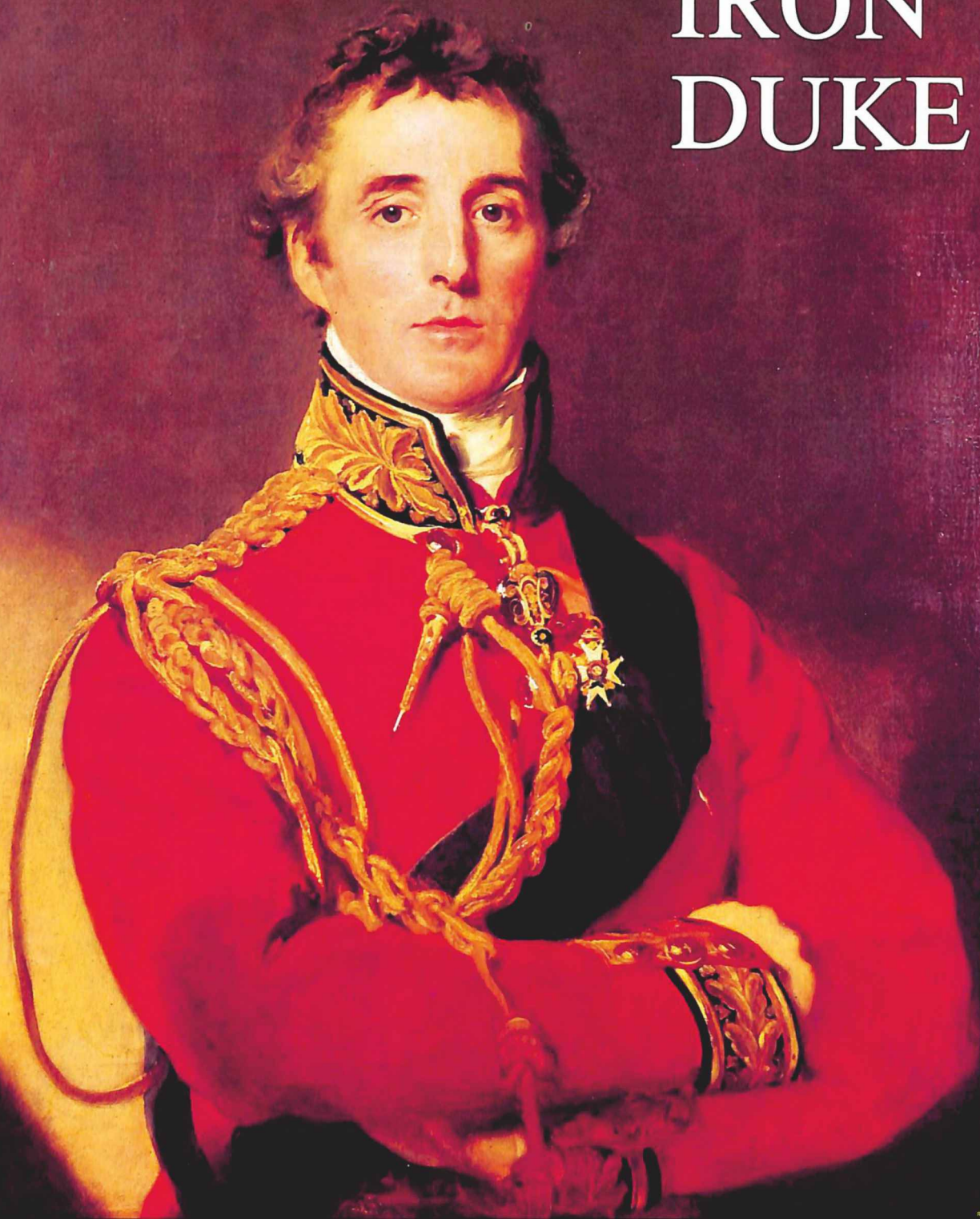


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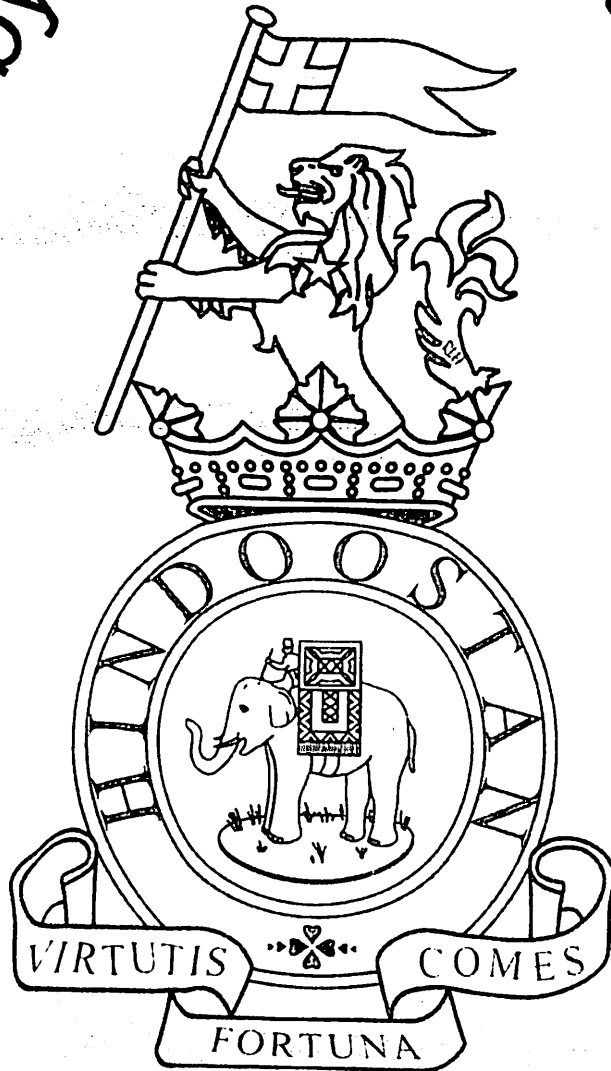
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THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Major General C. R. Huxtable, CB, CBE, is the new Colonel of the Regiment. He succeeded Major General D. E. Isles, CB, OBE, on 22nd October 1982.

General Charles Huxtable was commissioned into the Regiment in February 1952, and joined the 1st Battalion at Pontefract. He served with the Battalion in Korea, first as a Platoon Commander, and later as Assistant RSO.

After a year (1954 to 1955) at the Depot in Halifax, Gen Huxtable returned to the 1st Battalion as RSO, serving at Chisleton, in Malta, Cyprus, and Northern Ireland (where he became Adjutant in 1958), Brentwood, Colchester and Kenya.

A tour as an instructor at the Signals Wing of the School of Infantry was followed by attendance at the Staff College Camberley in 1962/63. Next, General Huxtable became GSO2 of Headquarters 2 Division in Germany, and in 1966 and 1967 he commanded a company of the 1st Battalion in Germany and Cyprus. In mid-1968 he was selected to attend the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer, and subsequently joined the directing staff at the Staff College Camberley, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Having commanded the 1st Battalion from May 1970 to November 1972, General Huxtable,

promoted to Colonel, did a tour as a Col GS in the Ministry of Defence up to December 1975. In June 1976 he was promoted Brigadier and commanded the Dhofar Brigade in Muscat from August 1976 to December 1978. Next came a further tour in the Ministry of Defence as a Deputy Military Secretary.

From October 1980 he was Commander Land Forces Northern Ireland in the rank of Major General (made substantive in January 1981), until he was appointed in February 1982 to his present position as Director of Army Staff Duties in the Ministry of Defence.

General Huxtable was awarded the MBE in 1961, the OBE (for Gallantry) in 1972, and was made a CBE in 1976 and CB in 1982. He has strong family regimental connections. His father, commissioned into the Regiment in 1915, served in the 9th Battalion in France, and was twice wounded. General Huxtable married Mary Lawlor, daughter of the late Brigadier John Lawlor, who had joined the Duke's from the Munster Fusiliers in 1922, and was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion in Malta in 1935-36, and commanded the 6th Battalion in 1940 to 1942.

Married in 1959, the Huxtables have three daughters: Amanda (22), Cathryn (19) and Lucy (17).

MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

I am very proud to have been appointed Colonel of the Regiment and I am especially conscious of the responsibility placed on me in taking over the Colonelcy from Major General Donald Isles who, for the last 7 years, has watched over our interests with such care and who, in spite of his very busy life, initially in the Army and subsequently in commerce, has done so much to sustain and strengthen the Regiment in all its aspects.

I know that as a result of his efforts the Regiment has never been in a better shape and that the ties between the Regiment and its home - the old West Riding of Yorkshire - have never been stronger - strengthened as they have been by the efforts of the 1st Battalion over the last two years. I know from all I hear around the Army that the reputation of the Battalion stands as high as ever. It is important to us all that it should remain so, in Yorkshire and within the Army. This is undoubtedly the case today and I shall do my utmost to maintain that situation.

We have, at this time, a great opportunity to enhance our standards and our reputation. Recruiting throughout the Army is going well and fewer soldiers than ever are leaving the Army. We must make use of the opportunity to ensure that those who come after us have a sound base on which to build. Nevertheless, the Army, and the Infantry -

whose excellence has this year been so closely demonstrated to the world - face important new challenges in the years ahead. The standards of the Infantry are soundly based on our Regimental system - and on that there can be no compromise - but we can not close our minds to change. The tasks facing the Infantry are becoming more complex - as is the equipment provided for them to carry out those tasks - with manpower becoming one of our most expensive commodities. We cannot afford to be over generous in the number of men we commit to manning and maintaining that equipment, nor in training those men to use it. Whilst we can be confident that the Regimental system is secure, we must maintain a flexible, as well as a critical approach in the years ahead.

I know that, as Colonel, I shall have the advice and support of many friends throughout the Regiment and in the West Riding as a whole, and that I can rely on all of you to help me in the task of ensuring that the Regiment remains as we have known it - an important part of the Army and an important part of the West Riding.

C. R. Huxtable

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Published below are details of honours and awards granted to members of the Regiment, including no less than 14 members of the 1st Battalion in recognition of their services in Northern Ireland earlier this year. These awards, besides bringing distinction to the individuals concerned, are also a reflection of the meritorious service of all members of the 1st Battalion while in Northern Ireland. The Regiment, as a whole, has every reason to be proud of them.

CBE	Col J. B. K. Greenway, MBE
OBE	Lt Col W. R. Mundell
MBE	WO2 B. W. Sykes
MM	Cpl G. E. Broadhead
BEM	S/Sgt K. Lister; S/Sgt C. R. Huxley
Mentioned in Despatches	Maj J. M. Thorn; S/Sgt T. Butterworth; Cpl B. J. Thomas

GOC's Commendation	Sgt P. M. Ennis; Sgt E. S. Mallard; Cpl A. Ankers; Cpl C. J. Irving; Pte J. T. Roberts; Pte P. Shaw
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Also mentioned in despatches was WO2 (SQMS) R. N. Roberts RAOC, a bomb disposal expert attached to the 1st Battalion.

The following have been awarded the L.S. & G.C. medal:
Cpl G. A. D. Deaville; Cpl I. Verrall.

BRIGADIER B. W. WEBB-CARTER'S BEQUEST TO THE REGIMENT

A brief reference was made in the last issue of the 'Iron Duke' to the late Brig Brian Webb-Carter's bequest to the Regiment of 26 coloured prints. The majority (17) relate to the 33rd Regiment. They cover the period 1793 to 1853 and some will be familiar to readers of the 'Iron Duke' eg The Recruiting Sergeant and the Havercake. A particularly unusual one portrays "An affair previous to the siege of Seringapatam - Lt Col Dormant 33rd Regt being dispersed etc". What dispersed means is none too clear. The print was published in 1825. The Brigadier's typically cryptic note on the reverse states that the uniforms portrayed are those of 1825 and not of 1799, the year of the siege of Seringapatam. There are 5 prints of the 76th, one of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and three of The Duke. The Colonel of the Regiment has decided that the prints will be shared between the 1st Battalion and RHQ. In addition to the prints, Brig Webb-Carter left his late wife's diamond and enamel Regimental brooch to the "Colonel for the time being of the Regiment". The Colonel has decided that the brooch will be held by the wife of the Commanding Officer, of the 1st Battalion.

FOR YOUR DIARY: Band Concerts to be given in Halifax and Huddersfield

Prior to the departure of the 1st Battalion for Gibraltar, two Band Concerts will be given.

- (1) 10th February 1983: Huddersfield Town Hall
- (2) 11th February 1983: Halifax Civic Theatre.

It is hoped that both venues will be filled to capacity with past and present members of the Regiment and other friends. The events will be widely advertised in the West Riding in due course.

REGIMENTAL ITEMS FOR SALE

The PRI of the 1st Battalion stocks a number of items which may be of interest to readers including, for example, LP records of the Regimental Band, ash trays, 'T' shirts and ice buckets in the shape of and colours of a Regimental drum. A full list of items for sale/order form is printed at the end of this issue of the 'Iron Duke'.

1st/7th BATTALION, THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT, OCTOBER 1944

The people of Wuustwezel in Belgium will shortly be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the liberation of their village. They have written to the Regiment asking for individual recollections and accounts of fighting in the area from soldiers of the 1st/7th Battalion, for eventual commemorative publication.

The fighting by the 49th (West Riding) Division took place in and around the following villages to the north of Antwerp: Brecht, Sint Lenaarts, Wuustwezel-Loenhout, Achterbroek, Nieuwmoer.

The Regimental History (Barclay) records that in late October 1944 the 1st/7th Battalion were at one time withdrawn to Nieuwmoer, but does not specifically mention any other villages. Will anyone who served in this campaign, and who feels inclined to put pen to paper, please send their recollections to: Dr M. Blanch, Bankfield Museum, Boothtown Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX3 6HG, who will pass the material on to Wuustwezel.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The members of the London and Home Counties branch of the Regimental Association meet monthly and have recently been made aware that this fact is not as widely known as they thought. They have asked, therefore, that all serving and former members of the Regiment be reminded that they are very welcome to attend their meetings - or, better still, become a member of the Branch. For details of the time and place of the meetings see the Regimental Association Notes.

OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Appointments
The following officers' appointments are notified or have taken place:
Col J. B. K. Greenway, CBE, appointment in the Cabinet Office, Dec 82.

Lt Col J. P. R. Cumberlege, attached HQ British Forces Hong Kong as Director Biennial IS Exercise Aug 82 - Apr 83.

Lt Col J. E. Pell, OBE, to ASLO, HQ NE Dist (R & L Staff) Aug 82.

Lt Col W. R. Mundell, OBE, for Commander 6 Armd Bde, and promotion to Brig, Jan 83.

Maj P. B. L. Hoppe, to OC HQ Sqn, AAC Harrogate, Aug 82.

Maj D. M. Pugh, for Trg Maj Northumbrian Universities OTC, Dec 82.

Maj P. D. D. J. Andrews, for Instructor RMC Duntroon, Australia, Mar 83.

Maj T. J. Nicholson, for CO Depot The King's Division and promoted to Lt Col, Nov 82.

Maj P. D. Gardner, for 1 DWR, May 83.

Maj J. R. A. Ward, for 1 DWR, Jan 83.

Capt K. Best, for 1 DWR, Jun 82.

Capt A. D. Meek, to RCMS Shrivensham, Oct 82; for Staff College in Australia, Jan 83.

Capt M. J. Stone, BA, to 1 DWR, Sep 82.

Capt G. D. Shuttleworth, to Adjutant, 1 Yorkshire Volunteers, York, Jun 82.

Capt M. White, BA, to OC 10 Cadet Trg Team, Nov 82.

Lt S. H. Dixon, to 1 DWR, Aug 82.

Lt (A/Capt) P. Robinson, to 1 DWR, May 82.

Lt J. W. Wood, for Instructor NITAT (UK), Jan 83.

Lt (A/Capt) P. Wilkinson, to 1 DWR, May 82.

Lt P. M. Rumball, to Pl Comd, Depot King's Div, May 82

2/Lt A. J. Brear, BA, to 1 DWR, Jul 82.

Promotions

The following officers have been selected for promotion as shewn:

Maj D. L. J. Harrap, LLB, to Major, 30 Sep 82.

Maj T. J. Isles, to Major, 30 Sep 82.

Maj A. J. Pitchers, BEd, to Major, 30 Sep 82.

Commissions

The following officer has been commissioned into the Regiment from RMA Sandhurst:

2/Lt J. C. Preston (SSC), 1DWR, Aug 82.

RETIREMENTS

The following officers have retired, or ended their term of service:

Col E. M. P. Hardy, Nov 82.

Capt T. Pickersgill, Feb 82.

Lt R. B. Laughton, BSc, Sep 82 (SSC).

2/Lt S. C. Wood, Sep 82 (SSLC).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Brig W. R. Mundell, OBE, 20 Jan 83, HQ 6 Armd Bde, BFPO 106.

Capt J. W. Wood, 3 Jan 83, NITAT (UKLF) Lydd Camp, Romney Marsh, Kent TN29 9JR.

Maj D. M. Pugh, Dec 82, Northumbrian Universities OTC, c/o Newcastle University, Newcastle.

Maj P. B. L. Hoppe, 19 Oak Avenue, Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG3 2RT.

REGIMENTAL COUNCIL

The Regimental Council, which was established in 1950 by Gen Sir Philip Christison, the then Colonel of the Regiment, is an advisory body to the Colonel of the Regiment. It has no executive powers. The Council normally meets once a year at Apsley House. In between its annual meetings the Colonel consults with members of the Council on matters that cannot wait until the next formal meeting.

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A meeting of the Regimental Council took place at Apsley House on Friday 23rd July 1982. Present were: The Colonel in Chief; Maj Gen D. E. Isles CB, OBE, Colonel of the Regiment; Gen Sir Robert Bray GBE, KCB, DSO; Maj Gen C. R. Huxtable CB, CBE; Brig D. W. Shuttleworth OBE, ADC; Col P. A. Mitchell OBE; Lt Col W. R. Mundell OBE; Maj A. C. S. Savory MBE and Maj G. C. Tedd, Regimental Secretary. Lt Col C. R. Cumberlege was unable to be present.

Among the matters discussed were:

(1) **Young officer recruitment:** The Colonel of the Regiment stated that the position was currently very satisfactorily, with applicants born 1963, 1964 and 1965 exceeding the vacancies available.

(2) **Dress:** Divisions had been consulted by the MOD regarding the eventual replacement of the combat hat and the blue beret by a khaki beret. The Regiment and the King's Division supported the

proposal. There was also a proposal to reduce and standardise the 57 varieties of lanyards now being used in the Army. A prototype for the Regiment had been produced which was receiving consideration.

(3) **Friends of the Regiment Fund:** See separate article

(4) **Brig B. W. Webb-Carter's bequest:** See Regimental notes

(5) **Regimental Museum:** The future of the Regimental Museum at Bankfield, Halifax was discussed with particular reference to enhancing the display of the exhibits. Some ideas outlined by Dr M. Blanch, Curator Calderdale Museum Services, were considered to be very much in line with the Regiment's needs. In view of the costs that would have to be incurred the matter was referred to the Regimental Trustees for consideration at their next meeting. A Museum Committee was established to act as a link between the Colonel of the Regiment, the Council, RHQ and the Curator. The committee consists of Brig D. W. Shuttleworth (chairman), Maj A. C. S. Savory, Maj G. C. Tedd and Capt T. Pickersgill.

(The Regimental Trustees, at their meeting on 17th September 1982, agreed that the necessary funds would be provided. A report on the Regimental Museum will appear in the next issue of the 'Iron Duke').

(6) **Regimental Colours stored at Bankfield:** Seven stands of Colours have been stored in Bankfield for a number of years. Six of the stands were formerly in the Regimental Chapel at York Minster. The Council discussed what to do with these Colours in the long term. The Colonel decided that the matter of the future of the Colours (4 stands) that previously had belonged to Militia and TA units, should be referred

to the Regimental Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers. In respect of the Colours of the 33rd and 76th Regiments (3 stands - 2 of which are in poor condition), further thought should be given as to where they should be finally laid-up.

(7) **Officer's Dinner Club, 1983:** The 1983 Annual Dinner will be held at the Army and Navy Club on Friday 10th June 1983.

STOP PRESS

Army Rugby Cup

The 1st Battalion played the 1st Battalion The Welsh Guards at Aldershot, in the UK final of the Army Rugby Cup, on 3rd December.

The result: 1 DWR	9
1 WG	8

The final of the Army Rugby Cup, between the winners in UK and the winners in BAOR is due to take place at Aldershot on 20th April 1983. However the date may be brought forward in view of the 1st Battalion's impending move to Gibraltar.

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

COLONEL, THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT

1975 - 1982

General Donald would be the last to wish a panegyric to be written about him, but we cannot let him hand over the Colonelcy without comment. Suffice it to say that, the most human of people, in his seven years of office, he has done much for all of us. The name of the Regiment has been enhanced under his guidance.

As most readers know, there was a strong feeling within the Regiment that in order to express our appreciation a presentation gift should be given to him to mark the end of his Colonelcy. Subscriptions were generous. General Donald's own choice was a silver salver, suitably inscribed. So, this present, together with a list of all those who contributed towards it, was presented to General Donald by the Colonel in Chief at York on 22 October 1982. A photograph of the salver and details of the inscription appear elsewhere in this issue.

We cannot let this moment pass without mentioning and paying tribute to two other people who have closely supported General Donald and the Regiment in all his undertakings. First, Sheila, his wife, who has been such a tower of strength, and has travelled the length and breadth of the country, and abroad, visiting battalions, attending functions and, most importantly "being there". We are grateful to her for giving up so much of her time to do so.

Secondly, his Secretary at British MARC, Mrs Yvonne Keir. She has supported and "protected" Gen Donald in all his activities. To those of us at RHQ, who probably have had more dealings with her than others, she entered into the "spirit of the thing",

always helpful and friendly, and the highest accolade we can pay, she identified herself with us and was part of the team. Indeed she told us on a number of occasions, she actually enjoyed it! To her we say thank you - we shall miss her.

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From:
Maj Gen D. E. Isles,
CB, OBE

The Laurels,
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27 Oct, 1982

The Editor,
The "Iron Duke",
Dear Sir,

It would be impractical, clearly, for me to write to all of my many friends in the Regiment who contributed to the quite magnificent silver salver, which was presented to me by the Colonel in Chief when I relinquished my Colonelcy of the Regiment on 22 October, 1982.

May I please, therefore, ask if you would be kind enough to allow space in your columns for this letter, so that I may express my and Sheila's sincere gratitude for such kindness and generosity.

It is a gift we shall always treasure.

Yours faithfully,

Donald Isles



The presentation gift to Major General Isles.
The inscription reads: "Presented to Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE, Colonel the Duke of Wellington's Regiment 1975-1982, by all members of the Regiment on the occasion of his relinquishing the Colonelcy, 22 October 1982".

1st Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

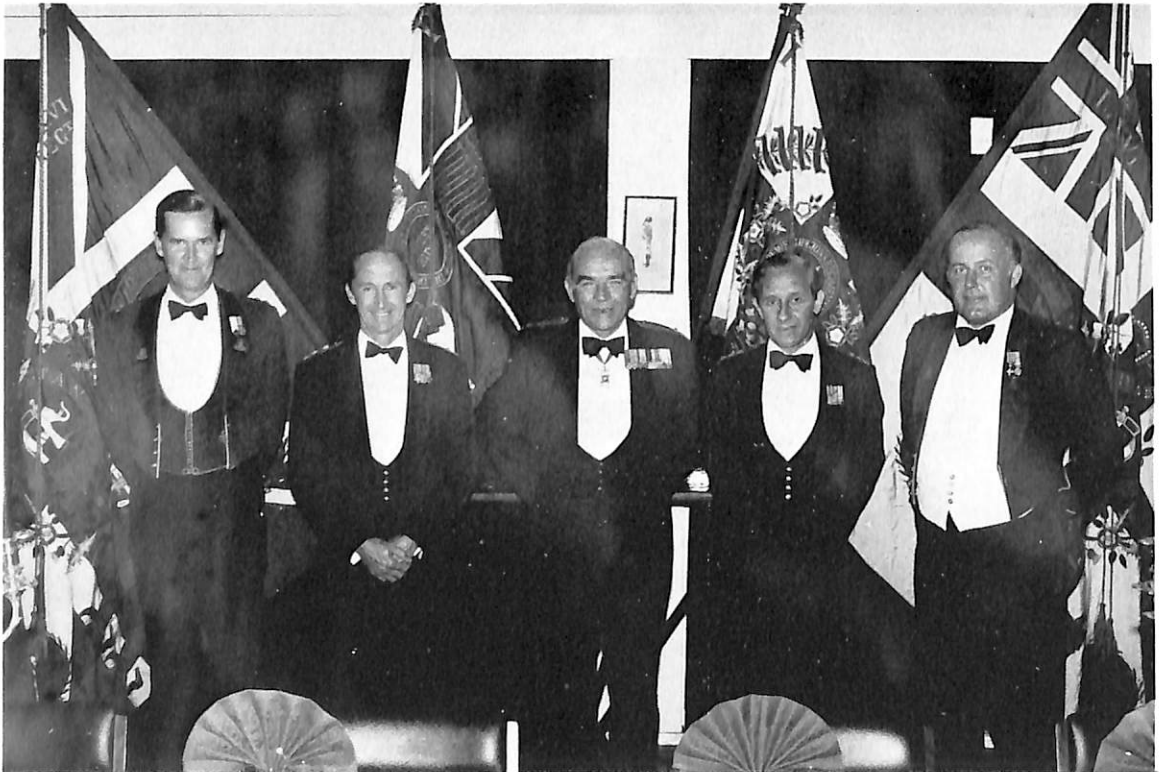
Germany last week, Gibraltar this week, Spearhead next week. Such is the life of the Commanding Officer and this in itself reflects the tempo of the battalion. Canada is now 10 weeks behind us, and memorable and worthwhile though the training was, it now seems a memory. EX KEYSTONE in Germany has also come and gone. Now it is Spearhead. We have checked our packing lists and should the call come for some unforeseen task, then we will be ready for it. If the call does not come we will be able to complete our cadres and upgrading training. By the time these notes are published the die will have been cast one way or the other. In short we are as busy as ever, and have been able to complete a thorough and progressive period of training. We have also has a lot of fun in the process.

It is of course always heartening when the battalion's efforts are recognised. Certainly one of the great highlights of this year has been the awards made after the battalion's 4½ month tour in South Armagh, which was completed in April. The battalion received one OBE, one MBE, two BEM's and one MM; 3 men were mentioned in despatches and 6 received C in C's commendations. By any

standards this was a very remarkable achievement and I congratulate the recipients warmly.

Sport is the inevitable casualty of the nomadic life we have led this summer, with cricket again taking the main brunt. Nevertheless our winter programme is now in full swing with our usual number of Army rugby trialists, and I am delighted to say we are represented in the Army soccer XI as well. My theme for sports is maximum participation, and this is already unearthing hitherto unknown talent in all sorts of unexpected areas. For example hockey and cross country to name but two. We have as usual a potentially very strong cricket XI but that will have to wait until Gibraltar...

There is no doubt that the battalion has over the past few years earned a period of stability, particularly for the families. Gibraltar will provide that stability. Our tour starts in March. My initial impression, having spent 2 days on "recce", is that it will provide a good blend of work and play. The opportunities are unlimited, but we have got to work hard to get it right, and that is what we are doing now.... My hope is that many of those who were in "Gib" 27 years ago will visit us over the next 2 years.



The Colonel of the Regiment being dined out by the 1st Battalion, with Lt Col C. R. Cumberlege, Col J. B. K. Greenway CBE, Col M. R. N. Bray and Lt Col W. R. Mundell OBE the Commanding Officers of the 1st Battalion during his Colony.

OFFICERS' MESS

PMC - Maj A. R. Redwood-Davies, MBE
Mess Sec - Capt S. J. N. Morgan

Since the period of the last Mess notes, the Battalion has shuttled around the world and generally kept out of station. This has severely curtailed the entertainment programme. However we have never given up just because of adverse conditions!

During Ex Pond Jump West the Mess managed to perform, most creditably. The first function was a cocktail party hosted by the Canadians - to which all Mess members were invited. The Canadians were most hospitable and the party went on very gently into the night. We responded by holding a cocktail party and buffet dinner for a wide range of Canadian guests. The latter party was well entertained by the Band and the traditional Subalterns choir with its new repertoire. Prior to this we held a barbeque at which Maj Gen C. P. R. Palmer CBE was the principal guest, along with Lt Col A. J. Beare CD, the Commandant of Camp Wainwright, and Lt Col R. L. Dallinson CD, CO PPCLI, CO of the Battle School.

Three weeks leave followed Exercise Pond Jump West during which the Mess was closed. In the short period between the end of leave and the Battalion deploying on Ex Keystone, the Mess had two important functions. On the 13th of September, the whole Mess descended upon Catterick Golf Course, where the peace was shattered by an amateur army of Tony Jacklin's attempting to find a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the worlds highest golf handicap! However, there were quite a few who took the game more seriously and the Silver Putter was this year awarded to 2/Lt Chris Smith. The Wooden

Spoon was won by Capt Mick Carter. After the golf everyone enjoyed a splendid buffet held at the 19th!

On the 16th of September, the Colonel of the Regiment visited the Battalion and was dined out by the Mess that evening. The guests, were Brig Dennis Shuttleworth, Col John Greenway, Col Michael Bray, Lt Col Dick Mundell, Lt Col Walter Robbins, Maj Sid Kirk, Maj Jim Newton and Capt Tom Pickersgill. The dinner was excellent and the band magnificent, giving a fine rendition of many favourites (under the direction of the Colonel of the Regiment).

Ex Keystone followed; as in Canada the Battalion was spread over a wide area, but the Mess managed a unique dinner night. In a very large barn, somewhere in Germany, the Mess entertained officers of 1st Bn Kings Own Scottish Border Regiment and the Staff of 24 Brigade. The cooks managed to produce a superb dinner using only their field equipment. This in itself was indeed a most creditable feat. Reputable sources claim that the jollifications went on into the early hours but none present are able to verify this!

We welcome back Simon and Suzie Dixon from ILJB Shorncliffe and say farewell to Simon Wood who has now joined the Varsity.

We are all now back in Catterick until the move to Gibraltar in March 83 (Spearhead permitting). This should allow plenty of time to entertain all the friends we have made during the past two years and say thank you for all the assistance that many have given in that time.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The members, having prepared themselves for Ex Pond Jump West, set off in mid-June to meet the Canadian sunshine. However, a wet-suit was initially more useful than swimming trunks.

The Mess in Camp Wainwright was reasonably comfortable, the feeding arrangements being especially good. A familiar complaint being "Oh no, not T-bone steak again!" While on the subject of food it was good to see Sgt Sweeney back in the Mess for a short while restricting himself to a strict diet of half a sack of spuds and a side of beef!

One of the main features of Canada was the Battalion Cross Country run with the Mess fielding a good turn out. Just prior to the start of the race the CO, addressing the Battalion, said, "The last time I witnessed something like this was in 1968 at Gillingham", his remark prompted a reply from Dilly Butterworth, "just right, once every 14 years!"

On the social scene, the Mess enjoyed two good barbeque nights where the odd member got himself "labatted" while being entertained by the "Duke's" band. Finally the tour was rounded off with six days hard R & R where memories of the RSM melting in the Vancouver sunshine, while being stuck by his backside to some form of rubber plant, still linger on.



WO2 (CSM) B. Sykes being presented with his warrant by the Colonel of the Regiment

Since returning from Canada, the Mess has again entertained the Huddersfield Volunteers. It was really good to have such friendly and loyal people in the Mess. Another function that took place was the last visit to the Mess of Maj Gen Isles as Colonel of the Regiment. After he had presented medals and warrants we had a very enjoyable buffet lunch. We

have also dined out Capt Paul Wilkinson and WO1 Brian Stansfield and his wife Celia. We say farewell to them, but not good-bye.

Finally we would like to welcome back Colin Fielding and Len Hepworth and congratulate Sgts Smith, Abs Able and Bob Ingram on their promotion. Welcome to the Mess.



Mr and Mrs Peter Boocock presenting a replica of a 2nd Battalion drum to the Corporals' Mess

CORPORALS' MESS

Since the last notes we have had a number of good functions; both in the Mess and outside. Firstly, we went to the Wellington pub at Eccleshill (Bradford) where we were presented with a mounted Regimental drum by Mr and Mrs Peter Boocock, (ex member of the Corporal's Mess, 2nd Battalion). We then had the National Coal Board from Barnsley to play cricket. This was followed by a Disco in the Mess on the same evening. They won the cricket by 1 run but we won the Disco by 11 pints! Before they were dragged from the Mess at the end of the evening's festivities, they presented us with a very nice miner's lamp.

Moving on to Exercise KEYSTONE. Funny things do happen and promotions are quick as Cpl Judd Dowdall found out. While Tyne-Tees TV showed the Battalion departing for Germany the caption under Cpl Dowdall read Maj A. R. Westcob, Bn 2IC. The

2IC is now wondering whether he should continue to sit in Bn HQ or get out and about as a section commander!

The Mess was well represented at the Brigade Sports Day. Cpl Brian Dwight, Cpl Paul Jones and LCpl Andy Kay played in the winning Rugby XV. Cpl Gary Broadhead captained the Corunna Company football team in the final. The team also contained Stitch Capewell, Bob Easeman and Mike Allenby. Paddy Adamson had the task of refereeing the final. All bribes were paid into a Swiss bank account!

Farewell and good luck to Sgts Ingram, Abel and Smith. Welcome to L/Cpls Broadley, Gardener, Liptrot, Nicholades, O'Shea, Syms, Pogson and Sanders.

ALMA COMPANY

OC	Maj C. J. W. Gilbert
2IC	Capt K. Best
CSM	WO2 P. Coates
CQMS	C/Sgt M. G. Holmes

1 Platoon
Lt C. A. Harvey
Sgt G. Warrior

2 Platoon
2/Lt J. C. Preston
Sgt M. Connolly

3 Platoon
Lt M. Tuley
Sgt R. Pierce

Whoever said, "Believe nothing of what you hear and half of what you see", must have foreseen the changes forced upon the Battalion during the training period prior to Exercise Pond Jump West. Quite apart from going to Canada two months early, our leave dates were changed three times and we had to work around restrictions placed upon us by the activities in the South Atlantic. Everybody likes a challenge and nobody rises better than the Duke's (we are naturally biased with this assessment). We put together an interesting package designed to prepare ourselves for the type of training we would carry out in Canada. Apart from the military skills and battle procedures which are fundamental, we varied the programme to include adventure training and sport. We culminated this period with a 10 mile night infiltration march including a river crossing over the River Tees at Barnard Castle. The Recce Platoon provided guides and the whole exercise was carried out on radio silence.

On the sporting side, although we finished 3rd in the Inter Company Cricket we came equal first in the Battle Fitness Test competition. Our early selection of a cross country team proved its worth, because later in Canada, the team organised by Lt Martin Tuley and trained by Cpl Tooley came first. Notably L/Cpl Hargreaves was third overall and the whole team produced an excellent effort when the time came.

Alma's Canada orbat was large due to reinforcement by elements of 1 Yorks (V), RMP, RCT drivers and an RAOC baker, as well as our increment of attached personnel from within 1 DWR. After a brief stay in Wainwright the Company moved on 21 June to an idyllic camp site on a spur overlooking Battle River, where we remained until 10 July.

From this base in the middle of our allocated area, we carried out all our field firing training before moving into Wainwright for the Battalion Exercise. We were able to plan our own Company training in accordance with the CO's directive. The Company was fortunate in having as CSM, WO2 Coates who has not only spent two years at the PCD School of Infantry but has been to Zimbabwe on the training team as well. Although we progressed from individual battle shooting up to Section and Platoon fire and manoeuvre in the normal manner, we concentrated our efforts by using Battle Handling Tests and Exercises. The experience of the CSM and the innovative ideas of the OC combined to produce a very imaginative and enjoyable phase of training at the end of which all the Company had reached a very high standard indeed. The fire team principle allowed commanders at all levels to exercise their responsibilities effectively and to learn from the SNCO's and Corporal's who had been to Brecon. All shooting was carried out with live ammunition. As a

result we all learned to respect its worth and have confidence in our ability to use it. We finished our field firing with a platoon attack exercise against a properly constructed enemy position and used 66mm and L2 grenades as well as SLR and GPMG. All in all a unique training experience. Although the weather was not always hot - some days were in fact very cold - we started our range work at 0700 hours and finished by 1300 so that we could play sport during the afternoon and carry out reces and preparation for the next day's shooting. We had two BBQ's - the first a practice for the second. These were memorable singing feasts, which took place on the head of the spur overlooking the river. The cooks produced truly magnificent food for these and all meals (Well done QM).

Our campsite was "organised" by the CSM and CQMS and consisted of various British and Canadian Army Tents. We had volleyball, 5 a side football and softball pitches - L/Cpl Oldroyd quickly learned the ins and outs of the latter when he got hit accidentally by a pick helve above the eye, which was before we acquired our proper baseball bat. However it gave the doctor something to do. A quick casevac by helicopter tested the system we relied upon, as we were so far from the RAP.

After a short stay in Wainwright we married up with our Mortar and Anti Tank detachments for the Battalion Exercise. On deployment we took up a reserve demolition task, where we stayed for two days. After a withdrawal in contact the bridge was blown in an exciting moment, mainly due to a realistic enemy provided by the Mortar Platoon. The other phases of the exercise included a superb day of countering enemy infiltration by being airlifted in Chinook, as well as a river crossing and dawn attack across Battle River. The CO exercised the Battalion in all the phases of war which we are likely to meet in our rear area security role, and we felt confident, with the approach of Ex Keystone, that we could acquit ourselves well.

Upon our return to Wainwright, the Battalion had an athletics meeting which was both amusing and revealing of the depth of athletic talent in the company. Although we have been out of the UK for the summer, we have certainly enjoyed summer sports elsewhere.

The opportunity for R & R after exercises is not to be missed and this time was no exception. Maj Gilbert went to Nova Scotia (5,400 k) at a cost of £2 - all by Canadian Service Air - from where he flew to Gander and caught one of the recovery flights.

Congratulations to Sgt Connolly on his promotion. He formed a formidable team with 2/Lt Clive Howard (1 Yorks) during Ex PJW, not least during the singing of "Alouette".

A special mention of thanks to all those who came

with us, especially Cpl Richardson and L/Cpl French of the RMP who never seemed to stop enjoying themselves and contributed so much to the tour.

EX KEYSTONE took place immediately after 3 week's leave, which unfortunately for us, was during August. The aim of the exercise was to practice our role as part of 24 Infantry Brigade. This had been at the centre of the Battalion's training directive and we were well prepared for any contingency. An advance party, moved to BAOR a week ahead of the main body to take part in a study day. The Battalion then arrived by road and air - Jumbo jets appropriately - and moved to concentration areas before deploying to operational locations. Altogether 24,000 troops took part in the exercise over an area the size of Northern Ireland.

Alma Company first took up a close bridge garrison task in a village by the Weser. We were up against an aggressive enemy playing the part of saboteurs and fifth columnists. The Battalion is particularly alert against this type of enemy after S Armagh. In our case Cpl Dowdall captured 4 enemy agents in a car who thought they could harmlessly observe our position. Shortly afterwards some alert

sentry work by 3 Platoon trapped and destroyed an enemy infiltration attempt by Landrover, and then caught two more making a similar attempt to penetrate our lines. Some penetration of course is inevitable in a peacetime setting and we duly had to deal with a night raid upon the Command post. We moved two days later to guard key points and main supply route, thence, 23hrs later, to a long night move before partaking in a brigade clearance operation of a forest.

After a 48hr stand down, we deployed to a hide area, on short notice for a move by either road or air as a counter penetration or counter attack force. Eventually we moved by road to a counter penetration position astride a main enemy axis and after digging in all night, successfully assisted the Battalion in holding off an enemy attack.

Our return to UK was enlightening. We were washed, fed, sent to sleep and woken according to a timetable affecting literally thousands of soldiers before being flown home to Newcastle by Jumbo jet. After a week end off, we are now weighing vehicles for SPEARHEAD - Who knows?

BURMA COMPANY

OC	Maj A. R. Redwood-Davies, MBE
2IC	Lt C. J. Danilewicz
CSM	WO2 B. W. Sykes, MBE
CQMS	C/Sgt T. Butterworth

4 Platoon

C/Sgt S. Mortimer
Sgt M. Smith

5 Platoon

Sgt I. E. Metcalfe
Cpl J. F. Ellis

6 Platoon

2/Lt P. M. Lewis
Sgt R. M. Elgar

After a lot of build-up training, Ex Pond Jump West was finally upon us. A night in South Cerney was followed by a flight of eight hours, during which we flew backwards across the Atlantic and most of Canada. The Royal Air Force managed to produce 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and about 5 dinners during the flight. This was because of the time zone changes and not the result of an RAF QM finally losing the thread of his ration account! Our VC 10 eventually disgorged its bloated passengers at Namao Airbase Edmonton, Alberta, and Burma Company with all its baggage mounted up in coaches for the drive to Camp Wainwright. The huge Nissen Huts in the camp, each accommodating a company, were hardly used as the company soon moved into a tented camp some 40km away at Seberts Ford on the Battle River.

Field firing was the order of the day, with background activities directed to the forthcoming Ex Keystone and the Inter Platoon Competition. The field firing culminated in the entire company storming the heights on Wainwright Training Area with Mortars dropping HE and Smoke in front, Milan covering the flanks, and the Company's massed GPMG and 84mm suppressing any of the enemy foolish enough to offer retaliation. Certainly it was a day for large volumes of adrenalin and sweat. Adrenalin from the crack and thump of incoming rounds and sweat from foot slogging in full battle order with temperatures over 84 degrees F.

The success of the company attacks followed an outstanding performance by the Company in the Inter Platoon Competition. Burma platoons took the top three rifle platoon placings in a gruelling march and shoot which included the assault course, military knowledge stands, wading through a lake, and an adjutant's 100% kit inspection.

The culmination of all the military training on Ex Pond Jump West was the Battalion Exercise. Over five days we practiced our war role defending key points and flying into action against the enemy by helicopter - the Canadian Air Force providing Chinooks which moved the whole company in three lifts. Finally our infantry skills were put to the test with a Battalion night infiltration, river crossing, and attack across the Battle River. Everyone enjoyed the final exercise and we returned to Camp Wainwright tired, but feeling we knew our job and were ready for anything.

The sporting side of Ex Pond Jump West was rounded off by the inter company cross country, (in which we came a very close second to Alma) and a Battalion sports day. Again Burma platoons figured prominently. All this work was rewarded by a very well earned spot of R & R with troops disappearing North, South, East, West. Their stories are many and varied and many are certainly unprintable in these pages. R & R finished, the company returned to the UK and a long spell of leave, the first proper leave

since before Ireland and all the more appreciated for that.

Leave ended, and the next objective was the long awaited, and trained for, Ex Keystone. This was to be the pinnacle of the Battalion's training, the acme for which we had all worked so hard. This was 'The Big One'.

"Ex Keystone - An Incident.

Scene 1 - The Company CP. CSM on stage.

Enter one despatch rider to say he had seen some enemy down the road preparing to attack our location. The Sgt Maj immediately informs Sector HQ.

Scene 2 - The same CP about 15 minutes later.

Telephone rings - A long coded message is passed from Sector HQ. Much hard work decodes it. The message reads "There are enemy down the road preparing to attack your location". Message ends.

Although many people were disappointed by the exercise, as there was not much action, it was an important one and many lessons were learned. It is hoped that our successors in 24 Brigade will benefit from our experience.

With Keystone finished the company now looks forward to Spearhead and hopefully Christmas Leave.

Personality wise there have been few changes in the company. Lt Robin Pugh has left to attend a long course at Sandhurst. The remainder are much the same.

Congratulations to those recently promoted, Sgt S. Mortimer to S/Sgt; Cpl M. Smith to Sgt; L/Cpls P. R. Jones and J. Swain to Cpl and Ptes R. Sanders, S. J. Gardner and A. P. Nicholaides to L/Cpl.

CORUNNA COMPANY

OC	Maj A. D. Roberts, MBE
2IC	Capt P. Wilkinson
CSM	WO2 G. Harding
CQMS	CSgt T. E. Cooper

7 Platoon
Lt N. Borwell
Sgt L. Welburn

8 Platoon
2/Lt C. Smith
Sgt A. Morton

9 Platoon
Lt D. Bruce
Sgt P. Elwell

Flexibility has always been one of the British Army's buzzwords and quite rightly so. However on this year - "the year of the Falklands" - much of our store of flexibility has been used up, especially getting ourselves to and from Canada for Ex Pond Jump West. Our dates were changed three times and sadly our gunners and cavalry never made it at all, whilst our AAC Squadron disappeared right in the middle; perhaps a small price to pay for such a brilliant campaign in the South Atlantic.

Anyway, surprisingly, Ex PJW did take place for 6 weeks at Wainwright, Alberta. Corunna took full advantage of all that the training area had to offer, especially the large unrestricted prairie land in which we were able to carry out live fire and manoeuvre up to company level; something we can rarely do in UK. Our first days were spent in a tented camp along the Battle River, well away from Battalion HQ, and where we could conduct our affairs virtually uninterrupted. Early morning runs, the morning training, a late lunch, rest or sport in the afternoon plus an evening dip in the river were the order of the day. Sounds idyllic, doesn't it? However there were also serious disadvantages - the man eating mosquitoes, gopher holes in the middle of the volley ball pitch, weather which was either boiling or chucking it down and the 200 metre walk to the latrine. Even so, it was a first class training period brought to a close with a memorable barbeque. The highlights included gopher catching with Pte Harber, long distance running during Pte Acklam's game of Deo, helicopter rides with a mad pilot, and many a tongue loosened by 1200 bottles of "Labatt's Blue".

We then moved back into barracks from where we completed the company live fire attacks. They certainly got the adrenalin flowing - the odd mortar

bomb seemed to be going astray! The Battalion Exercise was next with perhaps Corunna's big moment being the planning and conducting of the Battalion night river crossing. After plenty of reces and rehearsals, it went extraordinarily smoothly - 300 men across the river in 18 minutes, apparently undetected!

Finally the R & R period which perhaps was too long for some. The Canadian towns had little to offer unless you were able to pay your way to Vancouver or strike lucky like Corunna Subalterns!

For Ex Keystone we embarked from Catterick early on 23 September for our flight to Germany aboard a British Airways 747. It did seem rather silly, in the luxury 1st class cabin, eating the contents of a ration box with webbing at one's feet. However, the all too short flight ended in Gutersloh 1½ hours later where the company married up with the company commander and headed off to our 'hide' area. The hide was non-tactical and intended to provide a base from which we could train as a build up to the exercise. The Company covered NBC, signals and routine in defence amongst other things. The command element spent a large amount of time practising convoy moves. In the evenings if there was no night convoy practice, the Company had a chance to relax a little before the exercise. Maj Roberts would depart for a very important 'O Group' with Maj Redwood-Davies (!), while the rest of the senior ranks and officers would meet in the CQMS's tent for an equally important 'O Group' which would be conducted over Bockwurst and egg banjo's washed down with Herforder, otherwise known as "Erff" or "Fodder". This first non-tac phase was useful training and the evening 'O Groups' were enjoyable.

The first phase of the actual exercise consisted of

Exercise 'Pond Jump West' Canada



Exercise 'Pond Jump West' Canada (1)
The mortars struggling across the lake during the Inter-Platoon competition. They went on to win, narrowly beating the Recce Platoon

Exercise 'Pond Jump West' Canada (2)
Camouflaged!



Exercise 'Pond Jump West' Canada (3)
The start of the Battalion Cross Country race

guarding a bridge. The OC put his Command Post under the 'Gasthaus' (pub) insisting it was the only place for it! Sgt Ena Elwell made sure he introduced everybody to the local innkeeper; the Cooper brothers being introduced as Herr Cooper and his brother "no hair" Cooper! Routine in defence was practised and much was gained from these few days, although it would have been more enjoyable to have been attacked.

When we finally pulled out of our trenches, the whole of the company was in an elated mood. The reason was:- Corunna were going 'Air Cav' - Brigade Heliborne reserve. The thought of being lifted by helicopters to put in the odd attack seemed particularly inviting to the company after the tiring first phase. What an anticlimax, however! The severe lack of helicopters (they were sidetracked for the TA)

meant that our helicopter movement was zero. The Company therefore had very little to do for the rest of that phase. No more need be said.

The non-tac weekend was spent showering and playing sport, Corunna doing particularly well by being runners up in the inter Coy soccer, losing 3-1 to Support Company 1 KOSB, and winning the Volleyball. Six members of Corunna were in the Battalion XV that had two good wins.

Since returning to camp the company has spent its time preparing for Spearhead. There are many members of the company about to embark on cadres and our best wishes go with them. Pte Liptrout has been promoted to L/Cpl and the company offers their congratulations and hope he will settle down well in 7 Platoon. Our best wishes go to L/Cpl Bri Lawrence who embarks on his new life as a scaffolder.

SOMME COMPANY

	OC	Maj M. S. Sherlock	
	CSM	WO2 B. Noble	
	CQMS	C/Sgt M. Cuss	
Mortar Platoon	Milan Platoon	Drums Platoon	Assault Pioneers
Capt P. J. Harvey	Capt M. White	D/Maj J. A. Wilkinson	Sgt P. Sugden
S/Sgt R. Frear	Sgt L. Birks	Cpl J. Barraclough	Cpl B. T. Walker

Picture a lake bordered by undulating hills covered in fir trees, with a sandy shoreline, clear sky and no sign of civilisation. The 'unbelievable' area I have just described was the site of the Support Company Camp on the training area at Wainwright in Canada. I forgot to mention the mosquitoes, horse flies, leeches and rain, but then nothing can be absolutely perfect! The campsite was approximately 20 miles by road from Camp Wainwright, which was not advantageous for the CQMS, but it meant that the Platoons were situated next to their respective ranges (it would have taken 40 minutes by road from Wainwright).

The Mortars and Milan Platoons will feature separately while I report on the Assault Pioneers and Drums. In reality we did not see much of the Drums because seven of them including the Drum Major detached themselves with their scarlets and were last seen 'beating it up' in Edmonton. Seriously, they had a full and hard schedule attached to the Band and managed to show the flag (as only they can) in such diverse towns/cities as Calgary and Vermilion.

The Assault Pioneers on the other hand stayed with Somme throughout the period. They spent the first week making rafts, blowing up telegraph poles, (which is why the telephones never worked on the training area) and generally causing mayhem in the South Eastern corner of the training area. The culmination of their exercise was a presentation to the rifle companies which judging by the comments and questions asked, was well received. I promised I would not mention Sgt Sugden's (Assault Pioneers) dismal attempt to put the Bandmaster into orbit, but I never was good at keeping a secret. After 7 days R & R (some exploits would fill a book) the company returned to Catterick to check equipment before the Battalion leave period.

Following our well deserved leave we then had two weeks to prepare for EX KEYSTONE. The exercise was designed to test our ability to fulfil our war role

and was therefore staged in BAOR. The Mortar and Milan Platoons were split up with their respective companies which left Somme Company to double up as Dettingen Company and form a fourth rifle company. Somme responded in fine style recruiting any unemployed individuals sculking around the Battalion. The 'new' Dettingen comprised of two platoons, one being the Drums complete and the other being the odds and sods, officers mess waiters, PT staff, assault pioneers etc. A new OC also had to be drafted in while Maj M. S. Sherlock was away doing his Support Company Commanders Course - Capt K. Best was his able stand-in. Considering the company had been thrown together for the purpose of the exercise, everybody worked well and we achieved good results.

The exercise itself lacked momentum and a good deal of the time was spent under the yum-yum tree waiting for the next activity. However the weather was excellent and we always managed to find something to occupy our minds. Most of the time was spent in trenches, or handing over trenches, including making the new occupants sign for their wriggly-tin - (a CQMS's nightmare!). Dettingen were attacked on about three occasions. The Company performed well and had the backing of the umpires. CSM Noble found he had an 'uncanny knack' of looking after prisoners and managed to extract important information with the kindest of techniques?? Anyway, after this incident, no more prisoners were to be interrogated by Companies!

We are now back in Catterick, Dettingen has disbanded, and we are preparing for SPEARHEAD duties. A busy programme awaits us during SPEARHEAD with several internal cadres for JNCO's, potential NCO's and grade 1/2 training. This all takes us up to mid-December when we have Battalion block leave for Christmas.

MORTAR PLATOON

Most of our time in Canada was spent live firing. In 3 weeks we managed to expend nearly 3 years worth of Mortar ammunition, which we begged and borrowed from anybody anywhere!

Once initial recesses were over and we had established ourselves at Camp Mormilaprec, we got hard at it firing for a week on our own. The terrain was very good and proved challenging to the MFC's.

Our most amusing day during the first period was undoubtedly when we supported a Canadian Airborne Company live firing attack. Firstly, the Platoon Commander tried himself out as a target - that was no good as he didn't stop shaking all day. Secondly, we discovered that although some of our friendly airborne warriors spoke English, they were in fact all French speaking - can you imagine a Yorkshireman trying to understand orders in French? Needless to say there was some confusion, especially when the 2IC and Cpl Carnell realised they were in the back blast area of 3 x 84mm's - after they had fired! However, the attack pressed home with pleasing results all round even though Cpl Dwight now knows the meaning of 'check your behind' and several French Canadians know what its like trying to catch Mortar fragments in their teeth!

Then came a short break from mortaring as we

MILAN PLATOON

Within a week of finishing our Milan Cadre we were putting into practice in Canada what we had learnt in Catterick.

Our main aims were to concentrate on and have a successful live firing period and, in addition, to support the Rifle Companies. The training area at Fort Wainwright offered the platoon unlimited training space where we could practice battle drills at battalion level, all be it without rifle platoons. Because we had almost unlimited range space, the realism of live firing exercises could be greatly improved on compared with the cramped areas allocated in the United Kingdom. At this point we would like to thank the Assault Pioneers who supported us during live firing with their realistic artillery effects.

After a weeks dry training, we began our live firing package with a Battle Handling Exercise after which we supported the rifle companies in turn on a defensive firepower demonstration. Six missiles were fired with each company. The defensive firepower demonstration was perhaps the most gratifying period of our live firing because the complete company from private soldier to company commander could see what support they could extract from Milan Platoon. The natural spin off was the great amount of interest displayed by platoons when Milan posts were sited close to them during the battalion exercise.

After the defensive phase, the detachments were sent to their respective companies to take part in live firing attack exercises. Unfortunately, because our annual entitlement was only 32 missiles, we had to cut down on the number of missiles fired in the attack phase so that we had enough for our own Battle Handling Exercise. However, this did not stop the

we were required to provide a team and a half for the inter platoon competition. I won't dwell on the result as it was the same as last year!

The remainder of our live firing was spent supporting the rifle companies in both attack and defence. This provided excellent training for the platoon and more realistic training for the companies, many of whom had not experienced mortar fire beforehand, certainly not so close!

With live firing over, the mortar lines turned their hands to playing enemy for the Battalion Exercise, while the MFC's remained with the rifle companies.

After a well earned period of leave, we faced the task of re-organising ourselves for EX KEYSTONE in Germany. The Platoon Commander - alias Damage control officer - was last seen wrapped around a fence. The sections were attached to their respective rifle companies under the watchful eye of the Platoon 2IC. I'm sure the delights of the exercise are recorded elsewhere in the chronicle so I won't dwell on that subject.

At the time of writing we are surrounded by kit and boxes in preparation for SPEARHEAD - the dreaded word being 'manifest'! Who knows where we might be when the next 'Iron Duke' notes are written?

sections from working well during the attack phase and many valuable lessons were learnt as a result.

We finished our live firing period with three Battle Handling Exercises and on one of these Maj Gen C. P. R. Palmer, CBE, GOC NEDIST was a spectator. As an Ex Anti-tanker, he was pleased and impressed with what he saw.

The finale of the tactical training was the battalion exercise. This included positional defence, attack and river crossings and, apart from the obvious tactical benefits, it again reinforced the strong links between companies and their Milan sections.

During the live firing phase we achieved a 96.5% hit rate at all ranges. Finally it must be said that the training areas at Wainwright were probably the best we had ever trained on which was reflected in the standard of shooting and training achieved by the platoon.

The Platoon returned from leave three weeks before going to Germany on EX KEYSTONE. This time was spent on revision for our role in Germany and in preparing for the move "across the water".

The majority of the platoon went over as part of the road party and after a couple of days in which to get sorted out, the exercise began. Each section was attached to a company. It was unfortunate that there was very little action to be had until near the end of the exercise. However, all the companies were well satisfied with the service we offered them.

We only really came into our own on the final day of the exercise when the battalion took up a defensive position to counter an enemy attack. The ground was ideal and there were enough enemy for everyone. Rocket flares were used to simulate Milan firing. The Germans must have thought it very strange to see us lighting up the area at nine o'clock in the morning!

HOOK COMPANY

OC	Maj A. D. M. Palmer
CSM	C/Sgt C. Fleming
CQMS	C/Sgt B. Hey

SIGNAL PLATOON

RSO - Capt S. J. N. Morgan
CSGT - S/Sgt P. Hutchinson

ARSO - Sgt D. B. Fielding
568 RLD - Sgt P. J. Dooley

These notes are being written as the Signal Platoon prepares for SPEARHEAD duties. This is the culmination of a series of activities that have seen the platoon create an entirely new command and communication structure, as the Battalion has changed from a Northern Ireland role to a fully operational one, as part of 24 Infantry Brigade. The Battalion is unique in its radio allocation and therefore no standard procedure exists. This has given us a rare opportunity to actually pioneer and try out a new method of communications. The main difference with other units has been enhanced by the role given to HF sets over VHF and it can be truly stated that platoon members are more experienced in operating in the 3-30 mhz band width than many of their counterparts in other units.

Canada was the first place where the new system was tried out. Wainwright provided superb facilities to test and use all the equipment. Line was also re-introduced as a major feature of the batalion signal plan. Canada was not all work however, and the platoon members availed themselves of the opportunity to travel further afield on R & R. The standard II cadre was completed during this period and a total of 10 new members were recruited in this way.

Having cut our teeth on the exercise in Canada we were able to approach the major test of the year EX KEYSTONE with greater confidence. This was an extremely long exercise which for most of its duration was undertaken on radio silence. Furthermore the exercise controllers were extremely sharp on

communications security. This forced everybody to be far more disciplined in their use of radio and also made sure that line laying was of the highest standard. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the exercise did not prove as challenging as was hoped, but nevertheless the platoon acquitted itself well.

To look forward is slightly unwise at the moment as no one can tell whether we will be deployed as the Spearhead unit. However, we now have to start thinking of Gibraltar and re-converting to Larkspur. This will at least give the older 'sweats' in the platoon the opportunity to re-tell their old stories with added advantage that they may be of some use!

We have now said goodbye to; Sgt Logan who goes away to his senior Brecon course, Cpl Maltby who has gone to become a 'steely-eyed Killer' with the Recce and Cpl Evans who has been inflicted upon IJLB Shornecliffe! We wish them all the best. In return we welcome back Sgt Fielding from IDB.

Before ending, it is high time that a mention was made of our little nest of 'SCALY BACKS' who live amongst us, namely 568 Rear Link Detachment under the leadership of affable Sergeant 'hang down your head' Tom Dooley. This gallant band make the worst coffee and play the meanest hand of Nomination Whist in the Battalion. However, as our expert advisers they manage to keep us up to scratch on the more esoteric aspects of signalling. However the absent mindedness that comes with true genius they often have to be given gentle reminders of the humbler aspects of the trade such as MAPCO and SLIDEX!

RECCE PLATOON

Lt J. A. C. Kilburn
Sgt L. Hepworth

The Recce Platoon is now firmly re-established in the Battalion. Since Northern Ireland we have been very busy reforming and training for our role in Germany. Our training has been staged in Canada, Germany and Catterick. It has opened new frontiers to our work which has made it varied and challenging. The aim of our training has been geared towards Exercise Keystone in Germany, but the training carried out in Canada has really been our highlight.

After completing a long, tedious air and road journey to Wainwright, in Canada, we began preparing our vehicles for the exercise. Some members of the Platoon remember the battalion's training in Suffield in 1978 and were expecting a training area on similar lines. The whole area was thickly wooded with Silver Birch and Eucalyptus bushes. If our map reading was not good when we went out, it is now.

Training began at Platoon level. Foliage was cut from the trees and bushes and was used to camouflage our vehicles as well as ourselves. This proved extremely effective and soon our Landrovers looked more like bushes than means of transport!

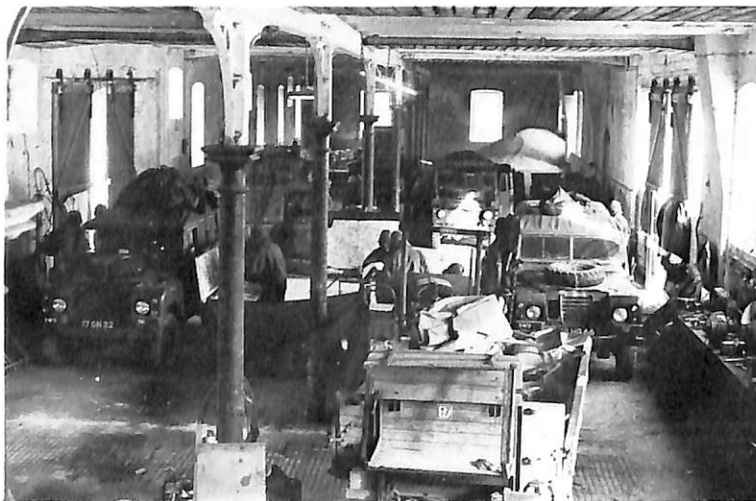
Our light relief came when we worked with the Canadian Airborne Forces. After we had carried out the ritual exchange of ration and cam-cream, we acted as their enemy forces. The hardest part of our training came with the Battalion CPX and main Battalion exercise. Both of these exercises were invaluable, providing us with a clear steer for our way ahead. When endex came, we were all ready for a break. On the whole the Platoon remained in large groups, with the exception of L/Cpl Hughes, who elected for an economy leave in Edmonton. We went on our various ways, some to Vancouver and some to the Rockies.

Exercise 'Keystone' BAOR



Exercise 'Keystone' BAOR (1)
Members of Hook Company (or so we are told)

Exercise 'Keystone' BAOR (2)
2/Lt Lewis (Burma Company) taking the CO across river to visit his position



Exercise 'Keystone' BAOR (3)
The Battalion Command post set up in a German barn

August brought our return to UK and after a short spell unpacking, we went off on a well-earned leave. The harsh reality of work soon returned however in the form of Exercise Keystone. The exercise showed us all the workings of the Battalion as part of a larger set up.

We must now look forward to the future, our upgrading, driver cadres, potential NCO's Cadres and APWI shooting, all of which must be carried out before Christmas leave. The Recce Platoon, which has established itself in the Battalion, can look forward to a bright, but busy future.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

That old problem of who will write these notes yet again came under discussion. Telephone conversation between the QM and TQM:

QM 'Do you want to write your own notes?'

TQM 'I thought you said we were all one platoon and we would take it in turns?'

QM 'When you wrote the notes for August you called them "The Technical Quartermasters Department"'

TQM 'That was a little mistake I didn't spot. You write them but make the point that we may be one platoon, but we are two departments!'

Early June saw the platoon heavily involved in preparation for Exercise POND JUMP WEST II. The big problem was how to take all the right things with the limited amount of freight weight allowed. The Battalion as a whole were short on experience for air moves. All the old tricks had to be relearnt again. C/Sgt Hey was awarded a 'well done' for spraying the petrol tanks of his No 1 Burners with body deodorant and thereby passing the Dangerous Air Cargo test and successfully getting all his burners flown out to Canada. It was not the same story in other Company's.

Having equipped the Battalion with Tropical Lightweight Combat suits to assist in combatting the heat, the heat did not materialise for the greater part of the Exercise.

Our liaison with our opposite numbers in the Canadian Forces was good. This was reflected by their willingness to loan stores to the Battalion.

Due to the platoons commitments it was necessary to stagger R & R over the whole exercise period. The most ambitious trip was made by the RQMS, WO2 Lowney, and the TQMS, WO2 Dickens BEM who took off for Vancouver. The longest trip, jointly organised by Cpl's Turner and Ankers, managed to see Jasper National Park, the Iceland Parkway and Banff National Park, all in 5 days. They persuaded the MT to part with a Landrover and judging by their petrol consumption, drove as long as their was light to see by. The trip culminated at the Calgary Stampede and a visit to the Calgary Hornets Rugby Club whom some will remember as a touring side that played in Minden in 1978. Cpl Turner achieved a life-long ambition by becoming a cowboy for a few hours and Cpl Willets fished one of the most scenic lakes in the world and caught nowt! The QM and TQM made a joint golfing crusade to Banff and committed various misdemeanours which are best left unwritten.

No sooner was the R & R complete when the problem re-emerged of getting all the stores back to the UK.

On our return from leave the platoon prepared for Exercise KEYSTONE, our operational role. It is a full two years since we deployed as Echelons. As we were in the non-mechanised role it was considerably easier. In these large exercises the supply systems, and therefore the Echelons, are fully tested. In the Battalion it went very smoothly. We kept all the vehicles on the road despite the Recce Platoons attempts to test the system. The daily QMs CB Patrol (Cream Bun) went on regardless of the war commitment, weather or position.

The platoon is now in the final stages of preparation for Spearhead. Most of us can now quote Op Instruction 19 verbatim. However, this instruction, which tells you everything, is open to interpretation. How to identify your kit bag for instance, as some kit bags can only be described as a kaleidoscope of colour.

Never mind that now. The move to Gibraltar looms. Questions to be answered, problems to sort out.

Conversation between the QM and RQMS:

QM 'I've read the regulations. We are allowed 200 extra pairs of Boots DMS for Public Duties in Gibraltar. The Adjutant wants us to put up a case and ask for Boots Ankle as they are better for drilling in and make more noise'

RQMS (After a short pause) 'If we have 200 pairs of Boots Ankle and 500 men are required to do Public Duties who will I issue the boots to?'

QM 'Sort it out, RQ'

In conclusion, the Births, Marriages and Death Column. Sgt Verrall has at last arrived. It doesn't matter that he has been with us for quite some time, he won't keep quiet unless we mention him. Cpl Ankers arrives and then departs to look after Brig Mundell in BAOR. L/Cpl Butterworth takes over as Clothing Storeman. Pte Nixon takes over as Accomodation Storeman. L/Cpl Stoddart arrives from the Depot to take over as G1098 Storeman. Finally, congratulations to Cpl Dickenson on achieving an A grade on his B1 Clerks Course, Cpl 'Sprog' Willets on his promotion and Pte Wood on his recent marriage. Exciting, innit!

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS, ORDERLY ROOM and REGIMENTAL POLICE

With the tour of Northern Ireland completed it was time to settle back down to a more relaxed effort; working up to the Unit Documentation Inspection, which came and went (thank goodness). The Docs Team from IMRO(N) were so impressed with the "Dukes" that they have kindly offered to pay us another visit in November.

Of the few from BHQ who went to Canada, by far the best tale to come back was from BERNIE alias "SAS" Crowther who, with his band of merry men (merry in more ways than one) gave the Canadians a good old British sing-song.

At the time of writing these notes, one of the "Old Timers" is away on his B1 Clerks Course, that person is Cpl (Frefall, gotta lotta bottle) Horsfall who we hope will pass.

Pte Scollick keeps saying he's going to buy a portable tea machine and then when he gets his skateboard, it will take him no time at all to provide the CO, 2IC, Adjt, RSM, Chief Clerk etc etc with never ending supplies of tea and coffee.

Talking about machines, the Orderly Room is starting to look more like something out of Star Wars with our new photocopier and electronic memory typewriter. Chief is convinced they will make us all work more efficiently, but looking at them will probably put us all out of a job!! So this may be the first and last time BHQ has notes in the *Iron Duke*.

During exercise in Canada and Germany, the RP Staff spent their time looking after and protecting Battalion Headquarters - we are now quite proficient at digging trenches and shell scrapes!

Now that we are back in Catterick, our task is to help keep the battalion running smoothly in the discipline side of life. We welcome some new faces in the form of Cpl Briston and L/Cpl's Brandon and Lowther, sadly, we say farewell to Sgt Waterhouse, who has been with us on and off for a long time - we hope his replacement can remain as cheerful!

BAND

Bandmaster
Band Sgt-Major

WO1 K. Taylor
J. W. Vaughan

With the departure of Bandmaster Mr Alan Clarke, we welcomed our new Bandmaster, Mr Keith Taylor. Mr Taylor arrived in early June to be told: "Pack your bags, the Band are going to Canada". After he had got over the initial shock, he finally boarded the aircraft and arrived there, sweating just a little!

Our first engagement was a Retreat Beating outside the Town Hall in Wainwright. We attended a 'Recce' for this, and when asked for details of what we were required to do, the answer came back, "What would you like to do?" A 25 minute display was eventually decided upon and this was well received, in spite of inclement weather.

Our first weekend in Canada was spent performing at the Wainwright Stampede. This was a very large event, taking the form of a Rodeo. Contestants from all over Canada and the United States of America took part in the show. For our part we had to provide a 15 minute Marching Display prior to the opening ceremony. We took one look at the arena, which was sand based, then put our best foot forward and ankle deep, proceeded to march up and down amid clouds of dust. At least by the time the Rodeo started, we had flattened the ground for the riders!

We provided a couple of evening concerts for Lakeland College in Vermillion. These were both well received by our audiences and the Band were treated to a meal and a guided tour of the college on the second occasion.

It was with some misgivings that we travelled to a place called Cereal to attend another Stampede (Rodeo). The town was very much like one from the 'wild-west', and one kept wondering what time of day the next stage coach would come in. The Rodeo was a two day event and on the second day we managed to arrange for one of our senior ranks (no names

mentioned), to ride one of the mean critters. He had been overheard saying how easy it looked and he could do it blindfolded. Alas! when the sun came up, our gallant cowboy could not be found and so we failed to pick up any prizes.



Cpl O'Keefe and Cpl Wigglesworth with a member of the RCMP ('Mountie') at Edmonton

We are occasionally asked to do some odd things. When providing a short concert and marching display for a hospital, we were asked for a Tug of War team, the mind tends to boggle! However we rose to the challenge and with our chief coach (Cpl Barnes) calling the tune, we successfully won the event.

Our final engagement in Canada was at the Klondyke Days in Edmonton. So much happened there that it would be difficult to know where to start. Our tour managers (The 2IC & Adj) had done their homework thoroughly and decided to accompany us to ensure we were looked after. After much travelling, playing and eating, we finally returned to

base ready to catch the plane home in order that we could attend the Colchester Tattoo.

A spot of leave was very welcome during August and since then we have played at a couple of Pass Out Parades at the Depot and a few Dinner Nights.

We welcome to the Band four new Bandsmen who joined us from the Depot; Bdsm Waddington, White, Wollers and Doggett.

Bdsm Mason has recently taken the plunge and now joins the ranks of the married men. We congratulate him and his wife.

Finally, we would like to congratulate L/Cpl Pogson on his recent promotion to that rank.

RUGGER 1982/83

OC
Capt of Rugger

Maj C. J. W. Gilbert
Lt C. A. Harvey

The Regiment was unable to compete in the Army Cup Competition last season because of the N Ireland tour which straddled the competition dates. Having bowed out as winners, we now find that we only have this season available to re-establish ourselves due to our move to Gibraltar in March 1983. Apart from that we take our turn - albeit 7 weeks long - on the SPEARHEAD roster during the period the UK rounds are played. The Army final is scheduled to take place one month after the Battalion moves to Gibraltar. These managerial problems are for the Rugger Officer to sort out. On the playing side, after a promising opening Inter Coy Rugger fete, the same old dilemmas beset the team.

The season began with a one day festival aimed at identifying rugger talent, and this was most successful. 60 people were regularly turning out for training prior to EX KEYSTONE, and we blooded ourselves with fixtures for two XV's. The 1st XV at Hull, East Riding and Doncaster while the 2nd XV despatched 8 Signals and 4/7 DG. During EX KEYSTONE we managed to play two fixtures during one weekend against 1 KOSB and 7 RHA. Both resulted in wins and we are now fairly confident about

our progress to date. For the first time in many years though there is no hooker or scrum half in the Battalion. Fortunately as Adj 1 YORKS (V) Guy Shuttleworth is eligible and unless he is injured we can fill that vital position. As far as hooker is concerned our progress to date can be followed by the number of soldiers walking around Somme Barracks with their necks in plaster!

At representative level, Sgt Williams has represented Combined Services and Sgt Rance the APTC.

Capt Dixon, Lt Harvey, 2/Lt Smith, 2/Lt Preston, Sgt Rance, Sgt Williams, CI Holliday, L/Cpl Kaye and Pte Pooley have been awarded Army trials and Ptes Taylor and Samerson have been Army Colts trialists.

Army Rugby Cup		
3rd Round	1 DWR	25
	38 Engineer Regiment	7
Quarter Final	1 DWR	21
	12th RSME	3
Semi-Final	1 DWR	18
	RAOC Blackdown	9

FOOTBALL

The Battalion Soccer squad has once again entered two teams into the Yorkshire Service's League, with the 1st XI in the Premier Division and the Second XI in Division Two.

As always the first training session did not agree with most people. However, even though there are many other commitments, both sides are shaping up well and are yet to lose a league match.

A tremendous boost has been "Track Pad" Stead and "Pias" Clarke going for Army trials and being

selected to play against Oxford University in November.

What remains now is to hopefully fulfil our league games in order to have a settled squad to meet the first round of the Infantry Cup in January 83.

Finally, we would like to say farewell for now to WO1 Bob Heron who, as a player and a manager, was always a great asset to the squad. You will be missed Bob but this doesn't mean hang your boots up yet!

WINDSURFING - SAILBOARDING

OIC

Maj C. J. W. Gilbert

The Battalion purchased four sailboards in Germany which as part of the adventure training stores were brought back to Catterick. With the onset of summer and the outside chance of some free time from other commitments, the opportunity existed again for some windsurfing. The Commanding Officer brought his own board onto the scene and negotiated membership at Thornton Stewart reservoir Sailing Club for the Battalion. Although the officers, represented by the CO, Maj's Alastair Roberts and Chris Gilbert, and Lt Pugh, are the main protagonists, trying to prove that 'wind surfers do it standing up', interest is spreading. Already Caroline Roberts and Heike Pugh are firmly hooked, and Cpl Irvine took a board to Devon on his leave.

The Battalion aims to take eight boards of its own to Gibraltar to join those already there as part of the adventure training package.

As winter descends upon Catterick and our seasonal commitments, Spearhead, ISAAC involve us more in matters military, interest will wain except for the few experts, or those tightly clad in thermal rubber suits. The climatic change of the Mediterranean will provide the necessary incentive for those uncertain about the sport while anyone who enjoys swimming will surely have a go. Gibraltar editions of the 'Iron Duke' will reflect this in due course.



Fishing in the Battle River.
Pte Hepworth, Pte Wildon and Cpl Acklam

JUDO CLUB

The Battalion Judo Club has now been in existence for 18 months. Not only are serving soldiers catered for but we run a junior section for 8-16 year olds.

The Club has the good fortune to have as an instructor L/Cpl Walton, who is a nationally qualified Black Belt of 2nd Dan status and who holds a National Coaching Certificate. He was 3rd in the European Championships in 1978 and currently is the Yorkshire County Champion.

Judo is a sport that has not really featured in the Battalion before now and as we have the interest, it may be that the Dukes can make a name for themselves. Everyone is most welcome to attend - it isn't all being put on your back. Self-defence is an increasing asset in this day and age!

AWORD FROM THE PADRE — A YEAR WITH THE DUKES

And what a lot I've learnt in that year! All the Dukes and their wives went to Sunday School years ago; helicopter flying is fun; toilet-training in an NBC suit is not fun; there is another way of spelling 'paw shop'; a good Army wife is as good as any wife can be. Meanwhile, the Dukes should have learned that West Ham United and Essex are teams for the connoisseur (despite Headingley 1982!); LAD has more than one meaning; the Good News translation of the Bible is easy to read.

My outstanding memory of the year is the epic try against KOSB at Detmold, scored by Maj Westcobolensky. Roger to that!

Padre Jim Broadbridge

Sub Editor's Note: The Padre has been with the Battalion for a year and accompanied us to Northern Ireland and Germany. The 'Dukes' are the first unit with which he has served since joining the Army.

WO2 BILL VAUGHAN - BAND SERGEANT MAJOR



WO2 Bill Vaughan enlisted in the Army on the 7th December 1959. He trained at the then Yorkshire Brigade Depot and passed out as a 'Dukes' bandsman at the beginning of March 1960. Since then, Bill has served with the Dukes in Germany, Hong Kong, Cyprus and Canada. He has also served on four operational tours in Northern Ireland.

Bill has worked in the band office since 1967, bringing to the fore his skill as a sign writer. Over the years he has produced hundreds of invitations for both the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and without his superb seating plans Regimental dinners would not be the same. Bill has also produced a fretwork picture of the Regimental drums and battle honours, guarded by two 'Dukes' soldiers - a credit to his skill and patience.

We will remember Bill mostly for his willingness to help at any time, be it helping the Mess or others in times of need. A man never to say no.

During his time with the Regimental Band he has played in a variety of countries, including Denmark, France, Venezuela, Japan, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Canada, and whilst abroad has never forgotten that he was a representative of the Regiment and has always been the perfect 'Dukes' ambassador.

We would like to bid Bill, his wife Ann and their two children a fond farewell and sincerely hope that life 'on the other side' holds much for them.

EX POND JUMP WEST REAR LINK (FAILED) 82

"Let's have a radio link between Canada and Catterick!"

Having tasted the fruits of success in all aspects of signalling skills, ranging from WAVELL FLOPPIES to waving flags, it is indeed a sad day when I have to relate what can only be described as a personal failure in a basic signalling exercise.

The first major problem, of course, was convincing various sceptics that it **could** be done, and, think of the PR, the training. Convince them, we did.

The big day arrived. Tensely we waited for the opening time, or in Royal Signals parlance, the SKED. We had erected a magnificent antenna the previous day, and so proud we were of its design and engineering qualities that we were sorely tempted to christen it ISEMBARD. Sense prevailed, however, and we called it **Lady Di-pole**.

We were all set for the Transatlantic link up. Signalman 'HARRY THE FROG' Ferguson, ran his deft fingers over the matching unit, the deflection on the meter reflected our eagerness, my knuckles whitened on my 7 iron with anticipation. This was it!!

Hello 16 this is OA (with pride).

Hello 16 this is OA (with a little less pride).

We tried, indefatigably, for a whole minute, without success. I stiffened with apprehension, my chip shot ruined, my putting skills degenerating with

every atrophied movement. Could this be the end of my Marconian reputation?

It would have been all too easy to blame the Canada end of the link, the cowards way out, the small minded thing to do... so we did. After all is said and done, we had tried everything, inverted VEE's, squashed Rh ombics, doglegs, sloping wires, increased powered sets and finally megaphones. No joy.

Throughout this very trying period, radio relay messages flashed across the pond, confirming this, changing that, until we received that last heart wrenching message: close down. With ill-concealed tears in our eyes we dismantled Lady Di, reeled in the wire, packed up the landrover for the very last time. The RLD had failed to come up with the goods.

Embarrassed smiles greeted Cpl "JOCK THE COOT" Reid and Signalman "MICK the HUN" Gudgin on their return, by the repeated question "Where were you?"

Since then I have been trying, in vain, to avoid the majority of the Battalions personalities, I must say that they have been, verbally, very lenient with us. Perhaps they have forgotten, perhaps I shouldn't have this printed...

"Cetewayo the FLOP OP" Dooley
(Proud owner of two niblicks)

COLONEL OF A REGIMENT

From the beginning of the regular army in 1660, the Colonelcy of a regiment was valued and esteemed for its prestige, close association with the Court and as a source of income. It was source of income because not only did the Colonel receive the pay of his rank; but he was also allowed to draw the pay of a Captain of a Company. More important still, the income was added to by the way in which a regiment was maintained. This consisted of an annual payment to the Colonel, made up of two elements: "Subsistence" which went to the men and "off-reckonings", which were intended to cover the cost of clothing, equipment, rations etc: It was mainly from these "off-reckonings" that a profit could be made... Occasionally there might be a loss, and in order to minimise such a possibility (or to increase the 'profit') malpractices tended to take place. Bad food, poor quality clothing, the sale of appointments and false muster rolls were a few such dubious practices. Two Colonels, in the reign of King William III, were cashiered for dressing their regiments in cast off clothing. In short, a Colonelcy was a sound investment and for that reason and the prestige that went with the position some regiments changed hands for large sums of money. Because after each war the younger regiments, which had probably only been raised for the duration of the hostilities, were disbanded; older regiments were particularly attractive buys. Instances of purchasers paying up to £9,000 are recorded. At today's prices this represents something in excess of £200,000. After such a long time it is difficult to establish which Colonelcies of the 33rd Regiment were purchased and which were granted by the Sovereign. However the Inspection Return of the 33rd for the year 1754 makes reference to a dispute between Mrs Johnson, widow of Lt Gen John Johnson (Col of the 33rd from 1739 to 1753) and Lord Charles Hay, who succeeded him as Colonel. The evidence consisted of a return of accoutrements of the 33rd which listed amongst other things, "...the slings are of all different kinds and a great many of them were made at Minorca, by Lt Gen Johnson's orders, out of old rotten accoutrements." It seems clear that the Colonel had been trying to save himself money at the expense of his successor and that was the cause of the dispute.

Political influence

When Colonelcies were not purchased, the appointment was usually granted to officers who had earned the distinction. However, Colonelcies were also granted for political reasons as very senior officers were either MP's or had political influence through their families. Officers who were Colonels of the 33rd Regiment and who were also MP's, at sometime, were, Field Marshall John Griffin Griffin (MP for Andover), Gen Charles Marquess Cornwallis (MP for Eye), The Duke of Wellington (MP for Rye) and Gen Lord Charles Henry Somerset (MP for Scarborough).

In earlier days the Colonel served with his regiment (Col Robert Duncanson, appointed Colonel of the 33rd in 1705, was killed leading the Regiment into action at the Battle of Alcantra in Spain in the same year). But whether an officer was appointed Colonel

on account of merit, or for political reasons or by purchase, one result was the same - it was very rare for an officer who had served in the regiment to be appointed Colonel. Between 1702 and 1801 when the 33rd became The 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only two of its 18 Colonels had previously commanded the Regiment. They were The Duke of Wellington and his successor, as Colonel, Gen Sir John Cope Sherbrooke. The 76th Foot had 10 Colonels between 1787, when it was formed, and in 1881 when it became the 2nd Battalion. None of them had served in the Regiment.

The effect of purchase

In those cases where large sums of money had been involved it was not surprising that the Colonels concerned thought in terms of 'owning' their regiments, an attitude encouraged by the fact that a regiment took its name from its Colonel, the name changing each time a Colonel changed. Thus the Regiment that became the 33rd was known as Huntingdon's Regiment when it was first raised, the name changing to Leigh's Regiment when the Earl of Huntingdon was succeeded by Colonel Leigh...and so on. Many Colonels further reinforced the 'ownership' of their regiment by having their family crest or part of their coat of arms emblazoned on the Colours and accoutrements of the regiment. If money had become the only criteria for a Colonelcy then all kinds of dangers would have arisen. The power of the Crown would have been diminished particularly in its ability to reward officers of merit and loyal service; efficiency would have suffered, and resistance to change, because of vested interests, would have grown. All this was immediately apparent to George I, the first of the Hanoverian Kings, who ascended the throne in 1714. In the German states 'purchase', whether of commissions or of Colonelcies, was unknown. The new King was determined to put an end to both practices. However, that was easier said than done, so he decided to regulate what he could not immediately stop. Thus not only was it decreed that the King's permission was required before a regiment could be sold, but the price which could be asked was also laid down. The efforts of George I were continued by his son, George II. Gradually the number of Colonelcies which were the subject of purchase was reduced. Steps were also taken, in 1751, to forbid the use of armorial bearings on the Colours and accoutrements of a regiment, which in future were to be known by their number rather than by the name of the Colonel. By the time George III came to the throne in 1760 comparatively few officers held their Colonelcies as a result of buying them.

'Off-reckonings' cease

The system of 'off-reckonings' which had so much potential for profit did not cease until 1851, when the Colonels responsibilities for clothing their regiments ceased and not until 1881 did the Colonels position become a purely honorary one. Today the appointment is also different in another significant respect. In earlier times Colonels could retain their appointments for life and many did so. For example the Marquess Cornwallis was Colonel of the 33rd

Regiment for forty years, from 1766 to his death in 1806. Now the normal tenure is 5 years, though extensions up to 10 years are permitted in special circumstances. No Colonel is permitted to hold the appointment beyond the age of 65. Despite all the changes the Colonel of the regiment still has wide ranging responsibilities for its welfare, in the broadest sense. It may be an honorary appointment; but it is no sinecure. Now, as in the past, the appointment of Colonel is one which brings distinction both to its holder and to the Regiment.

A.C.S.S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 33rd Regiment in Antigua

P. D. Macdonald CMG, CVO
Flat 34 St Margarets,
London Road,
Guildford, Surrey
4th July 1982

The Editor,
The 'Iron Duke'
Sir,

During 1956 and 1957 I exchanged considerable correspondence with the then Editor of your Journal, Lt Col Owen Price, in which I described how I and a friend had spent much time, when I was Colonial Secretary of the Leeward Islands in 1949-57, digging on the sites of the old forts in Antigua, where we discovered the buttons and badges of a large number of British regiments. I wrote to the various regimental authorities seeking identification of such items and their responses were most helpful. In particular I sent Col Owen Price buttons of the 33rd and 76th Regiments for identification; the former he identified as a button of your Regiment, but not the latter.

I have now retired from the Colonial Administrative Service, however, and, with spare time on my hands, a number of my friends resident both here and in Antigua have persuaded me to produce a booklet on the history of the British Army in Antigua between 1701 and 1871. However a mere knowledge of the periods when regiments or their detachments from elsewhere were stationed in Antigua, and identification of buttons and badges, is not, by it self, sufficient on which to base a worthwhile booklet on the history of the British Army in Antigua. I shall be grateful, therefore, for any information with which you can supply me with regard to the 33rd Regiment's stay in Antigua.

Yours sincerely,
P. D. Macdonald.

(NOTES:

- (1) Such information as is available has been sent to Mr Macdonald
- (2) The button of the 76th Regiment has been identified by the National Army Museum as of the period about 1780 and as probably that of a private soldier of the 76th Macdonald Highlanders, who were raised in 1777 and disbanded in 1784. The Regiment spent most of its service in North America and the soldier concerned was probably transferred to a regiment serving in Antigua when the 76th Macdonald Highlanders returned to Scotland for disbandment.

Principal sources:

- (1) *'The succession of Colonels of the British Army from 1660 to the Present Day'* by N. B. Leslie. Published by the Society for Army Historical Research. 1974.
- (2) *'The purchase of Colonelcies in the Army 1714-63'* by James Hayes. *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research No 157* (Mar 1961).

- (3) *The 33rd Regiment spent only a brief, unscheduled period in Antigua whilst on passage from Cork to Jamaica in 1822. The Regiment's enforced stopover was due to the ship carrying the Headquarters of the Regiment striking a reef on the coast of Antigua. -Ed).*

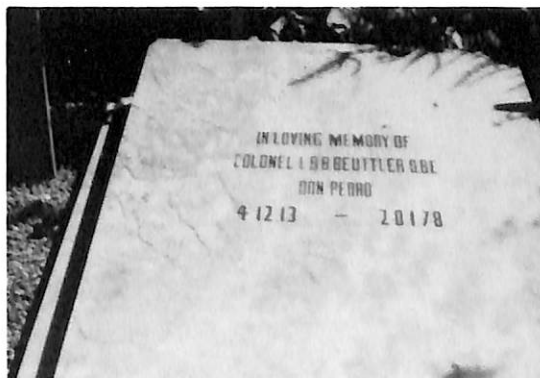
Grave of Col L. B. B. Beuttler

Maj R. H. Ince,
21 Stroatley Rise,
Bunch Lane,
Haslemere.
1st September 1982

The Editor,
'The Iron Duke',
Sir,

Earlier this summer Angela and I took an extended motoring holiday on the Continent, during which we spent a few days with Pam Beuttler at Benalmadena on the Costa Del Sol. Many of your readers will have known her late husband, Col Bertie Beuttler, who died in January 1978. Whilst staying with Pam I took the opportunity of taking a few photographs of Bertie's grave, which is situated in the very well kept International Cemetery at Benalmadena. I enclose these with this letter in case you are interested in publishing them in the *'Iron Duke'*. The words 'Don Pedro' on the stone refer to the name by which Bertie was known in the village of Benalmadena Pueblo, where he was both popular and well loved by the local Spanish inhabitants.

Yours sincerely,
Dick Ince.



Col L. B. B. Beuttler's grave at Benalmaden

The Delhi Durbar 1911

Col W. A. Waller, OBE, MC
8 St George's Place,
The Mount, York
5th August 1982

The Editor,
The 'Iron Duke',
Sir,

I have recently come into possession of an Official Directory of the Coronation Durbar, Delhi, 1911.

I enclose a photo-stat of page 303 showing a list of officers then serving with the 1st Battalion, their wives, one daughter and, presumably one sister! The second Mrs Tidmarsh is also presumably the mother of Capt R. M. Tidmarsh.

Many of your senior citizen readers, now long retired, will no doubt recognize some of those with whom they served, or later, with their sons.

The Directory lists all the British and Indian units

which were present at the Durbar, as well as many other units such as the Supply and Grain Depot, Rail and Port Supply unit, Remount Depot, Military Dairy and others.

At the time the 1st Battalion formed part of the 9th Infantry Brigade of the Lahore Division, Lt Gen Sir A. A. Pearson KCB, commanding. The other units in the Brigade were the 1st and 2nd KGO Gurkha Rifles and the 2/4th Gurkha Rifles.

Yours sincerely,
W. A. Waller.

(A photograph of the officers who attended the Durbar was published in 'Iron Duke' No. 129 (July 1963). The 1st Battalion was then stationed at Ambala, near Lahore. The Brigade was commanded by Brig T. D. Pitcher. The Battalion was outstandingly efficient which explains, no doubt, its then nickname of "Pilcher's Pets"...Ed).

MILITARY CAMPS

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28th Punjabis

Camp 133 Map J-5

Lt Col C. G. Prendergast
Maj A. G. deV. Chichester
Maj C. W. Keene
Capt M. R. Pocock
Capt J. C. Philips
Capt C. B. Harcourt
Lt H. M. Burrows

Mrs J. C. Philips

Lt R. A. Yearsley
Lt W. R. Boswell
Lt C. R. Watson
Lt M. C. G. Matthew
Lt R. N. G. Scott
Capt A. G. Coullie
IMS

Mrs C. G. Prendergast

1st Bn Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Camp 135 Map J-5

Lt Col C. V. Humphrys
Maj W. M. Watson
Maj R. E. Maffett
Maj R. N. Bray
Capt A. A. St Hill
Capt W. E. Maples
Capt J. H. B. Wilson
Capt R. M. Tidmarsh
Capt A. S. Carlyon
Capt F. H. B. Wellesley
Lt S. F. Marriner
Lt D. Firth
Lt H. W. Glenn
Lt E. C. Boutflower

Lt G. Fleming
Lt E. H. Fawcett
Lt F. G. Peake
Lt V. N. Kidd
Lt H. F. Treeby
Lt M. N. Cox
Lt and Qr Mr A. J. Carroll
2/Lt R. H. W. Owen
2/Lt A. E. Miller
2/Lt E. A. Bald
2/Lt E. G. Gatacre
2/Lt P. V. Cornish
2/Lt J. H. Park
2/Lt B. H. O'Donnell

Attached

Capt W. E. H. Cass, Australian Forces

Mrs R. N. Bray
Mrs A. S. Carlyon
Mrs A. J. Carroll
Mrs Firth
Mrs C. V. Humphrys

Miss Humphrys
Mrs R. E. Maffett
Miss Owen
Mrs R. M. Tidmarsh
Mrs Tidmarsh

Mrs P. A. Turner
Mrs F. H. B. Wellesley
Mrs Wilson

1st Bn 1st (KGO) Gurkha Rifles

Camp 136 Map J-6

Lt Col A. G. B. Lang
Maj H. A. H. Thompson
Capt W. J. Evans
Capt W. P. Cruikshank
Capt C. H. Giffard

Capt H. I. Money
Capt N. M. Wilson
Lt G. S. Kennedy
Lt W. B. Northey
2/Lt L. B. Rundall

REST and RECREATION

OSBOURNE HOUSE

by Lt Col George Taylor

I read in the *'Iron Duke'* that Osbourne House Convalescent Home for Officers would like to have more visits from officers who require treatment or convalescence. As I have reached the age of 82+ and have some arthritis in my knees and am a widower, I wrote to the Governor and asked for a brochure and gave him particulars of my service. He replied with a full brochure, a form to be filled in and signed by my doctor, and details of the current charges, which are £17 per day inclusive of all treatments. Spouses accompanying a convalescent pay £20 per day. I decided to have a fortnight at Osbourne and went there on 4th August. I took with me a novel which I had just started to read, my water colour paints and a water diving rod. At the end of the holiday I had not once opened my novel, but had done a few paintings, taught quite a few of the patients how to find water, and played some bridge.

Osbourne House has been a convalescent home for over 70 years and is a splendid organisation with a lot of happy customs and traditions. The ferry is met at Ryde Pierhead by the house car bearing the Royal insignia. On arrival one is shown to the bedroom allotted. My room was most spacious, with a balcony overlooking the Italian Gardens and with a view to the Solent. It was the room occupied by Kaiser William I when visiting Queen Victoria at Osbourne. A medical examination is carried out by the House Governor, Surgeon Capt McDonald MRSC, RN, who has a good sense of humour and decides what treatment you will have.

The House is truly beautiful, with lots of sculptures, splendid pictures and fine furniture. It lies in charming parkland, overlooking the Solent and has its own private beach. The estate of over 1000 acres, includes a delightful 9 hole golf course, a croquet lawn and tennis courts.

All meals are taken in the dining room, which has a palatial ceiling. All the staff are outstandingly kind - the older or most infirm guests getting the most attention. The number of patients averages about 40. They would like to increase the numbers to about 45.

One can be certain of meeting a lot of very charming companions with quite a bit in common, due either to the illness they are recovering from or the Service they were in. I met in the first two days two former POW who had been in the same prison camps as I in Germany and Poland in 1940-45. As there are no set places for meals one quickly comes across many of the community. The Governor takes dinner in the dining room on Fridays, when each table of ten is provided with a bottle of port.

The smoking room, which contains the daily papers, is another room of delightful proportions. On the walls are regal life-size portraits. No conversation is allowed in the smoking room before 4 o'clock, when the ladies are allowed in. About 60% of those staying at Osbourne are males and 40% are females, many of them civil servants.

I enjoyed my stay so much that I am hoping to visit Osbourne two or three times a year - it is so easy to arrange, the travelling is straight forward and one is certain to meet some pleasant companions.

VANCOUVER (1)

by Capt P. J. Harvey

A Canadian Forces flight to Vancouver for \$3? Sounds amazing for 800 miles doesn't it? Well, it wasn't that easy as we were led to believe and after waiting all day at Namao airbase, only four out of seven of us eventually secured a seat. Once aboard, the quick flight was without incident other than the fact the Canadian Boeing 707's flap their wings to take-off!

Vancouver was quite a spectacular sight in the evening, with the sun setting across the Pacific and the snow-capped mountains towering over the city. Our stay in Vancouver was merely overnight - probably a good thing judging by some of the bars and clubs we would never have gone near! We took the ferry across to Vancouver Island the next morning and eventually arrived at our destination, Officer's Mess 2 PPCLI (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry), in time for 'happy hour' at 3 pm! I have it on good authority that the 'happy hour' finished as we were leaving 5 days later - memory fails me!

The Canadian Mess is run on similar lines to a British one, Colours and Silver on display, ante-room, bar and dining room etc. The biggest difference we found was the food - strawberries for breakfast and cakes at coffee-break!

The setting is superb, undoubtedly the envy of all the Canadian regiments. The lawn slopes down to the Pacific; 'Downtown' Victoria - complete with London buses - is five minutes away and the Atlas Mountains provide a perfect snow-capped backdrop!

As we sat by the barbeque stand, topping up with 'Labatts Blue', watching the 'Love Boat' easing into Victoria harbour, our idyllic peace was shattered by the throaty roar of a seaplane emblazoned with the name "Air West" on its final approach. We were quickly informed that this happened every hour and the planes were known as "Scare West" due to the unpredictable nature of the flights!

The hospitality of the Canadians was tremendous and we had the opportunity to go sailing, sightseeing, salmon fishing and to carry out many other unprintable activities. Not a cloud was seen. All too quickly it was time to catch the flight back to Edmonton. This time there were no seats available, so, plastic cards at the ready, we flew back across the Rockies 1st class, complete with Champagne.

VANCOUVER (2)

by Sgt M. Thompson

Myself and five other individuals, namely Sgt Ian Metcalfe, Cpl "Tiny" Holliday, Pte's Walt Tickle, David Abel and Pat Brennan decided to have a short sojourn in Vancouver to celebrate the end of training in Canada. We also were taking Tiny to visit some relatives. They had not seen him since he was a little lad and so it was with some trepidation that he set off.

We decided to hire a car in Edmonton and have a leisurely drive west, taking about 36 hours.

The trip started well with Tiny managing to stop the car against the lights on an extremely busy crossroads and jamming the traffic flow in three directions.

With this minor traffic error behind us, we headed west into the sun as all good pioneers do, the

exception being that we were looking for traffic cops and not Indians!

Our first night was spent in a woodland campsite on the Western side of Jasper. We had planned ahead for this and so up went a basha made of a poncho held up with string borrowed from a neighbouring Canadian (who was having to rough it for the night in his 20 ft centrally heated camper).

Canadian mosquitoes seem to have a taste for English blood and we had a happy evening, keeping the fire going and swatting mossies, and of course lubricating our throats.

The next day we reached Vancouver and were met by Joe and Eunice, who guided us to what was to be our home for the next four days.

We quickly settled in and were made to feel at home. Canadian hospitality is excellent.

Our priority was entertainment and after being given detailed instructions on where to go and how to get there, we set off the following day and managed to get lost in the centre of Vancouver.

However, navigating through these cities is

relatively easy once you are familiar with the system and after our first day we had no problem.

A party had been arranged at the house of a daughter of Joe's. Pat and Craven were the hosts and the party was to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of a second daughter. I don't think really anyone had any idea what they were letting themselves in for when six English soldiers were given invitations.

However, we behaved ourselves and did nothing to disgrace our good names. The party was a huge success and the next morning we rang and apologised for anything we might have done, which as it happened was not necessary.

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and so we had to say our goodbyes.

The drive back to Wainwright was filled with talk of people and places we had seen and met and there were a few odd looks from other road users as they encountered a nine seater estate with the tailgate lowered and two pairs of feet protruding out into the sunshine.

'C' (DWR) COMPANY - 3rd Bn Yorkshire Volunteers

Since our last notes on Annual Camp our training has gone on at a steady pace. The highlight of the last four months was the participation of our Company team in the Cambrian March Competition, held at Brecon, S Wales. Our nine stalwarts, led by Lt Beaumont, set off on the 10th September arriving at the RV at midnight where the team was briefed before going off on the march at 0400. The March consisted of a 35K hike over rugged hilly terrain and, included in this phase were a number of military skills stands, consisting of NBC, AFV recognition, first aid and house clearing; other tests called on the initiative and ingenuity of the Commander and the team. The second phase was a 7K speed march which ended with the toughest assault course that the soldiers from this Company had ever seen. It was a very wet and tired team which eventually reached the finish; however, their morale was at its highest and no member of the team fell out. An excellent effort. The team consisted of Lt Beaumont, Sgt Davidson, Cpl Gentle, L/Cpls Addy and Morgan, Ptes Connolly, Foster, Scott and Sykes. Well Done.

The Company had a very good weekend at Hathersage, adventure training. We were joined on the Sunday by a number of our wives and children who took part in canoeing and rockclimbing. A special mention is in order for Cpl Gentle's girlfriend Brenda and L/Cpl Morgan's son, David, who courageously scaled the rockface which had made some of our toughest heroes cringe.

We are now well into training for Ex Stainton Chase and hope to field two teams for this event. The Company is looking good and attendance is slowly rising. Our Wives Club is flourishing and rumour has it that our PSI is moonlighting at the TOP RANK Bingo Hall - Calling numbers.

We would like to thank Sgt John Cockshot of the 1st Battalion for giving up his weekend to instruct the Company in canoeing.

We would like to wish all our friends and their families a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

WELLESLEY COMPANY DWR ACF

(Huddersfield Area)
Yorkshire ACF

PERSONALITIES

WELCOME to SMI Ken Osbourne who joins Paul Laycock's team at Mirfield Detachment as does another newcomer, SI Peter Ruskin. CONGRATULATIONS to 2/Lt Joe Ashforth, 2/Lt Sheridan King and 2/Lt Hilary Sisson upon their TAVR commissions for service with the ACF. Hilary Sisson becomes the first lady officer with Yorkshire ACF in anticipation of the MOD authorising the inevitable girl cadet. 'The Dukes' are proud to pave the way. FAREWELL to SI's Cowsill, Wood and

Mulligan, to SSI Coonan and to Cadet CSM Gregory. We thank them all for their sterling service.

The TRANSFER of Lt Steve Baker to Huddersfield, of SMI Keith Lodge to Heckmondwike and SI John Hammond to Skipton completes our restructure of the Company, with UO Fred Hillam taking over command of Heckmondwike.

ANNUAL CAMP

The venue was Otterburn, the weather was good, morale was high, and we achieved second place in the

weeks competitions. We were delighted that our Colonel of the Regiment could visit us to view the training. Later in the evening he dined with all the adults at The Percy Arms at which event the opportunity was taken to present General Donald with a Bone China Coffee Set as a token of our gratitude for his great faith and interest in us over the years and for his many kindnesses as a close friend of Wellesley Company. Many tributes will be made by other more eminent sections of the Dukes family, so we say humbly - thank you from our hearts.

VISIT TO 1 DWR AT CATTERICK

Our visit to the Battalion at Catterick in September was superb. A cracking programme brought delight to our cadets, excellently administered by Lt Martin Tuley who was most ably supported by Cpl Collins. You name it; we did it, and the weather was more than kind. All ranks took our young cadets to their hearts, and the warmth of the reception in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes respectively, was tremendous.

The CO, Colonel Cumberlege, took great interest in us. His appraisal of our needs has resulted in positive help with the organisation of an adults cadre on minor tactics and methods of instruction; Battalion presentations at venues in West Yorkshire both before and after Xmas, guidance for our small band (and indeed WO1 (BM) Taylor has already visited us at Huddersfield); all cemented together with the promise of a further visit to Catterick before the departure for Gibraltar. Maj Chris Gilbert will be

overseeing all the arrangements and we know so well that we are in splendid hands. As ever our Regular Battalion perpetuate their willing assistance to Wellesley Company.

YORKSHIRE ACF SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Administered by the Company, it was held at the Cambridge Road Baths, Huddersfield on 2 October. We came third place in all of the three major trophies and having administered and organised the event, we know that had we but had one senior and one junior butterfly swimmer, we would have swept the board - next year without doubt!

HERE AND THERE

Another most successful pre-camp Officers' Dinner was held in the Mess at Huddersfield and our Christmas Dinner looms on the horizon. SMI Armstrong and his Skipton Detachment raised £40 for the Falklands Fund... camp next year is to be the newly built camp at Wathgill... Capt Terry Bonds and Halifax gain yet another long distance march award (seven in a row)... Paul Laycock and Mirfield have the County Efficiency Shield as their goal and they are "in" with a good chance... 2/Lt John Maddy seems to have the energy of ten men on the Admin aspect... RQMSI Jack Swithenbank continues to strike fear in the hearts of all... Yes indeed, Wellesley Company are not only alive and kicking, they are now jumping five bar gates - COME AND JOIN US - we'll find ex Dukes a slot anytime.

THE FRIENDS OF THE REGIMENT FUND

The Friends of the Regiment Fund, established two years ago, allows former members of the Regiment to help the serving members to finance those Regimental activities which have to be paid for from non-public funds. The following is a list of current subscribers to the Fund: Col N. T. Bentley, Gen Sir Robert Bray, Brig F. R. St P. Bunbury, Maj R. H. Burton, Capt R. D. Campbell-Lamerton, Maj P. F. Connolly, Col P. G. L. Cousins, WO2 R. E. Craven, Col C. R. T. Cumberlege, Col J. Davidson, Mr Clement Davies, Maj J. H. Davis, Maj E. J. P. Emmett, Maj Gen R. K. Exham, Maj C. F. Grieve (elder), Mr L. Hill, Maj R. H. Ince, Maj Gen D. E. Isles, Maj J. F. Lauder, Lt Col H. S. Le Messurier, Maj J. S. Milligan, Capt W. R. C. Millar, Brig P. P. de la H. Moran, Maj F. B. Murgatroyd, Maj D. R. D. Newell, Mr Raymond Norcliffe, Maj J. H. Pyrah, Maj D. C. Roberts, Maj W. F. C. Robertson, Maj A. C. S. Savory, Maj J. L. Streatfield, Lt Col R. Sugden, Capt T. D. Sugden, Maj C. R. Taylor, Lt Col G. Taylor, Col R. G. Turner, Maj Gen G. F. Upjohn, Lt Col F. P. A. Woods, Maj D. H. Woods.

The following, who have recently died, were also

subscribers: Mr J. Imray, Maj B. M. Kilner, Lt Col W. Slesey, Brig B. W. Webb-Carter.

The following have given donations to the Fund: Mrs Marjorie Crofton, Mr B. C. T. Faithfull, Rev K. Gregory, Mr D. C. Hall, Mr D. A. Harpin, Mr J. E. Horne, Sir John Horsfall, Maj B. M. Kilner, Maj A. C. S. Savory, Mr E. Smith, Dr J. K. Sugden, Maj G. C. Tedd, Mr J. H. Thomas, Mrs P. H. Watson.

There is no minimum subscription. Because the Fund is part of a recognised charity (the CO's Central Fund) the subscription can, if desired, be paid under a Covenant with consequential tax advantages for the Fund. A combined Bankers Order and Covenant Form is printed elsewhere in this issue, for new subscribers. The Form(s) when completed should be sent to Maj G. C. Tedd at Regimental Headquarters.

It will be recalled that in 1981 the total balance of the Fund, £1472.72, was paid to the 1st Battalion to help defray the cost of the presentation of new Colours. So far, in the current year, there has been no expenditure. The present balance of the Fund is £892.90.

OFFICERS' DINNER - 1982

An Officer's Dinner was held in the Gimcrack Banqueting Suite in the Grandstand of York Racecourse on Friday 22nd October, the third time at York. Once again it was a well attended and successful event. The Gimcrack Suite is an ideal venue, as the rooms are spacious and the food and service are of a high standard.

The Colonel of the Regiment presided. The Colonel in Chief was amongst the 123 serving and former officers of the Regiment who attended. The guests were Sir William Buller, Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire; Major General I. H. Baker, lateley GOC North East District; Brigadier M. N. S. McCord, Divisional Brig The King's Division; and Colonel J. M. Wilson, Regimental Colonel The Yorkshire Volunteers.

In his speech the Colonel of the Regiment gave a reminder that 1982 was the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Regiment's formal link with Yorkshire. It was therefore appropriate that they were dining in York this year. Reviewing the Regiment's activities, he drew attention to the 1st Battalion's eventful past 18 months, which included, public duties in London; the presentation of new Colours; the winning of the Army Rugby Cup; exercises in Canada and BAOR, and a highly successful tour of Northern Ireland, which resulting in the names of 14 members of the Battalion appearing in the last Honours List. He went on to say that he was pleased that the Regiment had decided to offer three old stands of Militia Colours, now in Bankfield Museum, to the Yorkshire Volunteers, who had accepted with pleasure. Apropos the Regimental Museum in Bankfield he announced that it had been decided to completely refurbish it at a cost to the Regiment of £11,500. In conclusion the Colonel thanked all those who had helped him during his 7 years as Colonel, which he had found most rewarding.

The Colonel in Chief presented General Isles with a solid silver salver as a gift from all serving and former members of the Regiment, and thanked him for all the helpful advice he had given him, and for all that he had done for the Regiment.

Those who attended the Dinner were:
Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington

(Colonel in Chief), Major General D. E. Isles (Colonel of the Regiment), General Sir Robert Bray, Major General G. F. Upjohn, Major General C. R. Huxtable; Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth, Colonels: M. R. N. Bray, M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, C. R. T. Cumberlege, J. Davidson, J. B. K. Greenway, E. M. P. Hardy, W. A. Waller, Lieutenant Colonels: W. F. Charlesworth, R. G. Collins, C. R. Cumberlege, J. Howarth, S. J. R. Huxley, J. E. Johnson, T. D. Lupton, H. S. Le Messurier, W. R. Mundell, S. J. Nash, J. E. Pell, W. Robins, R. L. Stevens, E. J. W. Walker, J. H. Dalrymple, Majors: P. D. D. J. Andrews, M. P. C. Bray, E. H. Buckland, W. Burke, J. D. P. Cowell, R. C. Curry, J. H. Davis, C. Davies, E. J. P. Emmett, P. D. Gardner, C. F. Grieve, C. J. W. Gilbert, G. P. Good, P. B. Hall, D. L. J. Harrap, P. B. L. Hoppe, Sir John Horsfall, R. H. Ince, T. J. Isles, C. C. Kenchington, S. H. Kirk, Canon R. I. J. Matthews, K. M. McDonald, J. S. Milligan, F. B. Murgatroyd, D. R. D. Newell, T. J. Nicholson, A. D. Palmer, J. W. Pyrah, D. E. Riddiough, A. D. Roberts, D. C. Roberts, A. C. S. Savory, M. S. Sherlock, Dr A. U. Somerville, W. G. Stone, P. R. Tattersall, G. C. Tedd, Sir John Taylor, R. A. Tighe, J. K. Tyler, J. R. A. Ward, A. R. Westcob, D. H. Wood, H. M. Crowther, P. J. Puttock, P. H. Haws, J. M. Newton, D. M. Pugh, A. J. Pitchers, C. G. Fitzgerald, Captains: K. Best, Rev J. A. Broadbridge, M. Carter, B. Coll, R. M. L. Colville, M. J. B. Drake, J. P. Edmonson—Jones, P. J. Harvey, G. A. Kilburn, E. D. Mackie, A. D. Meek, M. J. O. B. Minogue, S. C. Newton, B. R. Oliver, T. Pickergill, D. I. Richardson, P. Robinson, Lord Saville, J. A. Shenton, G. D. Shuttleworth, M. W. Summers, M. White, P. Wilkinson, N. Wimpenny, J. W. Wood, S. J. N. Morgan, R. D. Campbell-Lamerton, D. Hughes, Subalterns: G. C. W. Allen, N. G. Borwell, D. S. Bruce, S. H. Dixon, C. J. Danilewicz, J. P. B. Golding, L. E. Goodman-Smith, C. A. Harvey, J. A. C. Kilburn, J. Lobanow-Rostovsky, P. M. Lewis, S. F. B. Lowe, C. W. Morris, M. G. Tuley, J. Wilson, J. F. Maddy, S. C. Wood, M. J. Granger, J. C. Preston, C. R. T. Smith.

Regimental Association

REGIMENTAL BENEVOLENT FUNDS

The Regimental Trustees held their annual meeting at Halifax on 17th September 1982, when they received the accounts and reviewed the investments of the various Funds. All the Funds are in a healthy state, as can be seen from the published details which appear in this issue of the 'Iron Duke'.

REGIMENTAL SERVICE - YORK MINSTER

On Saturday the 23rd November you could say we were "blessed" with a glorious day for our Regimental Service and our OCA Branches took full advantage of it with an attendance of:

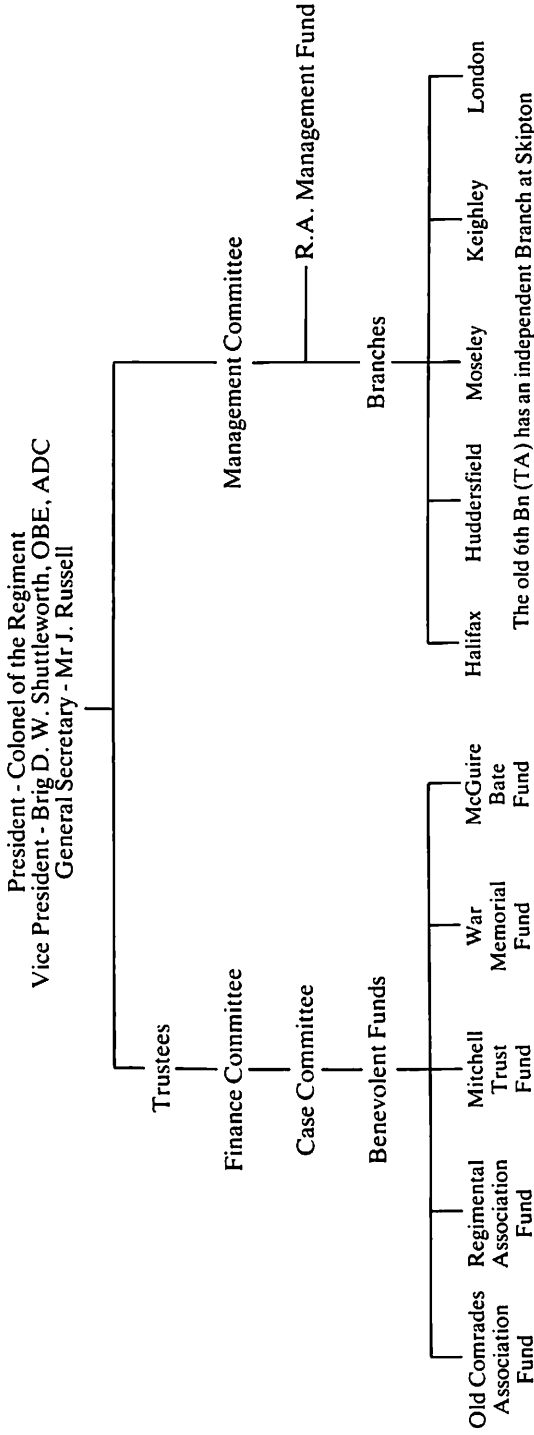
13 from Halifax
29 from Huddersfield
18 from Moseley

plus of course others who attended the Service by private transport.

We had lunch at the WO's & Sergeant's Mess at King's Division, Strensall, where we were made extremely welcome by the Messing Member, WO2 McMillan, REME and WO2 Frank Parkinson, who gave us a recital of organ music after our excellent meal.

The bar was kept open after the meal, much to the appreciation of our members, (especially with the

Regimental Association



Composition of Committees

1. **Trustees** Colonel of the Regiment (Chairman), Gen Sir Robert Bray, Maj Gen D. E. Isles, Brig D. W. Shuttleworth, Mr T. Briggs, Maj F. B. Murgatroyd, Maj A. C. S. Savory, Maj K. M. McDonald, Regimental Secretary. In attendance, General Secretary.
2. **Finance Committee** Maj F. B. Murgatroyd (Chairman), Maj D. C. Roberts, Mr W. Norman, Mr W. Downs. In attendance, Regimental Secretary; Asst Regimental Secretary and General Secretary.
3. **Case Committee** Regimental Secretary (Chairman), Assistant Regimental Secretary, General Secretary.
4. **Management Committee** Regimental Secretary (Chairman), General Secretary, Assistant Regimental Secretary, the Chairman and Secretaries of Branches, and selected representatives of Branches as may be invited to attend.
5. **McGuire Bate Fund** This Fund has a small case committee of its own operating directly under the Colonel of the Regiment. Brig D. W. Shuttleworth (Chairman), Maj R. H. Ince and Maj D. C. Roberts. Secretary - the Regimental Secretary.

Mess prices) while Jackie Horne entertained quite a few round the bar with his dry (clean) jokes.

LONDON BRANCH

The London Branch held their AGM on 27 September 1982. Mr F. Richardson and Mr R. Owers were re-elected, unopposed, to the posts of Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively.

We welcomed a new Member, Mr Andrew Melville, to our ranks. Andrew served with the band of the 1st Battalion between 1957-65 before going on to be Bandmaster of the Queen's Regiment.

The number of paid-up Branch Members has exceeded last year's total although we could do with more active members attending our meetings.

We extend warm greetings to members of the Northern Branches and hope that as many as possible will attend our London Dinner next year.

Our next parade will be on Remembrance Sunday when we hope there will be a good turn out at Westminster Abbey.

Our Branch Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at the residence of Mr Charles Cossins, Flat 316, Vivian Court, 128-134 Maida Vale, London W9 at 20.00 hours.

ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

Pte John Hardy Wilkinson (242793) was admitted

to the Royal Hospital Chelsea as an In Pensioner on 25 January 1982. He served with the Regiment from 25 May 1916 to 11 February 1918.

He joins Sgt Glew who was, until now, our only Pensioner.

Mr R. TURNER

Mr R. Turner, who served in Maj Emmett's Company in the 2nd Battalion in India from 1944 to 1947, would very much like to re-new contact with his old mates. His address is: 10 Rimington Place, Nelson, Hants.

THE BRITISH LIMBLESS EX-SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Chadwell Heath,
Essex.
Tel: 01-590 1124

Regimental Association Funds

MANAGEMENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1982

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
£		£		£		£	
84	Regimental Service	103.25		400	Transfer from R A Account	400.00	
62	Branch Expenses	87.64		100	Special Grant for London Dinner (R A Fund)	151.00	
14	Miscellaneous Expenses	—			Regimental Association Dinner (Surplus)	118.95	
131	London Dinner Travel Subsidy	43.00					
	Expenses	151.00	194.00				
103	Regimental Association Dinner	—					
106	Excess of Income over Expenditure*	285.06	285.06				
500		669.95	669.95	500		669.95	669.95

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1982

£		£		£		£	
—	General Fund	131.39		115	Cash at Bank	393.24	
131	Add Excess of Income	285.06	416.45	16	Cash in Hand	23.21	
		416.45	416.45	131		416.45	416.45

REGIMENTAL BENEVOLENT FUNDS

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1982

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	£	£	£
2,354	Grants	6,190	Interest on Investments (Gross)
600	Grants 1st DWR Association Fund	242	Covenanted Subscriptions-Officers (Net) ..
—	New Colours-Ceremony & Presentation ..	346	Bank Interest
675	Secretary's Expenses	5,696	Day's Pay Scheme-Soldiers (Net)
300	General Secretary's Honorarium	50	G. Turner Trust
400	Transfer to Management Fund	552	Grant from Army Benevolent Fund
100	Transfer to London Dinner	—	Donation-Lady Landon
	Donations:—	79	Subscriptions & Donations
1,000	Army Benevolent Fund	—	Income Tax Recovered:—
574	Iron Duke	93	Officers' Subscriptions
47	Wreaths	668	Day Pay Scheme-Soldiers
66	Printing, Postage, Stationery and		
	Office Machinery		
49	UST Charges		
151	Trustees Expenses		
55	Donations		
103	Sundries		
7,442	Excess of Income over Expenditure ..		
<u>13,916</u>	<u>15,192.40</u>	<u>13,916</u>	<u>15,192.40</u>

MITCHELL TRUST FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	£	£	£
60	Grants	258	Interest on Investments-Gross
14	Trustees' Expenses		
5	Sundries		
179	Excess of Income over Expenditure ..		
<u>258</u>	<u>308.22</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>308.22</u>

McGUIRE BATE TRUST FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	£	£	£
441	Grants	1,246	Interest on Investments-Gross
25	Trustees' Expenses		
8	Sundries		
—	Iron Duke		
772	Excess of Income over Expenditure ..		
<u>1,246</u>	<u>1,339.66</u>	<u>1,246</u>	<u>1,339.66</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1982

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
£	£	£	£
Regimental Association	61,138.92	Investments (at Cost)-R A Fund	
Add Excess of Income for year	5,320.37	£5,000 Cardiff Corp 7% Stock 1979/82	5,052.33

BALANCE AS AT 31st MARCH 1982

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
£		£		£	£
	Regimental Association	61,138.92		Investments (at Cost)—R A Fund	
	<i>Add</i> Excess of Income for year	5,320.37		£5,000 Cardiff Corp 7½% Stock 1979/82	5,052.33
	Profit on Sale of Investments	15.00		£4,616.80 Greater London 6½% ^{1/2}	
			66,474.29	Stock 1990/92	4,497.39
				£5,410.70 Treasury 9% Stock 1994	5,475.56
	Mitchell Trust Fund	3,906.29		£4,500 Treasury 15½% ^{1/2} Stock 1998	4,320.00
3,906	<i>Add</i> Excess of Income for Year	49.71		£8,415.23 Exchequer 12¼% ^{1/2} Stock 1992	8,475.15
			3,956.00	£1,000 Exchequer 10½% ^{1/2} Stock 1977	962.40
	McGuire Bate Trust Fund	12,500.56		£3,592.83 Treasury 13% ^{1/2} Stock 1990	4,132.06
12,501	<i>Add</i> Excess of Income for Year	758.54	13,259.10	£2,323.70 Treasury 12½% ^{1/2} Stock 1992	2,500.00
				£2,050 Exchequer 12% ^{1/2} Stock 1999/2002	1,995.37
				£8,704.51 Exchequer 13¼% ^{1/2} Stock 1987	8,637.50
				£2,500 Treasury 12% ^{1/2} Stock 1984	2,493.17
				£2,128.50 Treasury 15% ^{1/2} Stock 1985	2,184.41
				£9,116.77 Treasury 14½% ^{1/2} Stock 1994	8,469.65
				56,509 £315 Dartford Borough Council	
				(Market Value 31.3.82 £55,869)	315.00
					59,509.99
				Mitchell Trust Fund	
				£400 Treasury 5% ^{1/2} Stock 1986/89	393.35
				£2,451.82 Consols 2½% ^{1/2} Stock	997.50
				27 Units Globe Investment	
				Trust Ltd. 25p each	32.00
				£361.50 War 3½% ^{1/2} Stock	205.25
				£892.29 Southwark Corp 6¾% ^{1/2} Stock	
				1983/1986	883.20
				£455.41 Exchequer 12¼% ^{1/2} Stock 1992	462.97
3,298				£917.86 Treasury 14½% ^{1/2} Stock 1994	
				(Market Value 31.3.82 £3,001)	921.70
					3,895.97
				McGuire Bate Trust Fund	
				£1,582.80 Greater London 6¾% ^{1/2} Stock	
				1990/92	1,543.65
				£437.00 Barclays Bank 8¼% ^{1/2} Unsecured	
				Loan Stock 1986/93	437.00
				£500.00 Treasury 15½% ^{1/2} Stock 1998	480.00
				£3,719.68 Treasury 9% ^{1/2} Stock 1994	3,746.75
				£1,182.12 Exchequer 12¼% ^{1/2} Stock 1992	1,198.33
				£500.00 Exchequer 13¾% ^{1/2} Stock 1987	482.00
				£1,973.26 Treasury 15% ^{1/2} Stock 1985	2,026.36
				£1,235.50 Exchequer 13¼% ^{1/2} Stock 1987	1,250.00
11,660				£1,575.48 Treasury 14¼% ^{1/2} Stock 1994	
				(Market Value 31.3.82 £11,139)	1,492.30
					12,656.39
				Income Tax Recoverable	
				Regimental Association Fund	52.50
				Mitchell Trust Fund	0.41
235				McGuire Bate Trust Fund	—
					52.91
				46 Stock of Ties	4.00
				Sundry Debtors	
105				Tandy RHQ	79.92
				2 Cash in Hand	1.06
				Cash at Bank	
				Current Account	1,014.53
5,691				Deposit Account	6,474.62
					7,489.15
<u>77,546</u>		<u>83,689.39</u>		<u>77,546</u>	<u>83,689.39</u>

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (1st & 2nd Battalion DWR) FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1982

£		£		£	£
569	Grants to Sundry Individuals	583.00	1,235	Interest on Investments-Gross	1,371.52
390	Pensions/Special Allowances	325.00	139	Bank Interest	35.59
35	Trustees Expenses	25.00	2	Subscriptions	7.02
17	Wreathes & Donations in Lieu	10.00			
21	Audit	26.50			
3	Insurance	—			
7	UST-Income Tax Recovery Charges	12.02			
—	Donation: Iron Duke	40.00			
334	<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>	392.41			
<u>1,376</u>		<u>1,413.93</u>	<u>1,376</u>		<u>1,413.93</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1982

FUND ACCOUNT		INVESTMENTS (at cost)	
12,078	Capital Account	12,078.48	
	Income Account	6,736.82	
6,737	Add Excess of Income for Year	392.41	
		7,129.23	
			£4,225.99 Treasury 9% Stock 1994 .. 4,263.23
			250 Thos Tilling Ltd. Cum Pref Shares 5.25% 250.00
			£9,075.30 Consolidated 2½% Stock .. 4,018.79
			£3,613.53 War 3½% Stock 3,581.08
			£1,032.07 Northern Ireland 7% Exchequer 1982/84 1,051.80
			£1,000.00 Birmid Qualcast Ltd. 7½% Unsecured 1987/92 1,023.34
			£1,000.00 Rockware Group Ltd. 7% Deb. Stock 1988/93 980.62
			£998.58 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992 .. 1,012.32
			£369.56 Treasury 12¼% Stock 1992 .. 400.00
			£1,334.36 Exchequer 13¼% 1987 .. 1,350.00
18,408		£494.95 Treasury 14½% Stock 1995 (Market Value 31.3.82 £11,383) .. 475.00	18,406.18
		25	Income Tax Recoverable 39.83
		382	Cash at Bank 761.70
<u>18,815</u>		<u>19,207.71</u>	<u>19,207.71</u>

6 AUDITORS' REPORT**DUKE OF WELLINGTON REGIMENT, REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS & OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION**

We have audited the balance sheets and accounts of the Associations' funds as set forth and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such balance sheets and accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Associations' funds and are in accordance with the books and papers produced to us.

This 25th day of June 1982.

K. W. HOWARTH & CO.
Chartered Accountants, 36 Clare Road, Halifax.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1982**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
5	Trustees' Expenses	1.74	253 Interest on Investments-Gross 301.34
8	Audit & Accountancy	9.00	90 Bank Interest 63.30
	Donations:		Donations:
	Halifax Parish Church	50.00	2 Memorial Chairs Halifax Parish Church .. 52.50
	Indian Division Memorial	50.00	— Donation 13.75
	Sandhurst RMC	10.00	
250	York Minster Chapel	5.25	
—	Regimental Service Hymn Sheets	136.74	
—	Bank Interest	0.41	
80	Excess of Income over Expenditure	167.75	
<u>343</u>		<u>430.89</u>	<u>430.89</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1982

ACCUMULATED FUND		INVESTMENTS (at cost)	
	1st April 1981	3,651.18	
3,651	Add Excess of Income	167.75	
		3,818.93	
			£1,188.96 Greater London 6¼% Stock 1990/92 1,160.87
			£2,300.00 Consolidated 2½% Stock .. 954.70
			£20.83 War 3½% Stock 10.42
			160 Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd. (25p Ordinary Shares) 165.23
			£556.53 Treasury 12¼% Loan 1992 .. 600.00
2,891		£519.52 Treasury 14½% Loan 1994 (Market Value 31.3.82 £2,887) .. 500.00	3,391.22
			Cash at Bank:
			Current Account 92.70
760			Deposit Account 335.01
<u>3,651</u>		<u>3,818.93</u>	<u>427.71</u>
			<u>3,818.93</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the War Memorial Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1982 and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion such Balance sheet and Accounts are properly drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the fund and are in accordance with the papers produced to us.

This 25th day June 1982.

K. W. HOWARTH & CO.
Chartered Accountants, 36 Clare Road, Halifax.

Obituary

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

RQMS R. N. C. Middleton

Bob Middleton died suddenly at his home on 14th April 1982.

Bob joined the Royal Artillery in 1954 as a National Serviceman and decided to stay on as a regular soldier.

He came to the Dukes in 1957 and remained until his retirement in January of 1976. A most loyal Duke, he became one of the characters of the Regiment. A keen sportsman, he represented the second XV at Rugby and later became a rugby referee. He was also an active member of the Sergeants' Mess, willing to lend a hand at anything to improve the Mess standards.

On retirement Bob went into the licensed trade and the rapid expansion of his business was proof of his success. He was always willing to extend his assistance to any Dukes' and make time to attend Rugby matches, OCA Dinners etc, and pay visits to the Battalion.

The early death of Bob has robbed the Regiment of a loyal friend and great supporter.

Lt Col C. I. E. Haslock

On Saturday September 11th 1982, suddenly at his home, 202 Welcome Bay Road, Tauranga, New Zealand, aged 82 years.

Capt J. R. Walker

Capt J. R. Walker died in hospital, aged 88, on 30th August 1982. He leaves a son and daughter.

Richard Stacpoole

Richard Stacpoole, beloved son of Sarah and Michael and brother of David and Eleanor, died peacefully on 27th August 1982.

W. L. Johnson

William Lea Johnson, aged 66 died on the 13th October 1982.

He was enlisted into the 1st Battalion The Dukes at Halifax on 19 March 1940. He served in North Africa, Italy and Palestine and was released as a Lieutenant on 31st August 1946.

His diary recalls a drink named the "Atom Bomb" made by Freddie Huskisson on 15 August 1945 at a party to celebrate the war ending, and he recalls its explosive capabilities which will also have been remembered by his contemporaries at the time. His diary also tells of the comradeship that existed within the battalion.

On realising the seriousness of his latest illness it was his wish that old comrades should be informed in the event of his death.

Bob Ballard

Bob, whose death was reported in the last issue of the 'Iron Duke', was a well known member of the 2nd

Battalion prior to and during World War II. He was a Sergeant in the Machine Gun Platoon and took part in the Mohmand operations on the North West Frontier in 1935.

Fit and of good physique he was a fine sportsman and athlete but in particular he was a very good boxer and represented the Regimental Team on many occasions. During the 1942 Burma retreat he was a Sergeant in the Carrier Platoon and proved to be a first-class NCO and soldier in that very arduous and testing campaign. As a result of his good work he was offered the chance to take a commission but declined. Good looking with a matching personality he was well liked by all, earning himself the apt nickname of "Gentleman Bob". After the war he lived in London and became a member of the London Branch of the Regimental Association. He served the Branch as Treasurer for a number of years and was a very energetic and valued member, who will be greatly missed by all his comrades.

Mrs Ann Margaret Bairstow

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs Ann Bairstow in a car accident at Halifax on Monday 25th October 1982. Mrs Bairstow was the daughter of the late Maj Sir Robert Henniker, MC, Bart, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Lady Henniker, and mother of two married daughters, Janet and Susan. Her husband, Mr John Bairstow, died in 1968. The funeral service took place at St Jude's Church, Halifax on Friday 29th October, 1982.

Mrs Bairstow devoted much of her life to voluntary work. Amongst her many interests she was successively Secretary and President of the Halifax Branch of the NPSCC between 1961 and 1975 and then became a member of the National Council of the NSPCC.

Lt Col E. M. Liddell, OBE

Lt Col Eric Liddell, our oldest surviving officer, died on 5th November 1982. It was his 103rd birthday.

He suffered a bad fall in August and had been ill ever since.

He was the sole surviving founder member of the Old Comrades Association, formed in 1912. It was therefore appropriate for the Colonel of the Regiment to announce his death at the AGM of the Regimental Association at Huddersfield on Saturday 6 November.

An account of the life and service of Lt Col Liddell appeared in the *Iron Duke* No.181 of December 1979 to mark his 100th birthday.

Mr Alfred Bagley

Mr Bagley died on 4th June 1982 at the age of 85. He enlisted at Huddersfield on 14th November 1914 at the age of 17. He joined the 2/7th Battalion and