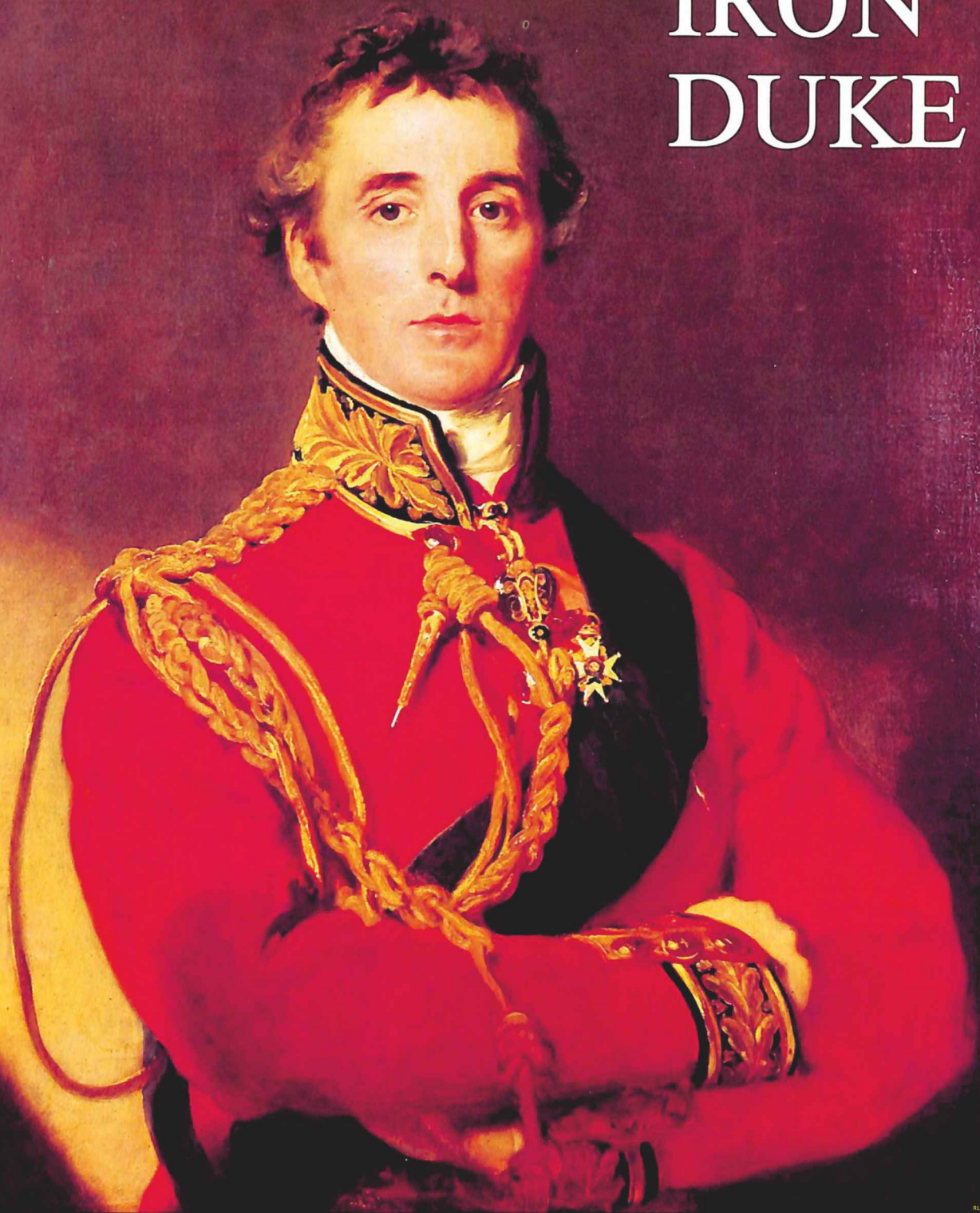


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Corporal Blagborough, on behalf of the Corporal's Mess, presents a Regimental Drum to Lieut Colonel W. R. Mundell on his relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion.

## FAREWELL MESSAGE

from

### MAJOR-GENERAL D. E. ISLES, CB, OBE

Most of you will already know that I hand over the Colonelcy of the Regiment to Major-General Charles Huxtable in October this year. He and I have served together many times and all of us know that the Regiment will be in safe and good hands; for sure, our high reputation and great tradition will be preserved.

For me the past seven years have been happy and

rewarding and I thank all members of the Regiment and its good friends in the old West Riding for much kindness and for the constant and unflinching support always so splendidly given to me. It has been a great honour to be your Colonel.

My wife and I wish you all the very best of good fortune in the future.

*Donald Isles*

Colonel

## THE WEST RIDING AND THE DUKE'S : 1782-1982

Two hundred years ago, in 1782, a decision was made to associate infantry regiments with regions of the country. Thus was born the concept of the County Regiment, one of Great Britain's more unique contributions to military organisation. Before the decision was taken regiments were invited to say with which county they wished to be associated. Many regiments were indifferent but not the 33rd Regiment whose Colonel, Lord Cornwallis, replied as follows:—

“  
Albermale Street  
July 1st 1782

Sir,

I am to desire that you will please to inform General Conway that the 33rd Regt. of Infantry has always recruited in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and has a very good interest, and the general good will of the people, in that part of the Country: I should therefore wish not only to be permitted to recruit in that county, but that my regt may bear the name of the 33rd or West Yorkshire Regt; If that district is thought too extensive to give a name to one regt only, I should desire to have my regt called the 1st West Yorkshire; and I am fully sure that no older Regt can claim so long and intimate connection with the West Riding of Yorkshire.

I am, Sir,

Your Most Obedt  
& Most Humble Servant  
CORNWALLIS (sgd) ”

From this letter it is clear that the 33rd Regiment's association with the West Riding goes back long before 1782. The formal affiliation of the 33rd with the West Riding was notified in the following terms:—

“  
London  
August 31st, 1782

His Majesty has been pleased to order that the Regiment of Foot which you command shall

take the name of 33rd or 1st Yorkshire West Riding Regiment and looked upon as attached to that division of the county. I am to acquaint you that is His Majesty's further pleasure that you shall in all things conform to that idea, and endeavour by all means in your power to cultivate and improve the connection, so as to create a mutual attachment between the county and the Regiment, which may at all times be useful towards recruiting the Regiment”.

The aim of the new arrangement, as is clear from the concluding words of the order, was to facilitate and encourage recruitment. Initially the concern was almost certainly with numbers. However over the years the effect has been far more subtle, since one of the results has been that men of similar culture, dialect and outlook interwove those threads into the traditions of the Regiment thereby forging that redoubtable organisation, a County Regiment with its distinctive qualities.

The emphasis on recruitment has always been of vital importance. The Second World War placed a great strain on the system as it proved less and less practicable to send members of a regiment to one of its own battalions. After the War there was great pressure to form a Corps of Infantry and, by implication, disband the County system. Fortunately this did not come about and a compromise was made whereby County regiments remained but were absorbed into a larger organisation, in our case the King's Division. Later similar pressures for incorporation into a larger organisation arose in Local Government and the West Riding was absorbed into West Yorkshire. However, whether that division of the county to which the Regiment is attached is called West Yorkshire or West Riding is not significant. The Regiment knows where its heart lies. We remain, as we have been for over two centuries, a Yorkshire regiment and proud of it.

D.E.I.



# Regimental Headquarters

## Regimental Notes

By the time the next issue of the 'Iron Duke' appears Major General Donald Isles will have handed over as Colonel of the Regiment. The pages of the 'Iron Duke' bear witness to the interest, effort and time General Isles has given to all aspects of the Regiment. We can only, therefore say 'Thank you' to both General Isles and his wife Sheila for all that they have done during the seven years he has held the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment.

We offer our congratulations to Colonel Dick Mundell on his promotion to Brigadier and his appointment to command a brigade in BAOR. From Lieut Colonel to Brigadier in such a short period of time is, by any standards, a remarkable achievement.

The late Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter has left the Regiment twenty six coloured prints, the majority being of the 33rd Regiment, but including also some of the 76th Foot and of the Duke of Wellington. Further details will be given in the December issue of the 'Iron Duke'.

Major John Milligan who for the past seven years has been Assistant Regimental Secretary and Editor of the 'Iron Duke' retired on 14th July 1982 having reached the statutory retirement age. Major Milligan has carried out one of those jobs of an administrative nature, which are so essential for the smooth running of any organisation. Such jobs can too easily be taken for granted because they only hit the headlines when things go wrong. The Regiment is indebted to him for all that he has done on its behalf. To him and his wife June we wish the best of good fortune in the years to come.

Major Milligan's successor as Assistant Regimental Secretary is Capt Tom Pickersgill. Capt Pickersgill was originally in the York and Lancaster Regiment transferring to the Duke's when the former was disbanded in 1969. He became RSM of the 1st Battalion in the early 1970s and was commissioned into the Regiment in February 1975.

Dr Mike Blanch is now the Director of Calderdale Museum's Service and as such has responsibility for the care and display of the Regiment's Museum at Bankfield. It is hoped to publish articles by Dr Blanch, from time to time. He is well qualified to write items of interest to the Regiment, being both a military and social historian whose previous experience has included a period with the National Army Museum.

The marriage took place on 5th June at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Saltwood, Kent between Capt Guy Shuttleworth, son of Brigadier and Mrs D. W. Shuttleworth and Miss Sarah Roberts, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Roberts.

### OFFICERS DINNER CLUB

Officers are reminded that applications for the

Dinner should reach the Hon Secretary—Dinner Club at RHQ by 25th September 1982. Any name received after this date cannot be included in the list of those attending, to be printed on the souvenir Menu Card.

### CHANGE OF EDITOR

Major Tony Savory took over the Editorship from Major Milligan in late June.

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Lieut Colonel C. W. IVEY, SOI Coord, BMATT Zimbabwe, Jul 82.

Capt A. J. PITCHERS, BEd, SO3 G2 Int A, HQ Northern Ireland, Aug 82.

Capt A. H. S. DRAKE, MBE, SO3 TCG, HQ 39 Bde, May 82.

Capt W. A. N. ATKINSON, at RMP Trg Centre; for 2ic III Pro Coy, Aug 82.

Capt S. C. NEWTON, Coy Instr RMA Sandhurst, Sep 82.

Lieut M. J. B. DRAKE, Instr SNCO's Div, School of Inf NCO's Tac Wing, Sep 82.

The following have recently been commissioned:

Lieut P. ROBINSON (SSCC)—from the ranks, 22 May 1982.

Lieut P. WILKINSON (SSCC)—from the ranks, 31 May 1982.

2/Lieut A. J. BREAR (on probation) (reg C)—from Durham University, July 1982.

### EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE AWARDS

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished service in Northern Ireland during the period 1st August to 31st October 1981.

To be Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Major Ambrose Donald Mancey PALMER (490372)  
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

L.G. 15/3/82

**COMMISSION—Short Service**

M. G. TULEY (513754). 2/Lieut (on probation) (University candidate) is confirmed as 2/Lieut 4th September 1981 with seniority 7 April 1979, to be Lieut 4 Sept 1981 with seniority 7 April 1981.

L.G. 23/3/82

**COMMISSION—Regular**

C. R. T. SMITH (512683). 2/Lieut from the General List (subject to confirmation) is confirmed in his commission and transferred to DWR with effect from 6th March 1982.

L.G. 4/5/1982

**PROMOTIONS—Regular Army**

The undermentioned 2/Lieuts to be Lieuts 12 April 1982

D. S. BRUCE (509494) DWR

P. M. RUMBALL (509571) DWR

**Regular Army Reserve of Officers—Class II**

Major C. M. B. BATEMAN TD (481478) 3 Yorks from TAVR Group A to be Major 1st April 1982.

L.G. 11/5/1982

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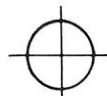
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# 1st Battalion

## COMMANDING OFFICERS INTRODUCTION

I can hear my predecessors saying "what's new?—he'll learn". That may be so, but I happen to believe that the battalion's forecast of events for this year is as full, if not fuller, than any time I can remember. By April 1983 our subalterns and young soldiers will be relating stories of service in Northern Ireland, Catterick, Canada, Germany and Gibraltar—all within the space of eleven months. There can be few professions which offer the variety and adventure that ours does. As I write these notes our forces in the Falklands sit poised on the edge of Port Stanley, so to variety and adventure can be added the uncertainty of it all.

The battalion advance party is now en route to Wainwright, Alberta where we are set for 5½ weeks of concentrated training and field firing. Many readers will recall a similar visit by the battalion to Canada in 1978; however I believe that the facilities and time available to us this year are far superior to our earlier visit. It will be of interest to readers that this time we are taking the band with us. All will be revealed in our next issue.

After 3 weeks summer leave in August, we go to BAOR for a further 3 weeks to practice our war role.

We were then due for a period as Spearhead Battalion, but as that has been cancelled we wait with interest to be told what is to replace it.

It would be wrong of me not to mention in what marvellous heart I found the battalion, when I took over command. It is clear that the battalion had had

an outstanding tour in Northern Ireland and I am fortunate that the momentum can be so easily maintained. I am deeply indebted to Dick Mundell for the enormous trouble he took with his handover to me, and we are all delighted that his efforts during the past 2½ years have been rewarded.

As always there are penalties to be paid for a hectic programme, by none more so than the families. It seems that as ever the Duke's have a very specially tolerant and patient group of wives. Another casualty is sport and in particular cricket, which is more the pity as we have potentially a very strong cricket eleven. We are however on course for the Rugby season and our assault on the Cup starts in earnest on our return from Canada.

I should like to give a special welcome and congratulations to Capt Peter Robinson and Capt Paul Wilkinson who until recently have been RSMs of the 1st Battalion and 3 Yorkshire Volunteers respectively. They are both very welcome in the officers mess. They already have their noses to the grindstone as 2ic of their respective Company's.

Finally Gibraltar. We move there in March 1983. Our plans are underway, we have done our first reconnaissance and we are constantly bombarded with advice (and very welcome it is too!) I hope in the next issue to provide details of some form of accommodation in which Dukes can stay when they visit us during the period 1983-85. Before that however there is much to be done.

## OFFICERS MESS

PMC Major A. R. REDWOOD-DAVIES MBE  
Mess Sec Capt A. J. N. MORGAN

Following the fragmentation of the mess for the duration of Op Banner, things are getting back to normal. The Noval Port consumption by Alma in Forkhill, the Bushmills by Corunna in Crossmaglen and anything else by everyone else in Bessbrook are now once more fused into a happy home in Catterick.

The return to Catterick was celebrated in style on the first dinner night which was to dine out Lieut Colonel Dick Mundell and say "au revoir" to Major P. B. L. (Hops) Hoppe.

Also saying goodbye on that night was Capt Tim "Rimfire" Rimmer RAMC who provided pills and potions as RMO during Op Banner. Farewell also to Capt Bill Atkinson who has left us for the Redcaps. The evenings entertainments were made complete by a potted life story of the departing CO together with a temperamental magic lantern show which taxed the communal brain of the mess. The band provided their usual very high standard of music throughout the night. 2/Lieut Simon Wood then displayed that certain something which makes Duke's officers different, by organising the floor show. A good night enjoyed by all followed by a lively morning. . . I think!

After leave the informal programme was restarted with a "Roman Empire Party". Togas abounded and fortunately the QM was persuaded to overlook the misuse of army bed sheets this once. The party swung on late into the night but inter company competitions were not forgotten. The Chariot Race was a great success with one or two budding Ben Hurs being noted. The evening can be summed up in the ancient Latin phrase.

*"Caesar ad sum jam forte; Brutus aderat"*

The 10th June saw the mess entertaining again with a guest night. The principal guest was Major General C. P. R. Palmer, CBE, GOC NEDIST. The evening proved to be most entertaining and high spirited, the band being complemented most professionally by the Subaltern's Choir. The Duke's Rugby Song has never been sung with such verve and enthusiasm—even if it was a trifle flat.

However, let us not forget, practice makes perfect.

The mess notes cannot be complete without the Roll of Honour. Congratulations to those who finally succumbed to their fiancées; Guy Shuttleworth and

Sarah, Paul Bailey and Gill and Robin Pugh and Heike. All members wish them all the best for their future happiness together and Good Luck.

As well as the Commanding Officer Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberledge and his wife Jo we welcome back Carolyn and Alistair Roberts from America, Angela and Chris Gilbert from Staff College, Penny and

Mike Sherlock from BAOR, Jilly and Don Palmer from HQNI and David Richardson also from HQNI.

We also welcome a number of new arrivals namely Helen and Peter Robinson, Christine and Paul Wilkinson, and two new Subalterns Martin Tuley and Chris Smith.



The Commanding Officer's farewell guest night.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

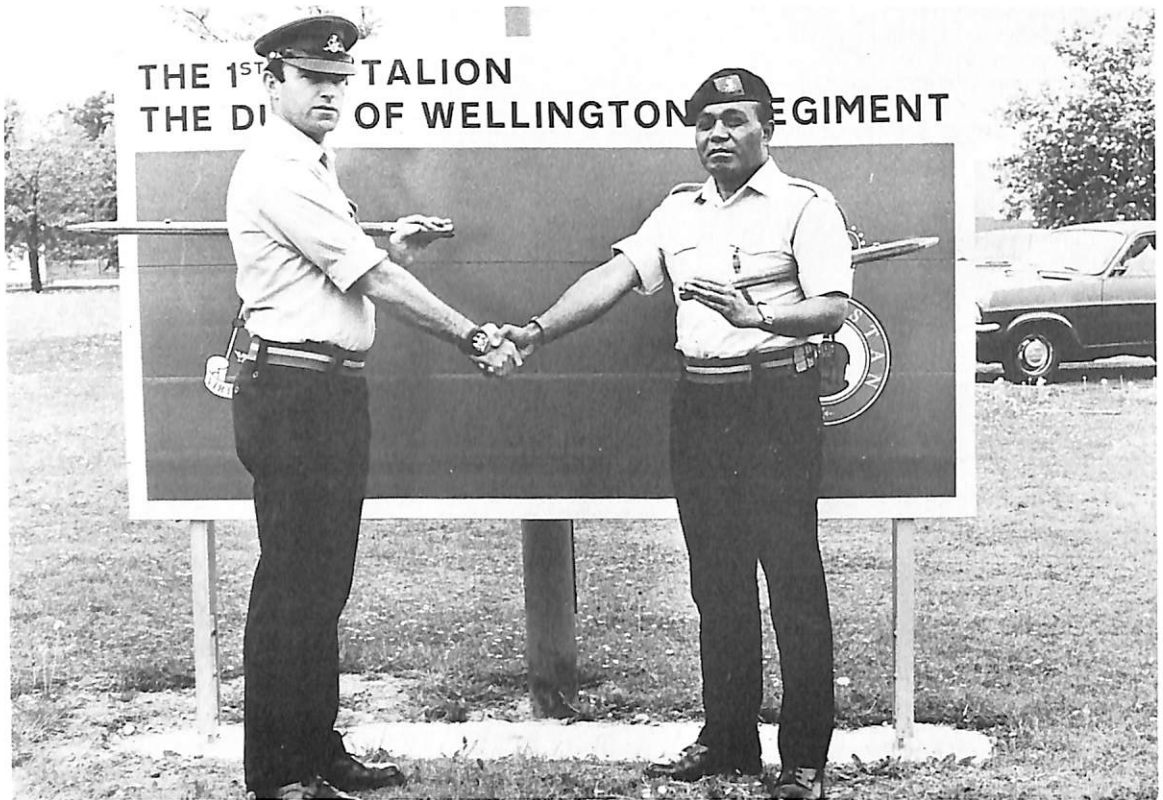
Although the Mess at BBK was very comfortable it was a great relief to return to Catterick with our membership unaffected by our tour in Northern Ireland.

The initial period back at Catterick was taken up with some important social events. First being the "Rupert of the Year", where it was discovered that the mess had one or two linguists in its midst. Secondly, dining out Lieut Colonel Mundell, which turned out to be a very entertaining evening, with Bernie Crowther standing in for Eamonn Andrews and the Colonel standing in for the bandmaster. All the mess members wish him and Mrs Mundell all the very best for the future and thank them for all their support. Finally we came to saying goodbye to RSM Pete and Helen Robinson who have always been stalwarts of the mess and in his reign as top soldier lifted the mess and its members to a very high

standard. Again all the mess members and their ladies wish Capt Robinson and Helen all the very best for the future with an assurance that they will always be very welcome in their old stomping ground.

The mess is now preparing hard for Canada following a fairly significant change round in various departments and having said goodbye to the following; WO1 Bob Heron to 3 Yorks, "TOSH" Goddard to NITAT Sennelager, "TAFFY" Breach to BAOR, "DOC" Budden and STEELEYE to 2 Yorks, Rick Huxley to HQNI, "PADDY" Ennis to the School of taking cover at Brecon, "TEX" Woodward to JSB, Howard Mann to the Depot, "FATTY" Hird and Brian Aitken to Civvy Street and finally Dek Allen to 2 Yorks.

We would like to congratulate WO1 Sam Basu on his appointment to RSM and Ian Metcalfe, Ian Verral, Dennis Sisson, Les Welburn, Martin



**Handover of Regimental Sergeant Major P. Robinson to RSM R. M. Basu**

Thomson, Paddy Connolly and Willie Williams on their promotion to Sgt and extend our welcome (on joining the mess) to; S/Sgt Dick Wood RAPC, Sgt McElligott RAPC and Sgt Price ACC.

Finally we congratulate Dennis Sisson on getting married to Veronica—good luck! and “Fatty” Birks on getting married to Barbara, again good luck although this is not a relief to Judd Sellars the messing

member, because old “Fatty” is remaining a “Beanie”. One last thing while on the subject of marriage; reports indicate that congratulations to whom remains a mystery although a conversation between “Dilly” Butterworth and Linda was overheard and the bottom drawer was mentioned or was it “Ginner” Holmes who was overheard?

### **CORPORALS' MESS**

During the last 12 months the Battalion have had a very busy time, but the Mess has been able to function quite well.

We have been able to fit in three very successful functions which everyone seemed to enjoy. A special thank you must go out to SQMS Lyons and his staff for some superb buffets.

The Corporals' Mess have also been very much involved in the world of sport. The Mess Football Team played a number of games without losing and the highlight must have been the 9-1 win over the WO's and Sergeants' Mess. The Mess Cricket Team carried on the good work playing six games and winning them all.

We have also been busy entertaining and being entertained by other Messes in the Garrison in the way of games nights; again the Mess gave a good account of itself.

We have said farewell to a number of NCO's during the last 12 months and they will be missed by us all. We say good luck to Cpl's Dad Clarke and Jack Parkinson after 22 years service and wish them all the best for the future.

In April this year we said farewell to Lieut Colonel Mundell and had the pleasure of presenting him with a Regimental Drum.

We also said farewell to RSM Pete Robinson as our Mess President. We held a Stag Night for him which will be remembered by all who attended for a long time to come. I am sure that all Mess Members would like to thank RSM (now Capt) Robinson for all the support he gave the Mess during his tour.

Last, but not least, we have had a number of promotions to the Sergeants' Mess, too many to mention by name. To these we say congratulations. We also welcome all new promotions to the Mess.

**ALMA COMPANY**

|      |                        |
|------|------------------------|
| OC   | Major C. J. W. GILBERT |
| 2i/c | Capt K. BEST           |
| CSM  | WO2 COATES             |
| CQMS | C/Sgt K. HOLMES        |

It is always surprising, when one looks back, at how quickly the time went. When you think hard about all those hours on duty, whether patrolling or sentry, it is a nice feeling of a job well done. Brigadier Prosser, the Brigade Commander, said just that to the Company as he must have said it to other Dukes, on his farewell visit. That was just before the mortar attack, which thanks to some excellent sentry work by Pte Heavey and some quick career planning by those playing football on the helipad (as they looked up, they saw the bombs), caused little more than a great deal of dust. Well done the Engineers by the way, the concrete works! The return to Catterick by Chinook was marvellous, bettered only by the feeling as we stepped on and 2 LI got off. I think the RAF crew of the last Alma chalk enjoyed the wine with the chicken salad, which Sgt Hall had prepared for the OC and CSM.

After a non-stop Company Social—Guest Night—Dining out of CO—reorganisation type of week, we have enjoyed settling back into Garrison routine. Naturally enough, it was not for long and the South

Atlantic commitments have altered our leave three times and had such an effect on the Q side as to make training programmes a challenge—but a rewarding one!

Our pre-Canada training is almost complete, and this includes a complete change of CSM, CQMS and several Company personalities as mentioned in the last edition. The accent has been on fitness, as we anticipate 26°C in WAINWRIGHT now that the dates have changed. It makes little sense to predict what will happen to us after that except that leave and Gibraltar are immovable. Who says Army life is dull?

In between all this L/Cpl Selby has returned from Brecon, somewhat thinner and Cpl Dowdall and Pte's Eckersley and Heppenstall are now married, congratulations. We welcome Lieut's Harvey and Tuley, Cpl Tooley, L/Cpls Wallace, Mitchell and Oldroyd to the Company, whilst the following are on cadres which mead a departure if they are successful, our crisis is their gain: Pte's Ahmed, Denton, O'Connor, Maloney and Hoodless.



**The Corporal's Mess says farewell to Cpl Jack Parkinson by presenting him with a fishing rod.**

### BURMA COMPANY

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| OC   | Major A. R. REDWOOD-DAVIES, MBE |
| 2ic  | Capt P. ROBINSON                |
| CSM  | WO2 B. SYKES                    |
| CQMS | C/Sgt D. BUTTERWORTH            |

The craze for golf has spread to Ireland. Newry Golf Club now has a real 19th hole where the clubhouse used to be. The follow up, cordon and clearance took a full day and kept many people occupied protecting ATO before he declared the area clear and the clubhouse temporarily closed.

This sort of incident was typical of the latter half of the Op Banner tour. The weather improved but the climate stayed the same as before. The high spot of the tour was Burma HQ winning the Bessbrook Mill Inter-"anyone-who-can-raise-a-team" five-a-side soccer competition against strong competition from cooks, bottle washers, blanket stackers etc.

April brought showers, flowers, and a few scorching days and the Light Infantry. As the month progressed and the end came nearer smiles were dug out of large packs and dusted down. When the first green berets appeared there was almost a party atmosphere as everyone packed frantically and ticked off the last five days. Then on the 24th the last Burma patrols went out into Bessbrook—4 platoon securing the helipad for the incoming Chinooks. Eventually the new boys came out for their first taste of South Armagh to relieve us on the ground and keep the helipad secure for our last flights out. The Chinooks took the entire company in two lifts, the first to Weeton and the second to Catterick to deplane on the playing fields, in Somme Barracks. Op Banner was over and everyone was back.

The following week was a hectic rush around prior to a deserved fortnights leave. The whole of Coy HQ was changed around. New OC, 2IC, CSM, CQMS and a new training objective—Ex Pond Jump West in Canada and Ex Keystone in Germany. Training for these is now in full swing and the skills that had rusted during our time in Ireland are being bulled up again. The fine weather is probably a good conditioner for Canada where temperatures are regularly in the 80s.

The post-Ireland period also produced a spate of weddings. Congratulations to Heike and Robin Pugh, Caroline and Stephen Mortimer, Noreen and Chris Irving, Catherine and "T P" Stead, Jackie and Alan Atkins, Teresa and Alan Atty, Carole and Stephen McCabe and Beverley and "Para" Draper. Welcome to Burma. Also congratulations to Lynette and "Jesse" James on the birth of their son Shayne

and Lydia and Claudius Alexander on the birth of their daughter Natash. The CSM will be organising a nursery after Canada.

We must also say farewell to the old team—Major J. T. Isles who has gone to Germany, Capt G. A. Kilburn Ops Officer, Capt P. R. S. Bailey who is now beavering away at UEO in BHQ (Jargon), Sgt Major Heron now RSM 3 Yorks, C/Sgt Budden to Yorks Vols, C/Sgt Huxley who is pining for the prairies, Sgt Ennis who is beasting in Brecon and finally all of nine platoon who return to Corunna after a spell of real soldiering with a real rifle company. You tried hard lads, we'll consider you if you want a job. Good Luck to all.



**Cpl Gary Broadhead back on the road after being shot on the arm and later blown up!**

### CORUNNA COMPANY

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| OC   | Major A. D. ROBERTS  |
| 2ic  | Capt P. WILKINSON    |
| CSM  | WO2 (CSM) G. HARDING |
| CQMS | C/Sgt T. COOPER      |

Since the Iron Duke last went to press the company has seen a number of fundamental changes. The most notable of these was at the top, Major Thorn reluctantly left in March and Major Roberts, fresh

from Pinstripe suit and briefcase in Washington DC, found himself in the hot seat for the remaining month of our Irish excursion. Since then Capt Simon Morgan has moved to the dizzy heights of RSO to



tend to the carrier pigeons and do some much needed maintenance on the semaphore flags and the heliographs! Capt Paul Wilkinson has stepped into his shoes fresh from the Yorkshire Vols and is most welcome. The errant 9 Platoon has returned to the fold after their sojourn with Burma Coy in Bessbrook for the NI tour. This introduction to "slipper city" was a shock for Lieut Bruce and his band of warriors who had been trained for the rigours of life in Crossmaglen! One of the saddest departures was that of 10 Platoon who were so professional and cheerful in the "submarine". C/Sgt Lister is now 2IC of the Recce Platoon and he is busy redesigning the great British Landrover so that it will resemble a maple tree in time for Canada. He was last seen in Ireland practising for his new scouting role, when he mounted a horse just outside Crossmaglen "looking for injins".

Of our new arrivals Lieut Chris Smith is the most voracious and he rapidly earned the reputation for an eating capacity which is second to none. An operation was mounted to discover how he could survive on patrol without Mars Bars and his platoon reported that he had to graze of the land to keep going.

Lieut Chris Harvey has left us for Alma Coy to add "a touch of class and teach them cricket", we wish him well for the future. The departure of Major Thorn coincided with the dismantling of the very large yellow crane used to build Crossmaglen base. Two distinctive silhouettes disappeared overnight. Major Thorn leaving to quell the natives in Hong Kong. The crane for the scrapheap.

Corunna Coy's tour in Crossmaglen was busy and

boring, funny and frustrating, deadly and dull. With the worst accommodation in the province and being tacked to the same stretch of border for over forty days without respite was hard but the Company survived. More than that we took the initiative away from the enemy so that he had to look over his shoulder and he started to feel hunted. In nine major incidents we either reacted well or actually beat the terrorist at their own game. Cpl Broadhead and L/Cpl Cooper are now recovered from the gunshot wounds and Ptes Head, Bassett, Alexander and Roberts have stopped rattling after their near miss with a 150lb mine!

Having enjoyed 2 weeks well earned leave we have been training hard for Canada alongside the rest of the Battalion. Sport has figured highly in the curriculum. The very promising boxing squad is taking shape under Cpl Chapman's watchful eye and deserves to do well later in the year. Lieut Bruce has been training the cross country squad which has also exhibited a great deal of talent. In cricket we have done well against S, H and A Coys though our toughest match against B Coy is still to be played. As always we are quietly confident of a good all round performance.

To summarise, Crossmaglen set the scene for a very promising year ahead. We are not complacent in spite of our excellent record during the tour but we do feel that this trend will continue and ex Corunna men will not be surprised to hear that the Company goes on from strength to strength.



From Crossmaglen to Catterick (1)  
Somme Company accommodation at  
Crossmaglen for 4 days!



### SOMME COMPANY: COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| OC   | Maj M. S. Sherlock |
| CSM  | WO2 B. Noble       |
| CQMS | C/Sgt M. Cuss      |

A lot of changes have taken place since the last *Iron Duke* notes, probably the most important point is that the Company returned from Northern Ireland after a successful tour and no casualties apart from Sgt Birk's pride - but that is a story which will belong to the annals of the Milan Platoon.

The next most noteworthy point is the reintroduction of the Pioneer Platoon. All told they number ten led by Sgt Sugden who has just returned to the Battalion. Will we see a ginger beard on parade in future?

Major Redwood-Davies has returned to the

relative tranquility of Burma Company and Major Sherlock is now in the driving seat having returned from HG BAOR. WO2 Noble has taken over from WO2 (Now RSM) Basu so in reality there is a complete change at the top. Pte's Carter and Ellerker have joined Company HQ and sadly Cpl (Jack) Parkinson has left the army having done his 22 years.

The Company is now almost ready for Canada, a tour which I know we are all looking forward too. For further comments on NI and Canada I will hand you over to the Mortars and Milan...

From Crossmaglen to Catterick (2)  
A last glance at that well known terrain  
- South Armagh!



### MORTAR PLATOON

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Platoon Comd | Capt P. J. HARVEY |
| Platoon 2IC  | S/Sgt R. FREAR    |

Apart from standing on the odd bomb and being attacked by low level cheese sandwiches, (disguised as packed lunches), the platoon weathered the final days in South Armagh very well. By the time 24 April arrived, we had seen enough of Glasdrumman and Cullyhanna and were looking forward to the more exotic resorts of Bradford and Luddendenfoot! For the first time, being Chalk 1 had its advantages and we chugged out of the 'Mill' aboard a Chinook helicopter bound for Weeton Camp. About an hour later we landed and were soon all safely back to our starting point - Catterick! just as we were getting used to being in a normal environment again - shock horror! - the Canada trip had been brought forward five weeks.

Well, after two weeks well earned leave, including the marriage of L/Cpl Daryl and Alison Chapman, we set to, fitting a six week Mortar cadre into four weeks. We managed a day's live firing at Feldom Range and are now ready for a rewarding exercise in Canada involving firing in Support of Rifle Companies.

On reforming as a Mortar Platoon we welcome back some old faces: Sgt Lofthouse and Cpl's Dwight and Oakley and L/Cpl Gorrige. S/Sgt Frear at the moment is attending his Mortar Course, and is due back as our new 2IC. We congratulate Cpl Tiny Holliday and Pte Zina on their recent marriages and all those recently promoted within the Platoon.

## MILAN PLATOON

Platoon Comd  
Platoon Sgt

Capt M. WHITE  
Sgt L. BIRKS

These notes are being written back in Yorkshire, we are home! Northern Ireland now lies in what appears to be the dark distant past. Since the last issue of the *Iron Duke* the one and only major incident the Platoon was involved in was a bomb find. Sgt Birks was surprised to find himself next to two beer kegs under a large pile of stones, with a wire leading away to a point not known, ummm very funny! In fact he was so surprised that he was reported as a USO (Un-Identified Speeding Object) by another patrol in the area.

It was with delight and a great sense of satisfaction that we handed over to the Light Infantry and flew back to Catterick. It was an extremely smooth move, thanks to the use of the Chinook helicopters.

Since our return we have been very busy preparing ourselves for a period of field firing in Canada. The Platoon has just completed a three week Milan Cadre and we have laid the basis not only for Canada but also for our role in Germany. Recognising tanks has

taken over from identifying terrorists and hitting Armoured Fighting Vehicles with our missiles has become top priority. We are firing our missiles in conjunction with all the weapons in the Battalion. This will be of great value to all concerned as it is all too easy to forget just how dependent we are on each other. The Drum's Platoon has joined us and is Anti-Tanking again. They form the basis of two sections and have earned the title "Musical Milaners". It is with great confidence that we look forward to hitting those targets out there, every time and hard. However, it won't all be work, we intend to play hard as well. Having said that L/Cpl Hird did take some persuading that angling is not a suitable background activity to training.

Finally the Platoon would like to extend all their best to our newly marrieds, Sgt Birks, and L/Cpl Sykes; we also congratulate Cpl Conlon, L/Cpl Cracknell and Pte Roberts on recently becoming fathers.

## HOOK COMPANY

OC  
CSM  
CQMS

Major A. D. PALMER  
WO2 FLEMING  
C/Sgt G. SELLARS

As with every other Company, Hook members were very glad to get back from South Armagh and home to their families and friends. All had acquitted themselves well during the tour and had earned justifiable praise from all who dealt with them. This also included a certain grudging respect from the rifle Companies whose mutterings of "Base Rats" was the nuisance factor of the tour!

Leave when it came, was over all too quickly and it brought with it a change in personalities. Gone was Major P. B. L. Hoppe, departing the Battalion finally after a career notable for the efforts made and the loyalty he showed. In as OC comes Major A. D. Palmer who held the post previously and therefore brings much needed experience to the Company. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on being made a member of the Order of the British Empire. Also new in is WO2 Fleming who takes over the unenviable job of CSM.

The Company is now about to go to Canada for 6 weeks to take up it's proper role as support to the infantry rifle Companies. This means being able to set up Echelons and a supply chain and in relearning the old fieldcraft skills perhaps forgotten whilst in Bessbrook. The whole system has to be restarted from scratch and it is an exciting challenge to take on. Later on in the year there is, hopefully, more leave, an exercise back in Germany, and finally Christmas with the families before heading off to Gibraltar.

These notes therefore, find the Company as busy as usual. The workload is well shared and all the departments within the Coy are actively employed, but we will leave them to tell their own story.



Maj P. B. L. Hoppe - OC H Coy  
WO2 J. Hemmings - CSM H Coy

## TECHNICAL QUARTERMASTERS DEPARTMENT

Since our last contribution to the *Iron Duke*, we have all returned from Northern Ireland, safely one and all, to our wives and families.

We quickly embarked on a spell of most welcome leave. Hard work was put in by everyone in the returning of stores which were loaned for our Northern Ireland tour. However, we do not have time to form our 'Catterick Routine', as next month we leave for the sunny plains of Canada, for what promises to be a most exciting time, especially the R & R!

Shortly after Canada, more leave is in store, (makes you wonder if we work at all doesn't it). Looking further into the future, we have an exercise in Germany later in the year, and eventually Gibraltar in March '83.

At the time of writing these notes, our bold commander Captain Mike Carter, is in Gibraltar on a recce, soaking up the sun.

We welcome two new members to the department,

but before I mention them, we have all bid a sad farewell to WO2 (Nobby) Noble, who's dedication will be greatly missed, but he is bound to do well in his new job as CSM Somme Coy. In his place however, we welcome S/Sgt Sellars from HQ Company, who is just beginning to find out what its like at the sharp end. We also welcome Pte Morrell, who has settled into the FAMTO Store under the watchful eye of Cpl Turner, **WHO GETS THROUGH MORE STOREMEN THAN ALEX HIGGINS DOES CIGARETTES!**

No notes from this department would be complete without a mention of the TQMS, WO2 (TQMS) D. Dickens, BEM who continues to take us all running every day, leading by example, astounding for a man his age!

In summary, an eventful and quite challenging year lies ahead, which everyone is looking forward to with enthusiasm, continuing to provide a service to the Battalion no matter what lies in store.

## CATERING PLATOON

Many of the present Catering Platoon, with the exception of the 'Old Sweats' like Prof (Pte Wright), have been with the Dukes for a year or less. However, the bonds formed whilst serving with the Battalion will, I am sure, last a lifetime. Who, for instance, will ever forget the golden tones of L/Cpl Watt's voice ringing from the hotplate at Forkhill? Or the cooks football team who suffered grave injuries (arms in slings etc) after only one match at Bessbrook. We are pleased, nay proud, that our Sgt Long won first prize in the Easter Bonnet competition and Geoff Hunter, the Ration Accountant, came third.

Where would the unit be without Geoff Hunter

(alias Santa Claus) at Christmas? Where would the mess profits be without our Platoon's staunch support at the Bar?

All in all a good tour, a good year and we all look forward to 'sustaining' the battalion in the future.

And lastly a note from C/Sgt Hunter who says: 'The Catering Platoon are backed up by the following of the messing staff:'

C/Sgt Hunter, Ration Accountant;  
Cpl Gilbert, Storeman/Clerk;  
Pte Mann, Storeman;  
Pte Bohannon, Regimental Butcher.

## SIGNALS PLATOON

The Signals Platoon is now safely back in Catterick and the experience of Ireland is behind us. However, the benefits it gave in the form of improved operator skills and greater confidence has allowed us to appoint some of the more junior members into more responsible jobs. This is more necessary as we are reorganising to form the new communications team for our role in Germany.

In this role we are unique among infantry battalions in that we are equipped with the CLANSMEN range of radios. This is a good situation as we are already CLANSMEN trained from our time as a mechanised battalion in Germany. It has, however, left us the problem of setting up Command Posts and establishing SOP's without any model to refer to. This is all part of the challenge, though, as our experience will be of great benefit to other units who follow us.

On the more personal level we have had several new innovations. Firstly the return from Northern Ireland saw Pte's Sharp, Ward, Baggaley and

Sherwood getting married, our congratulations and best wishes go to them all. We are also, at the end of Canada, going to be saying goodbye to Sgt's Logan and Sisson. The former will be moving back to a rifle Company to prepare for better things, while the latter is going to 2 Yorks as a PSI. They herald the beginnings of a small revolution in the Platoon which will see a lot of the old guard moving on and new blood being brought in. The first part of this process has begun with a Standard II cadre that all agree is of a higher standard overall than for many years. Also our nominations for courses at the school of Signals at Warminster have done well. Pte Greaves who attended the Standard I Cadre did excellently to come top of his group whilst Pte Barker did well to come 4th. L/Cpl Kemp is at present doing his RSI's course whilst L/Cpl Wimbles is getting ready to go on his. All in all we are looking flush with keen and enthusiastic signallers at all levels, this is fortunate as a long year confronts us before we move to the sun and surf of Gibraltar.

### MT PLATOON

On return from South Armagh the platoon has gone through quite a few changes. We would like to say goodbye to Cpl's Googie Withers and Arthur Peacock who have moved on to their respective new MT Platoons and also to Pte Selwyn 'Jap' Chappell who thinks he can make his fortune in the Kings Division MT.

Congratulations to Pte Falcus on tying the knot.

We would like to welcome back from the Storm Troop, Corunna Company, L/Cpl Gregory, Pte's

Nendick 58, Bates, Burns and Weber who helped Corunna come through in the end. We also welcome back L/Cpl Lloyd from COP Platoon who is now busy starting his Hitler Youth Movement, and also to the new member of the Platoon Pte Bob Price from the Mortars who replaces the ever present L/Cpl 'Take a Letter' Bowes who departed to the families Office.

We are now busy getting ready to move to Canada where we will be very busy keeping the Battalion on the move, and then on to Germany later this year.



From Crossmaglen to Catterick (3)  
The RSM leading passengers off the last chalk from South Armagh. A very tremendous moment as this meant every last Duke had returned safe and well.

### RECCE PLATOON

Most members of the Battalion will be well aware that the Close Reconnaissance Platoon is now reforming and training for it's operational role. The Recce Platoon was last functioning in November 1977 and since then, the Commanding Officer has relied on the Companies and the Armoured Recce Troops attached, to do his reconnaissance. The new Recce Platoon will give the Commanding Officer a direct means of reconnaissance which will work in parallel with any armoured reconnaissance attached to the Battalion.

The backbone of the Platoon has come from South Armagh COP. New additions to the Platoon are Lt Kilburn, C/Sgt Lister, Cpl Wright and L/Cpl Harber as our MT NCO.

The Commanding Officer issued his directives after Northern Ireland and since then we have been busy

sorting out vehicles and training. Prior to Canada we have concentrated our training on TEWTS but we have managed an exercise with Alma Coy on river crossings. In Canada we will practice what we have learned at Catterick.

Undoubtedly South Armagh has left it's mark. our individual skills are at a peak, but our new role has introduced a completely new concept of training. We have all found this challenging and interesting, with each day presenting new problems. Canada opens the door between our study days and the reality of practical operation. We will certainly find new problems, and hopefully the means to resolve them, as we practice our role in the field. We look forward to Canada, and by the end of this period should have a platoon similar to the Recce of yesterday.

### REGIMENTAL BAND

Over the last six months we have had to put our instruments on one side and concentrate on assisting the Battalion with baggage details and rear parties etc. It did however provide Cpl Barnes, and a few more of our sportsmen, with the opportunity to pursue their activities. We may not have, at this

moment, the most musical Band but we certainly are a fit one.

It has also been a time when several of our main stay members of the Band departed for civilian street. L/Cpl (Paddy) Fairclough who provided us with many a laugh departed in February to become a

Policeman. We are not sure if he will become another laughing one, but he did warn us to beware when driving along his beat.

Mick Ralph one of our percussionists qualified as a Heavy Goods and PSV Driver and is now doing just that. We enjoyed his drumming but hope he does not turn up one day to drive us on a Band engagement.

Bandmaster Alan Clarke who served nine years with us retired and is now working in the music business outside. Mr Clarke was throughout his service a devoted servant to the Band and the Regiment and we wish him every success for the future.

Our former Band President, Major P. B. L. Hoppe has now moved on and we did manage a farewell

drink and presentation with him in appreciation of his hard work during his two years with us.

Major P. J. Puttock is now our Band President and we welcome him and hope he will enjoy his term of office.

Our new Bandmaster Mr Keith Taylor has been appointed, and now we are back in business musically, we look forward to some hard blowing again. We will no doubt get plenty of opportunity when we accompany the battalion to CANADA.

The chance to put our medical skills to the test almost occurred with the threat of a DHSS strike. After sharpening our scalpels on the grindstone, we discovered that we were not needed after all.

## SQUASH

No doubt South Armagh will figure prominently elsewhere in this journal, but I must ask the readers indulgence by saying that the Battalion's presence there undoubtedly had a bearing on squash in the 1981/82 season. Prior to our departure we played several friendly (can a squash match really be called friendly?) matches against units in and around Catterick. Much to our surprise we won them all, which is, I understand, almost without precedent in the Battalions more recent squash history. And so we went to Bessbrook Mill.

We were fortunate enough to find that we had a court at our disposal. It was of odd construction, poorly lit and the bounce was erratic to say the least. The door in the side wall could be a most useful ally when serving to the backhand court! Despite its shortcomings the court was in constant use and gave pleasure to many, in particular our RMO and his chief assistant.

The Northern Ireland Individual and Inter Unit Championships took place during our tour and nothing daunted we entered for both. Sad to say our individuals made little progress against some very

good opposition, but the team beat 9 UDR in the second round of the team competition before losing 5-0 in the semi-finals to the HQNI team, the eventual winners. This latter team numbered amongst its players the individual NI champion, runner up, one semi-finalist and one quarter-finalist, so we were a little out-gunned from the start.

We returned to Catterick just in time to enter the Garrison championships. Regrettably our lack of match practice showed and little progress was made. However, it was useful practice which we put to good use in the inter-unit competition, where having narrowly beaten RAF Catterick by the odd game in five, we beat 8 Signal Regiment 5-0 in the final to gain the Battalion's first trophy since the CO took up his appointment. That, of course, was as it should be, as Colonel Cumberlege was playing as our No 1 string. Others who represented the Battalion during the season were Majors Good, Hoppe and Roberts, Captains Rimmer, Harvey and Shuttleworth, Lieut Wood, WO2 Harding, Sgt's Holmes, Hird and Cullingworth and Cpl's Barnes and Haymer.

## THE DUKE'S ANGLING CLUB

The Club has completed its first year in Catterick. We have fished a number of matches around the Catterick area, both amongst ourselves and against civilian clubs. All these matches have been useful in learning how to fish very different waters in varying conditions.

Now the trout season has started and many of us spend our time on the river trying to catch supper. It's a good thing that "Catch now't" Carnell's wife visits the fishmonger regularly!

Congratulations to Percy Mitchell for collecting the two main trophies last year; 'Matchman of the Year' and 'The Royal Wedding Shield!' Well done also to Alan Nendick for winning the Annual Trophy. There is a strong rumour that the CO is a keen angler, if so, we hope to see him at some of our matches showing us how it should be done. Good fishing and tight lines until next time!





From Crossmaglen to Catterick (4)  
And this is what was in store at Catterick.



WO2 K. Leachman

#### WO2 (CSM) K. LEACHMAN

WO2 Kenny Leachman enlisted as a National Serviceman on 3 March 1960 into the Yorkshire Bde. He was discharged and re-enlisted as a regular on 28 March 1960. On completion of his training he was posted to 1 DWR in June 1960. Kenny has seen service with the Dukes in Kenya, British Honduras, Germany, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Canada and Northern Ireland where he has completed four operational tours.

Kenny started his career with the Battalion as a rifleman then L/Cpl in B Company; serving at Colchester, Barnard Castle, Catterick between 1961-63, before Osnabruck between 1964-67 where he was an Atk Section Cpl. On moving back to Gillingham he was promoted to Sergeant. He carried out the job of Pl Sgt for 8 PlC Coy in Hong Kong and in Catterick between 1968-73. Between 1974-75 he served in Halifax with C Coy 1 Yorkshire Vols as CQMS. He then rejoined the Bn in Minden serving as C Coy's

CQMS between 1976-1978. In 1978 Kenny was promoted to WO2 and remained with C Coy as their CSM between 1978-1979. In 1979 Kenny took over the job of CSM Hook Coy in Minden and on moving to Catterick still as CSM Hook Coy finished his career with the Regiment in 1968.

Kenny was awarded the UN Medal for his work in Cyprus and received the GSM Medal for his service in Northern Ireland.

Saying farewell is always a sad occasion but when the mess said farewell to Kenny it was a very touching occasion. Not only for the WO and Sgt's Mess but for the 1st Bn. Kenny was known throughout the Battalion as a very fair but hard man. If you had a problem, it was Kenny Leachman who would solve it for you. A staunch member of the Mess, he was renowned for his wit and humour.

We wish Kenny and Veronica every success in civilian life and ask them to keep in touch.

#### PLATOON COMMANDERS BATTLE COURSE, WARMINSTER

From patrolling the streets of Bessbrook on the Friday, it was quite a shock to the system to find oneself sat in a class room at the School of Infantry on the Monday. Especially when the first day was dedicated to testing handling skills of all platoon weapons, just to put everybody in the right frame of mind for the next 3 months. After all the usual course introductions, it was virtually straight into work. The

course being divided into two phases; Phase 1 dedicated purely to skill at arms and live field firing, and Phase 2, left to mind-teasing tactics. With the School being situated virtually on the edge of Salisbury Plain, there was a great scope for getting out onto the training area and being able to put into practice almost immediately all the new knowledge our instructors were trying their hardest to push into



our heads, in the limited time available. With no apparent end to the amount of ammunition and equipment available, all the training that took place was realistic.

Perhaps the course's greatest asset is the fact that unlike Sandhurst, there was a workable relationship created from the word go, between instructor and pupil. They were not there simply to make life difficult, but to teach with the aim of passing knowledge on from their own past experiences! Shortage of time meant that much of the background knowledge required, was left to the individual to read up himself.

Naturally enough with subalterns from all over the Army, there could never be, at any stage, one answer to a situation that everyone could agree on. We all

learnt from each others experiences. The training side of life was quite intense, I would be the first to admit, but above all other aspects that the course teaches, probably the over riding impression I gained is that at the end of it, it had boosted everybody's confidence and that those gaps left behind by the initial training at Sandhurst had been filled.

Obviously training could not possibly dominate everything in life at Warminster, and with sixty subalterns all in one mess, I don't need to say any more about the social life! I thought it was a good course and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. It's not possible to teach everything in the relatively short time available but it provides a vital background that all platoon commanders need.

### MY DAYS WITH THE S.A.S.

Friday night, 2000 hrs, the wind is howling and soldiers scurrying to get kit sorted out for the next task. This time our mission is to seek out and destroy those bloody Fantasians everyone talks about. Shhh... what's that noise? it's, it's... heli-Bedfords'. A moan is emitted from the corner - I thought we were getting \*\*\*\* coaches? - the Sgt replies, "shut up, stand still and keep quiet you awful little creature!" Silence crept over the gathered assembly, the Bedfords were boarded and we set off for destination unknown. After 150 miles of petrol fumes and bumps we arrived 3½ hours later at Otterburn - that known tourist resort - and take up positions in our allocated areas. Dig, Dig is the order of the night and by dawn everybody is up to their neck in trenches. At least protected from the howling gale but the freezing rain is penetrating our combat equipment.

Suddenly there is an explosion... is it the dreaded enemy? No it's only the COMS blowing another No 2 burner up, "Breakfast should be served when we find the food", says a voice in the background, but

soldiers, some of who would rather go on CO's than eat breakfast, cheer. After breakfast routine is hectic. Ready to move by 0800 hrs and actually move at lunchtime. We move to a grid reference 5 miles north of a village where we know the enemy are. Enemy being CO, Adjutant, RSM Training Major and other morale boosters. The war is ready to begin. Recce patrols return (wet and weary) with information (about the local pubs!). From this moment the momentum of attack begins and we move to the forming up place and shake into formation.

The assault begins and once upon the objective the cheers of the captives are drowned by shots of "thank God that's over". The exercise is over for that day and it's all hands to the pub for a pint or three! The next day we are whisked back home to those "horrible civvies" we left at the start of the weekend. Our soldierly appearance is put back into the cupboard until the next weekend. You have obviously guessed by now, the SAS mentioned is the Saturdays and Sundays and not the notorious Special Air Service.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Colonel E. M. P. Hardy,  
British Defence Liaison Staff,  
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Canberra, A.C.T. 2600.

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Halstead,  
Sevenoaks, Kent.

The Editor,  
'The Iron Duke',  
Regimental Magazine  
Sir,

2 June 1982.

I had the privilege on ANZAC Day, 25th April 1982 to attend the ceremony in the township of KOORAWATHA NSW. After the dawn ceremony I was introduced to a fellow Duke, the first I have met during my 3 year tour. His details are:

4615156 Cpl John Hutchinson (D Coy 1 DWR),  
Boorowa Street,  
KOORAWATHA,  
NSW 2807

His Regimental Service spanned 1938-45 from Bordon to Anzio. He would be delighted to hear from any Dukes of the 1st Bn as he was in 'D' Coy with Major Faulks.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Hardy.

The Editor,  
'The Iron Duke',  
Yorkshire.  
Dear Sir,

The Corps of Drums Society was formed in 1977 to promote and preserve the concept and traditions of the drum and flute Corps of Drums both within the army and outside.

We are particularly anxious to contact serving or retired drummers who may be in possession of photographs, music, or other records of their service, and who would be willing to allow us to borrow or copy them. They may still retain their musical skills and be prepared to spend some time in passing on their knowledge to a younger generation of drummers, who may otherwise take up traditions that have more in common with an American high-school than with the British army.

One of the main problems with Corps of Drums

today, apart from the ever increasing demands of other duties, is that little of their history or traditions have been committed to writing. The knowledge has been handed down from Drum Major to Drum Major virtually by word of mouth, but if this system is once broken for any reason, it is very difficult to retrieve the situation.

We would be grateful if you can find space to include this letter in your journal as we feel sure that there will be some drummers among its readers who could help us to ensure that the sound of the drums and fifes will continue to be heard into the next century at least.

Yours faithfully  
R. J. Davenport,  
Hon Secretary.

### ARMAGH 1829

The following is an extract from a letter written by Capt William Thain, Capt Thain was commissioned into the 33rd Regiment on 13th May 1813 and was Adjutant of the Regiment at the Battle of Waterloo. In 1829 he was serving with the 33rd in Armagh.

"Armagh, 26th January, 1829 (Monday).

"My Dear Father,

"We are nearly snowed up!

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"Such snowballing as there has been all this forenoon on the barrack square! Officers and men all at it, and even some of the women.

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"We have had a meeting, called a county meeting, to petition the Legislature against further concessions to the Catholics, at which it is stated there were 50,000 people. But you may depend upon it there was not half that number. I should have said there were about 10,000. Mr. Close, a gentleman with about £16,000 a year in this neighbourhood, was called to the chair, but all the nobility and most of the gentry were absent, and the meetings principally filled with clergymen. The farmer and weaver classes entered the town from the different villages in procession, horse and foot, with party flags and drums, and the badges and insignia of their different Orange lodges. The people were all decently clad, but their appearance, which otherwise might have been reputable, was rendered absurd and ridiculous by the mummery of their Orange mysteries. I was told by a clergyman that the magistracy had got them persuaded to leave their arms at home, but could not prevail upon them to leave their flags, etc. Judging from this meeting, I should say that Orangeism is about to expire.

## THE YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

### Dedication of the Regimental Chapel, York Minster

The Yorkshire Volunteers are justifiably proud of their antecedents, the Territorial Batteries and Battalions of the County's Regiment. As such they feel an almost proprietorial regimental pride in the memorials and Chapels of their parent Regiments. It in no way diminishes these sentiments that as a Regiment they have now a Regimental Chapel of their own.

It is a remarkable distinction that after only fifteen years of separate existence as a Regiment, the Dean and Chapter of York have permitted the creation and dedication of such a Chapel in the nave of the Minster, the spiritual and geographical centre of the historic County of York

The Chapel, which is dedicated to St Cuthbert, the 7th Century Northern Saint, himself described as a great "Soldier of Christ", was dedicated during a service on Saturday 24th April 1982. Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, formally presented the Chapel to the Dean for dedication, in the presence of members of the Regiment, their families and Civic, County and Military dignitaries.

The Lessons were read by Colonel Sir William Bulmer, Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, President of the Regimental Council, and by Pte D. Moore, WRAC, of the 3rd Battalion.

The Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd C. C. Barker, TD, MA, a former padre of the Second Battalion gave the Sermon.

The Minister's splendid setting was augmented musically by the Trumpeters of the 1st Battalion, Green Howards (by kind permission of Lieut Colonel C. J. Marchant-Smith), the Minster Organ played by Dr Francis Jackson, OBE, D Mus, FRCO, and singing of the Choir, composed of members of the Holmfirth Choral Society and their friends, directed by Mr K. Rothery.

Following the service Her Royal Highness took the salute as detachments and Colour parties from the three Battalions exercised their Freedom of the City of York. After the march past, Her Royal Highness proceeded on a "walk about" through the crowds to the Assembly Rooms where a reception was held, and later met the Parade Troops and their families at Lumley Barracks.



The Yorkshire Volunteers, Dedication of the Regimental Chapel York Minster, 24 April 1982.

## ‘C’ COMPANY (DWR) - 1st Bn Yorkshire Volunteers

Since we last went to press there have been a considerable number of changes within the company. Major Bill Stone has taken over command from Major Tim Newcombe, Capt Nigel Tetley has moved to 15 Inf Bde as LO, Lieut Charles Jones has joined us from York, WO2 Lewis is the new CSM and C/Sgt White is now CQMS.

On the training side it has been varied and interesting starting with a trip to Ripon Parks for a Company tactical weekend including route clearing, patrolling, and an initial attempt at river crossing (non-tactical).

Over the spring bank holiday we took 73 of the Company on mini camp to Giggleswick. The activities included rock climbing, absailing, canoeing,

fell walking (including Pen-y-ghent) and a command task to cross an obstacle. The weather was terrific and all who attended had a great time.

Our latest venture was a survival weekend for the ladies club at Strensall. They had to build their own bashas and the only food provided was three live chickens which were duly dispatched and cooked, a little unprofessionally but successfully.

Congratulations to Pte Mendies on winning the young soldier SMG shoot at NEDSAM at Bellerby.

Finally we say farewell to Sgt Peter Sugden returning at last to 1 DWR and welcome Sgt Tony Sweeney who will be our Training PSI for the next 2 years.

## ‘C’ COMPANY (DWR) - 3rd Bn Yorkshire Volunteers

The highlight of the training year is the Annual Camp and it was a sunny Saturday morning on 5th June that Major Armitage bade a sad farewell to his steely eyed warriors as they set off into the unknown - namely Bodney Camp, Thetford! This Annual Camp was to be somewhat different in as much as 3 Yorks were playing host to some 120 American members of Company B, 125th Infantry, Michigan National Guard. Company B had competed against thousands of other national Guardsmen to be declared the best to take the rigours of British Army training. It was decided to boost the company strengths with the guardsmen and A, B and C Companies were to loose

their titles for the two week period and were to be known as X, Y and Z Companies, C Company becoming Y Company consisting of 1 platoon British and 1 platoon National Guard. The Company was commanded by Capt Coleman of the National Guard. To guide him along the rugged path of British warfare was Capt Lewis on temporary loan from B Company.

We very quickly got settled in to Bodney Camp and training started the following day. However whether anyone actually got used to the Americans singing as we did our daily 6.30 am run is debatable and “SOUND OFF” took on a completely new meaning.

The first four days were spent brushing up on individual training with a 24 hour Home Defence role exercise at the end of the week to prepare us for Ex Northern Foray. The Section Commanders Competition was completed at Camp and a special mention is in order for Cpl's Binns, Dean and Hellawell for their excellent efforts. Well done!

The middle weekend of camp was put aside for recreation. However to boost up the pleasure of the time off the TICKEL TEST was run on Saturday morning (No failures from C Company). Coaches were laid on to take the troops to London and Great Yarmouth and by all accounts an enjoyable time was had by all. But that very quickly passed and it was back to more serious training with Exercise Northern Foray starting on the Monday night. The exercise again was geared to our role, with the Americans showing great enthusiasm and willingness to adapt to our way of training. Great credit is due to them for the way they very quickly learnt how to handle our

weapons, vehicles and radios, although on more than one occasion a tired GI would ask "Why do you Brits train so hard?" to hear the sane reply "Ask the Argies". The exercise ended with the traditional dawn attack on Y Company holding an airfield. The attackers were members of 1 Green Howards and 4 Para who staged their own version of Goose Green!

(Could it have been the Battle of BOMB BAY???) However who actually won is still hotly disputed. We finished the training period with a hard earned Company Smoker and after saying our goodbyes to our American friends we returned to the somewhat more settled life at Huddersfield having all agreed it was very enjoyable and worthwhile camp.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the Company Lieut Phil Beaumont (Ex CSM), CSM John Rutherford, C/Sgt Trevor Payne and Sgt Shane Marriott. We say farewell to Capt Barry Robinson and CSM Toz Hickling who have marched across the drill floor to join HQ Coy.

## WELLESLEY COMPANY DWR ACF

(Huddersfield Area)  
Yorkshire ACF

### Personalities

The adult staff of Wellesley Company is now really taking off in quality and strength, as we say...

WELCOME to 2/Lieut John Maddy who joins us from Wakefield Area in the exacting role of Administrative Officer at Company HQ. Already he is fully functional like a well oiled machine churning out the paperwork.

To Under-Officer Sheridan King who is newly appointed and joins Capt Peter Turner as 2ic at Thongsbridge we extend an equally warm hello. Mess life should be tremendous as Sheridan introduces his qualified hypnosis abilities and also his semi-professional show business attributes.

Meanwhile at Heckmondwike, Under-Officer Hillam joins forces as 2ic with Lieut Steve Baker and the two forge a team as never seen before. Great things ahead for this outpost of our Company.

HELLO to Sgt Instructor Malcolm Cowsill, also at Heckmondwike, and also ex Wakefield Area. Another Wakefield asset whom we are delighted to convert into an even better "Duke".

Whilst at Huddersfield our ranks are strengthened by a former member of the Dukes Sergeants' Mess in the form of Sgt Maj Instr Keith Lodge. Whilst in the Duke's, Keith Lodge's Company Commander was no less than our own esteemed Cadet Executive, Major Derek Roberts. Joining us at the same time in Huddersfield is Sgt Instr Brian Kaye who brings into the ACF a wealth of experience from the world of scouting.

### Athletics

Although one private coach hire let us down reducing our projected numbers from a minimum of 71 to 32, we stormed the athletic field at the Yorkshire ACF annual meeting and secured not only 5 first places, 5 second places and 2 third places, but also won the coveted Victor Ludorum trophy for the

outstanding athlete of the meeting. Our last two sets of *Iron Duke* notes have boldly forecast our intentions, and our words are now being borne out by positive action. Well done Duke's cadets, one and all, even if you personally didn't win. THE GLORY IS NOT IN WINNING BUT HAVING TAKEN PART, and you formed the team who are also now WINNING.

### Shooting

No pots won here, but a very creditable performance by all of our team entry at the Annual Skill at Arms meeting at Strensall. With significant names among the high scorers we always field at full strength; our expertise is showing through; and we give them a run for their money. Nobody in Yorkshire ACF sits back at ease when Duke's cadets provide the competition. Major John was proud of you all and with such enthusiasm being shown it won't be long before we set the pace for ACF (South) to follow and show them who really are the gladiators in this important area of training.

### Weekend Camps

Since our last notes, one at Strensall and one at Scarborough. Two super weekends. A lot of activity, plenty of fun and energy burnt up at a high rate. Section attacks, star testing, shooting (when we can secure the ranges), early morning runs, beachlife at Scarborough with a training emphasis. A Duke's cadets weekend is a significant event, and the Cadets are paying for their own transport - their incentive is to take part, proudly wearing a Duke's cap badge, and to return home shattered but happy. All you ex Duke's Officers/Senior Ranks, come and join us, we'll open up new horizons for you, and you can give us the benefit of your experiences. Our doors are open... open... open...

### Visit to 1 DWR

The premature departure for Canada affected our July visit, but the rearrangement for 1/2 September keeps our anticipation on the boil. Whilst at annual camp we shall have the whole Company competing for the coveted places on this Catterick visit and we hope you will be seeing the best of the ACF proudly associating at close quarters with their Regular Battalion.

### St John's Ambulance

Six of our Skipton Detachment cadets have gained the full St John's Ambulance Certificates for juveniles under the age of 18. SMI Tony Armstrong is chuffed - his first "big one" since recently taking over and the first step towards fulfilling his promise to bring Skipton into the big ACF league. With a Falklands fund raising scheme already being planned at the time of writing these notes, he is already getting

Skipton heading in the right direction. Superb - after all Skipton is very much Duke's territory and we want the ACF to fly the flag out there.

### Annual Camp

Otterburn is the venue, and it looms largely on the horizon. Once again our Colonel, Major General Donald Isles, will be visiting us to see and talk to our cadets, and to have dinner with the adults. Never fails to find time to visit us in his hectic schedule, and even now in the closing months of his Colonelcy we are not forgotten.

Cadet numbers begin to soar - adult strength reaching maximum - the Cadet Banner parade at Strensall reaches its rehearsal peak - the sun is shining - enthusiasm abounds - Duke's cadets reach for the sky as our star is in its ascendancy. We are euphoric because everything before us is ours - after all VIRTUTIS FORTUNA COMES.

## Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

The process of producing Junior Leaders goes on at IJLB and although some aspects of training have been restricted the numbers of young men entering the service is as healthy as ever. They arrive at sixteen years of age and undergo a year's training which should put them in good stead for promotion when they join their Battalions. The training is extensive and includes much more than that which an adult recruit does. It involves all aspects of military training with emphasis on leadership, education, adventure training and a great deal of sport. The boys develop very quickly and after a year the comparison of 'before and after' is staggering, something that their parents are proud to point out when the boys pass out.

IJLB is moving to two intakes a year and at the moment we do have two groups of junior badged 'Duke's' undergoing their training. The senior term are away at Stanford at the moment doing their final battlecamp before they pass out. There are three Duke's in this group J/Sgt Mosely, J/Cpl McNally and J/Ldr Craddock all of whom are strong members of the platoon and should hopefully complete Stanford without too much difficulty. They are in a mixed platoon of King's Division and Parachute Regiment and are commanded by Lieut R. J. Bailion PARA. As the boys badged PARA have to go to P Coy after finishing at IJLB their physical training has been very demanding, so you can expect three very fit Dukes in June!

The other group of Duke's are in King's Division platoon commanded by Lieut S. H. Dixon DWR.

There are eight Duke's in this group, some of whom are having more success than others! J/Cpl Nickson, J/Cpl Arnott and J/Cpl Lowther are congratulated on their promotion and are encouraged to strive for further rank. We also have J/Ldrs Birkett, Hollinshead and Falcus who have brothers in the 1st Battalion, the latter being just as cheeky and amusing as his brother! The best sportsman of the bunch is J/Cpl Arnott who is a good all round performer, excellent in the boxing ring and undergoing rugby instruction from his Platoon Commander.

The group have just returned from Penhale in Cornwall where they chose an external activity to take part in for a week. The choice was rock climbing, fell walking, sailing, cycling and canoeing. We had the only three boys lucky enough to go sailing, J/Cpl Nickson, J/Ldrs Hollinshead and Birkett the latter of which spent much of the time with his head over the side! The boys followed their adventure training with a 72 hour unaccompanied trek on Dartmoor. The course was about 60 Km over the moor and as the weather turned to brilliant sunshine it made a memorable occasion. All being well their pass out is on Saturday 14 August.

On the staffing side we are about to have a small change, Sgt 'smiler' Hughes arrived in May to take over as senior regimental rep from Lieut S. H. Dixon who rejoins the Battalion in August. Cpl Jones continues as a stalwart member of the mixed King's Division and Parachute Regiment Platoon and L/Cpl Halten once again applies the lotion to the affected area in the Medical Centre.

## Obituary

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

The deaths of the first five named were briefly mentioned in the April issue of the *Iron Duke*:

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

Before the war Ken Jackson was a Cricket and Rugby Blue at Oxford at the same time as Major C. F. Grieve, captaining the XV. He played for Scotland when they won the Triple Crown. Unfortunately his career was cut short by a head injury.

After Oxford he became a schoolmaster at Wellington College where he was an officer in the OTC.

On joining the Army on the outbreak of War he was gazetted into the Regiment and joined the 10th Battalion at Wentworth Woodhouse in August 1940. After about a year with the Battalion he was posted to Sandhurst as an instructor, later to become a GSO1 serving in Burma.

After the war he was appointed founder-headmaster of Repton Junior School later taking on the headmastership of Cargillisfield School near Edinburgh.

The funeral took place at Hinton St George on March 27th. Lt Col R. G. Collins, MBE, represented the Regiment.

### Major B. M. Kilner, TD

Bernard Kilner was commissioned into the 7th Bn (TA) in April 1938. He served throughout World War II with that Battalion, mainly as a Company Commander.

From 1945 to 1947 he served in India and Singapore as a DAAG. He was Adjutant of Mons OCS 1949-1951. He then served with the 1st Bn in Korea before attending Staff College, Quetta.

On his return to UK he became BM to 147 Inf Bde (TA) followed by a 2 year secondment to the Gold Coast (later Ghana).

Among other appointments he held were DAQMG (Ops) East Africa Command and AMA British High Commission Canada. His last appointment was CO University of Sheffield OTC as a Local Lieut Colonel.

The funeral took place at St Giles Church, Skelton on 5th April.

Colonel J. Davidson represented the Colonel of the Regiment, supported by several other officers and members of the 7th Bn.

### RSM R. F. Chilvers

His many friends will have been shocked and saddened to hear of the early unexpected death of WO1 R. F. Chilvers.

His service is a chronicle of the battalions travels from 1950 onwards and he saw more of the world than most, but his career had unpromising beginnings. There were tussles with authority and it was not until

he brought his high spirits under control that he began to realise the potential for constructive leadership, which was so obvious to others. Once committed, his progress was rapid and he brought to posts of increasing responsibility, a strong extrovert character, professional skill and characteristic energy. He duly became RSM of the 1st Battalion and was most successful in the appointment, which gave him full scope to display his fierce Regimental pride, loyalty and sense of humour. He could be formidable when crossed, but there was no malice and his own youthful experiences gave him a sympathy and understanding of the transgressor which was never far from the surface. He was a shrewd judge of character and I, for one, took advantage on numerous occasions of his practical and realistic advice.

In paying tribute to Bob Chilvers, who was at various times my CQMS, CSM and RSM, and I am conscious that I have only touched on the achievements of this greatly respected and liked man. In his tragic early death the Regiment has lost a loyal servant, a great character and a friend.

P.A.M

### RSM J. Imray, MBE

Jimmy Imray died after a long illness at his home 27, Sunlea Avenue, Cullercoats, North Shields.

A well known figure in the Regiment before and during the war, he became a regular contributor to the *Iron Duke*, mainly on his reminiscences of life in India, prior to World War II.

When fire broke out in the Mediterranean on the troopship bringing him home, together with other members of the Regiment, he distinguished himself by his gallantry in organising fire fighting and conspicuous leadership for which he was subsequently awarded the MBE.

The funeral and Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady and St Oswin, Tynemouth, was attended by several Old Comrades.

### Mr G. North

Mr George North started work in a Cotton Mill at the age of 12. In 1913 he enlisted in the 4th Battalion (TA) and served throughout the War with them. He was President of the Old Comrades Association of the 4th Battalion, until it was wound up in 1974, because the members were getting too old.

He worked for the Halifax Building Society for over forty years, retiring last April; but returned to work in a part time basis in March 1982. He was returning home from his office when he was involved in a traffic accident and died from his injuries.

### Lieut Colonel Walter Skelsey, MBE

Walter Skelsey died on June 1st 1982 at his home at Kettlewell in Wharfedale, close to the Christian



Community of Scargill House which he had served since 1969. The funeral, on Monday June 7th, took place in the Church of St Mary Kettlewell.

Walter lived for the last few years of his life close to his birthplace Harrogate where he was born in 1914. He was commissioned into the Regiment in 1934 and served until 1937 in the United Kingdom and Malta. In that year he was seconded to the KAR. He remained with them until 1945 except for a period at the Staff College, Quetta and in a staff appointment in East Africa. From 1945 until 1948, except for a few months with the 1st Battalion, he was a GSO II in Scottish Command.

In 1948 he went to Greece with the British Military Mission and returned to Halifax in 1950 as OC Wellesley Barracks. When Great Britain became involved in the Korean War he went with the advance party of the Regiment. Here he did sterling work which eased matters considerably for the rest of the Battalion when it arrived.

There was another Staff appointment from 1953-1955 as DAA and QMG with 1 Malay Infantry Brigade, then a further two years with the KAR before his last Army posting as AAG GHG East Africa.

Walter retired from the Army with the honorary rank of Lieut Colonel on the 18th April 1958 and took a civilian posting to Nyasaland until 1961. Here he was engaged in rehabilitation work for which he received the MBE.

In 1961 on the retirement of Donald Stewart he became ROIII at the new RHQ, Wellesley Park. One of his achievements during this service was the introduction of the Lawrence painting of the Duke as cover for the *Iron Duke*. Money was not available at that time for a full colour print but he would have been very pleased to have seen the April issue.

It was from 1961 until 1969 when Walter was at Halifax that many local people got to know and appreciate him, particularly the present writer, who enjoyed long sessions at RHQ or his first flat talking about the works of Kipling, a strong common interest.

In the panegyric, although this is not the right word for the simple talk from the pulpit, the preacher referred to him as "an officer and a gentleman". A most fitting and well deserved tribute to Walter Skelsey.

R.A.I.

#### **Mr F. Gouldsborough, DCM**

Ex Sgt Frank Gouldsborough, DCM of 58, Blackpool Road, Ribbleton, Preston, died in Preston Royal Infirmary on 23rd April 1982.

#### **Mr L. Ludbrook**

Mr Les Ludbrook died April 20th 1982 aged 71. He joined the Regiment in 1928, going on the reserve in 1936. He was recalled to the Colours on the outbreak of war and served with the 1st Battalion until being discharged in June 1940, as a result of wounds received during the evacuation from Dunkirk.

#### **Mrs Marjorie Crofton**

It is with much regret that we report the death of Mrs Marjorie Crofton at her home in Capetown South Africa. She died peacefully in her sleep on the evening of 18th June 1982. Her first husband was Capt Cyril Denman Jubb who was killed at Mons in 1914 when Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion. Readers will recall the article and photographs published in the December 1981 *Iron Duke*, No 187, after Mrs Crofton reached the wonderful age of 100 in July last year. Cremation took place on 23rd June 1982 and the Regiment was represented by Major Jeffrey Reynolds.

#### **Mr. R. G. Ballard**

Mr R. G. (Bob) Ballard died on 13th July, after a short illness. The funeral took place on 20th July and was attended by Mr R. Owers, Mr R. Temple and Mr K. A. Waterman of the London and Home Counties Branch of the Regimental Association. An obituary will appear in the next issue of the '*Iron Duke*'.

## **Regimental Association**

### **LONDON BRANCH NOTES**

The London Branch held their Annual Dinner and Dance at the Victory Services Club on Saturday, 15 May. Although members were down on last year a good evening was had by all. It was very nice to have the party from Yorkshire with us again - it wouldn't be the same without them. Many thanks to all those members who donated raffle prizes and to the Branch Committee who worked so hard to ensure a successful evening. The band (The Jim Stewart Trio) would like it to be recorded how pleased they were that their efforts were so much appreciated by all present. The date for next year's Dinner will be Saturday, 7 May 1983.

On a sad note, Mr Les Ludbrooke, has passed away; although he could not attend any of our functions he was always a very keen Duke and our condolences go to his wife on her sad loss. (More details in obituary column).

We now break off for summer holidays and start up again on 27 September when we hold our Annual

General Meeting. Venue as usual by kind permission of Mr Charlie Cossins at Flat 21, Vivian Court, 128-132 Maida Vale, London W9 at 20.00 hours on the last Monday of each month. All welcome.

### **REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION**

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

The Association has 40 Branches covering the United Kingdom, and its Employment Officers - all ex-Regulars - are in close touch with employers. It provides all services free.

Addresses and telephone numbers of Branches can be obtained from the Regimental Association - or from Post Offices or local telephone directories.