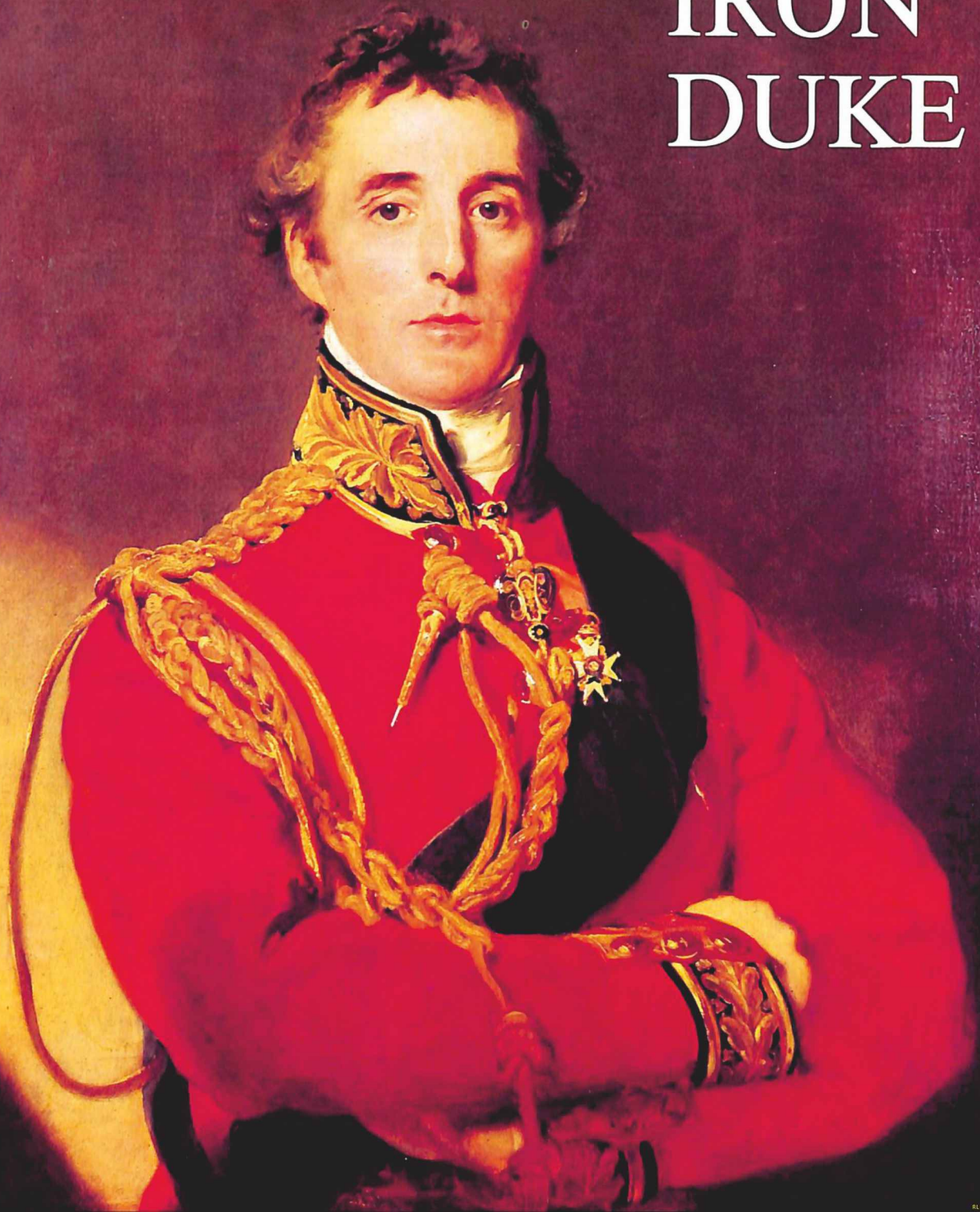


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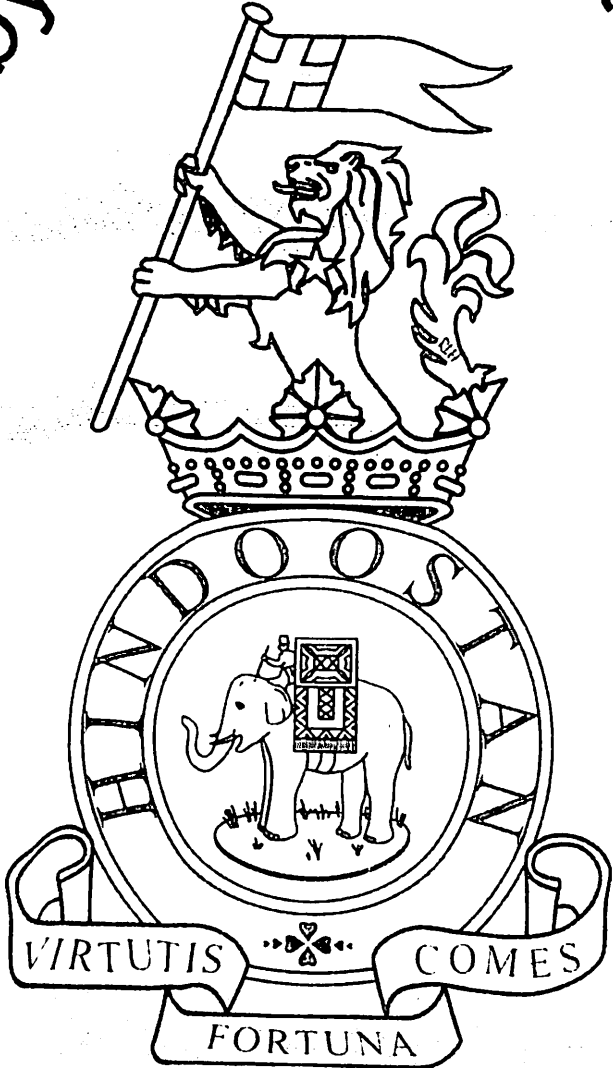
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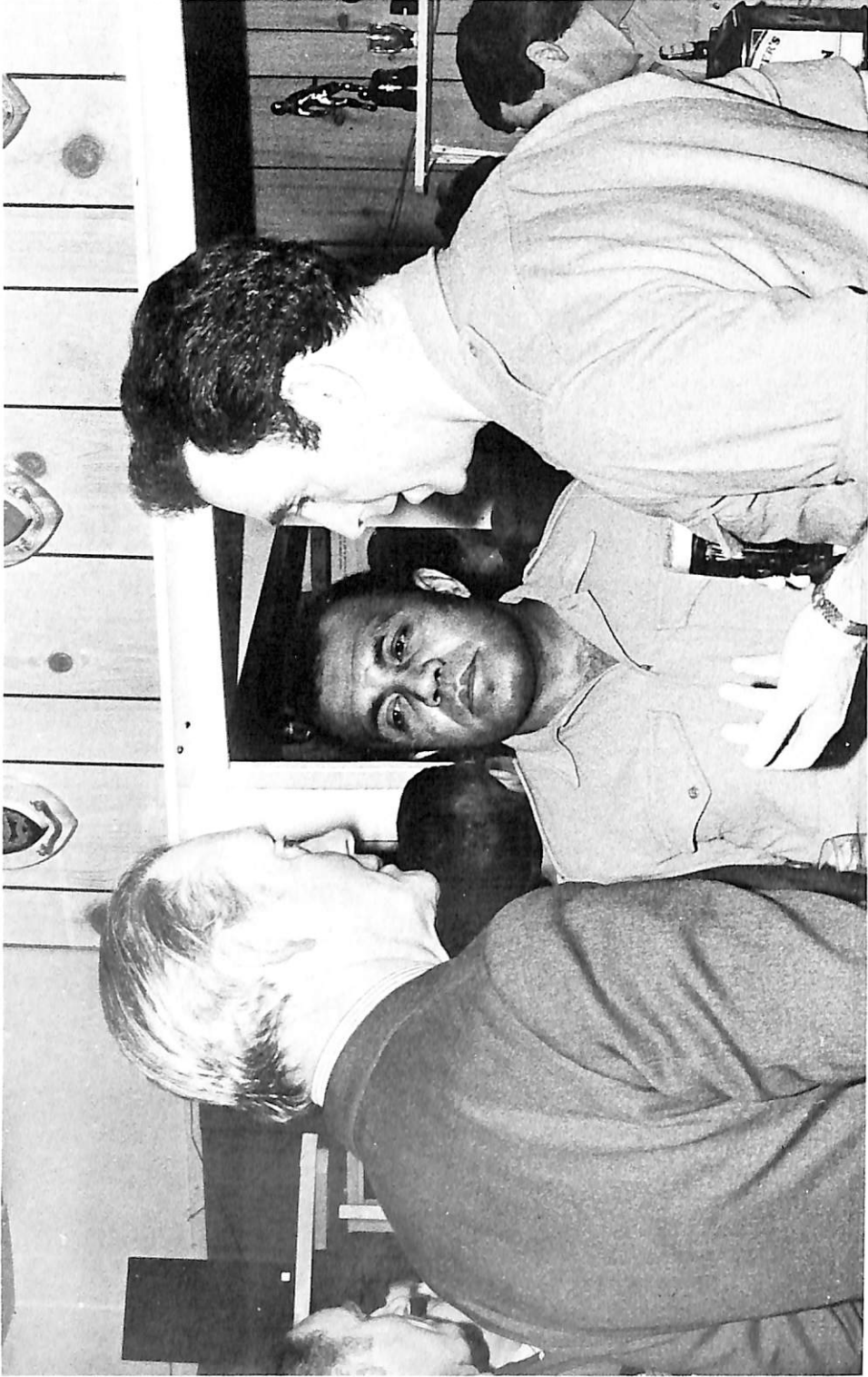
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The Colonel in Chief chats to the RSM and WO2 Basu (centre). WO2 Basu takes over from WO1 Robinson as RSM of the 1st Bn in May 1982.

## EDITORIAL

On opening the envelope readers will doubtless have been surprised to find their copy of the *Iron Duke* clad in a coat of many colours. We must confess it has long been our ambition that the Regimental Journal should have a coloured cover. Now thanks to the generosity of the Regimental Trustees, we have at last attained it.

Our thanks are also due to the staff of the Victoria and Albert Museum for their assistance in the preparation of the cover and to the Director for his permission to reproduce the painting.

# Regimental Headquarters

## Regimental Notes

The year 1982 will not be an easy one for RHQ at Halifax, for we will see a number of changes in staff which started with the retirement of Mr Arthur Wood as Chief Clerk in August 1981 (ID No. 187 of December 1981). Mr Wood continued part time as General Secretary of the Regimental Association and we are fortunate that his replacement as Chief Clerk is an ex Duke, only recently out of the Army, Mr Jack Russell. He arrived in October 1981 - and more of him anon.

Regretfully, RHQ, like all other organisations in the army, has been under scrutiny for the possibility of reductions in staff in the present round of looking for savings and cuts. Even very small units like ourselves have not escaped the eye of the microscope, and what might be termed the witch hunt has been going on since 1977. Up to now, strongly supported by the Colonel of the Regiment, King's Division and the Director of Infantry, we have survived unscathed. But now the axe has fallen, and we have to give up one member of our very small staff. And because our Museum collection is not co-located, i.e. it is housed and cared for by the local authority, the post which is to be made redundant is the Storekeeper - filled by Mr Bert Horsley who joined us in early 1980 (ID No. 182 April 1980). He is due to leave in the next few months.

We shall be sorry to see Mr Horsley go. Although not a Duke he has completely identified himself with the Regiment in general and RHQ in particular. Apart from the normal duties associated with the post of storekeeper he has always been willing to turn a hand to help in other directions - typing, the Regimental Association, all have benefited from his support. But perhaps his greatest contribution has been with the Regimental Archives and our library of books. Soon after his arrival he undertook and carried through to completion, a revision of the catalogue and recording system of the contents of the Archives. Not the detailed contents but the overall system of containers and location. This has been needed for some years, and was a task that we knew would take up a lot of time. He also drew up a new list and catalogue of all the historical books held in the Archives and in our library. And finally, knowing the Regimental Secretary was much involved in creating a master card index and a list of all the medals in the

possession of the Regiment, Mr Horsley voluntarily drew up a summary list of all those medals currently in our possession. All these were daunting tasks which occupied a lot of time, and for this and his work in assisting in research in the Archives we will be always grateful. We will be sorry to see him leave us and wish him well in the future.

The next to go will be Major Milligan, the Assistant Regimental Secretary. He is due to retire in July. We won't comment any further on this change, but appreciation will follow in a later *Iron Duke*. A successor, a volunteer, who is a Duke, has been selected, Captain T. Pickersgill. Coupled with this Mr Wood has expressed a wish to be relieved of the position of General Secretary of the Association, and this will take place sometime in the early summer.

So, almost at one fell swoop we will have - a new Chief Clerk (already in post), no storekeeper/researcher, a change of Assistant Regimental Secretary, a new Editor of the *Iron Duke*, a new Business Manager of the *Iron Duke* and a new General Secretary of the Association. We have not yet decided how duties will be reallocated or who will be doing what, but it will be determined and all advised in due course. We will try to give as good a service to all members of the Regiment as in the past, but we would ask all members to bear with us whilst these changes are taking place.

Lastly, but probably most important of all Maj Gen Isles is to retire as Colonel of the Regiment in October. So, we will have a new Colonel - and RHQ, in addition to all the other changes will have a new boss!

### Mr JACK RUSSELL

Mr Russell succeeded Mr Wood as Chief Clerk at RHQ in the latter half of 1981. He is also reading himself in to the organisation and running of the Regimental Association and helping in its affairs. He will probably be better known to serving or ex-members of the Regiment as Sgt Jack Russell. He first joined the Dukes with the 1st Bn at Strensall in 1948. Over the next four years he saw service with 1 Green Howards in the Middle East and the old Depot in Halifax until, after an illness in 1952, he was medically downgraded. Thereafter, until the end of his active service last year he specialised in the

recruiting field having tours with the War Office (as a Sgt Tester in the SPSO Branch, 1952-60), 1 DWR (1960-61), Recruit Instructor at the Depot at Strensall (1961-61), DWR Youth Team Halifax (1962-63), Recruiting Sgt at Bradford (1963-66), Yorks Bde Recruiting Team (1966-68) and finally at the Army Youth Selection Centre Harrogate (1966-1981). Mr Russell is married and lives in Bradford.

G.C.T.

#### MUSEUM/ARCHIVES ACQUISITIONS

The following is a list of donations, gifts or bequests for the Regimental Museum, Archives or RHQ which have been received since the last list of gifts was published in the *Iron Duke* of December 1979 (No. 181).

#### Medals of:

Capt S. H. CLOUGH, 1/6th Bn DWR, MC, 1914-15 Star, War Medal, Victory Medal with MID - plus miniatures. Donated by his son, Mr S. D. P. Clough.

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2/Lt T. E. JESSOP, (Late Professor T. E. Jessop), 1/5th Bn & 1/4th Bn DWR. MC, War Medal 1914-20, Victory Medal 1914-18, Defence Medal; and miniatures of the above, plus civilian miniature OBE. Bequeathed by his late sister Miss Dora Jessop.

CSM (later RSM) C. E. TIFFANY, late 1/5 Bn DWR, MC, 1914-15 Star, War Medal 1914-20, Victory Medal 1914-18, Volunteer Force LS Medal, commemorative "death" plaque. Donated by a relative, Mrs Doris Scott.

Pte E. C. N. TIFFANY, late W Rid R. 1914-15 Star, War Medal 1914-20, Victory Medal 1914-18, TA Efficiency Medal. Plus miniatures of the above. Donated by a relative Mrs Doris Scott.

#### OTHER ITEMS

Uniforms, military clothing, uniform trunk & large metal headdress case of Maj A. C. S. Savory; donated by the owner.

Service Dress, Tropical Dress, Mess Dress, Service Dress cap and No. 1 Dress cap of late Maj D. S. D. B. Jones-Stamp. Donated by Mrs Jones-Stamp.

Iron Cross (1914) taken from the body of a German officer shot by Capt Maurice Savory, 9 DWR, April 1916. Donated by his nephew Christopher Savory.

Copy of Lee's History of the 33rd Regt, and Craven's Part in the Great War. Donated by the late Maj T. P. Brighthouse late 1/6 DWR.

Relics of the late John Henry Lewis, Quartermaster (Oct 1815) of the 33rd Regt

(previously Adjut of the 86th Regt, March 1814) - small colour portrait of J. H. Lewis in 33rd Regt uniform (post 1830), his commission as QM in the 33rd and his QM's feather plumes as worn in his cocked hat. Donated by the will of his great niece, Miss E. F. Smith.

Note books, message books, miscellaneous papers and a copy of diary of Pte, later Lieut, W. Yates, MC, 1/6th Bn DWR, later 2/5th Bn DWR. Donated by his daughter Miss Betty Yates.

Memorial card for Lieut E. W. Birch, late 2/4th Bn DWR, killed 1917. Donated by Mr Akroyd.

Collection of miscellaneous photographs and cards of various periods. Donated by the owner Mr C. N. Edwards.

Collection of maps, instructions, orders, letters and other miscellaneous papers of Maj (later Col) H. C. B. Cook, OBE, then 2ic 7 DWR, relating to the 7th Bn's activities in Normandy in 1944. Donated by Col Cook.

Regimental Memorial Brochure, miscellaneous photographs, soldiers small book and pay book of the late L/C H. J. Smith, ex DWR. Donated by his daughter Mrs Joyce Smith.

Miscellaneous collection of regimental photographs belonging to the late E. H. Hollamby. Donated by his daughter Miss P. Hollamby.

#### REGIMENTAL HATTERS

The officially appointed Regimental Hatters to the Regiment, and to all regiments of the King's Division, has been Messrs. Herbert Johnson, now of 13 Old Burlington, London. A further Regimental Hatter has been appointed in addition to Herbert Johnson, with the approval of the Colonel of the Regiment. They are already one of the official Regimental Tailors. They are:

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- a. 5 DWR 'A' Company Efficiency Shield presented originally by Mrs Denys N. Hirst.
- b. Infantry Sword of Col D. Hirst, together with other items.

The sword is to become the battalion Duty Officers Sword to be taken into use at Annual camp and other ceremonial occasions. It is to be inscribed with Colonel Hirst's rank, name, decorations and years of service.

The shield is to be taken into use and awarded annually to the most improved soldier. The top plate 'A Company Efficiency Shield' is to be removed and replaced by a similar plate renaming the shield to 'Hirst-Laurence Shield'. The work on the shield and sword is to be undertaken by Captain Ian Fillan.

There is little doubt that Colonel Denys would be delighted to know that the items in question are still in use in the place which he loved so dearly and contributed to so heavily during his life.

**ERRATA**

Page 197 of the December issue carried a photograph of a party of Cadets visiting the 1st Battalion.

This was incorrectly captioned as being a party for Giggleswick School CCF. The party was in fact from Leeds Grammar School CCF.

We apologise to all concerned for this error.

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A pamphlet giving a full description of Osborne House and its aims is available on request from the Secretary General of the Charity.

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## Personalia

**Lt Col Sir Denis HAMILTON, DSO**

Sir Denis Hamilton resigned as Chairman of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd. on 8th December 1981 and from the Board at the end of the year.

He has thus severed his connections with the Times, Sunday Times and the Times Supplements - a newspaper group with which he had been associated for 35 years.

Sir Denis will be best remembered in the Regiment as the Commanding Officer of the 7th Bn throughout the greater part of the Campaign in North West Europe.

After demobilisation he returned to the Newcastle Chronicle, on the staff of which he had been a cub reporter before the War.

He soon caught the eye of the paper proprietor, Lord Kemsley who invited him to London as his personal assistant, and within two years he was editorial director of the Kemsley Group with a seat on the Board.

When Lord Thomson bought the paper in 1959 Sir Denis was appointed Editor of the Sunday Times, relinquishing this appointment, in 1967 he became Editor in Chief and subsequently Chairman of Times Newspapers.

He is a trustee of the British Museum and the British Library, Chairman of Reuters and a Member of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.



**NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST**

We congratulate the following on their awards in the New Year's Honours List.

**CB** Major General C. R. Huxtable, CBE  
Major General J. Brown

**BEM** Warrant Officer Class 2 M. Hirst

Major General Brown the Director General of Ordnance Services was attached to 1 DWR for his first two years service after being commissioned in the RAOC.

**New Officers**

The following officers have been commissioned into the Regiment and are posted to the 1st Battalion on the dates shown:

2/Lt P. M. LEWIS, Reg C, from Sandhurst, 16 November 1981.

2/Lt M. G. TULEY, SSC, from University and Sandhurst, 8 February 1982.

2/Lt C. R. T. SMITH, Reg C, from Sandhurst, 23 March 1982.

**Assumption of Appointment TAVR**

Maj (Brevet Lt Col) T. D. TETLOW, TD (460428)  
YORKS SO2 G3 (TA) HQ15 Inf Bde

**EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE****Regular Army****Commands & Staff**

Major General C. R. HUXTABLE, CB, CBE, (420858) late DWR relinquishes the appointment of Commander Land Forces and Deputy Director of Operations, Northern Ireland - 19 Jan 1982.

L.G. 19/1/82

**Royal Military Academy Sandhurst**

The u/m 2nd Lt from General List (subject to confirmation) to be confirmed in his commission and transferred to the Regiment shown below from 7 Nov 1981. Regular Commn.

P. M. LEWIS (511867) DWR.

L.G. 19/1/82

**Short Service Commn**

Capt D. WHITTAKER (508265) DWR is transferred from QLR to DWR 8 Dec 1981.

**Regular Commn**

The undermentioned Major to be Lt Col 31 Dec 1981 with seniority 30 June 1981.

E. J. W. WALKER (471381) DWR.

**Short Service Commn**

2nd Lt (On Probation) (University Candidate) M. G. TULEY (513754) is transferred from General List to DWR 26 Oct 1981.

**Regular Commn**

Lt S. C. NEWTON (500286) DWR from Short Service Commission to be 2/Lt 24 Sept 1981 with seniority 28 Jun 1975, to be Lt 24 Sept 1981 with seniority 28 Jun 1977.

Lt S. C. NEWTON (500286) DWR to be Captain 28 Dec 1981.

Lt. M. WHITE (504856) DWR to be Captain 9 Feb 1982.

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## Military Bands

The Ministry of Defence has announced a reduction of 560 posts in the current Army Band Establishment - but not before 1984-85.

The cap-badged bands of the Royal Army Medical Corps and the Royal Military Academy will be disbanded. In addition, one of three Royal Artillery bands and one of two Royal Engineer bands will go.

There are currently 78 Army bands and the cost of staffing and running them will be £26 million in the current financial year.

A MOD spokesman explained: "they must make a contribution to the reduction in 1986 in the Army by 7,000 men and the percentage savings will be in line

with those being sought from the infrastructure and support areas.

If we don't achieve savings in this way we would, in all probability, have to disband a cap badged unit. The RAMC is the smallest corps in the Army and it has the least precise regimental organisation still required for parade activity. As for Sandhurst, musical support will be supplied by other bands in the future. There is no need for a separate, dedicated band there."

Establishment of the bands of the line Regiments will be reduced to a strength of one WO1 (BM) and 21 Bandsmen.

## A Band of Music

by Major A. C. S. Savory

During 1981 reports were published in the Press which stated that, as part of the continuing need to reduce manpower and costs, a proposal was afoot to do away with Regimental bands and replace them with a lesser number of Divisional bands. In December it was announced the manpower savings would be achieved by reducing the size of each band. For all those connected with the Regiment this is most welcome news; for it is difficult to imagine an infantry regiment without its own band.

Infantry regimental bands (then called "The Music") started to come into existence from 1754 onwards. At the time bands consisted of no more than six to eight musicians playing oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons. Later, trumpets, flutes, bugles and trombones were added, so that by the turn of the century i.e. about 1800, some bands consisted of fifteen or more musicians. It was not until 1803 that bands were officially recognised, their existence prior to that date being 'winked at'. In 1803 regulations for the first time permitted one private soldier in each company to be trained as a musician and a sergeant to act as a band master. In 1822 the number of musicians was fixed at ten, not including boys. In the following year the C-in-C was pleased to direct the "the establishment of each regimental band shall be a sergeant and fourteen musicians". By 1837 official opinion had changed so far from earlier indifference as to express the view that "a band was essential to the credit and appearance of the regiment". In spite of the fact that bands were supposed to consist of no more than fourteen musicians most commanding officers soon found ways and means of augmenting their bands. No grants were made by the Government for the support of the bands and most of the expense was borne by the officers.

The band of the 33rd Regiment was formed in 1769. However, the earliest reference to the band relates to the year 1782. The 33rd had formed part of Lord Cornwallis's army that had to surrender at Yorktown in 1781. In 1782 Major Dansey wrote from James Island to Lt Colonel Yorke, the new commanding officer, (then in England) that "we shall

have a tolerable band of music" and that some of the musicians were in training with the Buffs. (The Buffs were the first infantry regiment to form a band, in 1754.) A year later he again wrote to Colonel Yorke, though this time he struck a slightly less optimistic note. "By the Order about the three years men we will lose two of the Musick. Three are entitled to their discharge, viz; Collier, Lisk and Carey, but the two latter will not enlist again (ungrateful dogs). So my dear Colonel do enlist two clarinets and what other Musick you think proper, especially a Horn or two. I never wish to be without a band as long as I have a penny to spare and the whole of us here are of that opinion". (The 'ungrateful dogs' who declined to re-enlist had been offered a bounty of a guinea and a half. Maybe they didn't think that was quite enough).

By the time of the outbreak of the Crimea War in 1854 the authorised strength of bands had been increased to twenty. However no attempt had been made to lay down any standards and each band was a law unto itself. Because only foreigners were then supposed to be any good at military music not only were many bandmasters German or Italian, but they were also civilians. The first thing they did therefore when their regiment was ordered overseas, was to resign. This coupled with the lack of standards already referred to had the kind of results that can be imagined. When bands were massed together they not only could not play in time with each other, but they also played in different keys. One of the provisions of the 1803 regulations was that every bandsman should be drilled as a soldier so that "in case of actual service" he should take his place in the ranks completely armed and coutred". However in the long years of peace since the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 this provision had almost been forgotten. Things went from bad to worse as far as the poor bandsmen were concerned. At the battle of the Alma they were called upon to act as stretcher bearers, but since there were no other means of transporting sick and wounded they became little more than beasts of burden. Not surprisingly they soon lost or mislaid their instruments. On arrival at Sebastopol an order

was issued that no noise be made for fear of informing the enemy of the troops whereabouts. Russell of the 'Times' reported the effect:

"The silence and gloom of our camp.. are very striking. No drum, no bugle call, no music of any kind, is ever heard within our precincts.. Many of our instruments have been placed in store, and the regimental bands are broken up or disorganised.. Judging from one's own feeling, and from the expressions of those around.. the want of music in camp is productive of graver consequences than appear likely to occur at first from such a cause... It seems to be an error to deprive the army of a cheering and wholesome influence at the very time they need it most. The military band is not meant alone for the delectation of garrison towns, or the pleasure of officers in quarters, and the men are fairly entitled to its inspiration during the long and weary march in the enemy's country and in the monotony of a standing camp ere the beginning of a seige". Our allies, the French took a completely different view.. "camp is the very place where music is wanted.. A soldier can carry a stretcher into action as well as an accomplished musician, but if both get knocked on the head, a month's training will replace one, but not the other". Russell's reports in the 'Times' had their effect, for by the time of the Battle of Inkerman (November 1855) an officer writing home could say "...until lately there has been no bugling or band playing in our Camp, but now Lord Raglan (the C-in-C) has desired that bands will play whenever Commanding Officers think fit".

It is not known when the band of the 76th Regiment was formed. There is no reference to musicians in the first muster return of the regiment in

1787. In fact it is not until 1870 that any reference to the band can be traced, by which time it seems to have been well and truly established - the string band alone consisting of 12 musicians. By 1902, due no doubt, to a further thirty years of peace time soldiering, the string band numbered thirty. These healthy numbers were in no doubt due to the influence of the then band-master, a Mr A. Morelli who was a brilliant musician and violinist. He had been born in London of Italian parents and after studying in Milan joined the band of the Grenadier Guards. They sent him to the Military College of Music at Kneller Hall from where he joined the 76th as bandmaster at the age of 19.

The days of string bands thirty strong, are long past. The decision to reduce the size of regimental bands will mean that each band will eventually be little more than twenty strong. To the musical purist this reduction in numbers will cause problems, since smaller bands than those which exist at present, are not considered viable in the musical sense. In the future therefore, our concept of what a military band should sound like may have to change, but if this is so it will be a small price to pay in order to retain a band.

"In general, Army bandmasters are going to have to be more expert arrangers, and the bandsmen more expert and versatile players, with accent coming on the brass and percussion sections at the expense of the woodwind." *The Daily Telegraph, 15 Jan 1982*

*Acknowledgement: For details of the early history of regimental bands I am indebted to H. G. Farmer's book 'The rise and development of Military Music' and various articles by him in the Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research.*

## Book Review — Rome '44

### The battle for the Eternal City

by Raleigh Trevelyan (Secker & Warburg, £8.95)

Raleigh Trevelyan, as an officer serving with the Green Howards, knew the Anzio Beachead well. His previous book, "The Fortress", was based on the diaries he had kept, surreptitiously and against the rules, in the Anzio trenches and upon its publication he was able to make contact with a number of Germans who had been in their own trenches only yards away from him. This fact, together with the research he was able to make once the Allies had captured Rome in June 1944, has enabled him to write a book of the greatest interest. For, not only does he describe the fierce fighting of the Beachead, he also brings into his narrative the battles of the 8th Army for Monte Cassino, together with all that was going on in the city of Rome and also in the Vatican itself. At the same time he is able to give the first-hand views and impressions of the Germans who fought so ferociously against the British and Americans of the Fifth (US) Army.

He has thus produced a book unlike other books on

Anzio and one of the highest value to the military historian. By recounting events outside, as well as on the Beachead, it is possible to see Anzio as part of the whole strategic picture yet, from both personal experience and expert culling of all the many sources available, he also describes vividly the desperate battles of the Beachead. In addition, his prose is brought more to life by his judicious selection of photographs - most of them hitherto unpublished and, of which, some will be recognised by those Duke's who took part in the Anzio battles.

The author's main aim in this book is to answer the question "What took you so long?" A question posed to the Allies when they arrived in Rome in June, 1944 after landing, totally unopposed, in the previous January. It is a question which has always been asked about Anzio and this book goes a long way to attempting to give a definitive answer.

D.E.I.

## The Aldershot Military Historical Trust

What picture does the name Aldershot conjure up in your mind? Serried ranks of red brick Victorian barrack blocks; Sergeant Majors, drill, and freezing barrack rooms? Or perhaps it is the clusters of concrete cubes familiar to the present generation.

Over a million soldiers have passed through Aldershot since the Second World War and perhaps there are still another million who knew it before the war. But to most of them the camp will be largely unrecognisable as the modernisation of the last two decades has swept away almost all of the Victorian barracks and visitors returning after twenty years or more can hardly believe the transformation.

Prior to the establishment of the "Camp at Aldershot" in 1854 no garrison nor camp existed in the whole United Kingdom for the concentration or training of troops on a large scale. The British Army was stationed in long established garrisons most of which had been military centres from the earliest times and the soldiers occupied castles, forts or similar old defensive installations. There had never been a sufficient number of troops concentrated in any one area to permit even brigade size field days. Troops not stationed in such recognised garrisons were quartered in the main cities and county towns, for the most part in small detachments billeted on the civil population.

As part of the training programme for the Army in 1853 a summer camp was established on Chobham Common in Surrey under the direction of Lord Hardinge, who had succeeded the Duke of Wellington as Commander in Chief, and exercises were conducted for two divisions in succession. The success of this experiment and the imminent enclosure of much common land in the vicinity led to a proposal for a permanent training camp in the area. Aldershot Heath was selected; the proprietors agreed to sell for £12 an acre and so a tract of ten thousand acres was purchased early in 1854.

Only a summer tented camp was first envisaged but the need to accommodate the militia called out during the Crimean War led to the erection of two hutted camps, each for a division, north and south of the Basingstoke Canal. Construction began in February 1855 and the first troops moved into their huts in North Camp in May that year. At the same time permanent brick barracks for another two brigades of cavalry, infantry and artillery were built close up against the village of Aldershot which then had a population of about 850. Although intended only as temporary accommodation for training purposes, the hutted camps soon became the permanent home of troops returning from the Crimea.

In the 1880's and 1890's these camps were replaced by permanent brick barracks including schools, hospitals, a reservoir, sewage works, gas works, power station, indeed everything, even its own by-laws, needed to make Aldershot Camp the only complete military town built in the Kingdom since the Roman occupation.

Aldershot became the home of the 1st and 2nd Divisions comprising the bulk of the 1st British Army Corps and it was from Aldershot that the British Expeditionary Forces set out for France in 1914 and

again in 1939. Reviews, manoeuvres, sporting events, the famous Searchlight Tattoos and a military population of 25,000 had made Aldershot synonymous with "The Home of the British Army".

In 1939 when the main body of the Regular Army departed for France, Aldershot became the base for the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom for the duration of the war, while many British units and formations continued to use Aldershot as a transit area before embarking for north Africa, Europe and almost every theatre of war. When the Canadians left in 1945 a complete change was to take place in the character of the camp for it became a great training centre for the National Service army, including the famous Mons Officer Cadet School. It embraced too, the depots and training centres of eight Corps of the British Army, and the new home of the newly created Parachute Regiment. Soon the Camp's outward appearance was also to change.

The latest rebuilding programme started in 1960 but it was not until 1970 that the Aldershot Garrison Historical Committee was formed at the instigation of the then GOC Aldershot District, Maj Gen Penfold and his Deputy, Brigadier (now Maj Gen) Mans. Conscious of the losses to local military history resulting from the almost complete rebuild of the camp they sought to preserve Aldershot's military history "both in its written and material form". Much valuable material was initially collected but there was nowhere to display it and enthusiasm gradually waned. It was to be rekindled with the arrival of Brigadier Reed as Garrison Commander in 1978.

The Historical Committee was reconstituted and two years later, with valuable help and encouragement from Hampshire County Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and the Southern Tourist Board, a charitable trust was created with His Grace the Duke of Wellington as President and three Vice Presidents, The Marquess of Anglesey, General Sir Edwin Bramall and General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley. The Trust's aim is to preserve the history of military Aldershot and present to the public the story of the most famous military town in the world.

Most of the fascinating old military buildings have, alas, been lost for ever but fortunately enough remain from the previous camps to see in Aldershot a panorama of military buildings covering the last 125 years, that is the whole period since the Army has been quartered in custom built barracks. Among the Victorian buildings still standing are the last pair of bungalow type barrack blocks which used to cover the whole of the North Camp. These unique buildings have been saved from demolition and the surrounding area has been landscaped. One is available for lease by the Trust now; the second, in a few years time when its present military use ceases. So our plans cover two phases.

Phase 1 is to create in the first block a Visitors Centre and Museum of the Camp where the public can see the history of Aldershot laid out in chronological order with plans, maps, photographs and recordings, models of the camp and the soldiers life including a recreated barrack room c.1900, Royal

and historic events and the development of military technology associated with Aldershot, for example balloons, airships and the early development of aeroplanes leading to the birth of the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force.

To guide the public around the historic features of the camp a trail is being created and the buildings and monuments included will be provided with plaques briefly describing their history and significance. Visitors will also be directed to the many local regimental museums. Phase 1 should be completed by early 1983. The post 1939 era will be greatly expanded in Phase 2 when the second block becomes available. If anyone has documents, letters, militaria, photographs etc. relating to Aldershot or knows the whereabouts of any barrack furniture of pre WW2 vintage the Hon. Director of the Trust would be very pleased to hear from them.

Aldershot, Home of the British Army, is part of the national heritage and we owe it to posterity to preserve its history and its treasures and present these to the public for the recreation, education and interest of both present and future generations. The Museum and Visitors Centre will stand too, as a fitting tribute to the British Soldier, past and present, in the Home of the British Army.

But the project will not be cheap and we cannot draw on the public funds of the Ministry of Defence which are, of course, required to meet our direct defence needs. The Trust is a registered charity and donations of any size will be greatly welcomed. There are many ways of giving e.g., cash, legacies, covenants, deposited covenants, interest free loans etc. Further details, donation and covenant forms can be obtained from the Appeal Director, Aldershot Military Historical Trust, FREEPOST, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2BR. The two phases will each cost about £200,000 and the Trust seeks the support of all who feel that the story of this unique and famous military camp should not be forgotten.

#### THE REGIMENT AND ALDERSHOT

The Duke of Wellington's Regiments association with Aldershot goes back to 1856 when the 1st Battalion came briefly to the camp at the end of the Crimean War. But the first full tour was by the 2nd Battalion in 1862-63 and between the two battalions the Regiment did eight tours in the Command up to 1939, when the 1st Bn was in Quebec Barracks, Bordon. In recent times the 1st Bn was stationed in Mons Barracks, Aldershot from Aug 1974 to Aug 1976.

## Lt Col C. R. CUMBERLEGE

Lt Col C. R. Cumberlege succeeds Lt Col W. R. Mundell as CO of the 1st Battalion on 30th April 1982.

Lt Col Cumberlege comes from a regimental family so his contact with the Regiment is personal and long standing. He is the son of Colonel C. R. T. (Dick) Cumberlege, now living in retirement near York and who had the unusual distinction of commanding for a period four of our battalions - the 1st, 2nd, 1/6th and 1/7th Battalions. His brother is Lt Col Jeremy Cumberlege who is also in the Regiment.

Born at Stanmore in 1939 Lt Col Charles Cumberlege was educated at Bradfield College. He joined the Depot at Halifax as a National Service recruit in 1957, was commissioned from Eaton Hall in June 1958 and immediately joined the 1st Battalion in Holywood near Belfast. He served continuously with the battalion from 1958 to 1962, in Ireland, England and Kenya - in appointments as Platoon Commander, IO, and Asst Adjutant. During this period his regular commission was confirmed.

Following a three year tour with the Jamaica Defence Force he returned to England to be Adjutant of the West Riding Bn DWR (TA) in Huddersfield. In 1967 he rejoined the 1st Bn and at one period was Operations Officer in Cyprus. In 1968 and 1969 he was Adjutant of the 1st Bn, in Gillingham and in Hong Kong.

Lt Col Cumberlege's appointments since then have

been - Instructor on the Platoon Commanders course at the School of Infantry 1970-72, a short tour with the 1st Bn in 1972, student at the Staff College Camberley 1973, GSO2 Trg at HQ UKLF 1974-75, Company Commander in the 1st Bn in Northern Ireland, Aldershot and Minden 1976-77. He was appointed Second in Command of the 1st Bn from 1977 to 1979, serving in Minden and again in Northern Ireland. In 1979 he was a student at the National Defence College Latimer, and was selected for promotion to Lieut Colonel in December of that year. For the last two years he has been GSO1 (Ops/SD) at HQ South East District in Aldershot.

Having been to a school which played with the round ball he makes no claim to fame on the rugby field but admits to some proficiency at soccer. His other principal games are cricket, hockey and squash - playing each with ability and in representative matches at Command level. He has at times represented the 1st Bn at both athletics and soccer; twice been runner up at golf in the Silver putter competition - and states he has every intention of winning it over the next two years or so. His other interest is windsurfing and he affirms he is a keen gardener.

In 1965 Lt Col Cumberlege married Jo Shephard, daughter of Maj Gen J. K. Shephard, late royal Engineers. They have two children, Vanessa aged 15 and Jonathan aged 13.



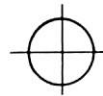
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# 1st Battalion

## COMMANDING OFFICERS INTRODUCTION

Writing an introduction in the middle of an operational tour knowing that the publication will take place when we are back home is difficult. This is particularly so when the tour is in Northern Ireland where terrorist activity can change so dramatically. Well here goes.

We arrived in early December, had a good handover from 1 D and D and quickly got down to patrolling South Armagh. The Battalion group includes three helicopters (RN, RAF and AAC), a bomb disposal team, Engineer search teams and numerous dogs. The RUC, who are playing an increasingly important role in the area, obviously approve of us, so that it was all systems go from the start. Christmas came and went, with the Navy helping with a supply of rum and a pretty girl.

I have no doubt that the Companies will elaborate on the operations; suffice for me to say that it is infantry soldiering, at times tedious and boring, always dangerous with great difficulty identifying the enemy, often arduous in very cold and wet weather conditions, but with everyone striving to get it right it has been a most worthwhile tour. We have had our

incidents; to date eight large bombs, several shootings and hijacks. At the time of writing, Cpl Broadhead is our only casualty, hit by an Armalite round in the arm and he is back on patrol.

We have much enjoyed the visits of our Colonel in Chief, Colonel, GOC and Mayors of Kirklees and Calderdale amongst many others. The battalion is going well and looks forward to being reunited with our families in Yorkshire at the end of April.

This is my last introduction as Commanding Officer. It has been a great privilege and honour to lead such a fine group of officers and men through Belfast, Minden, Exercise CRUSADER, to Catterick, Public Duties, the Colour Parade and eventually South Armagh. It would be invidious for me to mention any group or individual, I would just like to thank you all for being true Dukes.

Jilly and I commend you all to our successors Charles and Jo Cumberlege. We wish you all happiness and success in the years ahead, and look forward to meeting some of you at Aldershot next March!



The GOC North East District, Maj Gen I. H. BAKER, CBE, visiting Forkhill. Majors Gilbert and Redwood-Davies in attendance.



### LIFE IN BESSBROOK MILL

As Mill Manager I have been asked to write a few lines about life in T'Mill. Well to start with it's different and once experienced will never be forgotten. The Mill itself is a massive place rising to five stories and nearly three hundred yards from one end to the other, there are several large buildings which also used to be part of the Bessbrook Weaving Company when the Mill was working at full capacity. Some of these outbuildings are now used by small firms and the old Weaving Company still has a small factory on the ground floor and employing about sixty people. The main factory building was completed in the late 1850's and at one time employed over one thousand people from Newry and nearby districts. The linen made here was famous the world over and the "Queen Mary" on her maiden voyage sailed with damask linen from Bessbrook in her dining rooms. One of the earliest tramways brought workers to the Mill each day from Newry and the old tramway shed still can be seen standing in the land below the helipad. Amy Johnson - used aircraft constructed with Bessbrook linen.

There is much history here and the original model Quaker village of Bessbrook within which the Mill stands. The Act of Union 1801 between England and Ireland was drafted close by in Derrymore House by Chancellor Corry and Lord Castelreagh. Little did they realise that their jottings would one day lead to a British Army Regiment - later to be named after that up and coming General from the Wars in India, Sir Arthur Wellesly - being billeted in the Mill in 1982.

Mill life goes on twenty four hours a day, each Company in the Mill and groups within them attending to its own particular work and general coordination and control vested in battalions Operations Room. Nothing like muster parades normally associated with Army life happens. Each group gets on with its own task and it seems to work well. The Cookhouse and kitchens in the Mill are responsible for all the preparation and cooking of the meals - for the Officers, WO/Sgts and mens dining rooms. The three normal meals are served each day but extra meals are served when required at anytime of day and night. In fact the Cookhouse and Officers and Sgts Mess staff are on the go all the time, working long hours and taking their turn on guard duty.

Each of the Company's has its own "Choggi" Shop where they can relax and get refreshments when off duty. Each shop has TV/Video and various coin game machines.

Certainly by day and often at night the sound of an helicopters engines will be heard overhead either approaching or leaving the helipad that has been built in a field across the road leading past the Mill. "Buzzard" and his team are in control of all Battalion airmoves and all that goes on around the helipad. To help him in his task he has a Airhead Team who are responsible for preparing all loads that have to be flown to the outstation locations, there is also a RAF Refueling team helping keep the thirsty machines in the air. RAF, RN, and Army Air Corps pilots and aircrew change each day as the helicopters come and go from their base at RAF Aldergrove. There is usually a chopper either taking off or landing every eight or nine minutes in a normal day.

The MT Platoon are always out and about and have to spend much of their time wearing civilian clothes in order to go with the many types of civilian cars they have to drive. Every car has to go out with an escort and this gives a good chance to some of the men who don't normally have a chance to go out, to get a change of scenery. When the weather clamps down the cars and vans come into their own again and are often needed quickly and with little prewarning. The small REME LAD team beavers away trying to keep the mixed fleet of vehicles on the road. They have done well so far. The REME armourers are likewise engaged looking after the weapons and keeping them serviceable and in first class working order.

All unless on special shift duty have to take their due turn on guarding the Mill, a guard normally comes round every four or five days at present. When R and R starts the days between guards will be less. When on guard duty normal work goes ahead when NCO's and men are not actually posted on sentry. So "Black and White Minstrel" faces are a normal sight trotting around the Mill and Clerks are often seen making up their faces into "fighting order" trim!

In the Battalion Headquarters they have an award called the "Base Rat of the Month Award". this uncoveted trophy is given to the Officer/WO/NCO in the OPS/Int cell who never leaves the Mill main building for a month. Once you get into the Mill mood, it is quite easy to see why some have a fortress maginot line mentality. The artificial light soon gives those in that sort of mood a prison palor.



The Colonel of the Regiment presents Cpl Bagshaw with the LS & GC during his visit.



Alma Coy on patrol in Drumilee near Forkhill. Cpl Cole and his patrol visiting local people stranded in the snow. Local children get in on the act.

The Regimental Police have their life and being controlling the Main Gate and Mill Reception both of which have to be manned all day and night, they are responsible for the security of the Mill and have to keep a close eye on the many civilian workers and visitors who are wanting to come in on their various businesses. There are twenty or so civilian workers employed in the Mill each day mostly in the kitchens and on cleaning work in various washrooms. They have some interesting tales to tell of life in the Mill in the "old days".

The operational Companys get lots of exercise and fresh air but exercise for those in Hook Company is of prime importance. To help reasonable fitness there is a Gym and two Multi-Gym machines, a squash court and on the top floor a seventy five yard running hall. Squash and four-a-side football are the most popular sports at present. All are in fairly constant use. Thirty

three times around the top floor hall equals one BFT Test our APTC expert has worked out and so some monthly running fitness tests are in the offing. Times round the top floor might be in the Guinness Book of Records before too long!

Besides the Army the Green Uniform of the RUC is often seen coming to and fro in the Mill and they have their own small set up here in the HQ complex.

And so it will be seen that life in the Mill offers a continually changing pattern and life is never dull. The days pass swiftly and soon blend into one another. Team spirit is high and everyone has blended into a good team from what ever Service or part of the Army or RUC that they might come. No sooner is an event planned for than it seems to be history and sights are reset on new targets and dates. Such is life in t'Mill.



During the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment, the Company Commanders got together at Bessbrook for an evening meal.  
L to R (standing) - Maj (QM) Tighe, Maj Thorn (C Coy), Col of Regt, CO, Maj Isles (B Coy), Maj Hoppe (H Coy),  
sitting: Maj Redwood-Davies (S Coy), Maj Gilbert (A Coy), Col Greenway (COS HQNI). The Bn 2IC was on R & R!

### OFFICER'S MESS

The Officers Mess is the focal point of much that goes on in the Mill. The Mess itself consists of three smallish rooms, ante-room with bar, dining room and TV room. Here the Officers of Battalion Headquarters, Hook, Burma and Somme Companies have their being. In addition at least four helicopter pilots use the Mess on a rotational basis each day. There are only nine chairs in the ante-room and this makes 'Musical Chairs' a popular game each evening just before the evening film show is due to start. We have also found that - for some unknown reason - Bessbrook is a favourite watering hole for visitors and it is not unusual to have two or three a week. The small Mess Staff have had to be on their toes in order

to cope with this ebb and flow. Sgt. Dalladay, L/Cpl Acklam, Ptes McDonald and Shepherd have done well and the Mess has run with remarkable smoothness to date. Their motto 'Its being so cheerful that keeps us going', has been true and apt. The cooks are providing an outstanding service - their reputation is province wide.

During our stay here one or two high days and holidays are worthy of mention. The Christmas Day party - actually held on Boxing Day - was a great success. The Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess kindly allowed us to use their dining room (they had their Christmas on Christmas Day!) for the party when some forty Officers and two Ladies sat down to

a traditional Christmas Dinner. General Charles and Mary Huxtable, Colonel John and Judith Greenway were most welcome guests.

The Colonel-in-Chief paid the Battalion a short visit last week and Walter Robins and Andrew Meek - both of whom are on the staff at RMAS were able to accompany him over to South Armagh. It was good to see them and hear all their news. The Mess now looks forward to the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment towards the end of this week.

Entertainment, apart from the odd supper party, in the Mess is not too varied and besides the 'Chair' game already mentioned Scrabble and one or two other parlour games are on hand to while away the

weary hour. Another popular sport - for some - is to try and read the Times or Daily Telegraph before they are bagged for the Crossword by the UPM. All in all the days seem to pass with remarkable swiftness and many a good laugh. Morale in the Mess is high, but we all look forward to being reunited with the frontiersmen from Forkhill and Crossmaglen in Catterick.

We believe that there are some new subalterns, Messrs Lewis and Tuley - has anyone seen them yet? Chris Gilbert has returned full of Staff College élan - or so he calls it, replacing out tame Scientist, David Harrap, who has gone to Shrivenham.

### SERGEANT'S MESS

Most of November 81 was spent preparing for the Bn tour in South Armagh, and the Mess enbloc spent three weeks at Lydd & Hythe training areas followed by a short sharp spell at Stanford TA in Norfolk, including the Band, who at Lydd played an important part in our training, by acting as civilian population in Rype Village (Northern Ireland type mock village).

Early December we started our move to South Armagh, this was completed by 11th December, everyone rolled up their sleeves and we got stuck in to the task given to us.

Returning to the fold after long absences we welcome back Dilly Buterworth, Terry Cooper, Keith Lister and that other old man Roy Arrowsmith, not forgetting Les (Billy Bunter) Birks.

We had to leave Phil Hewson behind in Catterick when at the last minute the doctor discovered Phil had an unfortunate condition, and he was very sad to be unable to join us in South Armagh, however John (Topper) Toplis at DKD heard about this and immediately volunteered (complete with front teeth), for the duration of the tour.

Leaving the Regiment whilst we are in Northern Ireland is Kenny Leachman, we will all miss Kenny and Veronica, and we wish them all the very best in civilian life.

Since arriving in Bessbrook we have made the Mess as comfortable as possible under the prevailing circumstances. Christmas and New Year went by without undue extravagance, Christmas Day gave us the opportunity to show our attached members just what Dukes hospitality means, and we entertained our guests from the RUC, RAF and RN in fine style.

New year was a more sober affair ("well slightly"),

the Royal Navy kidnapped a WRAC complete with "CoffeePot" from Aldergrove, L/Cpl Paula Fleischmann who brought a new dimension in 'Gunfire' to Burma Company.

Hardly a day goes by without visitors, recent visitors to the Mess have been Lt Col Robbins and Capt Meek, Terry Conley and many more.

In early February we had a visit from the Colonel in Chief, who presented the LSGC to SQMS Lenny Lyons, and a warrant to WO2 Pete Coates, well done. Following this we gave the Duke a ringside seat at the discovery and disposal of a 1,000 lb culvert bomb in Camlough village, talking of bombs we must take this opportunity of welcoming to the Mess our resident 'Felix' WO2 'Fluff' Roberts, (Fluff played rugby against The Dukes, when the RAOC won in 1961) also our search advisor Sgt 'Smiler' Coombes, to WIS Sgt Bailey - Carlisle (Starsky - Hutch), and to our RAF friends from TSW, they change every six weeks and we are now on our third one, (Sgts Mags and Saddler) and now Sgt Bob Hynes.

A warm welcome to our resident RUC members, Ronnie Barton and Cyril Simpson, Ronnie remembers some of us from previous tours in 1972 when he was at Crossmaglen.

We are now into the R & R season and are all keen to set back to England for a break. There is no truth in the rumour that 'Doc' Budden missed his outward flight because he had to take his dog for a walk.

We are now just about halfway through our tour and, we hope that the situation remains stable as it is at present. We must close now, and so from the RSM and all members a belated New Years Greeting.

### ALMA COMPANY

The Company training period for the tour was thorough, hard work but most satisfying because everyone arrived fit, alert and ready for the off. Major Harrap had organised a Company Exercise in Otterburn to familiarise Alma with rural operations. After the NE District STAINTON CHASE, we enjoyed the excellent shooting facilities at Lydd/Hythe. The programme was very full but enjoyable. Capt Bill Atkinson ran the Urban CQB Range, and

lost count of the numbers of bricks who had been through. After Lydd the Bn moved straight to Standford for the final NITAT sponsored exercise, which of course had an unmistakable MUNDELL flavour - Ex MUJI KAS VII or was it VIII? Company locations were manned and incidents dealt with over a hectic five day period which was notable for the amount of helicopter hours and types available.

The advance party left Catterick for FORKHILL

A Wessex lifts off from Forkhill - the only means of transport apart from on foot.



on 5 December, followed by the main body on 10 December to relieve 1 RS who returned to Ballykinler. The move from Aldergrove to Bessbrook was done by using Chinook. Companies moved to out-stations from Bessbrook by Wessex or Puma.

Major Chris Gilbert arrived at Forkhill on 16 December, and after a short handover took over command on 20 December. On that date Major David Harrap left for much earned leave prior to starting two years staff training first at RMCS Shrivenham and later Camberley in 1983. We wish him every success. The new OC was not so much a new broom as the start of stability at Company Commander level which as the last notes indicated had been missing. The Alma quickly settled into a new routine and absorbed the new ideas which Major Gilbert brought with him on this his second visit to FORKHILL TAOR.

One of the enjoyable features of life at FORKHILL has been the association with two troops of RE who are constructing the new base. They have been good companions, witness the Christmas celebrations which included a bonfire on Christmas Eve and impromptu carol service - Ikley Moor was the Alma's favourite, the Sappers Christmas offering somewhat more lurid. Christmas day saw all officers and SNCO's taking grog to all soldiers Dukes and RE. A games morning followed, at lunch the CO and RSM awarded prizes for the best cartoon drawn on a blanket, yet another carol service, and so on into the New Year. Our congratulations to Sgt Hall ACC for the Turkey et al. The Company's method of operating in their TAOR, has been dictated in part by the nature of the ground, 140 square miles of rugged countryside, thick hedgerows, isolated farms and of course endless bogs. The pace of life varies. Reactions to incidents for example are conducted at a more intensive level than some other operations, but overall there is time for proper appreciation,

preparation and planning of all patrols whether they be out of camp for four hours or 5 days.

Platoons work on a four day cycle. 4 days on rural patrols, 4 days on ambushes or OPs which have been reced during the earlier period and 4 days on Guard. Opposite Forkhill is a permanent OP. This is situated on the Foxfield feature and is manned on a composite basis. One NCO and three soldiers for 8 days. The Company carried out framework operations for the first 6-8 weeks, getting to know the countryside and people. At the halfway stage in the tour, we have already altered our posture into selecting targets and we are now patrolling aggressively against them.

As a diversion we are apprehending smugglers in an area where it is a fact of life. Tends to brighten up a cold evening.

The Company will reorganise on its return to Catterick as we resume our role as part of 5 Inf Bde. Capt Bill Atkinson leaves the Dukes on transfer to RMP and we will miss him and his family - but hope he retains a soft spot for us should our paths cross with his Provost Company.

WO2 Goddard leaves Alma on our return for Hook Company prior to a posting to NITAT BAOR. He has been CQMS and CMS of the Company and his contribution to Alma's style immense. His presence and experience have been much appreciated by all those who have served in the Alma.

Additional departures include 2Lt Paul Rumball and Sgt Sweeney to the Depot and 1 YORKS (V) respectively. 2Lt Martin Tuley has recently arrived and will take over 1 Platoon. We congratulate Cpl Frear and L/Cpls Adamson and Williams upon promotion. L/Cpl Adamson and Pte's Devaney and Block on getting married and the additions to the families of Cpl Wright, L/Cpl Adamson, Pte's Lund and Moore. To our recent arrivals and the Under 18's - welcome. To Sgt Warrior and L/Cpl Selby who are attending Brecon, Good Luck!

## BURMA COMPANY

Since the last notes for the *Iron Duke* much has happened and the months of October and November simply flew by. The Ireland tour seemed ages away then but now we find ourselves nearly 2 months into it and the R & R programme well under way. Life is busy and has not been without its incidents, but we all prefer it this way as time goes quickly.

To explain our deployment in broad outline. As the Bessbrook Company we have a large area of responsibility in the north and east of the Battalions 'patch' to look after as well as having to be ready to react to any major incidents in the town of Newry which has a population of some 30,000 people. We have a platoon permanently detached in the west of our area in the market town of Newtownhamilton and from this town and Bessbrook Mill we police our area in a multitude of ways. It is made far easier because we are now a 4 platoon company having welcomed into our ranks for the tour 9 platoon from Corunna Company. As a company we now approach the 160 mark, numbers wise, with our various attachments and it is a good feeling to be so up to strength. In our various tasks we are much assisted by the RUC and some firm friendships have been made, especially with the local DMSU (Divisional Mobile Support Unit). They are very dedicated, but fun loving bunch of policemen who have a most professional approach to their work. In the early days their local knowledge was invaluable and we owe much to them for their help.

We have had some interesting times since our tour began. The two which spring to mind are the Tanker saga and the Camlough Land Mine incident.

The tanker incident is amusing in retrospect but it was far from funny when we first heard about it. The whole saga started some time before Christmas with the hijacking of a BP tanker in the Crossmaglen area.

The next stage in the incident came some 3 weeks later on a mild, quiet Sunday evening. Around about 2000 hrs the phones began to ring:

"You know that tanker we immobilized on the Concession Road?"

"Yes"

"Well, its fifteen miles away under a railway bridge in your area now".

Can't be, we thought. A cover car was tasked to go to look and confirm the seemingly impossible. Yep, same tanker. Certain officer still gaily betting his life savings that it is a different tanker. The helicopter then returned from previous site with news that no tanker was to be seen. Certain officer still will not accept it, but odds are lowered. None of this helped the company which deployed a cordon to the area and started the operation. Monday morning saw the air photographic agencies at work, and on receiving the results by lunch time the search teams were deployed to commence clearing a road route in. They made the halfway mark to the tanker before failing light stopped play. The following morning (Tuesday) saw incident control point established and ATO starting work. First the tanker had to be cleared from under the bridge and this was accomplished by lunch time. ATO got to work in earnest. The tanker was cleverly taken apart during the rest of the afternoon and night by a series of controlled explosions. It became apparent that the tanker had been well and truly



The Camlough bomb - 1,000 lbs of explosive on display for the Press at Bessbrook having been defused by ATO.

booby trapped and final clearance was not done until the Wednesday morning. What little was left of the tanker was then dragged to a safer spot and collected by the scrap man. We were then able to pack up and head back to base for some well earned sleep.

Once the tanker incident was over we went back to the normal patrolling and nothing of note happened for several days. In early February Cpl Irving, Pte Lofthouse, Pte Navis and Pte Atkins better known as C/S 21A found a command wire land mine. At first they thought it was only a couple of beer kegs, but as they looked more carefully they quickly realised that it was considerably larger than that. A full clearance operation was mounted, hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes and the bomb disposal people came in to deal with it. The bomb was neutralised and life returned to what passes for normality over here. The bomb proved to be about 1,000 lbs of home made explosive. Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of this incident was the fact that there were houses and a school within 80 yards of the bomb. Had the land mine been denoted there can be little doubt that much of the local area would have been devastated. The national press developed an healthy interest in this incident and much of 4 platoon spent their time trying to get their faces on television, or in the paper. It is perhaps worth noting that the only two who managed it were Lt Bailey on the BBC 9 o'clock news and Lt Danilewicz on page 2 of the Telegraph. We are still not sure whether they were picked for their Military bearing or simply because they hung around the press so long that eventually the photographer and cameraman took pity on them.

The exciting incidents are by no means common and the rest of the time mundane life continues. When we are not out on the ground there is admin to catch up on various weapons to be zeroed with a whole range of sights and there is some update training to be done. Time off is used for writing letters, watching television and catching up on that valuable and elusive commodity sleep. In many ways we are very lucky. We have excellent accommodation and the platoon rotation means that there is plenty of variety.

Since the last notes there have been a number of promotions. Congratulations are in order for C/Sgt Huxley, Cpl Pigg, L/Cpl Brogden, L/Cpl North, L/Cpl Swithenbank and L/Cpl Wetherall. We should also welcome Patricia Bolton, Yvonne Bolton, Suzanne Broughton, Deborah Kelly and Dawn Walker to the company as they have all shown an enormous amount of taste by marrying members of Burma Company. Whilst we are on the subject, congratulations are due to Cpl and Mrs Bentley on the birth of their daughter Louise and Pte and Mrs Milins on the birth of their son Aaron.

The company is in good heart and looking forward to returning to Catterick and a period of leave.

There was one incident which caused some amusement at the time of the Camlough bomb incident it went something like this.

Hello 23L this is 2 before you get into the helicopter ensure that you arrest the man you have got with you, over.

23L - Roger - Shall I bring him back with me, over.  
2 (amidst laughter in the background) Yes Out!

### 5 PLATOON NEWTONHAMILTON PTE GARY CARTERS VIEW OF SOLDIERING IN THE BURMA COMPANY OUTPOST

Having been in the Army for only one year, including my training, the amount of knowledge I have had to absorb in a short period of time has been incredible. Like the majority of soldiers in the platoon I had not been to Ireland before. After three months of hard training to prepare us, I felt I was ready for anything the Irish could throw at me, although I was obviously both apprehensive and I must admit a little nervous as well.

After leaving the landing craft at Belfast docks I was taken to Musgrove park from where I flew for the first time in a Chinook helicopter to Bessbrook. Then, with hardly time for my feet to touch the ground, I was herded into a Puma which landed here at Newtownhamilton. There I was greeted by the ever smiling face of my Platoon Commander, Lt Robin Pugh and L/Cpl Dave Weatherall, whose men were securing the Heli Pad which is some 500m from the base itself. With the chants of "Stag on Dukes, Merry Xmas" coming from the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment who where on their way out and back to England, I was taken on a lighting tour of the camp, which seemed far smaller and compact than I had thought. This was followed by an even faster issue of bedding, ammunition and all other specialist equipment peculiar only to N. Ireland. It was issued by the new aristocratic looking C/Sgt Roy Arrowsmith, (with a moustache), and before I knew

it I was standing in a sanger 30ft up looking over Newtonhamilton.

We do 2 hours on guard with 4 hours off during which time we do fatigues, washing of clothes and checking the zero of our weapons on the pipe range as well as listening to Sgt Ken Hardings cries of "Wocs" check which occurs daily, when all our equipment is checked and our ammunition counted.

The next day we go onto patrols, and the following day guard again, no days off!! Each patrols day we do there are several patrols, at least one of which I always hope is to be by helicopter - when the weather permits, which seems to be less and less this winter - and is out in the countryside. The other patrols tend to be in and about the town but we all prefer the heli patrols as they are much more varied and exciting.

Being a Yorkshire Lad I find the area very similar to home. The town is small, and the people I find surprisingly friendly. This worried me at first as I would rather the Irish were unfriendly so you then know where you stand. I had expected them not even to talk to me! However it is more like a small Yorkshire village in the Dales than a town, consisting as it does of one main street and one estate, and a cattle market area which is busy on Thursdays for pigs and on Saturdays for cattle.

The only change of job happens every 6 days when we move onto QRF (Quick Reaction Force) which

means we have to dash down to the heli pad to secure it for any approaching helicopters or to escort visitors working within the camp. Added to this we do checks of the camp perimeter on numerous occasions during the day and night.

Our main threat is from a mortar attack, which last occurred in May of last year and before that in march 1979. As nothing has happened for 8 months now we are very cautious and aware that something is due to happen. It's hard to stay alert in such a quiet area, but we are all very aware just how deadly this place can turn and we all carry this threat firmly planted in our minds.

Our strength here is 36, 27 of which are 5 platoon and the rest are HQ. We are lucky in that we have two

excellent cooks, Cpl Terry Rowden and Pte Gary Lees. The camp is warm too, so apart from extra leave what else could you ask for?

We have one female in camp, "Scruffy", a little mongrel terrier who is a great companion and is a morale booster to the whole platoon. She comes out on patrols with us, and she is quite a flirt too - she sleeps on anyone's bed!

To end I must say that life here is not quite what I had expected, but then again I am not sure now what I really did expect! Time goes on quickly anyway, and Mr Pugh tells me I'll be a much better soldier at the end of it all so if thats the case I am sure it will all have been worthwhile!

### CORUNNA COMPANY

The last edition of these notes described the pre-Northern Ireland training and now after all the hard work and pressure of that period we find ourselves in the comparative calm of the tour proper in Crossmaglen. "Train hard and play easy" is a phrase normally applied to rugby but it has its application to soldiering as well. OP BANNER tours are seldom as hectic as the preparation for them which is put as well. However there is always the chance that they can become extremely busy and the real problem of serving in the province is to maintain the alertness

present during training whilst weeks of boring inactivity has passed. Although the Company finds Crossmaglen to be a sleepy county market town most of the time, when something does happen it happens with speed and ferocity that requires prompt and positive action if casualties are to be avoided and culprits apprehended.

To date the Company has been fortunate in being able to provide just such a reaction to the incidents that have occurred. Mercifully we still have everybody we started with and so far can be said to



Christmas Day in Crossmaglen - Soldiers from C Coy encounter a fence whilst on patrol.



have got better of any exchanges with the terrorists that have occurred. The most notable of these incidents took place on New Years Eve of all times. It also coincided with the visit to the Company of the then Commander Land Forces Maj Gen Huxtable and the CO. However true performers to the last, the Company rose to its audience and put on an excellent show. 2 Bricks 31F and 31B surprised a group of terrorists in the act of placing a large bomb. Unfortunately due to the terrain the patrol could not tell that they had done this until the extremely alarmed miscreants fired at them in order to cover a hasty escape. In the initial burst the Commander of 31B Cpl Gary Broadhead was hit in the upper right arm but still carried on firing back and giving orders to the rest of his brick. Sadly the terrorists made good their escape but the bomb was discovered and defused so avoiding what could have been an extremely unpleasant incident. Happily Cpl Broadhead has now returned to full duties again after a period of medical treatment that involved lifting his right arm repeatedly from waist to mouth level using lightish weighted objects!

Otherwise the Company stays more or less the same. 9 Pl sits in the pampered luxury of Bessbrook Mill under the command of BURMA COMPANY. Conditions in Crossmaglen whilst considerably more spartan have been assuaged in recent weeks by the opening of a new building containing a more comfortable cook house and canteen facilities.

The halfway point now having been passed we all look forward to the end of April and the return to Catterick. Then it will be some well earned leave and preparations can begin for the excitements of Canada and Germany later in the year. Also the present team will disperse to fulfil other responsibilities within the Battalion.

However for now all efforts are centred on ensuring that everyone will complete the tour and return safe and sound.



Work with a smile - L/Cpl Grogan getting ready to leave Crossmaglen on patrol.

Christmas Dinner - The RSM serves lunch to L/Cpl Lawrence (left) and Cpl Welburn in Crossmaglen whilst the CO looks on.





Lt Harvey chatting to Cpl Cone whilst in the country near Crossmaglen - next to one of those darn hedges!

### SOMME COMPANY

These notes are now being written in the comparative luxury of Bessbrook Mill where the Company fulfills the role of Patrols Company, but more of that later.

Everyone benefited enormously from the pre-Northern Ireland Training package at Lydd and Hythe. Above all everyone agreed that it was great fun. On one of the ranges the object of the exercise was to recognise where a terrorist was firing from and engage the target. But of course there was a devious part to this, passive targets were also exposed. At one stage of the shoot a bank teller appeared in a bank doorway behind a gunman and on one particular night, sure enough, this passive target was hit as the gunman was engaged. On the debrief the error of our ways was brought out, however a perplexed Pte Gale piped up from the rear "but Sir banks don't open at night", a fair one, you can't pull the wool over our eyes!

A few weeks later we found ourselves in South Armagh. As Patrols Company all ranks are involved in a wide variety of operational tasks ranging from normal patrolling to ambushes and OPs. All of these call for different skills. In addition we can alleviate the burden on other Companies when there is need for a lot of troops for a lengthy period of time in their areas of tactical responsibility. When we work out of one of the forward bases i.e. Crossmaglen or Forkhill we are always well looked after by the resident Company. C Company are always willing to accommodate us.

The Clearing and Cordoning off of terrorist explosive devices is a task the Company could be tasked to carry out. Within two weeks of being here the Company was called upon to do just such an operation at the village of Drumintee in Alma Company's area.

A Patrol from 1 Para, who were under Command of the Battalion at the time, were patrolling South of Drumintee when an explosion occurred next to one of

the patrols bricks. Fortunately no one was hurt as the device only partially exploded, it was decided the Company should plan the clearance of the operation and the following day the Milan platoon was flown in to provide the protective cordon. At the same time the IRA drove a car bomb into the Industrial Warehouse in Newry. A decision had to be made as to which device should be dealt with first. Clearly the bombs in the built up area took priority and it was sometime before the agencies were available to deal with our bomb.

By the time our incident had wound up, half the company had spent three days and two nights out during the coldest couple of days that Northern Ireland had experienced in forty years. Temperatures dropped to  $-17^{\circ}$  at times. It was so bad that we had to de-frost our signals instructions before we could read them!

However the lads warmed up when an Ulster Nationwide film crew turned up, although it took some persuading to convince them that it wasn't the "Game for a Laugh" team. Throughout morale was high which surprised the population of Drumintee who had every sympathy for us. It was the best form of Public Relations exercise we could have had and many contacts were made with the people.

To cap it all more of the lime-light came our way; the BBC were filming a documentary on the ATO who had dealt with the bomb. The fact that the camera's caught the odd shot of Somme Company soldiers giving ATO "Close protection" was purely coincidental!

Since then we have mounted many operations the vast majority of which are in "the cuds". The farmers of South Armagh have continued to construct the most daunting of obstacles to impede our progress. The worst is a stone wall with a hedge plus barbed wire and a ditch either side full of water. The main result of this is that our DPM patches are held together by fragments of combat trousers. Praise is in

order for Company HQ who make every effort to make life as comfortable as possible when back 'in t' Mill'.

Looking to the future beyond the end of the tour

there is leave, and then its back to our Specialist conventional war roles and a build up to Live Firing in Canada.

### INT SECTION

As I write these notes, Captain Drake writes his early morning call times on the message pad, 0800-0815-0830 hours, why so many Sir? "I must get to breakfast" he says. I now know the secret of eternal youth, a pen, an intercom and Kellogs (Oh! the expense).

The Int Cell is very quiet to-day, we miss Sgt Bernie Crowther who is on R & R.

If's, If's, If's "I think it would be a good idea if", these good ideas have changed the office around three times, changed the car twice, turned Sgt Brian Aitken in to a football star and eventually turned Sgt Les (Shultz) Brook into one of his "Pet" projects - a fixer. Fix the TV, fix the video, fix the telephones (after a certain person dropped them). If anyone in authority catches up with him, I for one will put my pension first. Be warned Shultz.

Cpl Paul Harrison our able photographer, having convinced WO2 John Toplis of the importance of his job was promptly placed five floors "up" in order to consult, without shouting to his mate - God.

Nosh Coburn settled in alright at first, that his until Sgt Taff Rance the muscle bender arrived, this tactical move by the IO defeated Nosh who promptly joined Gods mate on the top floor, and seeing Taff

making out BTF returns hasn't helped in fetching him down either!

Being in a close community is very nerve racking - everyones problems come out. We have bought Bernie's house, kept Brian Aitken's taxis on the road, helped the IO choose a bride. We have suffered with Nosh's no smoking, taken Harry's German Shepherd for a walk, and convinced WO2 Toplis that R & R isn't worked out on a "Days for age basis", and watched Shultz waste away on his diet (he is doing well) but he can't stop nibbling. At the moment we are all having Taff Rance's baby, hurry up Mrs Rance.

We keep getting messages from Londonderry, they are reported to come from our secret weapons, Sgt Scott Flaving and L/Cpl Keith Oldroyd. They keep shouting for more work - the fools, it must be terrible up there lads.

All in all though we are keeping cheerful enough. Our tasks call for patient methodical work and this we have been able to achieve and keep up. The cell can find some satisfaction that a great amount of solid background work has been achieved, we are all looking froward to reaping the benefits of this work in the secod half of the tour...

### SIGNAL PLATOON

The pallid faces, sunken eyes, polished boots and polished denims which denote a "base rat" have now faded, but at the time of writing all are very much in evidence in and around Bessbrook Mill. Préparation and training for the current tour started last September at the conclusion of summer leave. Training involved revision of all signalling procedures, teaching of new codes, familiarization with various types of different types of equipment, and also a 2 week course with 8 Signal Regt learning how to operate a teleprinter. The 3 week package at Lydd, Hythe and Stanford was the climax to the training and the first real opportunity to shake out in to the various types of Ops Rooms and mirror, as near as poosble, our actual deployment over here. The Platoon is effectively split up into 3 Ops Rooms; Battalion Radio Room, BUZZARD Ops and the COMCEN. The radio room has a crew of 6 who are responsible fro manning the radios and the 100 line telephone exchange. They also have to be brew-making experts in order to regulate the tempers of the Ops Staff next door. At various times individuals have covered during R & R periods at Crossmaglen and Forkhill, thus gaining a fair degree of variety. The roles of BUZZARD and the COMCEN are equally important; the former being the control cell for the continuous flow of helicopter traffic and the latter

being the control cell for the continuous flow of classified paper traffic. The responsibilities for a signaller are manyfold and vary from basic radios, to television and video installations, to telephones to close-circuit TV cameras to computers... The radio network is very different from any previously encountered and the peculiarities of the South Armagh area widen a signallers experience considerably - though he is unlikely to meet the same system again.

So what of personalities. The RSO has been doing Ops as well but is leaving early on a course and posting and will be replaced by Capt Morgan. C/Sgt Hutchinson spends hours weekly visiting various establishments begging stealing borrowing and repairing equipment whilst Sgt Logan works in the Ops Room and denies any involvement in Signals - though he can occasionally be found fighting a losing battle with one or other of the radios. Sgt Dooley and the Rear Link runs the smoothest COMCEN in Ireland though his usage of the endearment "mate" is known to have stunned some to passion. Cpl Evans and his team are the helicopter kings whilst Cpl Jackson runs the radio room with his crew has fielded the many incoming calls from wives, girlfriends, mothers...

Most of the platoon are managing to keep active, if

not slim, by playing squash and using the multi-gym, but the 4-a-side football team is not as successful as it would like.

The return to Catterick will herald a reorganization of the platoon with the Coy dets coming back under platoon control, a Standard II Cadre and some changes in personalities.

### QUARTERMASTER'S PLATOON

As I put pen to paper, the Battalion passes the half-way mark of its tour in Northern Ireland. During the period since our last notes the platoon has gathered a wealth of experience.

The handover/takeover of Lydd Camp, Stanford, Wretham A and B, Thorpe, Bodney, Westtofts and finally the march out of Somme Barracks to take over these well known locations in our TAOR are behind us. In fact the first letters concerning the pre march-out inspections of Crossmaglen, Forkhill, Newtownhamilton and Bessbrook are hot off the press.

The move to Northern Ireland has seen temporary restructuring of the platoon; Captain Mike Carter (TQM) and WO2 Frank Lowney (RQMS) have changed their allegiance and gone over to the 'G' side to coordinate the movement of helicopters and troops.

We have formed an additional department known

as Airhead Section. They are responsible for the movement of all stores including underslung loads. This is a vital link with the Companies as all stores normally move by helicopter. This able body of men are led by Cpl Ankers with his 3 storemen L/Cpl's Evans, Vokes and Oliver.

For the rest of the platoon life goes on as normal. WO2 Dickens (TQMS) continues to live in fear of re-employment as a strong rumour circulated by the 'G' side, that he is underemployed. An unfounded rumour started by the unfortunate TQMS himself. He is continuously concerned about his golf handicap, which could be put right if he could have two days off each week to play. Cpl Deaville is to be congratulated on passing his driving test on the third attempt. He has asked me to publicly state that it was pure coincidence that he made a large withdrawal from his deposit account prior to taking the test for the last (successful) time.

### BUZZARD

Having reached the halfway stage of the tour we have compiled a couple of useless facts:

Number of passengers moved - 2600 (approx 500 per day).

Quantity of stores moved - 280 tons (approx 1200 lb per day).

This task has been helped by the Royal Navy and Royal Airforce, Wessex and Army Air Corps Lynx and Gazelle helicopters.

During the last month a major problem has been the bad weather and in particular low cloud as all those who have heard those faithful words "cancel serial!" know to their cost.

We have learned during the last two months that there are certain glaring omissions in Opair (Heli Landing) course which was supposed to prepare us for our Buzzard role and we will certainly recommend in our post tour report that the following subjects be covered in some depth:

a. Meteorology - study of the weather with particular emphasis on South Armagh/N Louth/West Monaghan areas.

b. Astrology - study of occult influence of stars on human affairs (to be used in conjunction with meteorology should that subject matter prove inadequate).

c. Psychology - the study of the human soul or mind (to be used when meteorology and astrology prove inadequate).

To illustrate the need for the inclusion of these subject in the course, a certain Sergeant nicknamed 'Tex' taped a telephone conversation one foggy night (at Bessbrook).

Coy Ops Offr - "Are you flying?"  
 Buzzard - "Not at the moment"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "Why aren't you flying?"  
 Buzzard - "The weather has closed in"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "But it's clear here?"  
 Buzzard - "But the helicopters are here"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "When is the weather due to clear?"  
 Buzzard - "The met say's by lunchtime"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "Do you think our serial 26 will be on time?"  
 Buzzard - "I don't think so, we are two hours late now, and we are at serial 10"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "Do you think we should walk in?"  
 Buzzard - "Now are you asking for a decision"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "If we start walking will you pick them up at a different grid?"  
 Buzzard - "Yes"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "At what time?"  
 Buzzard - "When the weather clears, plus two hours"  
 Coy Ops Offr - "Don't bother we've just walked through the gate"

### MEDICAL SECTION — 'ANGELS OF MERCY'

Hello to Captain Rimmer borrowed from 6 Field Ambulance, Aldershot. Getting along famously, upsetting some of the Officers who are determined smokers and eaters, and Buzzard flight plans with his daily sojourns to the locations (one Officer asked, could we arrange his trips to coincide with meal times to give the slower ones a chance).

Sgt Holmes is a prominent member of the GUSS (Give Up Smoking Society) even if he is always coming out of smokey toilets. Despite those rumours we still think it a coincidence that the Battalion consumption of valium has increased by two kilograms a week.

Also welcome to L/Cpl Welch and Pte Baker both RAM 1's from the Royal Army Medical Corps, kindly loaned to us for the tour, L/Cpl Welch is determined to spend as much time as possible out of the Mill either visiting other locations or patrolling (is there a telephone out there) and (feet are my

speciality I'm no good with shoulders) Pte Baker who is quite content with squash and football being his prime forms of exercise.

The rest of the Medical Team are somewhat spread around, Cpl Ingram feeding the metal birdies down at Forkhill, with patients in between slices. Cpl Tait QGM at XMG trying to keep the hygiene to a reasonable standard, which is a thankless and nigh on impossible task. Pte Ward is C/Sgt Arrowsmith's 2IC (Molar Minor Mth) avoiding at all costs speaking with BBK because he feels he must have done something wrong. Pte Slater C/Sgt Budden's 5IC (Molar Metro) who is not at the end of a phone and can be rifted too easily. Pte Bradley Somme Company, responsible we think for treating the whole of the Mill by the amount of bandages and plasters in his First Aid Kit (wishing if only I had the same amount of needles) and Somme glad he hasn't.

### RECCE PLATOON

We moved to Ballykinler in early December to put the finishing touches to our training. We arrived at Bessbrook in good time giving us a week to settle in and achieve a measure of TAOR familiarisation.

Since our arrival we have had a steady stream of tasks to keep us busy. During early January operating was extremely difficult due to the snow and two patrols were almost buried at one stage! In general the patrols have frequently coped with very wet and uncomfortable positions and the overall results, bearing in mind the time of year, have been good.

The Platoon has now moulded into a good team. Sgt Fear the Platoon CQMS and his storeman Pte Lloyd have worked hard to procure and produce the necessary goodies for the patrols. L/Cpl Kemp the signals NCO has had more than his fair share of problems keeping our rebroadcasts on the go. Our driver L/Cpl Lloyd, commonly known as "Curtis" apart from almost scaring the Platoon Commander and 2IC to death in the van, has produced some very good pictures for us.

Now that we are over the tour halfway mark we look forward to maintaining the momentum and ending on a highly successful note.

Congratulations to Cpl Lofthouse on his promotion to Sergeant, and to Pte's Goringue and Hughes on there promotion to L/Cpl.



L/Cpl Whiteley, Recce PI, on patrol wearing Artic Camouflage clothing in the snow.



The Colonel of the Regiment chats to members of the Recce Pl. L to R Cpl Thomas, Cpl Austin and Pte Machen.

## Duke's Built Roads in Scotland

by John Gordon

On the A939 near Tomintoul in Banffshire, can be found a monument to a little known aspect of the 1st Bn's history.

After the unsuccessful 1715 Jacobite Rebellion, the government introduced a number of measures designed to prevent any future rising by the pro-Jacobite clans of the Scottish Highlands. A military presence in the area was maintained by the garrisoning of English troops in both new and existing bases. These troops were assisted by independent companies of clansmen loyal to the House of Hanover. Due to its dark tartan, this internal security force was known as Am Freiceadan Dubh - The Black Watch.

Part of the problem of policing the Highlands lay in its rugged terrain and inaccessibility. In 1724, Gen George Wade was appointed CIC Highlands. He decided to link the government forts by solid military roads. Between 1724-40, 258 miles of road were constructed under Wade's supervision. When he left Scotland in 1740, the Highland road-building programme was continued by a Major Caulfield.

In 1745, Prince Charles Edward Stuart, raised his supporters in one final gamble to regain the throne of his ancestors. In his dash to the south, he used Wade's route over the Corrieyairack. Despite penetrating as far as Derby, the Jacobites were routed at Culloden the following year. This time, the Westminster government was determined to smash Jacobitism forever. New repressive laws were enacted for the Highlands. The carrying of weapons, without which a Highlander felt undressed, became a capital offence. The feudal power of the clan chiefs over their people was abolished. The wearing of the kilt, tartan and other items of Highland garb was abolished. Even bagpipes were banned as weapons of war.

Amidst all this, Caulfield's road construction programme continued. As the number of troops in the Highlands increased, so too did the network of roads designed to facilitate their rapid movement and

supply. Between 1741-60, an extra 700 miles of military roads were added to Wade's original routes.

It was at this time that the 33rd of Foot found itself part of the government forces occupying the mountains and straths. Unpleasant as the frequent patrolling of the bleak and inhospitable Highland landscape must have been, it was probably preferable to the grueling task of road building. Little wonder that the 33rd should have seen fit to record their exertions under enforced navvying. At the Well of the Lecht they set up a stone plaque with the following inscription. "AD 1754. FIVE COMPANIES OF THE 33rd REGIMENT. RIGHT HONBL. CHAS. HAY COLONEL MADE THE ROAD FROM HERE TO SPEY". From Well of the Lecht to the River Spey is about 15 miles by the road.

In comparison with a battle or campaign, a road may seem insignificant. Yet, these roads, did much to ensure that the Highlands were opened up to effective control. The clansmen were ensnared in a network which rapidly ended the isolation of his territory and with it, the Highland way of life. Indeed, the authorities had, from the outset, seen that roads would be the arteries along which "civilising" southern influences would spread. Unconsciously, the redcoat - navvies were continuing the work begun by Roman legions nearly 17 centuries before. Once the Highlands were pacified, military road building tailed off. later, the civilian authorities imitated the military example and started their own series of solid, surfaced roads.

Today, the 33rd's inscription at Well of Lecht is listed as a class B structure, under the care of the Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Scotland. It can be found at GR 234, 152, OS Sheet 36 (1:50 000). Further information on these roads is contained in "The Military Roads in Scotland" by William Taylor, (David & Charles, 1976).

# Officers Location List

AS AT 1 MAY, 1982

## Major General (Retired)

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

## Major General

C. R. HUXTABLE, CB, CBE, DASD, Ministry of Defence.

## Brigadier

D. W. SHUTTLEWORTH, OBE, ADC, Inspector of Physical and  
Adventurous Training, Ministry of Defence.

## Colonels

E. M. P. HARDY, Defence Adviser, Canberra, Australia.  
R. M. HARMS, MC, Col GS (Ops & Trg), HQ Land Forces SE  
Europe (BAE) - Turkey.  
P. A. MITCHELL, OBE, Language Training for MA Appt Feb 83.  
J. B. K. GREENWAY, MBE, Col GS, HQ Northern Ireland.  
M. R. N. BRAY, Col GS (OR)2, MOD ACGS (OR)  
M. J. CAMPBELL-LAMERTON, OBE, Commander Old College,  
RMA Sandhurst

## Lieut Colonels

J. E. PELL, OBE, RCB Westbury.  
J. R. P. CUMBERLEGE, Att HQ UKLF for REME Static Wksp  
Study Team, For Colonel 1982.  
R. L. STEVENS, MBE, GSO1 Live Oak (Belgium).  
C. W. IVEY, GSO1 (DS) Ghana Staff College.  
T. D. LUPTON, AAG (CRLS) HQ North West District.  
W. R. MUNDELL, GSO1 School of Infantry.  
W. F. CHARLESWORTH, CO of a TA Unit.  
C. R. CUMBERLEGE, CO 1 DWR.  
S. J. NASH, CO Warminster Support Unit.  
E. J. W. WALKER, GSO1, MOD (ASD3).

## Majors

P. B. L. HOPPE, 1 DWR; for Mil Trg Offr AAC Harrogate Aug 82.  
D. M. PUGH, DAAG (Ops), HQ 1 (BR) Corps.  
I. P. REID, GSO2 Trg/Cadets, HQ South West Dist.  
P. J. PUTTOCK, 1 DWR.  
P. D. D. J. ANDREWS, GSO2 DNBC Centre.  
C. N. St. P. BUNBURY, MBE, GSO2/OC Team (Army), LSP,  
Barbados.  
C. G. FITZGERALD, 2ic Depot King's Div.  
P. J. MELLOR, GSO2 (Cadets, CCF) HQ Western District.  
A. R. WESTCOB, 2ic 1 DWR.  
T. J. NICHOLSON, DAMS MOD (MS4); for Lt Col 1982; for CO  
Depot King's Div May 83.  
A. R. REDWOOD-DAVIES, MBE, 1 DWR.  
P. D. GARDNER, GSO2 D Ops XCS, MOD, ACDS Ops.  
A. D. M. PALMER, 1 DWR.  
A. D. ROBERTS, MBE, 1 DWR.  
J. M. THORN, GSO2 Ops/Pol Mil HQ BF Hong Kong.  
M. P. C. BRAY, Trg Maj 3 Yorkshire Volunteers.  
J. R. A. WARD, GSO2 (Ex) UKCICC, HQ UKLF.

C. J. W. GILBERT, 1 DWR.

M. S. SHERLOCK, 1 DWR.

## Captains

D. L. J. HARRAP, LLB, RMCS Shrivvenham; for Staff College  
Camberley Jan 83.  
T. J. ISLES, SO3, G3 (Coll Trg), HQ 1 (BR) Corps.  
A. J. PITCHERS, B. Ed, Depot HS Apr 82-Aug 82.  
K. BEST, Adjt, 1 Yorkshire Volunteers; for 1 DWR Jun 82.  
C. F. GRIEVE, OC JS Coy, Depot King's Division Strensall (Act  
Maj)  
A. D. MEEK, Instructor, RMA Sandhurst; for RMCS Shrivvenham  
Oct 82; for Staff College in Australia Jan 83.  
A. H. S. DRAKE, MBE, 1 DWR.  
M. J. STONE, BA, Instr Mor Div, Sp Wpns Wg Sch of Inf; for 1 DWR  
Sep 82.  
D. I. RICHARDSON, Adjt, 1 DWR.  
W. A. N. ATKINSON, 1 DWR; for Transfer to RCMP  
G. A. KILBURN, 1 DWR; for Instr NCO's Tac Wg Sch of Inf Aug 82.  
G. D. SHUTTLEWORTH, 1 DWR; for Adjt 1 Yorkshire Volunteers  
Jun 82  
D. WHITTAKER, (SSCC), Adjt 3 Yorkshire Volunteers.  
S. J. N. MORGAN, BA, 1 DWR.  
S. C. NEWTON, 1 DWR.  
M. WHITE, BA, 1 DWR.

## Subalterns

R. B. LAUGHTON, BSC, (SSC), 1 DWR.  
P. J. HARVEY, 1 DWR.  
B. COLL, (SSCC), Coy 2ic JS Bn Taunton (A Capt).  
C. J. DANILEWICZ, BA, (SSC), 1 DWR.  
S. H. DIXON, IJLB Shorncliffe. For 1 DWR Aug 82.  
M. J. B. DRAKE, 1 DWR.  
P. R. S. BAILEY, (SSC), 1 DWR.  
J. A. C. KILBURN, 1 DWR.  
C. A. HARVEY, BA, 1 DWR.  
N. G. BORWELL, 1 DWR.  
J. W. WOOD, (SSC), 1 DWR.  
R. J. M. PUGH, (SSC), 1 DWR.  
A. J. BREAR, (on probation), Durham University; for RMAS Sep  
82; for 1 DWR Apr 83.  
D. S. BRUCE, 1 DWR.  
P. M. RUMBALL, Depot King's Division.  
P. M. LEWIS, 1 DWR.  
C. R. T. SMITH, 1 DWR.  
N. F. CASTLETON, (on probation), Loughborough University.  
M. G. TULEY, BSC, (SSC), 1 DWR.  
S. C. WOOD, (SSLC), 1 DWR; for Cambridge University Oct 82.

## Quartermasters

Lt Col (SQM) W. ROBINS, MBE, SQM RMA Sandhurst.  
Maj S. H. KIRK, MBE, QM Depot King's Division.  
Maj R. A. TIGHE, QM 1 DWR.  
Capt M. CARTER, QM 2 1 DWR.  
Capt D. HUGHES, QM 1 Yorkshire Volunteers.

## C (DWR) COMPANY - 3rd Yorkshire Volunteers

After training for their UK internal security role, twenty four men of C Company are eagerly anticipating warm Mediterranean weather on Gibraltar in April. They are looking forward to forming part of a composite company being raised by the battalion for a two week tour of "active service" shortly before the re-opening of Gibraltar's border with the Spanish mainland.

The composite company will relieve 1 Staffords and perform a series of public and ceremonial duties and man observation posts overlooking the frontier with the south of Spain. The company contingent will be commanded by Major Mike Hawley who until

recently commanded C Company but has now moved to take charge of Keighley.

But while savouring the thoughts of sunnier weather to come, C Company has been busy preparing for its internal security role in the cooler early Yorkshire spring. Yorkshire Autonomous Kingdom freedom fighters (with many familiar faces) recently had a demoralising weekend which undoubtedly caused them to review their tactics in North Yorkshire. Small groups of terrorists presumed they had freedom of movement and control of roads until C Company was tasked to meet the situation.

Route clearing, vehicle check points, house searches in the early dawn and clearing suspected enemy locations are standard procedure in C Company's role and the company has been busying itself in gingering up these techniques.

The lure of cold, damp dawns seems to be irresistible in Huddersfield at present with higher levels of recruiting and attendance than for a long time. Drill nights now bring nearly 50 men each week to St. Paul's Street on Wednesday nights.

C Company has also been busy with radical internal reorganisation of itself aimed at both chasing efficiency in training and also to harness the enthusiasm of its men in all ranks.

At the end of last year Major Stephen Armitage took over as C Company Commander. A teacher by profession, Major Armitage has been with the Territorials for ten years and returns to lead a company where he himself first started as a private soldier. He moved to C Company after a year commanding Headquarter Company and before that two years with A Company.

The prospects of overseas travel to Gibraltar aside, the company is preparing itself for an active spring programme of weekend training leading up to what will once again hopefully be a successful annual camp, this year to be held in June at Stanford.

## WELLESLEY COMPANY DWR ACF

(Huddersfield Area)  
Yorkshire ACF

### Personalities

WELCOME to SMI Tony Armstrong who joins us at Skipton as the Detachment Commander. A former Regular Army WOII he brings great enthusiasm to Skipton and morale, numbers and achievements begin to emerge under his skillful guidance.

We are delighted to also welcome SI, Wilf Sanderson and SI Brian Wilson who join us at Huddersfield Detachment and bring much needed support for Lieut Peter Cole at this very competent detachment.

CONGRATULATIONS to SI Tom Gibson and SI John Hammond from Keighley who have successfully completed their courses at Cadet Training Centre Frimley Park.

FAREWELL, as Area Training Officer, to Captain Terry Bonds who has now decided to concentrate all his endeavours on his huge Halifax Detachment. Terry Bonds has been, and will of course remain, a strong pillar of Wellesley Company. His work as ATO has been very much appreciated and is a most exacting key role in the Area. He has adopted the Mantle of Area Sports Officer officially and will build upon the superb achievements he has achieved already. Captain Peter Howells takes over as ATO and we look forward to continuing high standards - he already has a very full forward programme of developments and we know that he will consolidate on the splendid foundations laid by Terry Bonds.

### Cadet CSM

This vital cadet appointment now welcomes C/CSM Simon Gregory as post-holder from our Halifax Detachment in succession to C/CSM Simon Bennett who now reaches full age and must depart our portals in favour of his career training. This rank is only awarded to cadets of very mature outlook who have excelled themselves in all aspects of cadet life, and both the retiring and newly appointed have reached these exacting standards. We wish them both good luck. Subject to A-levels CSM Gregory is scheduled for Sandhurst in Sept 1982.

### Annual Visits

At the time of compiling these notes, visits have occurred at Skipton, Heckmondwike, Halifax and have been very successful. Carried out by Regular Officers not below Lt Col, the visits are very detailed covering training administration security and welfare. We are delighted that Heckmondwike and Skipton, traditionally poor environments and poor recruiting areas have been successful in impressing the visiting officers by their endeavours. Halifax always impresses and once again came through with flying colours.

### Weekend Camps

Three weekends since our last notes, one at Ripon and two at Strensall. Very successful weekends packed with fun and serious training. A full complement of cadets always assured, particularly as they now have to finance the transport largely themselves, shows how popular these weekends are, and how vital they are too to our continuing development. Full opportunity has been taken to fully utilize the ranges available, and the rapidly improved shooting standards is welcome.

### Shooting

We missed winning the Adults winter shoot by a whisker last year. Once again upon us we have two teams through to the next stage of this years competition and once again the Company Commander offers pints (several) if they can pull it off - with shooters like Bennett Bonds Swithenbank Gibson Fitzgerald Turner Cole and Wood it should cost the Company Commander a fortune (with their capacity!)

We submit two full teams for the Yorkshire ACF Skill at Arms meeting (our full quota) and with the results previously referred to, we are hopeful of being among the winners.

### Remembrance Parades

We were delighted to play our full part in these very important parades. We provided the parade



commander at Mirfield and also a very strong contingent. Huddersfield saw our presence in significant style as did Halifax. Skipton provided a guard of honour and a very commendable letter of appreciation was subsequently received by the detachment. Well done everyone with your high standards, and we are always pleased to pay our homage to those who gave so much.

### Sport

We are now acknowledged to be an Area who can field a very strong team of athletes and sportsmen. Cadet Comer, the diminutive cadet from Halifax, continues to impress with 5th place in the County and 12th place in North East District - his trophy was so well deserved for another pint sized "Dukes" cadet. Also from Halifax, L/Cpl Meadows was selected for the County Rugby Team for competition in North East District whilst Cadet Edgar played exceptionally well in the soccer team that drew with Northumberland - a last minute goal robbed them of a striking win but both teams drew honours from their draw.

### Liaison

Once again, 3 Bn Yorkshire Volunteers offer 4 vacancies to us for their Ex Marble Tor in Gibraltar and great excitement mounts as we select the four to represent us. A super opportunity and one which continues to cement relations with our big TA brother.

Skipton Detachment had a superb weekend with Giggleswick CCF at the School, and we are indebted to Major Nigel Musset and his staff/cadets for their very warm welcome and for the considerable amount of work and hospitality they offered us.

### Duke of Edinburghs Awards

Not wanting to be outdone by Award-gliadators from Keighley, Mirfield Detachment under 2Lt Paul Laycock home in with 15 new entrants to the Bronze level, and we wish them well. So ideally suited is our own training syllabus to meet with the Awards needs that we should do well provided the detachments can find a way to achieve the sustained effort needed.

### Cadet Banner

In June, the new banner given to the ACF by the Duke of Edinburgh comes to Yorkshire. Dukes cadets will play a prominent part in a ceremony at Strensall when both Yorkshire and Humberside officially receive it into the County. More news in the next journal.

### General

We continue to prosper. Vacancies exist for officers, preferably ex Dukes, so if you want to soldier on with a Dukes Unit then keep us very much in mind - we can offer each other so much satisfaction - give the Company Commander a ring for full terms of appointment.

## Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

Life at IJLB is as hectic as ever as the process of turning sixteen year old school boys into soldiers goes on. Since we last reported in the *Iron Duke* J/Cpl Andrew and J/Ldrs Hawksworth, Edwards have joined the 1st Bn in Catterick. They all did well on their final exercise which took place at Otterburn and involved activity in both Scotland and England! Hawksworth deserves special mention for his contribution to IJLB sport, he represented them at Rugby, Cricket and Boxing. He was outstanding in the boxing ring where he became the Junior Army Light Heavy Weight Champion - a fine achievement, well done. However these three have left now and we wish them well.

J/Cpl Mosley and J/Ldrs Craddock, McNally are nearing the end of their training, passing out in June. They were lucky enough to take part in exercise Amber Express in Denmark with 10 PARA and enjoyed the R & R which followed! They have also been on exercise at Stanford and Otterburn. Indeed they have just returned from Otterburn where they were meant to be doing rock climbing and fell walking but due to the weather learnt how to ski instead! The main group of Dukes are in their early stages of training, ten of them in all, in their fourteenth week of training. The group includes three who have brothers in the 1st Bn at the moment J/Ldrs Birkett,

Hollinsend and Falcus, plus the son of the late RSM 'Bo-Bo' Chilvers. They are all getting stuck into their training although there is still a long way to go.

Whilst writing these notes we were extremely well represented at IJLB - never has the Dukes cap badge been seen quite so much here. This is mainly due to the under 18's who have formed the demonstration platoon whilst the Bn is in Ireland. Their main duties are on the ranges where they play an important role helping to coach the Juniors. They appear to have settled well and have been well received by the staff. The lads have also integrated themselves on the sports field and as they are under eighteen they can represent IJLB at most sports. Needless to say most activity has been on the rugby pitch where Pte's Warrender and Taylor have already made their mark.

The Permanent Staff continue to enjoy themselves, L/Cpl Hollen is a very active member of the Bn, a foxhounds rugby player, a member of the Badminton and Cricket teams and a busy rugby referee! Cpl Jones has left the QM's department behind him and now looks forward to the possibility of senior Brecon on his return to the Bn. Lt Dixon continues as OC 15 Platoon in between playing rugby for the foxhounds and Canterbury, but is due to return to the 1st Bn in August.

## Obituary

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



Brigadier B. W. WEBB-CARTER, DSO, OBE  
(Taken while in Command of the 1st Bn)

### **Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter, DSO, OBE**

Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter died suddenly at his home, Ashton Cottage, Bishop's Waltham on January 2nd aged 80.

Brigadier Brian was commissioned into the Regiment on 14th July 1921 and posted to the 1st Battalion. He was seconded to the West African Frontier Force from May 1925 to April 1927 serving with the 1st Bn Nigeria Regt. He then served with the 2nd Bn in India from Nov 1927 to Apr 1932 when he rejoined the 1st Bn. He was Commandant of the Anti Gas School Malta from 1935-1939. Promoted major in August 1938, he briefly rejoined the 1st Bn before joining the 1/6th Bn as Second in Command and served with them in Iceland. Following the return of the Force to UK he served for short periods in several appointments before being posted again to the 1st Bn as 2i/c in Jan 1943 assuming Command in April 1943. He handed over command of the Bn in Sept 1944 having led the Bn through Anzio and up to the entry

into Rome. Then followed a period as GSO(L) with one of the Italian Divisions which came over to the Allied Cause. At the close of hostilities he held a series of appointments as A/Colonel in occupied Austria.

He returned to command the 1st Bn in Khartoum for the period Feb-Nov 1947 before reverting to Home Establishment. He was appointed to Command 150 Inf Bde (TA) in July 1948 in the Acting Rank of Brigadier. His final appointment being that of Commandant, School of Combined Operations (School of Amphibious Warfare) from May 1951 to retiring in March 1954.

He was promoted Substantive Brigadier in Jan 1953. He was awarded the DSO in July 1943, a bar to the DSO in Aug 1944 and the OBE in Dec 1945.

As a tribute to Brigadier Brian we can do no better than print the Colonel of the Regiment's address at the Funeral Service.

*Brigadier Brian Wolsely Webb-Carter, DSO, OBE  
St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham, 8 January 1982*

It is a sad but a great privilege for me to be asked to give this Address to the memory of Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter. All the more so because, looking around, I am aware that there are some present who knew Brian before I did and who soldiered with him before the Second World War and who are thus better qualified than I to speak. Also, I can talk only of Brian as a soldier for I know but little of his life here in BISHOP'S WALTHAM. I do know, of course, of his work both as County Commissioner of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and for the local unit here and what excellent service he rendered to that organisation. Alas, I only met once his wife Rosemary, who died 3 years ago, but I do know of her love of gardening and all she did for the village.

In fact it was not until 1944 that I, as a 2/Lt, joined Brian and the 1st battalion of The Duke's at the tail-end of the ANZIO campaign in ITALY. Brian had taken command of the Battalion in NORTH AFRICA and had led it through the fierce fighting of the Beachhead. The Battalion had done well, but like all units of the 1st British Division, had suffered heavy casualties. Now, the Allies were soon to capture ROME and the long advance north to the APPENNINES and the GOTHIC LINE was to begin.

Joining the 1st Battalion of The Duke's at this stage of the war was an exhilarating experience. Morale was high and to say that Brian was the inspiration of us all is no more than the truth. Despite the casualties, he had welded together a very sound team at all levels. He was blessed with a group of very powerful company commanders and with Brian at the helm there was nothing the Battalion could not tackle. I do not exaggerate when I say that everyone in the battalion, officers and soldiers alike, were

proud of Brian. For he was different and quite unlike other Commanding Officers. There remained, then, no personal ambition in his make-up. Brian did not seek further promotion or glory. All he had ever wanted to do was to command the Duke's and to look after his beloved battalion. It could be said, but no one did, that his outlook in this respect was parochial and protective - and so it was. The Duke's belonged to him; the battalion was his and with him in command all was well.

There are many stories of Brian at war. His sartorial elegance, even in the mud of command post and slit trench was renowned throughout the 5th Army. He was always impeccably turned out - cravat, scarlet braces and all. His unique and distinctive manner of speaking was perhaps one of his most endearing characteristics. He was never one for the subtleties and rules of radio procedure, and this coupled with his voice and method of delivery must surely have identified The Duke's on any radio set wherever we were on the battlefield. It is true that, on the 19 set, there were many ways in which Brian could say and pronounce the Code word WILCO - none of the various intonations left our Brigade Commander in any doubt whatsoever, as to exactly what Brian thought of the orders he had just received and acknowledged.

Brian was at his best in command of soldiers and the citations to his Distinguished Service Order and the bar to it for his bravery in NORTH AFRICA and ITALY are clear evidence of this. Although he wielded a fluent and mighty pen and could be acidly devastating on paper, the life of the Staff never appealed to him. He used often to joke about the Staff College course at CAMBERLEY he was made to attend once the war was over. This was the so-called "backward boys" course for that host of brilliant wartime soldiers who had never had the time, nor most probably the inclination, to go to Staff College during the War.

So, on completion of CAMBERLEY, it came as no surprise - neither to Brian nor, one presumes, to the Directing Staff - when he was posted back to The Duke's as its first proper peace time Commanding Officer. We were in KHARTOUM in THE SUDAN in 1947. I was Adjutant and I was both surprised and honoured that I was kept on in that appointment until I left for the Depot a year or so later. As his Adjutant I came to realise how deep was his knowledge of the Regiment. He knew all its history in the finest of detail - battles, battle honours, the Colours, dress and uniforms throughout the ages, previous Colonels and commanding officers and regimental customs and personalities - there seemed nothing that he did not know. And, of course, because of this knowledge it was to Brian that we all turned to for advice. He was truly the Oracle. Not only the Regiment benefited from this invaluable knowledge, for he also served as a distinguished Chairman of the Society for Army Historical Research and, in addition, was a member of the Committee of the National Army Museum.

As his Adjutant, and in later years - for I have seen much of him - I came to realise to the full how very much the Regiment meant to him and how keen he was that the highest standards in all aspects of our regimental life should be maintained. Because of this dominating fact of his life, today is no occasion for me

to go through Brian's record of service - from the day he was commissioned in 1921 until 1954 - when he retired as Commandant of the School of Combined Operations. Far better for us to remember him as we knew him; for his ready, sardonic and impish wit and for his impudent and often irreverent sense of fun; for the delightful stories he used to love to entertain us with in the Mess and in the Rag, or at Armoury House on those second Fridays, every March since the War, when he used to dine with his wartime officers who had served with him in the battalion. It is true that we shall not remember Brian on the rugby field - polo, horses and hard riding were more his line and exactly in keeping with that debonair image which was, so uniquely, his.

And so, today, along with his soldier sons David and Evelyn and their families, and his daughters Angela and Caroline, the Regiment mourns one of its most distinguished sons - Brian Wolsley Webb-Carter, "The Babe", twice Commanding Officer of the 33rd. A great gentleman and a great Duke.

**Air Vice Marshall Sir Thomas Shirley, KBE, CB, CEng, FIEE, FRAS**

Air Vice Marshall Sir Thomas Shirley died peacefully at the RAF Hospital Halton on 17 Jan 1982 aged 73 years.

Sir Thomas, the father in law of Lt Col E. J. W. Walker, had a great interest in the Regiment and all its activities.

**Colonel N. H. Bryan, OBE, TD, DL**

Colonel Norman Harold Bryan, late East Yorkshire Regiment, died in hospital on 19 December 1981.

Paddy Bryan received an emergency commission in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in May 1940 in which he served in the 6th Bn throughout the war, first in Iceland and later in North West Europe where he was wounded.

In Nov 1948 he joined the 4th Bn East Yorks Regt (TA) and in August 1956 was appointed to Command the Bn which he did until it was amalgamated with the 5 West Yorks to become 3 PWO in Feb 1961. He then commanded the new Bn until Aug 1962.

He was made a Deputy Lieutenant of York and the City and County of Kingston on Hull.

In 1965 he was promoted Colonel and appointed Deputy Commander 146 Inf Bde TA until March 1967.

**Lt Col J. K. Sugden, TD, Late RAMC**

Lt Col John Kenneth Sugden died suddenly at his home, 10 Bakara Street, Rockhampton, Queensland 4700 on 15 September 1981 aged 65.

He was commissioned to 7 DWR in 1937 and served with the 2/7 Bn in the BEF in France. He was released to complete his medical studies in 1942. He recommenced duties with RAMC in 1944, subsequently specialising in anaesthetics, serving in Gibraltar, FARELF and Korea. He retired from regular service in 1964 in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Subsequently he settled in Australia in private practice as a specialist anaesthetist in Rockhampton.

During his military career he was awarded the first

Montifiore prize in military surgery and radiology in 1952 and the Leishman memorial prize in 1963.

#### **Major T. P. Brighouse, TD**

Major Thomas Percy Brighouse died in the Royal British Legion Home, Lister House, Sharrow, Ripon on 25th February 1982 aged 93 years.

Major Brighouse enlisted in the 3 Volunteer Bn DWR which became 6th Bn DWR (TF) in 1908.

He was commissioned in the 6th Bn during the first World War. Late in 1918 he reached Boulogne on his way home for leave when he heard his battalion would be involved in the next attack. He immediately returned and took part in the Battle of Famars on 1st Nov 1918 in the course of which he was blinded by a shell. After six months he recovered the sight of one eye.

Between the wars he served in the 6th Bn TA retiring as Second in Command.

In 1920 he managed to save one of the Colours in a fire in Skipton Parish Church, the other was destroyed.

In the second World War he was re-employed on basic training with a royal Engineers Unit at Castle Donnington.

#### **Mr R. Chilvers**

Ex RSM R. (Bob) Chilvers died very suddenly at his home, 18 The Gallops, York on 28th February 1982 aged 50 years.

A full obituary will be published in the August issue.

#### **Mr A. R. Martin, BEM**

Mr Bob Martin died on 15th January at the age of 93.

Mr Martin was a founder of the London Branch OCA.

Bob enlisted on August 1, 1908, was posted to the 2nd Bn at Litchfield and was trained as a machine gunner. In the spring of 1916 he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps prior to the battle of the Somme and served with them until demobilisation in July 1920.

He re-enlisted in June 1940 and was posted to the Pioneer Corps, serving in N Africa and North West Europe, reaching the rank of CQMS. He was finally

discharged in December 1944.

His funeral was attended by Mr R. H. Temple and Mr R. Owers of the London Branch OCA.

#### **Mrs M. T. Taylor**

In our last issue we briefly reported the sudden death of Mrs Madge Taylor, the beloved wife of Lt Col George Taylor, DSO, TD, for 57 years.

Colonel George has asked us to pass on the grateful thanks of himself and his two daughters, Pat and Jill, for all the kindness, sympathy and concern shown by members of the Regiment, in their sad loss.

#### **Brigadier J. B. Scott, OBE**

On 28 November 1981, the Colonel of the Regiment, the CO of the 1st Battalion, the Regimental Secretary and Major T. J. Isles attended the Memorial Service in Richmond, Yorkshire for the late Brigadier J. B. Scott, OBE, formerly of the Green Howards, and a previous Brigade Colonel of the Yorkshire Regiment.

#### **Lt Col G. T. M. Scrope, OBE, DL**

On 8 January 1982, Lt Col H. S. Le Messurier represented the Colonel and members of the Regiment at the funeral of the late Lt Col G. T. M. Scrope, OBE, DL, Regimental Secretary of the Green Howards.

The following notifications were received after we closed for press. Obituaries will appear in the August issue.

#### **Major B. M. Kilner, TD**

Major Bernard Major Kilner died suddenly on 30th March 1982 aged 62.

#### **Mr G. North**

Mr George North died following a road accident on 2nd April 1982 aged 84.

#### **Mr J. Imray, MBE**

Mr James Imray died after a long illness on 13th March 1982.

#### **Lt Col K. L. T. Jackson**

Lt Col Ken Jackson died on 23rd March 1982.

## **Regimental Association**

### **AGM & Reunion Dinner 1982**

At the AGM held on 10th October 1981 a proposal was put forward to examine the possibility of holding the annual AGM, Reunion & Dinner in 1982 at the King's Division Depot at Strensall near York in possible combination with other regimental events for the weekend of 22nd, 23rd October 1982. The Colonel of the Regiment decided that although it sounded a good idea at the time, further enquiries should be made with Branches and at Strensall as to the problems and the real wishes of the majority before arriving at a firm decision.

As a result of these enquiries the unanimous

decision of the Branches is not to go to Strensall but to continue with our present system of holding the AGM & Reunion Dinner alternately in Halifax and Huddersfield.

The 1982 AGM & Reunion Dinner will be held at St Paul's Street Drill Hall, Huddersfield on Saturday 6th November 1982. AGM at 6.30 pm. Dinner 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Tickets £6.50 (we have managed to hold the same price as last year) from the General Secretary at RHQ DWR, Wellesley Park, Highroad Well, Halifax HX2 0BA (Tel Halifax 61671) or Branch Secretaries.

**Regimental Service, York Minster, 1982**

Saturday, 23rd October 1982. York Minster, 1130 hours.

**The Royal Hospital Chelsea**

Mr John Hardy Wilkinson (late Pte 242793) aged was admitted to the Royal Hospital Chelsea as an In Pensioner on 25th January 1982.

Pte Wilkinson served in the Regiment from 25 May 1916 to 11 February 1918.

**LONDON BRANCH NOTES**

On 8th November the following members were on parade at the garden of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey - F. W. S. Richardson, B. Eaves, K. Waterman, B. Ballard, B. Temple, (Snr and Jnr), R. Owers, W. Glew (our Chelsea Pensioner), G. Woodward and C. Cossins. After the parade we all retired to a nearby hostelry.

On 15 January Mr B. Martin, OBE, the last founder member of the London Branch OCA, died at the age of 93 - details in the obituary column.

The annual reunion dinner will be held at the Victory Services Club on Saturday, 15 May 1982 - tickets £8.00 per person can be obtained from the Secretary, Mr R. Owers, 12 Waterfall Road, London N11 1JD (Tel. 01 368 1821) before 1 May 1982.

Our branch meetings are still being held at Flat 21, Vivian Court, 128-134 Maida Vale, London W9 on the last Monday of every month at 20.00 hours. Any ex Duke in the London area would be more than welcome.

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In all corners of the world they were called upon to fight

To stamp out tyranny and greed, forever was their cause

To fight the battle for freedom, in many unsought wars

As we turn the page of history, those wars of long ago  
These men stood firm and resolute prepared to meet the foe

In battlefields throughout the world they strove to prove their worth

Many thousands of their numbers laid rest in foreign earth

They fought in many countries and always gave their best

They conquered all their fears and proudly stood the test

Through many generations they marched to do or die  
Their names live on forever in the roll that's called on high

Remember all those honours and the sacrifices made  
Remember all those comrades and the heavy price they paid

Stand with me in admiration, raise your heads and glasses high

And drink a toast to valour, as the "Dukes" go marching by

G. Hutchinson

**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.

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There are some vacancies available at the present, and further information and applications forms can be obtained from:

The Secretary,  
St. David's Home for Disabled Servicemen,  
Castlebar Hill,  
Ealing, W5 1TE.  
Phone No. 01 997 5121.

**DWR Graves in Iceland**

Mr T. McCann (ex Sgt 1/7 Bn) recently visited

Iceland and took several photographs in the British Cemetery in Reykjavik.

Among the graves are those of five members of the 1/6 Bn who died on active service in the Iceland (C) Force.

They are:  
3192151 Pte R. Crichton, 23 Feb 1941  
4538578 L/Cpl W. H. Rogers, 25 Feb 1941  
4617179 Pte J. W. Sherratt, 22 July 1941  
4616871 Pte W. A. Lingard, 20 Oct 1941  
4615633 Pte J. A. Leveridge, 14 April 1942

Mr McCann has indicated that if any surviving relative would like the photograph he will be happy for them to receive one.

Any application should be forwarded to:- The Assistant Regimental Secretary at RHQ.

#### HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT ARMY VETERANS ASSOCIATION Annual Dinner 8th January 1982

The 71st Annual Dinner was held at the Princess Restaurant, Huddersfield, on Friday, 8th January 1982, with a total attendance of 79 including guests and committee.

Unfortunately the Patron of the Association, Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE, was unable to attend owing to having to attend the funeral in Hampshire of Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter DSO, OBE, a telegram of apology and good wishes to

veterans and committee members was received.

The Chairman, Major C. Davies TD, commenced proceedings by reading out the names of veterans who had died during 1981, followed by a short silence to their memory.

After grace, said by the Hon. Chaplain The Rev C. Thomson, an excellent meal followed.

Major Davies welcomed the guests who included the Deputy Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor S. Dawson and Mr J. Kozak, Chairman of Huddersfield Polish Ex Combatants Association, and Mr J. Moran.

Mr C. Russell Hon Secretary proposed the loyal toast to Her Majesty the Queen and Mr D. A. Harpin numbered off.

The Deputy Mayor in his remarks mentioned what a unique association the Huddersfield and District Army Veterans Association is, formed in 1897 it had looked after ex servicemen for 85 years.

The oldest veteran present at the dinner was Mr F. W. Clayton (ex Royal Navy) aged 89 years.

After the dinner Mr Eric Shaw, ARIBA, of the Huddersfield Cine Club, showed a film of events which happened in Huddersfield during 1981, of particular interest was the Civic Parade featuring the veterans marching through the Town behind the 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The veterans vote of thanks was expressed by Veteran A. E. Langton.

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