

Congratulations are due to the following on their recent marriages: Pte and Mrs Shaw 38, Pte and Mrs Allen and Pte and Mrs Evans. We wish them well for the future. Congratulations are also due to L/Cpl Cooper and Mrs Cooper on the recent birth of their son.

We close on a sad note as we are saying goodbye to Cpl Sutton who has been in the Drums Pl for quite a number of years. He leaves us in July and we all wish him and his family well for the future.

SIGNAL PLATOON

The Battalion has now returned from Hong Kong and Cpl Basu has now left the Platoon! Having delegated the task of drafting these notes, such was the opening line, apparently it is some time since Signals last featured in this magazine.

Since our return from Germany the Platoon has been busy running Cadres and Presentations. A ten week Standard II Cadre produced a crop of new Platoon members which has not only meant an improvement in the sports teams, but has also considerably lowered the average age of the Platoon. We have also run two Regular Radio User Cadres for the benefit of the Rifle Companies to try and improve the overall Battalion Signalling Skills.

Varying types of Presentations have been conducted for 6 RRF in Alnwick, 2 Yorks in York, Halifax Freedom March, Giggleswick School, 3 Yorks in Devon and Waterloo Day. . . Our latest venture is to assist with the Horse Trials at the Barningham Summer Fair.

In the physical side of life, the Platoon takes on all comers at all sports with varying degrees of success. We have also been spotted on regular runs some of which are done a la Brecon with sand in the pouches. A week at the Adventure Training Camp in the lakes provided further fitness training for the Fell Walkers (who should really be called fell walkers entertainment), and for the Hang Gliders, Rockclimbing and Canoeists, though unfortunately the weather was unkind to us again.

Personality changes within the Platoon are too numerous to detail, but a welcome to Sgt John Allen and his Rear Link Detachment is necessary. Congratulations are also to be conveyed to C/Sgt Bill Parrott and Cpl Paul Maltby on the birth of their



During a Royal Salute at York at which the Band and drums played, the Drum Major chats to the inspecting Officer—Colonel The Viscount Ridley, TD, DL, Chairman of the North of England TAVRA.

daughters, and to Cpl Mick Baines on the birth of a son. And also to Cpl John Evans on his recent marriage.

MILAN PLATOON

Although public duties are now behind us and the Colour Parade in the History Books, life goes on at a rapid rate of knots and rumour has it that Parliament will be voting shortly on a new bill to make each day at least 36 hours long, and each week to stretch over a 10 day period.

Since coming back from leave in April we have concentrated on our anti-tank training and at the same time certain members of the platoon have attended driving and signals Cadres.

Now to the subject of the Inter-Company Competition. It has to be said that the old and bold took the bull by the horns and walked home to a convincing victory in the Fitness Competition. Individual positions were 1st Mor, 4th Drums, 5th Milan, overall placings for the competition 1st outright—well done Somme. While on the subject of the Inter-Company Competition the Milan platoon won the 88 stone Tug of War Competition.

The platoon has just come back from live firing at Otterburn during the week 22nd—26th June 1981. It only comes round once a year so it is a very important part of our calendar. Unfortunately 4 of our total entitlement of 32 missiles were duds, but of the 28 good missiles 26 were hits which is a 92½% hit rate. This is a good result as 23 were fired under battle simulated conditions and 5 at night. We were visited by the Deputy Commander, North East District, Brigadier C. D. H. Wilson and he was impressed by what he saw.



The Milan platoon competing in the inter platoon fitness competition. (Cpl Abel in the Foreground).

On behalf of the whole platoon we would like to congratulate L/Cpl Cooper, L/Cpl Whelan and Pte Patton on their recent marriages, and to Cpl Conlon and Pte Smith 27 now the fathers of newly born daughters. All the Best!

Looking ahead we are about to begin two weeks adventure training in Keswick followed by leave.

MORTAR PLATOON

This must be one of the only times that I have welcomed the opportunity to write 'Iron Duke' notes. It means that I have to sit down—the only thing I am capable of, having just completed the inter-platoon fitness competition. The results surprised a few people, especially ourselves—we won with a time of 1 hour 32 minutes.

Since our last notes we have been Live Firing on Feldom range again. This time we also fired an illuminating shoot in the form of a demonstration for various members of the Battalion and some recruits from RAF Catterick, who kindly supplied the ammunition. It was good training for the newer members of the platoon who had not previously had the opportunity to fire at night let alone illumination ammunition.

The Company held a very successful and amusing party earlier in the year although the CSM was not particularly amused at some of the comedians humour which was aimed at him!

A lot of hard work was put into drill preparation for the Colour Parade and everybody seemed relieved that the big day went smoothly.

On return from leave we lost Cpl Williams who has finally made it to Netheravon on his MFC course! Cpl Penaluna has disappeared to Warminster for a while to learn all about small arms and C/Sgt Atkinson is back at school on his education course. The remainder of the platoon have been keeping fit and preparing for the live firing week at Otterburn. We are planning an illumination shoot for some Milan platoon night firing which should prove entertaining. The platoon Commander has just returned from the Lake District (holiday or adventure training?—same thing they say!) After the Live Firing at Otterburn, along with the remainder of the Company we all move up to the Lake District where we have a weeks adventure training, Canoeing, Climbing, Hand-Gliding and Fell Walking. After that we go straight into Survival Training and a survival exercise—from the stories that have filtered back already it sounds quite hairy!

We welcome L/Cpl Rabjohn from the Signals platoon and say goodbye to L/Cpl Ross who has moved to make a name for himself in the MT World. Congratulations are due to Pte and Mrs Oliver on the birth of a bouncing baby boy weighing in at 6lbs 3oz and to Pte Dawson who has recently married.

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TA Rugby Football Club

1981 is the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the TA Rugby Football Club.

There was a celebratory match at Twickenham on the 8th April 1981 between the TA and the Regular Army. This was preceded by a lunch party at which Army and national Rugby Football personalities were entertained, including, from the Regiment, Colonel Jack Dalrymple.

The result was TA 11—Regular Army 21.

This Annual Match is now being sponsored by BP Oil who have presented a fine trophy made of, unusually, glass!

Attached is an account of the first Rugby Football Match TA versus Regular Army in 1931 including a list of players. This may be of interest to TA and Regular Members of the Regiment.

It will be noted that for the 1931 match there were at least six internationals in each team. Apart from 2/Lieut Reynolds and Cpl Townend of the Regiment, these internationals included 2/Lieut Kendrew now Major General Sir Douglas Kendrew, KCMG, CB, CBE, DSO. Those who were with the 1st Battalion in Korea and Cyprus in 1953 and 1956 will remember serving under General Kendrew. He was playing for the TA because he was a Supplementary Reservist, and came into the Regular Army via the SR.

The TA Rugby Football Club is still going strong and any TA players interested should write to:

Major D G Morgan, TD
Cardiff University OTC,
14 St Andres Crescent,
CARDIFF CF1 3QX

They should give full particulars of their position(s) on the field, Club(s) and an indication of current standard of play.

Brigadier (Ret'd) A D Firth, OBE, MC, as Honorary Secretary of the TA Sport Board, is interested in getting the names of high quality players to represent the TA in the following sports:

Association Football
Cross Country Running
Golf (Handicap of 5 if possible)
Squash
Hockey

His address is:

Territorial Army Sports Board
c/o HQ Eastern District
Colchester CO2 78T
Tel: Colchester (0206) 5121 Ext 2406

THE ARMY v TERRITORIAL ARMY 1931

The Territorial Army, for the first time, placed a representative Rugby XV in the field during the season 1930-31, and on Wednesday 25th February 1931 they played their first match against the Army.

At the Memorial Ground Bristol the Territorials won an exciting match by 10pts—9pts. A fully represented Army side dominated the first half but could not penetrate a very sound defence and the only score was a Penalty Goal kicked by Townend of the Army.

Early in the second half the Army went further ahead after Novis made an opening to send in Sadley for a try. Another try scored by Rice-Evans put the Army 9pts in the lead.

However the Territorial pack began to dominate their opponents both in the scrum and the loose. After a brilliant swerving run by Hoghton, Clayton scored a try which was converted.

In the last minute, amid great excitement, Henderson and McArthur, a lively pair of half backs, produced the move that resulted in Henderson crashing over the line to score, and the successful conversion gave his side a well deserved victory.

It is interesting to see the 2/Lieut D A Kendrew played for the Territorial Army and not the Army. Three players on the Army side were already Internationals; Hunt, Novis and Rew. Three gained International Caps later; Vaughan-Jones, Hobbs and Sadler.

Five players of the Territorial Army were Internationals; Whiteley, Stark, Coley and Crichton-Miller. One player, McArthur, was capped for Scotland a year later.

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THE ARMY

- *2/Lieut E W F de V Hunt
Royal Artillery
- *2/Lieut A L Novis
2 Bn Leicestershire Regiment
- 2/Lieut J R Cole
2 Bn The Loyal Regiment
- 2/Lieut J A M Rice-Evans
2 Bn Royal Welch Fusiliers
- Lieut A G Martin
South Wales Borderers
- Lieut E L Marsh-Villett
Royal Engineers
- 2/Lieut F W Simpson
Royal Engineers
- *Lieut H Rew
Royal Tank Corps
- *2/Lieut A Vaughan-Jones
Royal Artillery
- Cpl G Townend
1 Bn Duke of Wellington's Regiment
- *2/Lieut R G S Hobbs
Royal Artillery
- Lieut E P Sewell
Northamptonshire Regiment
- 2/Lieut G Taylor
1 Bn West Yorkshire Regiment
- 2/Lieut B W Reynolds
1 Bn Duke of Wellington's Regiment
- *L/Cpl E H Sadler
Royal Corps Signals

TERRITORIAL ARMY

- *2/Lieut E C P Whiteley
H A C
- Sgt R Clayton
North Somerset Yeomanry
- Lieut H H Lindon
5 Bn South Staffordshire Regiment
- Pte G S Hoghton
H A C
- Pte R G Turnbull
London Scottish
- Lieut E M M Henderson
London Scottish
- *2/Lieut J P McArthur
7 Bn King's Regiment
- Capt D J McMyn
R A M C
- *2/Lieut D A Kendrew
Leicestershire Regiment
- Lieut R J Bruford
5 Bn Somerset Light Infantry
- *Pte K J Stark
H A C
- Lieut W B Allen
7 Bn Durham light Infantry
- *Capt E Coley
4 Bn Northamptonshire Regiment
- Lieut J R W Swayne
North Somerset Yeomanry
- *2/Lieut D Crichton-Miller
Royal Scots Fusiliers
- *Internationals at time of match or gained International honours after the match.

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

During the last three months we have had more social events than at any other period in recent memory.

First we had the freedom march by the 1st Bn DWR followed by the customary festivities which lasted well into the early hours.

The presentation of new colours at Catterick was followed a few weeks later by one of our now famous, or is it infamous, Officers Mess Curry Suppers. It was good to see the C.O. 1 DWR and several officers from the Bn at the supper and also to welcome back Capt Dave Hughes following his appointment as QM 1 Yorks. It does not seem so long since Dave was a more permanent part of our ORBAT.

Next followed the Easter Draw, a most magnificent event, which actually made a profit, possibly due to its close proximity to Bounty Day.

Whilst on the subject of Bounty Day, 'Official' photos of the Coy and messes were taken on that day. Any past members requiring copies should contact Lieut Williams at the Drill Hall.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was when Lieut Dan Hackston managed to produce a son to go with his pair of daughters. Unfortunately, due to increased family and work pressures Dan has decided to hang up his boots and will be leaving us in the near future.

C/Sgt Jack Simpson retired from 'C' Coy in May after many years service and we wish him all the best. Doubtless we shall continue to see him at Mess socials. We have also said farewell to two other Sgts Mess members with the departure to 3 Yorks of WO2 Denis Carey and Sgt Richard Bailey and we wish them both well in their new appointments. Denis has become CSM of HQ Coy, and Richard takes over as TA Chief Clerk in August.

Sgt, now C/Sgt Lewis has now taken over the 'Q' side of things, C/Sgt Joe Walker having yet another CQMS to train (Joe must now be the most experien-

ced PSI on handover/takeover in the Kings Division). Cpl Swift has also been promoted and takes over as 9 Pl/Sgt.

Major Tim Newcombe, WO2s Mick Kennedy and Paul Grey, L/Cpl Bolxham and Pte Wood have just spent a week in Germany on the annual CPX and recce. Roles keep changing and the Germans keep building new roads and bridges—still it keeps the commanders on their toes.

Whether or not it has anything to do with this trip to Germany, Lieuts Andrew Carlin and Peter Williams have started to instruct the Coy on survival. They had everyone down Hunger Hill eating fish cooked in mud and grass one Tuesday night and keep telling us that a 24 hour Ration Pack can last a week (don't let Dave Hughes find out). You'd never believe what they said made a first class emergency water carrier.

We had an excellent weekend in June doing field firing and live section work at Warcop. Both WO2 Grey and S/Sgt Pete Sugden were away, the latter being educated (at long last) at Ripon. C/Sgt Joe Walker stepped into the breach prepared some excellent training and shocked us all by his depth of knowledge of section tactics, one unkind Cpl was heard to comment that the last time Joe Walker gave a fire control order the Company were dressed in scarlet tunics.

We held a senior ranks and officers Study Weekend in July. Nigel Tetley the Coy 2 i/c, having recently returned from his Company Commanders Course at Warminster, was able to pass on to us some of the 'new' thinking. The Trg PSI had given him a list of pamphlets to 'borrow' but the School of Infantry is as short as we are.

We are now preparing for Annual Camp which this year is at Thetford at the end of September. It looks like being quite 'physical' not merely because of the

"It moved" C/Sgt Walker (PSI) inspects the concoction offered by new TA C/Sgt Dave Lewis 1 Yorks





Newly promoted Sgt Swift instructs on the Warcop weekend.

shortage of petrol so we are now looking to our personal fitness.

Congratulations (commiserations?) to Cpl Watson who got married on 4th July, alas, too soon to take advantage of our change of Brewery (from Whitbread to Tetley—no connection, we are assured, with the 2 i/c). By the time this edition of 'Iron Duke is

published we hope that the Wellington Club will have been renovated and the Sgts Mess alterations be under way.

Finally, congratulations are due to another of our long serving members, L/Cpl 'Jock' Gillespie on being awarded the Lord Lieutenants Certificate.

‘C’ (DWR) Company, 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

Annual Camp for 3 Yorks was held between the 6th and 20th June at Fremington Camp, Nr Barnstaple.

The emphasis this year was placed on training, and to do this the Companies were brought together and then split into various Cadres. These Cadres consisted of a Driving Cadre, Signals, First Aid, JNCO/Officer Cadets, Trained Soldiers and Recruit Cadres.

All members of C Coy involved in the Driving Cadre managed to get in plenty of driving time, both on the roads and in camp, where a manoeuvring area was set up using cones. Whilst on the road, I think most managed to visit the seaside towns of North Devon. The JNCO/Officer Cadets found themselves faced with an arduous two weeks, consisting of both classroom and field training work; with subjects ranging from Orienteering to Methods of Instruction. O/Cdt Gardner found the two weeks extremely instructional, not only did he learn not to salute RSMs, but he also found what it was like to go running Royal Marine style. Cpl Popiel (ex C Coy, now REME Commando at Plymouth) was attached to the JNCO/OCDTs for the two weeks and was made responsible for the fitness of the Cadre, especially the Officer Cadets.

The aim of the trained soldiers cadre was to upgrade, and the two weeks consisted of weapon handling, map reading, through to subjects such as fieldcraft and patrolling. Basically the object was not to baffle them with a lot of new subjects, but to try and raise their present level of military knowledge.

The object of the Recruit Cadre was to teach the new recruits in the Battalion the basis of all subjects needed before their attendance at Strensall.

Congratulations to Pte Singh of the recruit cadre, for the fastest time in the Bn for the tickle test, with a time of 16 mins 25 secs. As with the JNCO/O Cadets many things were learnt on this Cadre, especially by Pte McDonald, who found out that boot polish and brushes were not issued kit.

The Bn was given the middle weekend off, with leave starting Friday lunch time and ending Sunday, first parade. Luckily we were fortunate enough to have pleasant weather, especially for the mid-weekend. Cpl Hellawell enjoyed his weekend, even though HMS Victory couldn't be found at Plymouth!

Casualties were high at Fremington, mainly due to blisters and bruised limbs; more serious though was the loss from camp of Cpl Dean. Tony was involved in a road accident during the second week; fortunately he escaped anything too serious, but he was laid up in hospital with some nasty facial cuts and bruises, and with his jaw set and wired.

Our congratulations go to S/Sgt J. O'Neill, L/Cpl Donaldson and L/Cpl Dobson (again) on their promotions; also to Cpl Warencyia (Wazy) on becoming a father, not forgetting Ptes Kinnear and Gardner on becoming O/Cdts.

Our farewells go to Capt Ian Croft, who has taken up the post of 2 i/c A Coy at Keighley.

S/Sgt 'Mick' Cuss, the PSI with D Company 3 Yorks receives his Long Service and Good Conduct medal from HRH The Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel, Yorkshire Volunteers, when she visited 3 Yorks at the annual camp in Devon on 10th June.



Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

It has been some time since the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion has been mentioned in the Iron Duke and quite a lot has taken place. The most recent event of note was last term's pass off parade which was taken by Brigadier D W Shuttleworth OBE. It was a glorious May day with temperatures well into the 70's. There were six juniors from the Dukes on parade who are now all serving with the 1st Battalion in Catterick. One of those who passed off was J/CSM Kennedy who is congratulated on reaching his rank in a very competitive field. J/L/Cpl Taylor and J/Ldr Perrin also deserve congratulations for doing well on the IJLB rugby team, the former being awarded his colours.

At the moment there are two groups of juniors at different stages of training which include Dukes. J/Ldrs Andrew, Edwards and Hawksworth are in 15

Platoon who are over half way through their training. They have all experienced a wide range of activities including canoeing, rock climbing and trekking as well as their normal military training. J/Ldr Hawksworth has shown great promise on the sports-field and has been outstanding in the boxing ring. He is presently the Junior Army Light Heavyweight Champion, stopping all his opponents to reach that position. However the emphasis on sport has to stop as they prepare for their final exercise at Otterburn.

14 Platoon are in their first week of training and at the last count there were eight Juniors due to come to the Dukes. This figure will change frequently as Juniors either decide to leave or change Regiments, however the Permanent Staff of Lieut Dixon, Cpl Jones and L/Cpl Holten will keep them on the straight and narrow as much as possible!

WELLESLEY COMPANY DWR ACF

(Huddersfield Area)
Yorkshire ACF

Personalities

WELCOME to Captain Peter Howells who transfers to us from Berkshire ACF. He may well wear a funny uniform but he has now bought his PRI and will soon look like a "Duke".

CONGRATULATIONS to Under Officer Paul Laycock on being granted a T & AVR Commission for service with the ACF.

VERY WELL DONE to Cadet S/Sgt Simon Gregory of Halifax Detachment upon his 3rd placing in the Yorkshire ACF Cadet of the Year Competition. He scored 605 points (compared with the winner

who scored 612) in a competition that had been re-structured by Major Gordon (Cadet Executive (Training)) to produce a particular high standard.

Sport

We announced in the last edition of the Iron Duke how we intended to launch an assault upon the Sports Scene.

And how!!

We sent 82 cadets to the County Sports and shook Yorkshire ACF rigid with the transport cost. They did us proud with Brown 2nd in Class A High Jump;

Cadet Talbot winning Class B Long Jump whilst his buddy Cadet Cunnell came 3rd; Cadet Mooles came 2nd in Class C Javelin, Cadet Brown won the Class A 1500m whilst Cadet Hoyle won Class B 1500m. Cadet Meadows came 2nd in Class B 100m whilst Halifax Detachment won the Relay. Cadet Hoyle won the Class B 400m with Cadet Clark coming 3rd. To cap all Cadet Talbot won the 200m and Cadet Demaine won the Shot—all "Duke's" cadets who got stuck in.

On 13th June at the North East Region Athletic Championships, Cadet Gregory of Halifax won the 100m whilst Cadet J Hoyle won both the 400m and 1500m, not forgetting Cadet Talbot who won the 200m—they now go forward to the National Championships for 1981 to be held at Aldershot.

Shooting

Not wishing to be outdone by the cadet sporting gladiators, the adults decided to blitz the Yorkshire ACF Winter Shoot for adults, and at the time of going to press with only the final third stage shoot to take place, we are streaking ahead—no matter what the end result, well done SSI Kelly, SMI Swithenbank, SI Gibson, Capt Bennett, SMI Fitzgerald, SI Wood, Capt Turner and Lieut Cole—pints on the Area Commander (several) if you pull it off!!

IDWR

Major Tyler visited the Battalion and was given a most warm reception. Among discussions emerged the positive offers of a Company Visit by a party of 20, senior cadet and adults cadres, KAPE type visit to our locations, Inter Company competition, scrutiny of our small band by the Bandmaster. In the knowledge that our very good friends Giggleswick CCF visit the Battalion in May, our dates have not yet been firmed up but will be very shortly.

Duke of Edinburghs Award Scheme

Keighley Detachment surge ahead, with some 15 cadets participating under the skilful care of Mr B S Budd (Let's get him into uniform quick), with the Duke of Edinburghs Award.

Longmoor Hants

As our annual camp at Aldershot approaches, we start the run in with our annual Ladies precamp Dinner at the Officers Mess Huddersfield. Brigadier and Jean Shuttleworth will be joining us and we shall report in the next journal. General Donald visits us at annual camp and we understand an outside possibility that Lieut Colonel Cumberledge might look in there also. Times are exciting and we shall live them to the full.

Obituary

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

Major B L Ellam, TD

Major Bernard Ellam died in hospital in Huddersfield on 23rd April 1981 aged 65 years.

He was commissioned into the Territorial Army before the second World War joining the 2/7th Bn. During the war he was posted to the 1st Bn and served in the North African and Italian Campaigns.

After the war he returned to the textile industry and was a highly respected and popular businessman in Huddersfield.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church. The Colonel of the Regiment, an old friend, represented the Regiment and many officers and Old Comrades attended.

Colonel G Foster

Colonel Geoffrey Foster, late RAMC, died in Tenerife on 15th April 1981 aged 79 years.

Geoffrey Foster will be remembered by all members of the 2nd Bn as the RMO whilst the bn was serving in Multan during the period 1938-39.

Capt J Buckley, MC, JP

Capt Joel Buckley died in Denshaw on 12th March 1981 aged 92 years.

He joined the 7th Bn very early in the first World War and before long was commissioned to the 2/7th Bn serving abroad with them in the later part of the war and was awarded the MC.

Mr A A Butterworth

Mr Alfred Ashton Butterworth died at Huddersfield on 15th June 1981 aged 86 years.

Alfred served with the 2nd Bn in the 1st World War and later in Egypt where he was Transport Sgt, later CQMS. He was a Bn Soccer player of high standing.

Mr J Barnett

Mr John Barnett died on 25th April 1981 aged 71 years.

He served with the Regiment from 1929-1943 including service with the 2nd Bn on the North West Frontier and was a member of the Rugby XV.

Mr W Quirk

Mr Wilfred Quirk, a former member of the 2nd Bn, died in Halifax on 23rd June 1981 aged 69 years.

Regimental Association

EVENTS TO NOTE

AGM & Reunion Dinner—1981

HALIFAX. Drill Hall (Wellington Hall, Prescott St., HALIFAX. SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 1981. AMG Sgts Mess. 6.30 pm. Dinner 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Tickets £6.50 from RHQ DWR, Wellesley Park, HALIFAX. (Halifax 61671) or Branch Secretaries.

Regimental Service—York Minster— Saturday 31st October 1981

ALL meet in St Williams College (behind East of Minster) at 1030hrs for coffee and biscuits. Service in the Minster 1130hrs.

London & Home Counties Reunion Dinner—1982

Saturday 15th May 1982 in The Carisbrooke Hall, The Victory Club, Marble Arch, London. Further information will be published in the December issue of the Iron Duke but advance information can be obtained from The Secretary, Mr Rodney Owers, 12 Waterfall Road, London N11 1JD.

London Branch Notes

Major D H Wood has been appointed President of The London & Home Counties Branch vice Major A C S Savory, MBE.

On the 24th February a party of London Branch members assembled at Buckingham Palace to watch the 1st Bn mount guard and everyone agreed what a magnificent show it was.

Again on the 4th April the Branch was well represented at the Colours Presentation Ceremony at Catterick and was what a splendid day out we had.

At the Army Rugby Cup Final at Aldershot we were again there to give the lads a cheer.

On the 9th May we held our Branch Reunion Dinner and Dance at the Victory Services Club. We were pleased to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General D E Isles and Mrs Isles, Lieut Colonel C R Comberledge and Mrs Comberledge and a party from Yorkshire. It was also nice to see some new faces there—Keith Jagger, Mr E Smith (ex Sgt 1st Battalion), Mr & Mrs Syd Webb, Mr R D Morris and S/Sgt Len Rushby. Mr Harry Randall (ex RSM) and now serving at the British Embassy in Helsinki sent his best wishes to all present and also sent a generous donation to the dinner fund.

Syd Webb, from his wheelchair, proposed the Toast to the Regiment to which the Colonel of the Regiment replied and later gave all present the latest news on the activities of the 1st Battalion in which his phrase "in good heart" was warmly and enthusiastically received by ex-members of friends.

It was grand to see Capt Stanley Gill (from Mansfield) renewing and enjoying the company of his friends from the 'Northern Contingent'.

Our meetings are still held on the last Monday of every month—details from Rodney Owers on 01-368-1821. New members to the branch would be very welcome.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale Civic Sunday 11th June 1981

Eight members, representing our Old Comrades and Regimental Association, marched in the Procession to the Halifax Parish Church for the Service on Sunday 14th June 1981 and later to a buffet in Halifax Town Hall.

Jack (Pop) Dodds

Jack has now left the Royal Hospital, Chelsea and is residing at 21 Maldon Road, Colchester, Essex.

Mr & Mrs R Chilvers

'Bobo' has now retired and their new address is:—
18 The Gallops, Foxwood Lane, York YO2 3NF

Mr & Mrs Al Arundel

'Al' and Ivy now retired to:—
101 High Street, Blakeney, Nr Holt, Norfolk.

Mrs Kathleen Taylor

Kathleen, widow of the late Mr Joe Taylor, Huddersfield Branch, was recently presented with a trophy which has been bought to honour Joe's memory by members of the Huddersfield DWR Branch, Burma Star, and Dunkirk Veterans Association and which will be competed for in shooting, darts, bowls and domino events by members from all three organisations.

Mrs Taylor will soon be leaving Huddersfield to live in Australia. We wish her good health, good fortune and happiness in her new life.

Arthur Westerman

Often taken for granted, the voluntary services of such stalwarts go unnoticed, but a photograph in the local paper lately showed 71 year old Arthur with a Certificate presented to him for 18 years service as Standard Bearer to the Kings Cross Branch of the Royal British Legion, Halifax, brings to light many other duties he has undertaken—Secretary of the Kings Cross Branch, Halifax for 25 years, Vice President of the South & West Yorkshire County Committee RBL for the past five years. A 'Duke' he served in North Africa, Italy and the Middle East in WWII and after the War in 1947 joined the Territorial Army and The Royal British Legion. He served as Civilian Chief Clerk with 382 Med Regt RA(DWR) TA 5/7 DWR(TA) and 'C' Coy 1 Bn Yorkshire Volunteers until his retirement in 1975.

The Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, Waterloo, London SE1 8UJ

At the Quarterly meeting of the General Committee held at the Club on 19/20 May 1981 it was agreed to allow widows of Service and Ex-Service Other Ranks the facilities of the Club on Temporary Honorary membership.

Serving Servicemen and Servicewomen are automatically members.

Ex-Servicemen and ex-servicewomen (incl TA) Entrance Fee of £3 and Annual Subscription of £2. Further details can be obtained on application to the Club.

Regular Forces Employment Association

During the year ending 31st March 1981 the RFEA placed 10 ex-Regular Soldiers of The DWR in employment.

Harold Maude and Mossley

The good news that Harold, Vice Chairman of our Mossley Branch, is now well on the road to recovery after his recent illness are the short but pleasant Mossley notes for this issue.

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

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

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 services free. During the period 1st April 1980—31st March 1981 the Association placed some 4,500 men and women from the Services in employment.

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

INVESTITURE OF THE 3rd (CATTERICK) CUB SCOUT PACK

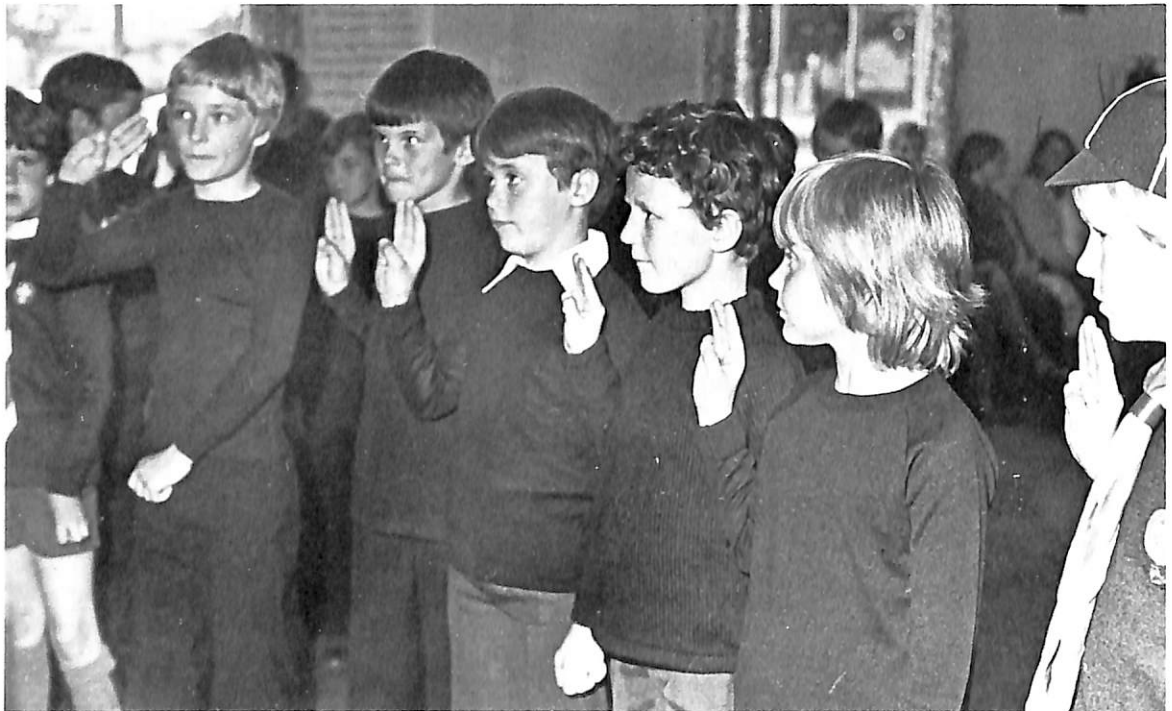
On Thursday the 18th June, Waterloo Day was celebrated in unusual fashion by the Catterick Cub Scouts.

A new pack was formed and 24 boys aged 8–10 years were invested as members of both the pack and the worldwide/brotherhood of Scouts.

Seven of the boys are sons of serving 'Duke's', Terence Hanley, Anton Coburn, Jason Vokes,

Darran Jameson, Simon Ellis and Christopher Maltby.

Akela, Mrs Mary Bell, wife of Cpl Bell, Hook Company, has taken on the formidable task of entertaining and teaching the youngsters on Thursday evenings at St Aidens Church Hall, Hipswell Road, Catterick Garrison.



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QUARTERMASTERS PLATOON NOTES

The Platoon has undergone so many radical changes since the Battalion arrived in the UK that it would take up too much space and time to write about individuals. To those that have left we wish them well in the next appointment wherever or whatever it is.

The newcomers did not have long to wait to try out their spurs. Public Duties, Presentation of New Colours, Adventure and Survival training and the Humber Bridge Guard all brought with them Q problems to solve.

These notes would not be complete without a mention of the Regimental Pioneers. They have grown in numbers with the return of Cpl Foster and a newcomer, Pte Wood from Burma Coy. This section really excelled at the presentation of New Colours by producing hundreds of signs, the kneelers used by the Colours Ensigns and the pedestals used for the flower arrangements to name but a few. A task well done.

The Hook Company team, including the Quartermaster's wife, compete in the flipper and bucket race during the Battalion Open Day on June 18th.



Humber Bridge 17th July 1981