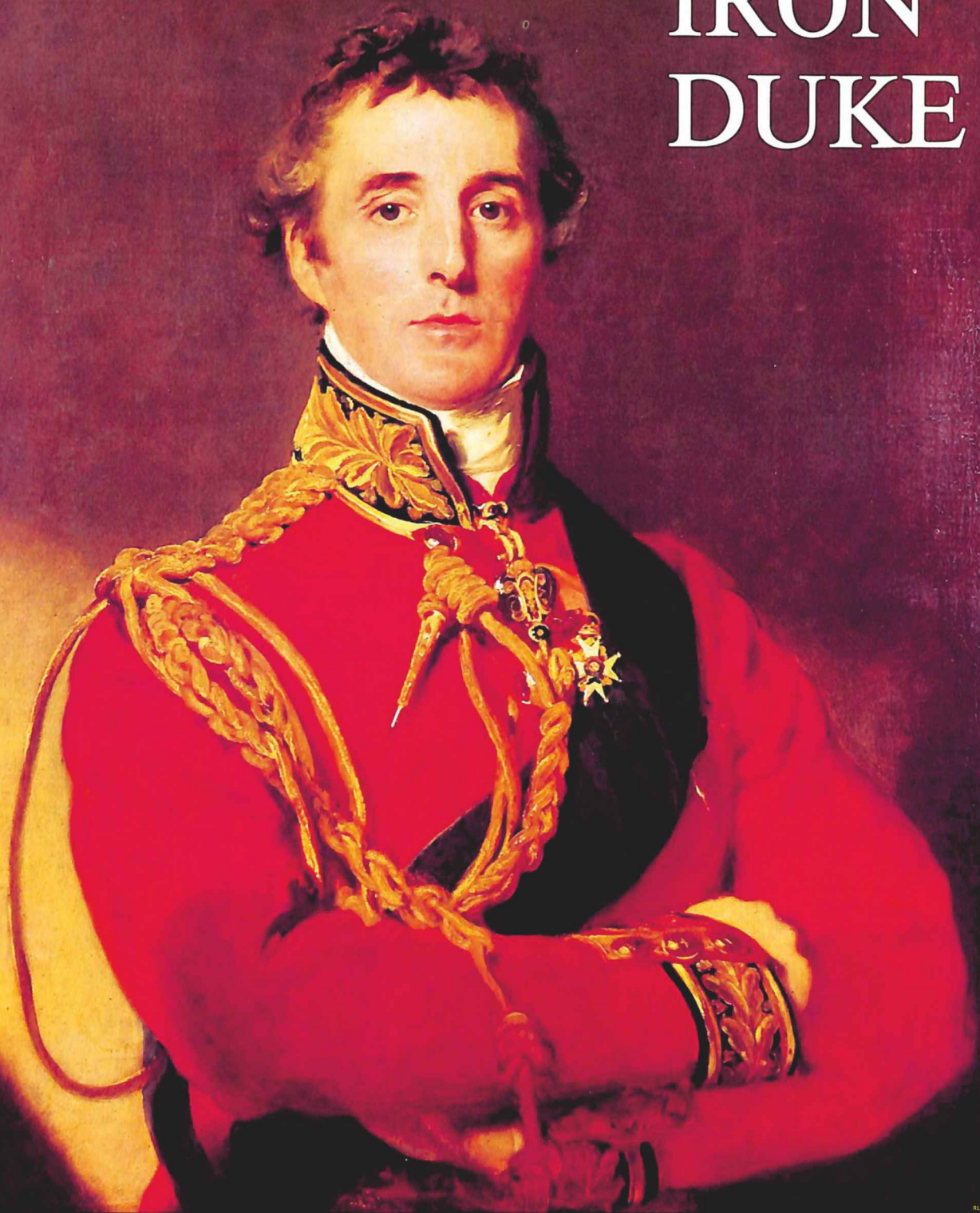


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General Charles Marquis Cornwallis, Colonel of the 33rd Regiment 1766-1805

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Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major General C. R. Huxtable CB, CBE, has been selected for the appointment of Commander Training Establishments, Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces, at Wilton. He takes up his new appointment in the rank of Lieutenant General, in the Autumn of 1983.

This is a new appointment. General Huxtable will command the whole of the Individual Training Organisation in the United Kingdom and will be responsible to C in C UKLF for the implementation of training policy and tactical doctrine, and the allocation of all resources within the training establishments of all Arms and Services in the United Kingdom. He will be responsible for the implementation of whatever changes in the training organisation are approved by the Army Board as a result of the recent review of Army Training.

On behalf of all readers of the *Iron Duke*, we wish the Colonel of the Regiment every success in this new, interesting and challenging appointment and congratulate him on his impending promotion.

COLONEL COMMANDANT OF THE KING'S DIVISION

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major General C. R. Huxtable CB, CBE, was appointed Colonel Commandant of the King's Division from 1 July 1983.

KHAKI BERET

The Regiment adopted the khaki beret, to which reference was made in the last issue of the *Iron Duke*, on 18th June 1983.

"WHEN, WHERE AND WHO?"

A friend of Brigadier Dennis Shuttleworth is a collector of postcards and photographs which have a connection with the Duke's. One such photograph is reproduced in this issue (see page 180). It is of a mixed group, some of them apparently belonging to a cavalry or yeomanry regiment. If any reader has any idea when the photograph was taken and where and can identify any of those that appear in it, would he please drop a line either to the Regimental Secretary or the Editor.

LEEDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL CCF

Sqn Ldr Templeman plus 16 cadets of the Leeds Grammar School CCF paid a visit to the 1st Battalion

in Gibraltar from 11-18 July. It is hoped to be able to publish an account of their visit on the next issue.

BRIGADIER D. W. SHUTTLEWORTH

Brigadier Dennis Shuttleworth has been appointed Junior Vice President of the Rugby Football Union for the 1983-84 season.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been notified: Colonel M. R. N. Bray, for Cambridge University (King's College), to attend a MPhil Course, Sep 83-Sep 84.

Colonel M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, OBE, to Commander Victory College, RMA Sandhurst Aug 83-Aug 85. (Internal posting from Old College).

Colonel J. R. P. Cumberlege, BATT Kenya as Colonel (CI) Kenya Staff College, May 83.

Lieut-Colonel R. L. Stevens, MBE, to SOI Int Div, HQ AFCENT, May 83.

Lieut-Colonel T. D. Lupton, for SO2, G1 (Disc), HQ BAOR, Dec 83.

Major C. N. St. P. Bunbury, MBE, for Trg Major (TISO) 6 UDR, Sep 83.

Major A. R. Westcob, for SO2, PI, HQ Armd Div, Nov 83.

Major P. D. Gardner, for 2ic 1 DWR.

Capt K. Best, for RCMS Shrivensham, Oct 83, then Staff College Camberley, Jan-Dec 84.

Capt C. F. Grieve, for RCMS Shrivensham, Oct 83, then Staff College Camberley, Jan-Dec 84.

Retirements

The following have retired: Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth, OBE, ADC, July 1983.

Major M. P. C. Bray, July 1983.

Transfer

Capt W. A. N. Atkinson, transferred from DWR to RMP, Feb 83.

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REGIMENTAL COUNCIL

A meeting of the Regimental Council took place at Apsley House on Friday 10th June 1983. Present were: The Colonel in Chief; Major General C. R. Huxtable CB, CBE, Colonel of the Regiment; General Sir Robert Bray GBE, KCB, DSO; Major General D. E. Isles CB, CBE; Brigadier D. W.

Shuttleworth OBE, ADC; Colonel J. B. Greenway OBE; Lieut Colonel T. I. Nicholson; Major A. C. S. Savory MBE; Major K. M. McDonald TD and Major G. C. Tedd, Regimental Secretary. Capt T. Pickersgill was in attendance. Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberlege was unable to be present.

In opening the meeting the Colonel in Chief reported on the very successful and enjoyable visit he and his wife recently paid to the 1st Battalion in Gibraltar. He had been much impressed by all that he had seen, apart from some very poor accommodation some of the families are at present obliged to occupy.

The following matters were discussed:

(1) **The Friends of the Regiment Fund:** The Regimental Secretary reported that the Fund had a credit balance of just under £1500. However in view of likely future heavy demands on the Fund, e.g. to help towards the cost of refurbishing the Regimental Museum, more subscribers will be welcome. At the invitation of the Colonel of the Regiment Major General D. E. Isles agreed to become Honorary Secretary of the Fund. (Note. Individuals wishing to subscribe to the Fund may obtain a combined Bankers Order/Covenant Form from the Regimental Secretary).

(2) **Old Colours in Bankfield Museum:** There are four Stands of Colours still in Bankfield Museum. It was agreed that the two old stands of the 33rd, (1832-54) and (1879-1925) and the old Stand of the 76th (1830-63), all of which are in now very poor condition, should be cremated and the ashes placed in suitably inscribed caskets or urns in the Regimental Chapel in Halifax Parish Church. It was hoped that the fourth Stand, the Honorary Colours retired in 1969, would be put on display in the Regimental Museum in due course.

(3) **Appeals:** The Regiment had made a donation of £50 towards the cost of the SAS Memorial window in Hereford Cathedral. An appeal had been received on behalf of the UDR which would be considered by the Regimental Trustees at their next meeting. It was decided to make a donation to the Army Museums Ogilby Trust in reply to their recent appeal. The amount would be between £150 and £200 at the discretion of the Colonel of the Regiment.

(4) **Officer recruitment:** The Colonel of the Regiment reported that this continues to be very satisfactory with applications for both regular and SS commissions exceeding the available vacancies. However it was hoped that the number of vacancies available to the Regiment might shortly be increased.

(5) **Volunteers:** The Colonel of the Regiment also informed the Council that over the next decade the strength of the Territorial army was to be increased

and that this would result in the raising of a fourth battalion of Yorkshire Volunteers.

(6) **Regimental Museum:** The Trustees of the Museum are now the Colonel of the Regiment; Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth; Major A. C. S. Savory; Major K. M. MacDonald and Major G. C. Tedd. Capt T. Pickersgill is Secretary. Brigadier Shuttleworth reported that as a result of the Regiment's decision to spend money on refurbishing the Regimental Museum, Calderdale District Council had authorised the employment of an additional Museum assistant. He would initially be employed in cataloguing the Regiment's exhibits with a view to all details being transferred to a computer file. Brigadier Shuttleworth also stated that because of likely financial assistance from public funds and other donations the balance could be found from regimental resources without the need for an appeal for funds. It was hoped that work on the Museum would now commence in mid 1984.

(7) **Officers' Dinner Club:** Representations had been made to the Colonel of the Regiment both for holding the Dinner in York at more frequent intervals and for the London function to be changed to a luncheon thereby avoiding the increasing costs of staying overnight in London. It had also been suggested, that in the event of a luncheon being held, wives and widows should be invited. Following a full discussion the Colonel of the Regiment decided that a Dinner would be held in London in 1984 (15th June 1984), a lunch (on a trial basis) would be held in 1985 to coincide with the return of the 1st Battalion to UK (Tidworth) and a Dinner in York in 1986.

(8) **The 'Iron Duke':** A report by the Business Manager (Capt T. Pickersgill) was considered. The heavy cost of the new cover, introduced in 1982, was noted. It was decided that quotations should be obtained for a revised cover on the lines of that used when the magazine was first produced in 1925, which remained in use until 1966.

(9) **History of the Regiment:** A discussion took place regarding the desirability of producing a new history of the Regiment because the volumes covering the period from 1702 to 1919 were now out of print. It was decided that the cost of such a project could not be considered at the present time. The need however to up-date the history of the Regiment since 1945 was noted for further consideration.

General Charles Marquis Cornwallis

Colonel of the 33rd Regiment, 1766-1805

"You will have heard that soon after I left England I was elected a Knight of the Garter, and very likely laughed at me for wishing to wear a blue ribbon over my fat belly... But I can assure you upon my honour that I neither asked for it nor wished for it. The reasonable object of ambition to a man is to have his name transmitted to posterity for eminent services rendered to his country and to mankind".
Cornwallis in a letter to his son, 28 Dec 1786.

Because the Duke of Wellington looms so large in the history and traditions of the Regiment, the 16 other officers who held the appointment of Colonel of the 33rd Regiment between 1702, when the Regiment was raised, and 1881, when it became the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, seem to pale into insignificance. Yet among them were some very distinguished officers, including three who rose to the rank of Field Marshal (1).

However, none had a more distinguished career than Charles Marquis Cornwallis and none, not even the Duke himself, had a more profound effect on the 33rd.

Cornwallis's career

Cornwallis is probably best remembered as the General in charge of the British forces which had to surrender to Washington at Yorktown in 1781. The disaster was due to the ineptitude of the Commander in Chief (General Sir Henry Clinton) and Cornwallis was in no way held to blame for the surrender. In fact, even while he was still a prisoner 'on parole', he was asked to go to India as Governor and Commander in Chief. He was pressed again in 1785, and finally agreed to go in 1786. He remained in India for seven years, returning to England in 1792. Britain was then engaged in the War of the French Revolution and in 1794 Cornwallis was sent to Vienna on a special mission to co-ordinate the activities of the Prussian, Austrian and British forces. The suggestion was made there that he should be appointed a local Field Marshall and put in command of all the Allied forces. The suggestion came to nothing, but he was, on his return to England, appointed Master General of the Ordnance with a seat in the Cabinet.

In 1798 he was sent to Ireland as Governor and Commander in Chief, remaining there until 1801. In that year he was appointed the British plenipotentiary to negotiate peace with Napoleon, which led to the Treaty of Amiens of 1802. On his return he retired to Suffolk. However, three years later he was again asked to go to India as Governor and Commander in Chief. He arrived in India in July 1805 and died at Ghazipore three months later, at the age of 67.

Such are the bare bones of Cornwallis's career, reflecting the high esteem in which he was held by the King and a succession of Prime Ministers.

Colonel of the 33rd: 'The best trained Regiment in the British army'

Lord Charles Brome, (which was the title he held as the eldest son of Earl Cornwallis of Brome Hall, Suffolk), was born in 1738 and commenced his military career at the age of 18 with the Grenadier Guards. By 1761 he was commanding the 12th Foot (Suffolk Regiment) and saw active service with them in Germany.

In 1766 he was appointed Colonel of the 33rd Regiment in succession to Field Marshal John Griffin-Griffin, 4th Lord Howard de Walden. He was only 28, but it does not seem to have taken him long to put his stamp on the Regiment.

Sometime in the early 1770s, when the Regiment was stationed in Dublin, Sergeant Lamb of the 9th Foot (Royal Norfolks) was attached to the 33rd while attending a course. The 33rd created a vivid impression on him:

"I am bound to record here that I felt a certain shamefacedness, on visiting the barracks of The Thirty-third Regiment, who were commanded by the young Earl of Cornwallis, to compare their high state of appointment and the steadiness of their discipline with the slovenly and relaxed bearing of most of our own companies. One can always correctly judge a regiment's by the behaviour of its sentries... I have

seen men go on duty in the Ninth dead drunk and scarcely able to stand. But with the Thirty-third the sentry was always alert and alive in attention: when on duty he was all eye, all ear... During the two hours that he remained at his post the sentry continued in constant motion and could not walk less than seven miles in that time. The Thirty-third thus set a standard of soldier-like duty which made me secretly dissatisfied with the Ninth and which I have never seen equalled since but by a single other regiment which was brigaded with the Thirty-third under the same Lord Cornwallis, in the later campaigns of the American War. I resolved at least to bring the men who were under my immediate command into a state of discipline for which I should have no cause to blush". (2)

By the 1780s the reputation of Lord Cornwallis and the 33rd had spread higher up the social scale so that General Lord Pembroke, in replying to a letter from his son, could say... "What ye say of Lord G. Lennox's Regiment (3) the 25th, surprises me, for it has hitherto been the best we have since Lord Cornwallis's went to America".

However, the most conclusive evidence of the excellence of the 33rd during the period of Cornwallis's colonelcy comes from the remarks made by the general officers deputed to carry out the annual reviews, the principal purpose of which was to report on a regiment's fitness for service. In 1769 the 33rd was reported to be in excellent state of training; in 1772 it was reported "one of the finest Regiment's in His Majesty's Service"; in 1774 Major General William Howe found the 33rd's drill and discipline "Established upon the truest principles, far Superior to any other Corps within my Observation"; and in 1775 the Irish C-in-C reported it "in Perfect Good Order".

In 1776 the 33rd sailed for America. On arrival the C-in-C, Sir William Howe (who had reviewed the Regiment in 1774), immediately brigaded it with the Guards. The 33rd performed admirably during the American War, and by 1787, back in Britain rebuilding, the Regiment was again favourably reported on. In 1788 the reviewing officer who saw it at Windsor reported that "the Regiment Appears Founded upon the same system as in the Last War... likely to retain its usual Discipline". In 1789 the reviewing officer concluded that "to report them fit for Service without adding that they are adequate to any military Service whatsoever, would be too indifferent a representation of their gallant and warlike Deportment". The author of a recent book from which the foregoing quotations are taken (Fit for Service: The Training of the British Army 1715-1795, by J. A. Houlding) states that, "the 33rd was unquestionably the best trained regiment in the British Army during the last three decades of our period". Those three decades cover the years 1765 to 1795, which fit almost precisely the period during which Cornwallis was Colonel. Such was the example set by the Regiment that it was known as 'The Pattern'. (4)

Cornwallis has one further claim to be particularly remembered by the Regiment, for it was as a result of his strong representations that it became, in 1782, formally linked with The West Riding.

The Duke (then Arthur Wellesley) paid his own

tribute to Cornwallis when he wrote to his successor on giving up command of the 33rd:

"Nearly twelve years have elapsed since His Majesty was pleased to appoint me to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 33rd Regiment and in the whole course of that period, during which I have been either in the exercise of the command of the Regiment or in constant communication with the actual commanding officer, I have every reason to be satisfied with their conduct. It has been my uniform object to maintain the system of discipline, subordination, and interior economy which I have found established in the Regiment by the Marquess Cornwallis, our Colonel..."

In 1805 Cornwallis, who had been created a Marquis in 1792, died at Ghazipore in India. Among the statues raised in his memory is one in St Paul's Cathedral. The officers for their part purchased a large silver vase (one of the finest pieces of silver in the Officers' Mess) on which is inscribed:

Notes

(1) *The three who rose to be Field Marshals were FM George Wade, FM John Griffin-Griffin and FM Sir Charles Yorke.*

(2) *'Proceed Sergeant Lamb' by Charles Graves.*

(3) *Lord George Lennox had previously commanded the 33rd, from 1758-62, having assumed the appointment at*

*To commemorate
The esteem and high respect
with which
The exalted virtues, true patriotism
and renowned military talents
of the Most Honourable Charles Marquis Cornwallis
Have been laid by the present age
And by the 33rd Regiment in particular
Of which Corps he was 39 years Colonel
etc, etc, (5).*


Cornwallis was an able general, a clear sighted statesman and an upright English gentleman. He was also a splendid Colonel of the 33rd Regiment for a longer period than any other holder of the appointment, during the whole of which the Regiment was held in uniquely high regard.

A.C.S.S.

age 20. He was Colonel of the 25th Foot (KOSB) for 43 years.

(4) *'Stations Gentleman' by James Gatliff. The late Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter wrote a most amusing article about Gatliff, an inveterate dueller. See 'Iron Duke' No: 97.*


(5) *The Cornwallis Cup was described in detail in 'Iron Duke' No: 124.*



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COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

We are now 3 months into the battalion's tour of Gibraltar. To say that it is very much as most of us expected it to be is an over simplification, but it is true that all the preparations prior to our coming have been on the right lines. This is very much due to the advice given by Dukes who have served here previously, particularly Brigadier Tony Firth and Colonel Mike Campbell-Lamerton. I am grateful to them.

The restrictions of the Rock generate the need to be busy, and indeed the battalion's policy is to enter into every possible activity. I do not think however anybody could have quite anticipated the pace of life we have led since we have been here, but certainly activity breeds contentment.

The battalion is centred on Lathbury Barracks at the south end of the Rock; it is a modern barracks and quite comfortable. Alma and Burma Companies are based half a mile away in South Barracks, 500 feet lower in old but comfortable surroundings.

Our routine is made up of an 8 week cycle of 4 phases: Ceremonial/Standby, Military Training, Administration and Adventure Training. This sounds neat, clinical and orderly. When you add the Queen's Birthday Parade, training in Portugal, expeditions to Morocco, study days, CPXs etc, life is anything but humdrum or orderly!

The whole purpose of the battalion being in Gibraltar is of course to assure the security of the

Rock, and therefore our life is angled towards the operational side. But the reputation of the battalion in the eyes of the public (which is probably more important here than anywhere else in the world) certainly does not hang on what we do behind closed doors. What matters there above all is our band, drums, drill and turnout; these are what make us sink or swim. With the Queen's Birthday Parade now behind us we are definitely swimming. There is no doubt that we possess an exceptionally high grade band and drums who have improved enormously over the past 10 months and particularly since arriving in Gibraltar. Great credit must go to the Bandmaster WOI Taylor and Drum Major Wilkinson.

On the sporting scene we have arrived betwixt seasons so we have to wait for success but an excellent all round start has been made.

Actually in many ways our reputation has come before us. The Duke's are well known from the 1953/55 era. The Yacht Club in particular remember those days and I am delighted that the ties are as firm now as they were then. Of the 270 people at our Waterloo Ball, 60 were Gibraltarians from the Yacht Club. One of the great perks of regimental life here is the relative luxury of "being around" to commemorate regimental days, and to do things "properly". We really do have a marvellous opportunity to work and play hard.



His Excellency the Governor and Commander in Chief Admiral Sir David Williams GCB, flanked by Brigadier Pegg, Deputy Fortress Commander and the Commanding Officer, watch the changing of the Convent Guard.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Gibraltarians still talk in awe of the 53/55 Duke's vintage years but there are whispers that it is happening all over again. Perhaps it was the gauntlet thrown down by Messrs Campbell-Lamerton, Firth, Roberts, Emmett, Davidson etc, or perhaps it was after the doldrums of Catterick and Northern Ireland, but the Duke's Officers Mess has literally burst on the Gibraltar scene. We have breathed life back into the Yacht Club based around the Victory yacht "Waterwitch" which we brought out from UK. We have opened up annexes in the Jim's Den and Cornwall's nightspots, and have entertained, or been entertained by over 40 HM Ships.

But the Mess has remained the centre of our operation. The building itself is not ideal with fairly small public rooms. Nor do we have a real view of Algeciras Bay. However we have commissioned PSA to look into knocking down a few walls here and there! What the Mess does have, but which has never been properly developed, is a large patio and a cave system in the rock face behind the Mess. A revamped and upgunned Mess Committee got to work immediately on arrival, and by our opening Cocktail Party on 23 April, St Georges Day, we had

redecorated some of the interior, had built a bar, painted the woodwork on the patio, had redug and replanted the 'garden' and, perhaps most significantly, had cleared the caves of several years of rubbish and installed a modern lighting system.

Our opening for 300 was a great success. We followed the official party with one of Don Palmer's excellent 'impromptu' evenings for 75 as our initial foray into the caves. The potential of the caves now seems limitless following a very successful Ladies Guest Night in them during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Wellington. We moved tables, chairs, silver, colours, hotplates and the bar there, and the setting and atmosphere made the whole evening a very special occasion with the Band giving a concert after dinner.

The next major function is the Waterloo Ball on 18th June. 250 will gather for a gastronomic and musical extravaganza. There has been a terrific support from the Navy and RAF and the Yacht Club. It is now up to us to make it a real success.

So, rest easy 'old and bold', we are keeping the flag flying.



Brigadier Pegg with recipients of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (from left to right) Sgt Brooks, Sgt Cockshut, Sgt Fielding, WO2 Exley and Sgt Tooley

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since the last notes were written we have moved from the snows of Catterick to the sunny clime of Gibraltar. It's early June and the temperature is already 100°F. The pace of life still seems to be hectic,

with ceremonial duties vieing with operational needs. Already we have a Ceremony of the Keys and a Queen's Birthday Parade behind us, with praises for the latter still being sung.

Our three principal visitors since our arrival in Gibraltar have been the Colonel in Chief, His Excellency The Governor and the Deputy Fortress Commander. In fact our social life has been hectic round of invitations and counter invitations, commencing with the infamous Gibraltar 'Happy Hours' at the SNCOs messes of the RNH, RAF and Garrison. We were also well entertained by HMS 'Rooke', the shore based naval establishment, at a Bar B Que and dance which included a roll call for a traditional tot of rum. For our part we entertained the Petty Officers' messes of HMS 'Invincible' and HMS 'Bristol' after the Boxing, which the Duke's won in convincing style. HMS 'Rooke' turned up with 60 mess members and their ladies to a Bar B Que with punch laid on, plus a disco to provide exercise for the

more energetic mess members during which the Army showed the Navy how to dance the 'Boat Song'. All in all a very good evening.

One of the highlights of the period was an excellent curry lunch and Band concert. The Bandmaster and the Band are to be congratulated on an inspired performance, although they did have some assistance from the audience and in particular, Liz Basu, WO2 Paul Grey and Sgt Abs Able. Once again we say thanks to the Band and the Cooks, for a good day.

The following are congratulated on their promotions: to WO2, Terry Butterworth, Denis Exley, Colin Fleming and Judd Sellars; to C/Sgt, Derick Dent, Len Hepworth and Bill Staniland; to Sgt, Jack Cone, Stewart Priestley and Pete Williams.

ALMA COMPANY

OC	Major C. J. W. Gilbert
2IC	Capt B. Coll
CSM	WO2 P. Coates
CQMS	C/Sgt M. G. Holmes

1 Platoon
2/Lieut A. McNielis
Sgt G. O. W. Williams

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

3 Platoon
Lieut M. G. Tuley
Sgt R. M. Pierce

Tomorrow is the HM The Queen's Birthday Parade at Navy No 1 Ground. The programme for the morning is:

0600 Reveille
0630 Breakfast
0720 Drill warm up
0800 Change uniform
0935 March on
1000 HE arrives
1115 March off

Does this bring back memories I wonder? Needless to say ceremonial has played a prominent part in our first 3 months in Gibraltar. Other training has had to be fitted in quite apart from preparation for our operational role which has been accorded the highest priority. After a smooth departure (in a snowstorm) from Teeside airport, we arrived on 21 March and immediately started settling in and learning about Gibraltar. Our first priority was the operational task, which will culminate with a Battalion Study Day. We now have a recall plan, as well as copious Standing Orders to ensure that the 1 hour's stand-by notice can be met when it is required. One company at a time is on stand-by for a period of about two weeks and this can concentrate the mind, as people come and go as is the custom in the Army.

Since the initial shock of the operational task we have in turn completed the cycle of ceremonial duties, adventure training, military training and guards duties. For ceremonial duties you need your smartest and best drilled soldiers, with a platoon rotating 4 days at a time through an immediate stand-by task on the border. Guards and duties equates to Duty Company whilst adventure training is just that. The whole Company takes to the hills, water or caves, each morning for a fortnight. Military training

remains as the sole uncommitted training opportunity for the Company. On top of all this is the sporting commitment; there are Company and Platoon teams for everything. We are very, very busy and find life often exhilarating and dull seldom. Thank goodness for weekends and the chance to recharge the batteries!

Alma Company is located with Burma Company in South Barracks. They are very well built, solid and offer the considerable advantage of space, apart from being located nearer town. We look out over Rosia Bay and the harbour, and are very comfortable.

The highlight for the Company so far has been the first of the Battalion's Ceremony of the Keys at Casemates Square. We performed the ceremony on a perfect sunny evening much to the delight of a large crowd. Many congratulations to the Captain of the Guard, Capt P. Harvey, and to Sgt Connolly. The CSM as ever was hovering in the background and knows it went well.

Another high point was the first of the adventure training expeditions to Morocco. 2/Lieut Preston took 13 soldiers on a two week 1500 kilometre round trip covering Tangier, Fez, the Sahara and the Atlas Mountains.

The future looks as if it will be as busy as ever. After tomorrow we go back to ceremonial duties and then our second bout of adventure training when the Company Regatta will be held at the Governor's beach. Then it's Portugal for a 3 week training exercise. Before that we have an expedition to Badajoz and Albuhera to visit the battlefields and hike in the nearby Sierra.

How do we keep a check on who is doing what while all the time the routine of battalion life goes on? In the CSM's office covering a whole wall is a chart

bearing the names of all the soldiers in the Company and listing diagrammatically all the major activities they are engaged in such as leave, courses, Bisley, etc during the year. And it works too!

Finally we must congratulate Mrs Collins, wife of L/Cpl Collins who managed to produce a third son on the day he returned from the Section Commander's course at Brecon. Nice timing!

BURMA COMPANY

OC	Major J. R. A. Ward
2IC	Capt M. J. Stone
CSM	WO2 B. W. Sykes MBE
CQMS	C/Sgt L. Hepworth

4 Platoon
2/Lieut M. A. Twelftree
Sgt M. Smith

5 Platoon
2/Lieut A. Brear
Sgt T. Woodward

6 Platoon
2/Lieut R. N. Chadwick
Sgt S. Priestley

The highlight of the period was when, on his recent visit to the Battalion, the Duke of Wellington presented the Company with the Champion Company Shield. It now hangs proudly outside the Company Office.

To add to this honour, not only were the Company selected to provide the Honour Guard for the visit of his Excellency the Governor to the Battalion, but they were also chosen to escort the Colours on the Queens Birthday Parade.

Standing beneath the Champion Company Shield is the Gibraltar Minor Units Football Cup, which was won after a hard fought match against the RAF. Despite being 2-0 down at half-time, the RAF fought back and closed the gap to 2-1. It was a relieved Company that cheered the final whistle. There followed a rumbustious victory celebration and disco.

Earlier, in the middle of May, a full Company Dinner Night was held in the hall opposite the barracks. Against a backdrop of the Colours and tables laid with silver borrowed from the Officers and

Sergeants Messes, a five course meal was served, the Regimental Band played and the wine flowed - or at least until the President/Vice President proposed the Loyal toast before the port had been served. Everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously, particularly the wives.

Also during the period, the Company undertook its first adventure training expedition - Exercise Spring Run II. Capt Stone took a party of 14 for a two week canoeing expedition into the interior and then along the Atlantic coast of Morocco. Several members mastered the 'roll' and also enough of the techniques to pronounce surf canoeing - 'the in-sport!' The expedition also visited areas of cultural and archeological interest such as the incredible Roman City of Volubilis, as well as - well what can be more adventurous - trying the local cuisine. The sight of a Yorkshireman trying his first green fig is something to behold!

These then have been the highlights of the period. In the next edition - Exercise Open Door in Portugal.

CORUNNA COMPANY

OC	Major A. D. Roberts MBE
2IC	Capt P. Wilkinson
CSM	WO2 Hogg
CQMS	C/Sgt Lister BEM

7 Platoon
2/Lieut C. S. T. Lehmann
Sgt L. Welburn

8 Platoon
2/Lieut C. R. T. Smith
Sgt M. A. O'Gare

9 Platoon
Lieut C. J. Howard
Sgt D. Porter

On March 19 the single soldiers of Corunna Company were embarked on RFA Sir Bedevere ready to sail for the sunnier climes of the Mediterranean. On boarding the ship, which had recently returned from service in the South Atlantic, there were several worried expressions on discovering the narrow eyed appearance of the crew. Only the more conventional look of the ships officers reassured some that they had not been shanghaied to China!

It would have been a very pleasant voyage had it not been for the fact that, despite all the assurances of those with sea legs continually likening the Bay of

Biscay to a mill pond, those without built in gyroscopes found the rolling of the flat bottomed ship a queasy experience. At 18 knots the trip took 3 full days and four nights. Most of the passengers were coping with morning sickness by day 2 while others began to condition their bodies to the Mediterranean sun. Early on the morning of Tuesday 22nd March we sailed through the mist and expectantly lined the decks - we were ready for Gibraltar, but was Gibraltar ready for us?

The first major task on arrival was for 2/Lieut Smith and a composite platoon to take over the responsibility of 4 Corners Guard at the Spanish

frontier. The stark reality of an operational tour became apparent as we walked off Sir Bedevere onto immediate duty as Frontier Company.

As we were settling into Gibraltar routine and while some were pining for their girlfriends at home, spirits were lifted in more ways than one by the NATO Exercise, Spring Train. During early April there were upwards of 17 ships in port including HMS 'Invincible' who had challenged the Battalion to a boxing contest. A memorable evening saw the Navy beaten 10 bouts to 1 and Cpl Chapman's boxing squad did the Regiment proud. 2/Lieut Smith won the heavyweight division and Pte 'Winker' Watson put up a brave fight at middleweight. Spring Train and similar naval exercises also provided opportunity for visits and tours on board the ships. Pte Newbould for example enjoyed his month on HMS 'Newcastle'.

The Rock itself soon became familiar to Corunna. Apart from the hostels of Main St and Irish Town the Company got to know something of Gibraltar's rich history and its network of tunnels, caves and gun emplacements.

Mid April saw Corunna Company's first period of military training, a two week period of section and platoon minor tactics culminating with a platoon 24 hour exercise. Valuable use was made of some of the 30 odd miles of tunnel systems within the Rock - notably by a certain L/Cpl Roche commanding a section of 9 Platoon who found that conventional section attacks need care in pitch black darkness!

The sports, adventure training and leisure activities on Gibraltar are excellent and we are endeavouring to make the most of them. Company cricket is strong with a 100% record so far and fine contributions from Maj Roberts, L/Cpl Padley, Pte Thomas and Pte Greaves. The athletics squad are working hard in preparation for forthcoming competitions and Sgts Welburn and Porter add the art of angling to Corunna's many talents.

At present the Company is preparing hard for the Queen's Birthday Parade and looking forward to its first period of adventure training which includes canoeing, sailing, sub-aqua, wind surfing, caving and climbing. Also in the near future Lieut Clive Howard takes an expedition to Morocco to explore the Sahara and High Atlas Mountains.

There have been several changes within the company. We have said farewell to WO2 Geoffrey Harding who has gone to 1 Yorks at Halifax and welcome WO2 John Hogg. C/Sgt Cooper has become Drill Sgt and C/Sgt Lister has returned from Zimbabwe to be our CQMS. Sgt Elwell has moved to Recce Platoon and Sgt Porter has returned from recruiting at Halifax.

These first three months on the Rock have been a mixture of acclimatisation, familiarisation and plain hard work and with access to Spain and North Africa this small, craggy peninsula with its excellent facilities has much to offer. All we have to do now is grasp the opportunity with both hands.

SOMME COMPANY

OC	Major M. S. Sherlock
CSM	WO2 B. Noble
CQMS	C/Sgt M. Cuss

Mortars
Lieut N. Borwell
C/Sgt E. Atkinson

Anti Tank
Lieut D. Bruce
C/Sgt D. Dent

Recce
Capt S. H. Dixon
Sgt P. Elwell

Our first notes from Gibraltar! The move passed uneventfully though the extremes of weather were very apparent. Snow in Catterick and warm sunshine at 5 o'clock in Gibraltar! It has taken us some time to accept that we live on a 'rock' three miles long; around which a trip takes some 10 minutes, unless there is a traffic jam in town.

We have just finished our first training cycle (It

consists of 2 weeks military training, 2 weeks ceremonial and border guard, 2 weeks adventure training and 2 weeks guards and fatigues, but not necessarily in that order!) The adventure training was the most popular, although I know that the ceremonial guard enjoy the Monday mornings outside the Convent in front of all the crowds! Now for the Platoon notes...

MORTAR PLATOON

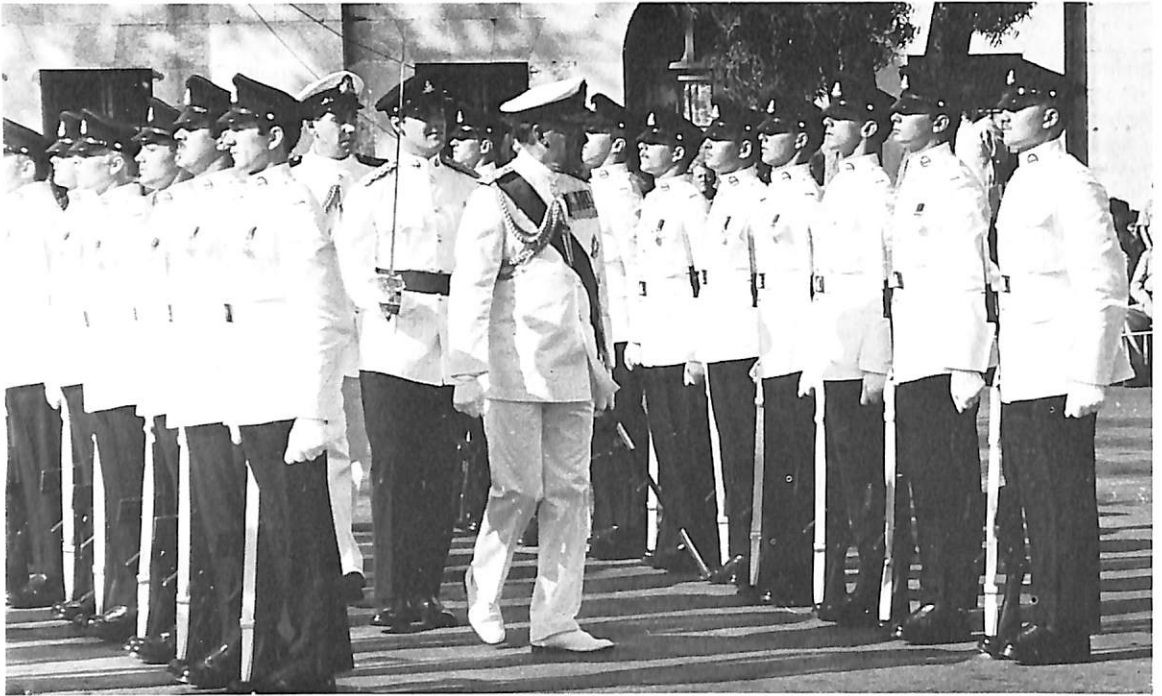
Since our last notes the Platoon is now well and truly "bedded in" on the "Rock". Life here is as varied as any other posting we've had in recent years and in the short time we have been here the pace has been fairly hectic.

The ceremonial duties at the Convent and Frontier Post bring us very much into the public eye. To date the Platoon has carried out these duties very well indeed. There was more than one camera shy young mortar man who has now set his heart on an OSCAR! Probably the most popular activity in the programme is the adventure training period. Each morning the

Platoon disperses to take part in various activities, some of which include: Sailing, Canoeing, Diving, Windsurfing and Rock Climbing. These activities are also vigorously pursued on days off duty and at weekends. We can of course take a trip into Spain, now that the Border is open, or visit Morocco or Tangiers.

On a more serious note, we would like to wish a speedy recovery to Cpl Brian Dwight who was injured in a road accident before we left UK. We are sorry that Cpl Dwight and his wife Elaine couldn't be with us in Gibraltar.

Ceremonial Duties



HE The Governor inspecting the Guard Platoon during the Ceremony of the Keys



Burma Company provide an Honour Guard to greet HE The Governor, on a recent visit to the Battalion.



Alma Company changing Guard at the Convent

ANTI TANK PLATOON

Four Milan, four Combat and two Wombat, must be the most assorted Anti Tank Platoon in the British Army! The reactions of the Platoon were needless to say mixed when the array of weapons was revealed. Our worst fears were proved correct and the evidence for the rumours, that had filtered back to the UK, was in front of us.

Moving is never an easy business and time is required to learn and train for a new role and settle into a new environment. Gibraltar, however, is a very dramatic change from the UK and we soon found out how different.

Like the companies the Platoon works through a training rosta spending periods on ceremonial duties, adventure and military training. The ceremonial duties see the Platoon split into a 4 Corners Guard and a Convent Guard; the Convent Guard being headed by Sgt Abel who has become one of the Battalion 'Drill Pigs'.

The duties period is spent on camp guards and fatigues, although time is also available to do a certain amount of military training, to play sport and to do

fitness training. The fitness side is one of the least popular with the Platoon; some of the hills seem to be taking their toll on the larger members!

Adventure training has to be the most popular pastime and has produced many amusing situations. Windsurfing has proved very popular for those members of the platoon who can stand on the board.

Cpl Hird proved to be something of a star with his do or die attitude and Sgt Able produced some amazing turns of speed, only to find he hadn't mastered the steering and ended up in the dry dock.

Some of the platoon "Headbangers" went climbing and caving while the more refined members joined the sailing set and sipped Pimms. C/Sgt Dent and Cpl Bryant are but two who returned every evening sporting marvellous tans and claiming they had a hard day.

Military training has been very full as we attempt to learn the drills on our newly acquired guns. Such is the keenness and desire to learn that Pte Gale chopped the end of his finger off in the breach. On looking around for assistance, through watery eyes all

he saw were his 'friends' lying on their backs howling with laughter. Such is the comradeship within the Anti-Tank Platoon! We are glad to say that his finger is now fully mended.

Having now moved through a complete cycle of training we can say that the Platoon has truly settled into Gibraltar.

RECCE PLATOON

Finally we have arrived in Gibraltar and unpacked our boxes. The Platoon settled in quickly; we had to because we started a four weeks cadre almost immediately. The cadre covered such things as Pistol, CQBR, Sniper Rifle, Abseiling, and a good deal of endurance training (God Bless The Hole in the Wall).

During the cadre there were some memorable incidents involving Capt Dixon's shooting (always improving), Pte Chalmers who must have a fancy piece in the hospital judging by the number of times

he has visited it (on a stretcher) and Pte Machen who defying all rules introduced a new form of abseil. The Platoon did enjoy the cadre and a number of lessons were learnt (honestly).

Since the cadre the Platoon has taken its fair share of duties including Frontier Guard, The Convent and Farrington's OP.

Finally we wish Cpl Bentley and L/Cpl Barker luck on their forthcoming courses and congratulate L/Cpl Dean on promotion to Cpl.

HOOK COMPANY

OC
CSM

Major A. D. M. Palmer
WO2 C. Fleming

Hey it's not bad here in Gibraltar. No echelon, more men and the Adjutant has left his dog behind. The operational role is a doddle. Find a companies worth of soldiers when you're called out and give them to Somme Company to play with. Then the Band, Drums and Cooks defend us all in Battalion Headquarters. Already stealthy invaders sent by Fortress Headquarters to test us have been suitably cut to pieces with maces, drum sticks, frying pans and potato peelers. They have still to experience our fearful barrage of flying dixies.

All this and the sun shines too. It's strange how the British get all excited about summer holidays on the Med. When they actually get here it's too hot or humid, the local food's lousy (we want fish and chips), the water's a funny colour, the loos don't work, the sea's too salty and last night's hangover and/or dose of Ghandi's Revenge have nothing to do with too much booze. Oh no! It's all to do with a change of water and the wind from Spain.

All the other companies spend a good deal of time marching around Gibraltar mounting guards here and there, collecting and handing back the Governor's keys to HE's Rock defences and generally acting the old colonial part. Here in Hook we starch their whites. The MT break the monotony with their dodgem cars. They had a smashing first few weeks trying to avoid the roads.

We now have to provide motorcycle despatch riders and dog handlers. We have a contract with Billy Smart all lined up in Tidworth. Our staff at the Joint Services Sub Aqua Diving Centre spend so much time in the water that their skin has gone all wrinkled. They look like ETs with webbed feet. The only untanned bodies are those belonging to a small group of subterranean wierdies who are our caving instructors and tunnel guides. Like myopic termites when let loose in the sunshine, this strange group are very important people. They guarantee that we don't all end up wandering around lost and underground... forever.

Meanwhile back on the surface of the Rock we are

living up that old cry of "join the army and see the world, join the Dukes and clean it". The Assault Pioneers are busy guiding the companies through a demolition and clearance operation which would make Wimpey wince. When they have finished the locals should be able to see parts of the Rock that haven't been seen since Nelson came for tea.

Talking of the Navy... what a crew (pun!) they are. Since this place is surrounded by water it is inevitable that we are surrounded by tars, depending on the number of boats, (sorry, ships) that are in. The mutual entertainment bit has been followed up at all levels. They even take our lads for Mediterranean cruises. The senior service refers to these "Dukes at sea" as Temporary Sailors... very nautical. The matelots are great fun and we have forged many new friendships with the floating fraternity.

Then there's the RAF. Since they spend most of their time flying at forty thou, pulling 2 G with nothing on the clock but the maker's name we haven't had much opportunity to work and socialise with them. The RAF Regiment (Land Crabs) do use our ranges, however, so no doubt we will get to know each other better. We certainly hope so as they have a monopoly over the best beach on the rock (Bigglesand).

As you can tell, Hook's task is herculean now that our established musicians, cooks, bosses, mechanics, drivers, signallers, police, administrators, money men, welfare workers, medics and muscle benders have been boosted with kennel keepers, climbers, divers, canoeists and sailors, and still no Company 2IC!

Hook is Big
Hook is Large
Who's the poor b.....
They put in charge
So much rank
and a shortage of file
no wonder the poor sod
can never raise a smile.

SIGNAL PLATOON

RSO
WORS
Sig Stores
CV Sgt
R Sgt

Capt S. J. N. Morgan
WO2 P. V. Grey
S/Sgt D. B. Fielding
Sgt A. L. Jackson
Sgt M. Turner

As you can see from the above the Signals Platoon now has an embarrassment of ranks. Rumours that this makes the RSO redundant are unfounded; but he is working on it. The platoon arrived in Gibraltar at the same time as its Clansman radio. This makes it the third posting in a row where we have had to be "Clansmanised" in station. Since the Falklands War, a lot of attention has been paid to Gibraltar with the result that plans for its defence have had to be redrafted. All this, along with the arrival of new equipment, has meant that the platoon is very busy refashioning a signals plan that can cope with all eventualities. On the leisure side several interesting and enjoyable activities have been undertaken. Highlights have been the "Come as you like" Disco and the wives trip to Tangiers. During the latter Sgt "Mally" Turner's attempts to sell his wife off for 3 camels and a gold Rolex failed miserably!

On the family front the stork has been getting worn out flapping in with babies for Pte's Savory, Baxter and L/Cpl Kemp. Wedding bells have also sounded for L/Cpl Harley who along with Pte's Baxter and Denton are at present in Warminster on their Standard 1 course. Also at Warminster is L/Cpl Barker on the Regimental Signals Instructor course. New comers to the Platoon or to its area of influence are 577 Rear Link Detachment. Presided over by Sgt Ron Galpin this unit had a grand total strength of one, namely himself, until last week. Now we welcome Cpl Whitaker and Sig Reid to the Rock and awaiting the arrival of Sig John Cox later in the month.

Gibraltar is a unique place for signallers because of long range HF work and inter-service cooperation; Gibraltar being an important communications centre for the Navy and RAF.

HMS "Glasgow" visit by Pte's Sewell and Smith

After a spell as Gibraltar Guard Ship HMS "Glasgow" kindly offered the Signal Platoon the chance for two signallers to accompany them on one of their exercises. We were lucky enough to get picked. We started off on our 3 week cruise around the Mediterranean on the 13 May 83. During the first two weeks we were involved in Exercise "Distant Drum", which included other NATO ships.

While we were doing manoeuvres and naval gunfire support, we found out that some Russian ships, including a Russian carrier were anchored fairly near to us, so we sailed near to them so we could see what the other side looks like. After this we sailed towards Sicily. As we passed Sicily we saw an active volcano called Stromboli, so it was a case of out with the cameras! As we came to the end of the exercise all the ships involved in it did a sail past the USS "Dwight Eisenhower", which along with the US "Nimitz" is the largest carrier in the American Navy. Then it was full steam for Greece for a few days shore leave. The Capt told the ships company, as we were docking, that the Greeks regarded one as effeminate if you have one drink too many. On our first night ashore, thanks to the Royal Navy, we got rather effeminate. On the following days we visited Athens, the Acropolis and count-less top-less beaches.

After leaving Greece we sailed through the Corinth canal and back towards Gibraltar. The day before we got back we received quite a shock as on the flight deck there was a garden party (it's the first time I have ever seen ice cream cones for sale on a war ship). As we came in sight of Gibraltar we did a ship transfer on to the fleet tender and sailed back into Gibraltar. All we have to do now is to get our land legs back.

QUARTERMASTERS/TECHNICAL QUARTERMASTERS DEPARTMENT

QM
RQMS
Accn SNCO
Clothing SNCO
Designate
DOE

QM's
Major R. A. Tighe MBE
WO2 F. Lowney
C/Sgt G. Hunter
Sgt R. L. J. Tyler
Sgt P. V. Williams
Sgt I. Verrall

TQM
TQMS
Tech WO

TQM's
Capt M. Carter
WO2 P. I. Rawcliffe
WO2 G. Sellars

Well, here we are in the sun - Gibraltar at last. It makes a change to wear shorts and flip-flops rather than wellies and raincoats! The handover of Somme Barracks was very good for both departments, but what else is expected of the QM's Platoon?

Here in Gibraltar we have settled down and are now into the swing of an overseas tour. The QM has already been on a recce to Portugal (for Ex "Open Door") only to come back and find the majority of his cooks bedded down with 'Gib Dog', a particularly

nasty type of sickness. Meanwhile the TQM (if not playing volleyball) has been kept busy demanding gas bottles to keep the targets coming up on the range. Actually we all play volleyball. Well nearly all. We send Cpl Williams to collect bullets so we have a chance to win.

RQMS Frank Lowney is now full of the joys of spring having had his wife Pat join him out here. TQMS Pete Rawcliffe is now settled in his new appointment but he says things are a bit different

demanding items through the Naval Dockyard. Also well settled in is C/Sgt Geoff Hunter (or is it 'Jiff' as our Moroccan cleaner Sophie calls him). Geoff's new appointment is Accommodation SNCO (in fact Geoff is so settled in he is thinking of wearing his kaftan and fez at work).

One of the hardest working bunch of people in the department are CPl Wally Preston's men, the Regimental Pioneers. One cannot mistake them as you will notice they always have a Regimental sign and a screwdriver on them. They are also kept busy building bars for the Officer's Mess and Notice Boards for the Companies. In fact they have a go at anything within reason.

Also working hard are Sgt Bob Tyler and L/Cpl Raymond Butterworth in the Clothing Store both hard at it keeping the Battalion in No 6 Dress and Whites. They also look after all the other army units on the Rock.

MT PLATOON

After a calm three days at sea on the LSL Sir Bedevere (again), the single drivers arrived to a somewhat wet Gibraltar. By courtesy of the RAF, the married men joined us the following day. We immediately got stuck into a very hectic programme both to get the Duke's in and the Staffords out and to let the Gibraltarians know that the MT 1 DWR had arrived!! By the end of March, we had become known by the name "The Dukes of Hazard", which culminated with Pte (ET) Ingham frightening the MTO (Capt P. Robinson) so much that he decided it was safer to buy his own car. The MTWO (WO2 Exley) and Cpl Hustwick are now the foremost experts in FMT 3s. However, since that period the platoon have gained a good deal of experience and are now as good as the local Gibraltarians!!!

A monthly driving competition began in April and will culminate with the presentation of the 'Driver of the Year Award'. The two competitions already completed have produced some very good results and overall, a high standard of driving. Well done to Pte Towell on winning both. However, Pte (Rubber Bumpers) Newhouse, after achieving a very good result, decided to try and widen the parking bay with his Minibus, causing Sgt Jameson to gain extra grey hairs and turn even more to drink.

Cpl Gregory and L/Cpl Lofthouse, being restricted in their normal roles, decided to go into the nightclub business. The opening night being a disco was successful and well organised. Well done! Cpl Hill with help from his partner in crime "Snowy" Graham has started his own allotment. He says, "It goes with my age".

Our REME (LAD) was already installed when we arrived. Leading this happy band are Sgt John "Where's my posting" Wilkinson, who is aided and abetted by Cpl's "Scouse" Lovelady and "Nige" Scarrott. The workers are CFN "Paul" Markwell and "Pete" Rendall. In charge of the electrical section we have Cpl "Syd" Grant who is soon to leave us for Bulford (see you soon), and is assisted by CFN "John" Smith. Despite running out of body filler, they are pleased to be amongst our merry men and we hope they have a good tour with us.

Final Note

The British Forces Broadcasting Station in Gibraltar run a 'Wally of the Week', when people write-in and 'bubble' their friends (?) for things they have done wrong. C/Sgt 'Jiff' recently won a BFBS T Shirt for 'bubbling' the RQMS' and TQMS' wives for an escapade they had at the border between Gibraltar and Spain. Pat and Kath set off to do some shopping at a town called La Linea which is situated on the border. On arrival at the border Kath got through with no problems. Pat however was in possession of the RQMS' passport instead of her own and was politely refused entry. So Kath came back through the border and went home with Pat to get her passport. Arriving back at the border 30 minutes later they found out, to their dismay, that Pat was allowed though but Kath, having been though once on a day pass, was politely refused. Moral of the story - they had a good day shopping at the NAFFI in Gibraltar.

On a sad note, condolences to Pte and Mrs Collins at the loss of one of the twins. The Collins family are presently in Aldershot with the second twin. We all wish them luck and hope to see them back in Gibraltar soon. We also hope that Pte Flacus will soon get better and along with his wife, will join us in Gibraltar.

Congratulations to newly weds Pte and Mrs Aston, Pte and Mrs Bates, Pte and Mrs Burns and Pte and Mrs Nendick. Congratulations to L/Cpl and Mrs Lofthouse and Pte and Mrs Wilson, both producing baby girls. (Its future drivers we need).

Cpl Gregory and L/Cpl Moore receive our congratulations on their promotions. Welcome back to the MT to L/Cpl and Mrs Morley from the Depot.



The Commanding Officer presenting the Driver of the Month competition trophy to Pte Steve Towell.



The Band and Drums giving a concert on board the 'Canberra'.

REGIMENTAL BAND

Bandmaster
BSM

WO1 K. Taylor
WO2 T. P. Byrne

If ever there was a difference between chalk and cheese, it must be the difference between Catterick and Gibraltar. From Catterick and a steady trickle of work, to Gibraltar and an absolute torrent of it.

First, the latter part of our tour in Catterick, which was mainly occupied with the two "Farewell to Yorkshire" concerts which we gave in Halifax and Huddersfield during February this year. Both concerts went extremely well and were immensely enjoyed by all who attended. Shortly after, we travelled to London to make our third record. We spent two hectic but enjoyable days at the recording studios to produce a record and cassette entitled "The Dukes on the Rock". The remainder of our time in Catterick was taken up by farewell mess functions and the inevitable handover.

The Band arrived in Gibraltar on the 21st March, and on the 28th March we performed our first Convent Guard, (the first of many). Since then this duty has gone from strength to strength even though the music may be a little unorthodox at times; but variety is the spice of life.

We have, also completed our first Ceremony of the Keys which again went very well.

There is very little outside work to be had in Gibraltar, so when it is offered, it is readily accepted. Three such engagements were aboard the P & O ship "Canberra". This type of engagement usually entails a concert on board the ship, followed by a play-off on the quayside as the ship leaves port.

We are frequently called upon to play for Royal Navy ships. This can be anything from Divisions (Battalion Muster Parade) to a Thanksgiving service, as was in the case of HMS "Glasgow" which had narrowly missed destruction in the Falklands Campaign, when she was hit by a 1,000 lb bomb which fortunately failed to detonate.

During April we were fortunate to have the Band of the Royal Marines in Gibraltar for two weeks. They kindly did a Convent Guard for us. In actual fact, we were doubly fortunate because the heavens opened and they were absolutely soaked (sorry lads). However, we made good their soaking by organising a social evening for them, which incidentally turned out to be a social morning as well!! We only hope they enjoyed themselves; we did, (I think!!!)

We are at present rehearsing for the Queen's Birthday Parade, the Waterloo Ball and our concert in St Michael's Cave on 25th June, which I am sure will be a sell-out.

Congratulations are in order to WO2 T. P. Byrne and L/Cpl (YipYip) Mann on their recent promotion to those ranks.

We welcome to the Band S/Sgt J. C. Wallace, who is due to arrive from the 2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers Band in mid-to-late June. S/Sgt Wallace's posting-in is due to the cross posting system which exists amongst the Bands of the King's Division. We also welcome to the Band Cpl Pete Gaskell (1 KORB) who is with the Band for the

duration of our tour in Gibraltar. We hope he and his family have a good two years.

We say a temporary farewell to L/Cpl Chris Jones who for various reasons has remained in England and is attached to 1 KORB in Catterick.

Finally, we say farewell to Cpl Jim Purkis who, after a short stay with the Band has returned to 1 KORB.

DRUMS PLATOON

Platoon Commander
Platoon Sgt

Drum Major J. A. Wilkinson
Cpl K. Shinn

The advance party for the platoon which consisted of the Drum Major and five side drummers arrived in Gibraltar on the 4th of March 1983. The Drum Major, Pte Prendergast and Pte Rawcliffe arrived early to recce the Bars and other dark corners of the "Rock". The Main Body arrived on the 21st March 1983. The remaining members of the Platoon who had been on the Divisional Drums Cadre at Strensall, York, arrived on the 5th of April 1983. They had a good course and were keen to get back into the routine of the Battalion life after being at the Depot for the previous five months.

We have participated in numerous parades including the mounting of the Convent Guard every

Monday morning and the Ceremony of the Key's which was on the 12th of May 1983. We have also done three concerts with the Band on the cruise liner 'Canberra' and a joint parade with the Gibraltar Regiment when they celebrated their 25th Anniversary. We are now working hard towards the Queen's Birthday Parade which is on the 11th June 1983.

Last but not least we would like to congratulate Pte S. D. Ashman who came top of the Divisional Drums Cadre, L/Cpl P. Shaw on his GOCs Commendation for his work on our last tour in Northern Ireland and finally Cpl and Mrs C. D. Naylor on the birth of their daughter Victoria.

RUGBY

OIC
Capt of Rugby

Major C. J. W. Gilbert
Lieut C. A. Harvey

UK

Those of you who watched the final will have been as dismayed as were all the players. On a dull drizzly day we lost the final to a spirited team of Engineers from BAOR, who used spoiling tactics and never allowed the 'Dukes' room to move. The XV never really got going in what was a scrappy and strangely indolent game of rucker. The result came as a heavy blow to the side who previously had played outstanding rugby against Hartlepool Rovers and Hull and East Riding. To fall at the final hurdle was a bitter pill to swallow, but we must now look to the future and our next attempt at the trophy when we return to the UK. The team was well led by Lieut Chris Harvey and reached a level in the competition far ahead of the pundit's expectations and should be pleased with their efforts. They trained unselfishly for long hours and kept up the Regiment's traditions in the competition.

Planning the composition of the new side will be greatly assisted by such resident talent as 2/Lieut Preston, Pte Phillips and a new intake of 2/Lieut Brear and 2/Lieut Castleton. There is still no scrum half on the horizon but we have time to train and prepare in Gibraltar for that. Pte Taylor gained in confidence and stature during the season and must now be a worthy contender. On the other side of the coin or at the other end of the age spectrum, Major's Gilbert and Palmer, Capt Robinson and C/Sgt Cuss

have now all played their last representative game for the 'Dukes'. This signals the end of an era of Dukes rucker which began in Osnabruck in the early sixties (separate articles will appear on Capt Robinson and C/Sgt Cuss in a later edition) when the Dukes won everything and culminated their Army Cup efforts with a 20-3 win over the Welsh Guards in 1968. We now must look to the youth of the Regiment and build on it. On a brighter side Mrs Cuss produced a son during March which could take care of the fly half position from about 2002 until 2017?

Gibraltar

On our arrival here we have had to come to terms with 'TAG' rugby. This is a game which initially at least, offends the very spirit of the game as it is completely negative. There is no tackling or physical contact and thus little chance of spoiling, falling, kicking for position or mauling. We have had a certain amount of success. We were runners up in a 7 a side competition but look forward to playing proper rugby next season. The Sotogrande Polo community have agreed to allow rugby to be played on their pitches and we have thus guaranteed Saturday/Sunday rugby all through the tour here. This move comes as a relief to Gibraltar as a whole who have been denied grass for some time.

Representation

Capt Dixon, Lieut Harvey, Sgt Williams and SI

Rance all went to the USA on the recent Army Tour, thus concluding a successful season for each of them. 2/Lieut Preston, Cpl Pooley and Pte Phillips represented the Combined Services U21 squad against Scotland.

Thirteen Dukes took part in a Combined Services Gibraltar tour to Fex which enjoyed the spirit of the game enormously.

Finally a Gibraltar anecdote. On Battalion Routine Order's it is important to stipulate between TAG and real rugger, otherwise endless phone calls reach OC Rugby, initially upset at having to play TAG; but sometimes grateful to be told that in fact it is real - well almost.



Burma Company's football team, winners of the Gibraltar Minor Units football knockout Cup.

FOOTBALL

OIC
Coaches

Major J. R. A. Ward
WO2 B. W. Sykes MBE
C/Sgt B. Hey

The squad had a disappointing end to the season with both teams losing their final games - the 1st XI in the Semi Final of the Yorkshire Service Football League Cup to the Army Apprentice College Harrogate, and the 2nd XI to RAF Catterick.

On arrival in Gibraltar we discovered that the league had finished, but we had no trouble arranging several friendly matches against local sides. The most enjoyable was against a mixed RN side, with the score ending at 5 goals each.

At company level, each entered a team in the Gibraltar Minor Units Knockout Competition and a

very spirited competition it turned out to be. It was very nearly an all Duke's final, Somme being beaten in the semi final by the eventual runners up. Our congratulations to Burma Company who beat the RAF 2-1 in the Final to take the Cup; a good start for the new OIC Football Major J. R. A. Ward.

It is planned to have friendly matches throughout the closed season in order to completely master the playing surface, which is a lot different from that in UK. We also plan a 3-match tour in Portugal to coincide with Exercise "Open Door".

BOXING

Boxing Officer
Boxing Coaches

Capt M. J. Stone
Cpl Chapman
Cpl Lindsay

There has only been one tournament since our arrival on the Rock, but it was a memorable one. Early in April we met a novices team from HMS 'Invincible', which has a ships complement of nearly 1,000, and beat them resoundingly by 10 bouts to 1. In fact at one time, the Duke's were leading by 9 bouts to 0 and looked set to whitewash the Navy.

All the boxers were very sharp and indeed 7 of the bouts were decided in the first round. A key factor

was fitness and here the daily runs up the Rock in training, really paid off.

The level of boxing skills displayed was high and this certainly impressed the Chairman of the Gibraltar Amateur Boxing Association, who was present. Several members of the squad are now using the local club and in the future there is the possibility of mixed tournaments and even maybe of international representative honours!

FISHING

What a change, no more huddling behind trees in the pouring rain with a miniature waterfall cascading of the end of your nose or watching that damn float which just refuses to go under! Instead you're stuck at the end of the harbour mouth in Gibraltar leaning into a Force 8 gale trying to untangle an octopus that has decided to take your bait and 'knot one pearl one' with your fishing line!

The weather has'n't been that bad, plenty of days with good weather, and I'm happy to say a number of good catches. The fishing club judging by the turnout

and interest will hopefully reach about 20 members shortly and there are many more soldiers in the Battalion who just enjoy 'dabbling'. The fishing in Gibraltar is varied, from mackerel and bream around the harbour to big gilthead and even shark out in the Straits. Gibraltar I'm told is the best place to catch mullet in Europe!

No photographs of any fish yet I'm afraid. However, on the 26th June a local fishing contest takes place so I hope a few good fish will be caught and maybe a few photographs will be forthcoming.

RACKETS

OIC

Major C. J. W. Gilbert

It is with some pleasure that these notes are written after having read Brigadier Firth's account of the Battalion's previous association with the sport in Gibraltar.

An early investigation found that the court exists and is played on. There were some European Championships matches played last year in fact. Although the Battalion possesses no kit for the sport, there are some enthusiasts at FHQ (notably the SC A, an old Wykamist).

As the Battalion has a thriving squash league there is the potential for some cross pollination to the larger, faster game and to this end several individual games have been played as well as a friendly versus FHQ. Although we suffered a reverse in this fixture

the game clearly has potential to occupy us during the winter months when the weather is less kind to outdoor activities. A grant has therefore been applied for to enable the Battalion to acquire some rackets and balls and it is hoped to challenge FHQ and others to matches later in the year. For the record the following represented the Battalion: Major C. J. W. Gilbert, Capt P. Harvey and C/Sgt Holmes, who describes his first experience with rackets as like playing squash with a super charged golf ball.

There is little expertise in the Battalion and we are learning from scratch. Fortunately for us the DFC and CO's sons play at school and they can now earn their keep by teaching us!

ARMY WATERMANSHIP TRAINING CENTRE

Chief Instructor
Assistant Chief Instructor

Lieut R. J. M. Pugh
C/Sgt P. Hutchinson

The Army Watermanship Training Centre (AWTC) provides a focus for adventurous training activities for all the services on the rock. A permanent staff of 18 gives instruction in sailing (off-shore and dinghy), canoeing, boardsailing, rock climbing and caving. The adjacent Joint Services Sub-Aqua Diving

Centre (JSSADC) covers snorkeling and diving. Expert advice can also be had by companies on their adventurous expeditions to Morocco.

Offshore Sailing

The centre has two offshore cruising yachts. The



Army Watership Training Centre

Pte Paul Evans demonstrating his windsurfing skills with, in background, 'Rosia' a 22" Hunter Sonata under sail training

Levante and The Rosia. They are used on day trips to sea for initial training, and later, on longer voyages to Estepona and Cueta.

Dinghy Sailing

The total of 13 dinghies which are available at the centre are confined mainly to Gibraltar Bay, but organised expeditions can round Europa Point and explore the east coast, or cross to Africa.

Canoeing

An assortment of 26 sea and general purpose canoes are held by the centre. Instruction is given from the most basic level to surf canoeing.

Board Sailing

This is one of the fastest growing popular activities available at the centre with basic courses for the absolute beginner, and the local surf providing more than a challenge for the expert. Board Sailing also develops the arm muscles - paddling back against the wind is always good exercise for those who have yet to master sailing to windward.

Rock Climbing

The standard of climbing on the rock ranges from easy to impossible and Sgt Tooley manages to find new routes every week, not always intentionally.

Caving

There are over 140 caves in Gibraltar, but most of them are not worth visiting, though a small group of quite sporty caves are good enough to train in.



Army Watership Training Centre

Pte Paul Evans teaching a young girl to windsurf on the simulator, with L/Cpl 'Ollie' Oliver assisting.

Diving

The JSSADC has facilities to train divers up to an advanced British Sub-Aqua Club level. Since the Battalion arrived in Gibraltar the centre has started running regular trips to the waters off Morocco.

Instructor Training

Although the instructors at the centre are all qualified, continuation training raises standards and thereby broadens the scope of the centre. A visit by Lieut Colonel Ken Brown from the UK enabled an upgrading cadre to be run for the Board sailors. This means that the centre can now run courses to train budding Board sailors to instructor standard. In the near future Lieut Colonel Mike Best, from the Joint Services Sailing Centre at Gosport, will be visiting to run a course for the centre's Offshore sailors, which should give us a stronger cadre of coastal skippers.

Also in the pipeline is a course to qualify the Canoe instructors at the centre as senior instructors. On the successful completion of these courses the centre will be able to award high standard army, and civilian equivalent, qualifications.

Future Activities

The scope for expeditons is enormous. Already approved by the MoD and Foreign Office is a caving expedition to the Picos De Europa in Northern Spain. The Offshore sailors are looking forward to next years isle of Alboran race, a 220 mile round trip. There are also tentative plans for white water canoeing in Spain, mountaineering and climbing in Morocco, diving expeditions around the Mediterranean and Portugal, and perhaps a major sailing expedition.



Adventure Training in Morocco

Part of the training. Coming to terms with the delights of the Moroccan cuisine, which includes sitting crosslegged on carpets.

AMATEUR DRAMATICS

OIC
2IC

Capt M. J. Stone
Sgt B. Crowther

An amateur dramatics society has recently been formed within the Battalion with the intention of entering a one act play in the Gibraltar Drama Festival in November.

For such a new venture (for the Duke's) there has been a surprising amount of support and 10 people attended a Drama Workshop in June. The workshop

was held each evening from 6-10 pm for a week and was run by a professional drama teacher from the UK. The classes covered stage management, acting and directing.

The next step is the most difficult - choosing the play!

THE HINDOOSTAN ROWING CLUB

Capt of the Boats	Capt S. J. N. Morgan (St Caths, Oxon)
Hon Sec	Lieut M. A. Tuley (Christ's, Cantab)
Bow	Lieut C. A. Harvey (Worcs, Oxon)
No 2	Major A. R. Westcob (Patrice Lumumba Coll, Kolwezi)
No 3	Major A. D. Palmer MBE (Nails M'Fugger Coll, Dublin)
No 4	Major M. S. Sherlock (Ronnie Kray Coll, London)
No 5	Capt D. I. Richardson (Paul Raymond Revue Bar)
Cox	2/Lieut M. Twelvtree (Rowallan, need we say more?)

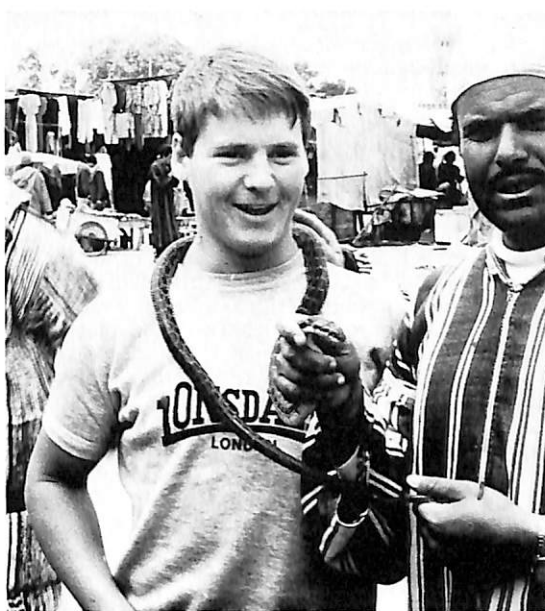
It has long been a source of puzzlement to many how a rugby playing regiment like the Duke's amuses itself during the summer months. Up until recently this has been answered by the creditable number of rugby heroes who also could do something on the cricket field or, even rarer, had an eye for a tennis ball. Recently however the number of rugby men who looked forward to summer as a chance to idle their fitness away with Pimms and sunbathing has risen alarmingly. To answer the need to amuse these people, less the Devil make work for idle hands; to gratify those thwarted rowing Blues from great Universities and finally to make some use of the excellent facilities on our doorstep, the Hindoostan Rowing Club has been formed. The nucleus of this gallant band appears above, but others have been known to pull a blade (oar to the ignorant) as well. The combined experience was not great but all have improved enormously since starting. The first problem was getting everyone used to the terminology. Phrases such as "Bum shoving", "Taking the catch", "Push down on your button" and "Concentrate on the hands away" need explaining if offence is not to be caused. Then came the problem of boats. The services in Gibraltar have 2 serviceable Yolas as the boat class is called. These are made of fibre glass and are enormously heavy. However with a bit of self help progress is being made. We have also been lucky in getting ourselves acquainted with the Calpe Rowing Club in Gibraltar. This is a very old and well established civilian rowing club and they have been very kind in lending us both boats and coaches.

Our first inter service competition is on the 26 June against the RAF. Indeed all the fixtures we are likely to take part in will be against the RAF as the Navy, oddly enough, don't seem to be able to raise a side.

Training has been undertaken with sporadic but genuine gusto and all look the better for it. However,

it does make things difficult having to get the Cox to shout separate orders in Swahili for the half of the crew who did not have the benefit of a classical education! The course itself, across Gibraltar harbour, can resemble the Isis or Cam on occasions but more often than not has a surface more like the North Sea in a force 10.

Nevertheless, undaunted, the crews continue. This space should be watched for further developments.



Adventure Training in Morocco
Pte Hawksworth with a snake charmer in a Marrakesh medina (market).

GIBRALTAR: 'THEN' and 'NOW'

GIBRALTAR, 1842

Brigadier Tony Firth's article, "The Rock and the Regiment", in the April issue reminded me that my maternal grandfather, Robert Binning, landed briefly in Gibraltar in April 1842, on his way to the Far East. He was a passenger in "The Great Liverpool" out of Southampton. He approved of the ship since, it being a steamer, "no time lost in getting forward".

It was Rob's first voyage and he kept a journal of

the new sights and scenes and what Rob saw in 1842 must have been what the 33rd saw during their first tour there from 1836 to 41.

R.G.T.

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7th April, 1842

"We arrived here today at 2 o'clock. I had been below, writing, and did not go on deck till we were immediately opposite the Town of Gibraltar - the

most extraordinary sight you can conceive. There, towering before one - appearing more vast on account of its being unconnected with any other ridge - rose the huge rock, its rugged barren heights contrasting strikingly with the rich luxuriance of the Almeida Gardens at its foot - while, at every corner and along every line were peeping the black muzzles of its terror inspiring and, if need were, death dealing defenders. On its highest peak you could discover its look-out station, diminished by its great height to the size of a toy house with a small wooden pin stuck through it - while over the gate at the landing place the broad banner of Old England floated freely in the breeze.

Beyond the Rock on the neutral ground was a body of troops drilling, bayonets glinting in the sun, while lots of equestrian pleasure parties were galloping along the sands round the Bay. The houses, with yellow, red, green or pink fronts and roofs to contrast, rise one above the other in such an apparently compact body that, from the sea, it appears quite impossible that it can be intersected by streets.

We had scarcely dropped anchor when we were surrounded by a dozen or two of Lateen boats with their long three-cornered sails, with two or three men in each, talking in very bad English to us while they swore most rapidly and vociferously at each other in Spanish.

In one of these some of us went ashore. We walked up the principal street which is a precious narrow one. Outside the Gate, and of course before you get into this street, is the market for fruit, fish, meat, etc the merchants being Moors, Jews or Spaniards. We spoke to one enormous fellow, a Moor, with a neck like a bull and hundred weights of fat hanging about him. He was quite a young man, splendidly dressed in what we consider the Turkish fashion - a white turban, loose white trousers, a red shawl wrapped round his waist, large red and yellow Moroccan slippers. They have, many of them, fine aquiline noses and high foreheads - most intelligent looking men with a cunning look about their jet black eyes. Some of them had on a striped loose cloak above their other dress, the weather being what they called cold though it appeared exceedingly hot to us. The Jews were also dressed in the loose trousers but wore a sort of cloth surtout with loose flowing sleeves and skirts and, in some cases - as for instance one Rabbi we met - a rich silk under-vest with innumerable small buttons.

We met several Spanish ladies walking with their attendants about a step behind them. They did not appear to be afraid of the sun as they wore no hat or bonnet, their beautiful black shining hair being shown covered with a black lace veil which falls back over the shoulders, covering the sides of their heads however and leaving the face exposed.

We walked through the town to the Almeida Gardens which are beautifully laid out and I am told you may ride for three miles and never require to go on the same road twice, so well are the walks managed. These are lined with flower beds such as roses and immense clumps of geranium bushes which were all in flower - but just every now and then when you thought you had reached some fairy bower you would be startled by observing the black muzzles of the immense Guns peeping at you through the branches of the large geranium bushes or, on turning

round some corner of the walk you would find one staring you full in the face and, at the same time, forming the centre ornament to some circular flower bed. Every now and then, too, you pass a sentry with drawn bayonet in his hand.

There are six or seven regiments in the garrison, but the result of the siege of Acre having proved to the English Government that Ships of War are formidable opponents in battering down a wall, they have given orders to extend the fortifications and increase the guns greatly, which is now being done".

GIBRALTAR, 1983

The limestone face of the Rock of Gibraltar is as permeated with the presence of The Duke's as its interior is riddled with tunnels. Many mementoes left from the last Duke's tour of Gibraltar, and even some before that have been found. How many times have we ventured into yet another bar to find a dusty plaque in a corner, a reminder of many pints sunk by Duke's 30 years previously! The reception and hospitality by the Gibraltarians speak of a relationship between Colony and Regiment which has lasted the time gap well. Wherever we go we seem to be greeted as long lost friends.

But much has changed. For example, the impressively fronted facilities of the Officer's Mess at Arengo's Palace in 1953-55 have been demolished and the present Mess, which sits in Viney Quarry and overlooks Camp Bay, although comfortable, does not display the same dignified facade. As for the Casemates, the Eastern side is now a modern shopping centre and the barrack block on the Northern side now accommodates the Moroccan workers, while the parade ground serves mainly as a car park. The outer walls remain much the same and entry can still be gained to the City through the Landport Tunnel. The sentries' view over the ramparts to Spain is now almost blocked by two estates rising high out of what used to be the Lagoon. Even the seaward vista has changed where reclamation has included a modern yacht marina. The Army hasn't entirely gone from Casemates however, since Battalion Headquarters and the Southern side has now been converted to Officers married quarters.

The Moorish Castle Barracks is now a maze of flats with small alleyways linking one ramp with another. South Barracks remain much the same as they have always been and are now the oldest inhabited barracks on the rock, with Alma and Burma Companies the happy occupants. The old married quarters are still there, but one block is now converted into civilian flats and the other is a youth club. The stables have been converted to soldiers' quarters and go by the quaint name of the Sheds. Battalion Headquarters, Corunna, Somme and Hook Companies live in and around the old Retrenchment Barracks on Windmill Hill. The old fort has been given a facelift and a modern barracks has grown up behind it.

The old Gunner preserve of Europa is now very much a Duke's enclave. Here most of our families live in modern Mediterranean style houses or in converted barrack blocks. Defensible Barracks and Bombproof House are now classrooms for our children having been incorporated into St

Christophers School; Bleak House is now the Education Centre, its predecessor in Cornwall's Parade having been handed back to the people of Gibraltar.

One aspect of Gibraltarian life which remains as pleasant as ever is the social scene. Invitations for cocktail parties appear constantly on Mess Notice Boards and Happy Hours and Tappas still round off the week. It is possible to have lunchtime tappas in the Royal Naval Hospital, afternoon drinks in the Edinburgh Arms, a Happy Hour in the RAF Mess and still get back to Lathbury to have a even happier hour before 6 o'clock! Variations on the theme might include HMS 'Rooke' or a visiting ship. Then the evening might well start off with cocktails on board ship, dinner out and a night cap in the subaltern's annexe, 'Jim's Den', at the top of Library Ramp. The Garrison Library is still there, and they still play bridge.

The Officers Mess has again joined the Royal

Gibraltar Yacht Club en masse as much for the social life as for the sailing.

The regular 'Watering holes' have changed and The Stagecoach, Jim's Den and Ray's Inn now feature prominently. However the Artillery Arms near Tank Ramp still boasts two plaques, a 33rd of Foot and a 76th of Foot, both in excellent condition. Who from 1953 can still remember where the one tile is that has been put on the wall incorrectly? The Bull and Bush, an old favourite of the officers, is still packing them in in Irish Town. King's Chapel hasn't changed, though we suspect that the number of regular attenders is down a bit on 1953! However, there are still too many of us to sit on our Regimental pew which has stood the test of time. The pew is now reserved for the Brigadier and his entourage and there is an unwritten rule that the pew behind is reserved for us.

J.R.A.W. and MT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Orderly Room - 1890

From: Mr D. Brayshaw
2 Peltondale Avenue
Cowpen, Blythe
Northumberland
10th May, 1983

The Editor,
'The Iron Duke'
Sir,

I enclose a copy of an article published in 'Chambers Journal' in 1890, for possible publication in the 'Iron Duke'. I am sure it will interest, and possibly amuse, former and past members of the Regiment.

As Orderly Room Sergeant of the 1st Battalion from 1955-62 I found an article on 'A Regimental Orderly Room' most interesting. I am sure that the present Orderly Room Sergeant must be pleased as I am that I did not have to "inspect the long quill pens which the Colonel and Adjutant use, and consign those which have become unfit for further service to the waste paper basket".

Yours sincerely
D. Brayshaw

A Regimental Orderly Room in 1890

The orderly room of a regiment is the centre from which the commanding officer and his chief working subordinate, the adjutant, promulgate 'orders' or instructions of all kinds. Here the regimental books are kept, and a variety of correspondence is transacted. Delinquents, too, are here dealt with, or, in barrack-room parlance, 'weighed off'.

In the newer barracks there has been some attempt to introduce into orderly-rooms a more luxurious style of furnishing than was previously considered necessary. One of the chief steps in this direction is the laying of floors with linoleum or matting.

But the typical apartment still has a rather bare and unadorned appearance. In the middle stands an ordinary barrack table covered with a green cloth. At one side of the room is another table, covered with books and writing materials, as well as by the innumerable ink-stains left on the wood by a long

succession of orderly-room clerks. Three or four chairs, of the plain design commonly seen in the kitchens of the outer world, stand beside each of these tables. The remaining contents of the room consist of shelves whereon are piled books of ledger-like appearance; and the bareness of the walls is in some degree relieved by lists of names, inscribed in a neat style of calligraphy, which hang here and there. One of these lists is entitled 'Sergeants by seniority', another 'Corporals by seniority', and so on. A row of pegs runs along a portion of one wall. Suspended from one of them may be a belt and 'side-arms' of a sergeant, or even an officer's sword. The sergeant, or officer, on being placed under arrest is disarmed; and the weapon which is symbolical of his rank as a combatant is hung up in the orderly-room; hence the military idiom, 'To be on the peg'.

The orderly-room clerk is a sergeant who requires to be a very accomplished calligraphist; and he must be able to 'frame' properly the official letters which he afterwards places before the colonel for signature. He is allowed an assistant, a young corporal, who has displayed the necessary qualifications, and who is employed on the less momentous kinds of work. The corporal, from much practice, is adept at the inscription of 'order-boards' for guardrooms and sentry-boxes: he knows precisely where to use black ink and where red, and this is an accomplishment not to be acquired in a day. Both the orderly-room clerk and his assistant are 'struck-off' duty; they attend no parades, and do no 'duty', such as guards, pickets, or the like. But they are very fully occupied.

In the early morning, the orderly-room is put in a state of tidiness, the fire lit, and the ink-bottles carefully filled by the commanding officer's orderly. Before long, the clerk arrives. He at once proceeds to open the communications which have arrived by post, and having perused them, places in a neat pile on the table with the green cloth. Then he inspects the long quill pens which the colonel and adjutant use, and consigns those which have become unfit for further service to the waste-paper basket. Afterwards the sergeant begins to make out railway warrants, the

'state' of the regiment which is to be despatched to the Horse Guards, or perhaps a 'requisition for stationery', which no doubt includes a demand for some bundles of quills; and with these matters he is helped by the corporal, who has meanwhile appeared.

In the course of an hour or two the sound of drums announces the return of the battalion from morning drill. Very soon the colonel arrives, accompanied by the adjutant, and closely followed by the sergeant-major. The officers take seats at the table, and look over the correspondence; while the sergeant-major stands a little to one side and assumes what may be described as an expectant demeanour. After a little delay, the colonel waves his hand - a gesture which puts the warrant-officer in motion towards the door, where he calls out, in tones of extraordinary power, 'Sound orders!' A bugler who has been hovering about the vicinity quickly executes this mandate; and in a short space of time a considerable number of non-commissioned officers and men assemble in front of the orderly-room, where they are arranged by companies by the orderly sergeants.

The sergeant-major receives from each company a number of printed forms, filled up in certain parts by handwriting, and, returning to the room, he places these in a heap before the adjutant. Known as 'passes', the forms are applications for leave; and the adjutant proceeds to append his signature to each of them, not with a quill, but by means of a stamp, which greatly expedites the process. Meantime the 'major',

as he is familiarly termed, again withdraws, and shouts, in the stentorian tones peculiar to his rank, 'March in!' The various soldiers who have to appear before the commanding officer are now brought up in succession.

'Orders' at length are completed; the officers leave the apartment; and the clerks, who have been in a somewhat highly-strung condition during the past hour, slightly relax the assiduity with which they have been wielding their pens. The sergeant-major, too, casts off the more rigid part of his professional air and relieves himself of his belt and sword; then he takes down from a shelf the 'detail-book', in which he makes out the roll of non-commissioned officers for duty on the morrow. At the same time the senior clerk is copying into the 'order-book' the instructions which have been given him by the adjutant.

Towards the evening the sergeant-major can be heard hailing the bugler once more. 'Orders' having been sounded, all the orderly sergeants and corporals assemble in the room and take down from the sergeant-major's dictation the mandates of the day, beginning with the 'parole', generally the name of a town. This occupies some little time, as a few of the corporals in particular are not very expert penmen, and, moreover, sometimes take diverting liberties with the spelling of the Queen's English. But when they have all finished writing, the sergeant-major closes his book with a bang, as he puts on his forage-cap calls out, 'Dismiss'.

'When, where and who?'

(see Regimental Notes)



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

The main event of the Company's year has been upon us these last few months, namely 'Bounty pay outs'. It was a little less fun than in previous years because the money was paid by Giro cheque or through bank accounts. Nearly all the Company qualified and a lot of people were smiling when £400 dropped through their letter boxes.

Recent training has mainly consisted of section and platoon drills. The monotony was broken by Exercise 'Feldom Moor', a helicopter handling exercise. This year it was sponsored by 15th Infantry Brigade who, as a matter of interest, grabbed most of the flying time for themselves. We finally got to the helicopters by

'Heli Bedford' on a Sunday, to be greeted by a Catterick mist which didn't clear until mid-day. We eventually got a ride in a Puma for approximately 4 minutes. As PSI Les Birks said "Not bad, two weeks planning, two days waiting and four minutes flying in a food mixer". Anyway we enjoyed it.

We have said farewell to WO2 CSM John Rutherford, who has finally said "Enough is enough" and gone to the graveyard of all TA soldiers, his own home at the weekend... instead of Catterick or Strensall. We welcome, in his place, WO2 CSM Alec (Jock) Kay. We also congratulate Sgts Tony Dean and Martin Helawell on their promotions.

WELLESLEY COMPANY (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)

HUDDERSFIELD AREA ACF

Comings and Goings

We welcome to our Keighley detachment; SI D. Woodhouse late of 3 Yorks; to our Heckmonwike detachment, ex cadet Sgt Tony Sharp and to Halifax, SI Bob Curry. Sadly at Halifax we say farewell to SMI Bill Fitzgerald. Bill was our culinary expert and will be much missed, not only by Wellesley Company, but by many other Areas of Yorkshire ACF. Previously with the former West Riding Battalion DWR(TA), Bill joined the Company in 1967 and has been a pillar of strength. We wish him and Nellie the best of health and fortune in the years ahead.

Annual visits

Our 1983 round of annual visits were completed when Brigadier McCord, the Divisional Brigadier, visited the Thongsbridge detachment. Many constructive comments were made which we carefully noted. With the summer months now upon us there will be a lot of activity at the detachment, which is consistent with their reputation for being adventure training enthusiasts... and mountain goats, to boot.

Weekend camps

120 of us descended upon the Cadet Training Centre at Strensall in March and a weekend of excitement followed. At another weekend at Wathgill, the new camp at Catterick, we showed a clean pair of heels to the other two Areas and City of Leeds School in the march and shoot, orienteering and guard mounting competitions in which we were the overall winners.

Sport

We had numerous wins in the Yorkshire ACF Athletics meeting at Castleford and were again winners of the Victor Ludorum trophy, with C Meadows of Halifax setting a cracking pace. S. Shaw

of Heckmondwike; B. Johnson and D. Toothill of Keighley, together with C. Meadows, R. Wood and A. Kelly of Halifax will now wave the Duke's flag at the North East Region Sports Championships, at Middlesborough, in July.

Lieut Colonel John Howarth DWR ACF

After 42 years wearing a 'Duke's' cap badge, we dined out Colonel John in the Officer's Mess at Huddersfield, in June. He commanded Wellesley Company from 1967 to 1974, following service with detachments at Meltham and Thongsbridge. In presenting him with a gift of cut glass the Company Commander voiced the views of the past and present members in referring to his kindness, humour, high standards and generosity... as well as being a friend, gentleman and a Duke. Colonel John, in responding, presented the Company with a magnificent trophy to be awarded annually for recruiting; a trophy we shall value and treasure. A bouquet was presented to Eileen Howarth as a tribute to her for her contribution to the ACF way of life and for her support and companionship during Colonel John's time with the ACF.

The future

We look forward to... dining out Major Derek Roberts, our Cadet Executive, and will report in the next issue... to attending Annual Camp at Wathgill, especially as we have confirmation that Major General C. R. Huxtable CB, CBE will be visiting us... to our visit to the Battalion in Gibraltar in July 1984... to welcoming many ex Duke's into our ranks as they finish their regular service... to greeting a new Commandant, Colonel Alan Roberts, who succeeds Colonel Gerry Delaney... and, of course, to welcoming Major Martin Bray the successor to Major Derek Roberts as Cadet Executive Yorkshire ACF.

Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

Sgt I. Metcalfe
Sgt D. Hughes
Cpl J. Evans

Arnhem Company
Arnhem Company
Training Wing

Here on the wind swept heights of Shorncliffe we continue the never ending task of training junior leaders to be good infanteers. In Arnhem Company which consists of The King's Division and The Parachute Regiment, we have fourteen Duke's at the time of writing, all of whom Pass Out in either May or August. They are:

JCSM Whitworth, JSgt Denton, JCpls Caple, Bailey, Marsh, Thackray and Williams. JLdrs Wallder, Oldham, Harrison, Dunn, Brewer, Wright and Bond.

The following have represented the IJLB:

JCSM Whitworth - Bisley Shooting Team
JSgt Denton - X Country
JCpl Bailey - Swimming and Rugby
JLCpl Marsh - Army Junior Boxing Squad
IJLB Soccer

JLdr Williams - Rugby

The military training is varied and hard and Sir John Moore Barracks is a constant hive of activity. The drill square is very rarely vacant and you can always hear members of the Permanent Staff

whispering gentle words of encouragement to a Junior who is lagging behind on a CFT.

Education, Hobbies and External Leadership all play an important role in developing the JLdrs skills and all have taken part in varied External Leadership activities at Penhale in Cornwall.

Before Passing Out all third term Juniors attend a difficult, tiring but interesting Battle Camp for approximately three weeks, normally at Stamford.

A few familiar names around the Camp are:

WO2 Craven - Range Team Lydd/Hyde

QMSI Larnder - SASC

Mr 'Tug' Wilson - Officer's Mess Manager

Congratulations and best wishes to Sgt Smiler Hughes and Susan on their marriage and good luck in the future.

Well, the fact that we can see France on a clear day from the Sergeant's Mess is still no substitute for sunbathing all day in Gibraltar!

P.S. To whom it may concern, please send us a Rupert. This will stop further punch ups over who is going to write *Iron Duke* notes.

THE Duke of Wellington's Regiment

Whenever two or three of the "old and bold" are gathered together it is not long before someone starts to reminisce.

One day a number of us were chatting together, on the occasion of a regimental re-union, when the name of Capt Bertie Bolton cropped up. Capt Bolton, after he left the army had joined the police and later became Chief Constable of Northamptonshire. Earlier in his life he had been the Adjutant of the 1st Battalion when they were stationed in Devonport in 1929. The Commanding Officer was Lieut Colonel Freddie Wellesley. This story concerns both of them.

It was the custom in those days to have an Adjutant's parade on most Saturdays. This involved the whole Battalion including all officers junior in rank to the Adjutant. On this occasion the Battalion, several hundred strong, was drawn up in line on the parade ground, which was overlooked by the house of the Commanding Officer. Capt Bolton was mounted on his horse, with his back to the house and facing the Battalion. He gave his first command, "Duke of Wellington's Regiment... atten...shun". The battalion saw a window open on the first floor of the CO's house and watched the Commanding Officer step out on to the veranda, dressed in riding breeches, boots and gaiters plus a pyjama jacket to round things off. He was carrying a razor, and one half of his face was covered in soap. The Adjutant, of course could see nothing. With the Battalion listening spellbound the CO leaned over the veranda and bellowed "Capt

Bolton". The Adjutant turned his horse, saluted and said "Sir". The CO bellowed again, "How many times have I got to tell you, it is not 'Duke of Wellington's Regiment'; but 'THE Duke of Wellington's Regiment', kindly remember that in future". Having got that off his chest, he turned back in to the house to continue with his shaving.

J.H.D.

There is a postscript to this story:

For some time after the end of World War II the shoulder flashes issued to the Regiment for wear with battle dress bore the title 'Duke of Wellington's Regiment'. In 1948, therefore, the Colonel of the Regiment (General Sir Philip Christison) applied to the War Office for flashes to be issued to the Regiment which included the word THE. Permission was granted and the necessary orders given for a supply of correctly worded flashes. I was somewhat surprised therefore, when I became Adjutant of the 1st Battalion early in 1951, to find that the shoulder flashes omitted the word THE and discovered that deep in the bowels of the Quartermaster's department a storeman was busy cutting off the word THE on all new flashes, as fast as they were delivered to the Battalion. I had to ask him to desist even though, for a time, not every one would be uniformly dressed.

A.C.S.S.

(There can be few regimental gatherings at which someone does not recount a story which begins "I

remember..." Nearly all these stories have a humourous twist, besides often throwing light on soldiering in earlier years, when life in the Army was so very much different to what it is now. Most, if not all the stories are worthy of the wider audience which the *Iron Duke* provides. So if you have a good story

please write it down and send it to the Editor. It does not matter how long or short it is. However the Editor does reserve the right to censor the more ribald stories in the interest of the high reputation of the *Iron Duke*).

NICKNAMES I HAVE KNOWN

(Between about 1900 and the late 1930s the use of nicknames was widespread. Some of those in use within the Regiment are recalled by R.G.C.)

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The Bull and the Babe and the Baron and the Bish;
Bosky and Boffin and Bunny, Rem and Fish;
Horsey and Buffles, Creepy, Ben and Jock;

Musso and Morny and Cocky and Cock.
Bonzo, Chatty, Smuts and Mac;
Tuppence and Hoody and Stew and Vert and Jack;
The Boy and Foxy and Piggy and the Pope-eo
Choti and Swazi, Snikey and old Dopey-o.
Two Pips, a Fruity and a Grimes,
A Coot and a Kay and CRUMBS!! I'm out of rhymes!
R.G.C.

The Honorary Colours Fund

It was 180 years ago, in 1803, that the 76th Regiment was granted a Honorary Stand of Colours, though it was not taken into use until 1808 after the Regiment had returned to England. Since then the Colours have been replaced four times. The Colours presented in 1808 and 1830 were paid for by the East India Company. Those presented in 1880 and 1906 were paid for by the India Office. Subsequent to the presentation of the Colours in 1906 it became clear that future replacements would be at the expense of the Regiment. Accordingly in 1932 the 2nd Battalion established a 'Honorary Colours Fund' to which all ranks contributed. This fund paid for the complete renovation of the Colours in 1939 and for their replacement in 1969, which cost £1,100.

The practice of contributing to the Fund continues in the 1st Battalion today. Officers, WO's and Sergeants each contribute 25p a month, and the Corporals donate £20 a month from their Mess fund. Annual income is approximately £480 from these contributions, plus approximately £240 from dividends, bank interest and tax recovery. The only

expenditure at the moment is an annual insurance premium of £112. The present balance of the Fund is approximately £3,400.

The Colours presented in 1969 were made by Hobson and Sons. That firm estimates that if the Colours had to be replaced today the cost would be between £8,000 and £10,000. Hobson and Sons, which also made the Colours presented in 1906, is unlikely to be able to make the Honorary Colours for the Regiment when they are next replaced, as they no longer have the necessary exceptionally large frames. The most likely makers will therefore be the Royal School of Needlework. New Honorary Colours will probably not be needed for another thirty years due, in part, to the high quality silk used in 1969. Thirty years hence, assuming inflation is at a steady 5% per annum, new Colours are likely to cost somewhere around £25,000. The contributions being made by the Officers, Warrant Officers and NCOs of the 1st Battalion will ensure that those that follow them will still be able to maintain the Regiment's unique distinction of carrying four Colours.

Officers' Dinner Club 1983

The Officers' Dinner took place at the Army and Navy Club on Friday 10th June 1983. The Colonel of the Regiment presided and 43 members were present. The Guest was the Adjutant General, General Sir George Cooper KCB, MC, ADC Gen.

In his speech the Colonel of the Regiment in welcoming General Sir George Cooper reminded those present that he was an old friend of the Regiment. As a troop commander with 55 Field Squadron RE he supported the 1st Battalion in Korea and it was at the Hook that he had won his MC. Later, in 1957-59, he was DAA and QMG of 39 Brigade when the Battalion was serving in Northern Ireland. The Colonel in Chief sent his regrets at being unable

to be present, but he was due to catch a 'plane that night to go to Brussels. From all accounts the 1st Battalion had settled down well in Gibraltar and seemed to be enjoying themselves. Much of what they were doing would be familiar to those who served in Gibraltar in 1953-55, such as the Queen's Birthday Parade, the Ceremony of the Keys, Waterloo Day celebrations etc. However there was also much that was very different. For instance Companies would each be spending two weeks in Morocco in the summer and later three weeks in Portugal. Their tour was due to end early in 1985 when the Battalion would return to this country and be stationed at Tidworth.

Those who attended the Dinner were:
 Major General C. R. Huxtable, (Colonel of the Regiment), General Sir Robert Bray, Major General D. E. Isles, Major General G. F. Upjohn, Brigadiers A. D. Firth, W. R. Mundell, D. W. Shuttleworth. Colonels M. R. N. Bray, M. J. Campbell-Lamerton, P. G. L. Cousens, J. B. K. Greenway, E. M. P. Hardy, Lieut Colonels J. H. Dalrymple, T. J. Nicholson, W. Robins, E. J. W. Walker, Majors M.

P. C. Bray, J. D. P. Cowell, J. H. Davis, C. F. Grieve, D. L. J. Harrap, R. H. Ince, R. H. Jago, S. H. Kirk, D. G. Massey, K. M. McDonald, P. J. Mellor, C. D. d'E. Miller, J. S. Milligan, W. F. C. Robertson, A. C. S. Savory, J. L. Streatfield, G. C. Tedd, Captains D. Battye, A. H. S. Drake, S. C. Newton, T. Pickersgill, T. C. Sinclair, Lieutenants J. H. Gladwin, J. P. E. Golding, J. A. Shenton.

Regimental Association

2nd BATTALION 1940-1946

Following the note in the last issue of the *Iron Duke* concerning Dr Jack Doupe, the Regimental Secretary has recently had correspondence with Rev Douglas Gordon, who was the Padre with the 2nd Battalion from 1942-1946 a period which included service with 33 Column in the second Chindit operation. He lives at 2 Panmure Place, Montrose, Scotland DD10 8HF and would be very glad to see or hear from any of those who served with the 2nd Battalion during the period he was with it.

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Another ex member of the 2nd Battalion who has recently made contact, is Mr Ian Brett. Mr Brett enlisted as a band boy in the 2nd Battalion at Delhi in 1940. At the time of enlistment he gave his age as 16, though in fact he was only 14. When the 2nd Battalion was ordered to Burma in 1942 he was unable to accompany them, as even his enlistment age still only had him as 17½. He transferred to the Indian Army Ordnance Corps and at the end of the War was offered a transfer back to the Regiment or employment in the RAOC. He chose the latter principally because he was by then a WO1 and he did not quite see how the Duke's could offer him that rank at the age of 21. When he left the army he joined the police and became a specialist in traffic engineering. About 8 years ago he went to live in Canada. Mr Brett still retains a keen interest in the Duke's which he joined at such a remarkably young age. His address is: 18 Portage Avenue, Weston, Ontario, Canada M9N 3G6

AGM AND REUNION DINNER 1983

The 1983 AGM and Reunion Dinner will be held at the Drill Hall, Prescott Street, Halifax on Saturday 22nd October 1983.

AGM at 6.30 pm (Sgt's Mess)

Dinner 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm.

Tickets £7.00 from the General Secretary at RHQ DWR, Wellesley Park, Highroad Well, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX2 0BA. (Tel: Halifax 61671), or Branch Secretaries.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are the dates and places of the next meeting of each of the under mentioned branches of the Association.

HALIFAX at the Drill Hall, Prescott Street at 7.30 pm on 3rd September 1983.

MOSSLEY at the Friendship Hotel, Mossley at 8.15pm on 7th September 1983.

LONDON at Flat 316 Vivian Court, 128-134 Maida Vale W9 at 8 pm on 26th September 1983.

KEIGHLEY at the Drill Hall, Lawkholme Lane at 7.30 pm on 29th September 1983.

HUDDERSFIELD at the Drill Hall, St Pauls Street at 8 pm on 30th September 1983.

BRADFORD at Belle Vue Barracks at 8 pm on 28th September 1983.

BRADFORD BRANCH

A meeting to establish the possibility of forming a branch of the Association at Bradford was held on Wednesday 29th June 1983. Thirty people attended and a decision was taken to form a Branch. We wish the Branch every success and look forward to recording its activities in future issues of the *Iron Duke*.

HUDDERSFIELD BRANCH

A Branch meeting was held on Friday 25th March, followed by the usual raffle and bingo. An unexpected visitor was Capt Denis Whittaker. Mr and Mrs Russell also made an appearance. The meetings wouldn't be the same without Jack and Pauline.

The Branch Dinner was held at the Eagles Nest restaurant, on 26th March. An excellent meal was served and the staff are to be congratulated. Our guests were Jack and Pauline Russell and Mr and Mrs George Elliot. The Loyal Toast was proposed by our Chairman, Mr Parsons. The Toast to The Regiment was given by our General Secretary, Mr Jack Russell who also made a short speech. Entertainment was provided by 'The Misfits', two young men and a girl.

A Branch trip to the Royal Navy Club at Wythenshaw took place on 16th April. This is always a good 'do' with plenty of right elbow lifting - and good grub too!

A visit to London from 11th - 13th November has been arranged. During the visit there will be a Cenotaph parade, the Lord Mayor's Show and an evenings entertainment at the Beachcomber restaurant. Accommodation will probably be at the Tower Hotel. The cost of the trip is likely to be about £50. More details later. Everyone is welcome.

LONDON BRANCH

The Branch held their annual reunion Dinner and

Dance at the Victory Services Club on the 7th May. We were very pleased to have Major General and Mrs Huxtable with us. Attendance was down compared to previous years; but as the Colonel said in his speech, '...it is not the numbers that count; but the quality'.

Sadly we have just learnt of the death of Mr J. Stern of Wood Green, North London. Mr Stern has been a regular attender at our dinners, over the years.

It was a great disappointment to the Branch members who attended the Army Cup final that the Duke's suffered a defeat, but we cannot win them all!

Our Branch AGM will be held on Monday 26 September at our usual time and venue.

MOSSLEY BRANCH

After the somewhat hectic activities of the last quarter of 1982 events so far this year have been of a routine nature. Monthly meetings continue to be well supported with 12 to 18 members attending. On the evening of 10 February a handful of stalwarts crossed the Pennines in driving snow to attend the Farewell Concert given by the Band of the 1st Battalion in Huddersfield Town Hall. They were amply rewarded. The band gave a superb performance and we offer them our congratulations. We await the issue of their new record with keen anticipation.

Preliminary arrangements are in hand for the visit of Les Aciens Combattants De Hem, Mossley's twin town in Northern France. It is likely that this will take

place in early October. We expect to pay our return visit in early November.

This year sees the 60th anniversary of the Friendship Hotel having become a truly Duke's pub. It was in 1923 that the late Sgt Harry Lamming became its landlord. He had very long service with the 7th Battalion. He was Officers' Mess Sgt for many years and saw service in Iceland with the Battalion. He was twice Mayor of Mossley. Naturally his establishment was much frequented by members of the Battalion. Come to think of it, it still is.

KEIGHLEY BRANCH

These are our first notes after reforming, the earlier branch having been disbanded in 1981. The few members we have at present would like to convey their thanks to Mr Russell and all the staff at RHQ for all the help and understanding they have given. We also wish to thank the OC 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers, WO2 Boocock for the use of the WOs and Sgts Mess and Cpl Fisher for looking after us so well.

We are seeking new members from all serving and ex-service members of the Duke's, who can be sure of a warm welcome.

The Committees consists of: President, Mr T. Gibson; Secretary, Mr G. Butterfield; Treasurer, Mr M. Kennedy and Entertainment, Mr A. Judson.

Obituary

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

Mr A. V. Whittaker

Mr Bert Whittaker died at his home, 19 Cammell Road, Firth Park, Sheffield on 26th April 1983. He was aged 68.

Major H. A. Cullen

Major Hugh Cullen died on 4th April 1983, aged 83.

Mr C. T. Baker DCM

Charlie Baker died suddenly on 20th May, aged 58 years. Charlie was only 19 years of age when he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal while serving with the 7th Battalion in the battle for the bridge at Nijmegen in Holland. The citation for the medal referred to his great heroism and initiative in holding his position after his comrades had been killed and he was cut off as the enemy advanced. His action in sticking to his post was one of the outstanding factors in preventing the bridge falling into enemy hands.

Mr A. Sykes

Alec Sykes died on 12th June 1983. Alec served in

the 1st, 2nd and 7th Battalions during World War II and will be remembered by many former members of those battalions.

Mr O. Westmacott

Oscar Westmacott, who died suddenly on 30th January 1983, was commissioned into the Regiment from RMC Sandhurst in 1921. He joined the 1st Battalion and with them saw service in Gibraltar and Turkey. The Battalion returned to the UK at the end of 1923 and was stationed at Gosport where Oscar left the Regiment, having developed a paralysis which meant that he could no longer continue to serve in the army. After taking a business management course he embarked on a career as a school bursar. Despite his short time with the Regiment he always maintained a lively interest in its affairs.

Lieut-Colonel W. Perritt

The funeral of Lieut-Colonel Bill Perritt took place at Grimsby on 15 July, 1983. Bill Perritt was commissioned into the Lincolnshire Regiment in 1943 and was posted to the 1st Battalion at Anzio in 1944 as a reinforcement. He served with the battalion

in B Company under Tony Randall for the rest of the Italian campaign and then served in Palestine and Egypt until being demobilised. He was a splendid Platoon Commander and was mentioned in despatches for some gallant patrol actions. He rejoined the Army in 1956 with a commission in the Royal Army Pay Corps serving in Ghana, Hong Kong, Rhine Army and UK, including a tour as Paymaster to North East District at York before his retirement.

Bill was a great comrade, a real Duke and a good friend to many of us in the 1st Battalion. I and all of us of those wartime days will miss him.

D.E.I.

Mr G. Frost

Mr George Frost, who served in the Regiment from 1929 to 1940, and who was one of the Regiment's 'in pensioners' at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, died on 5th July 1983.

Notices

RETIRED OFFICERS POSTS IN HQ KING'S DIVISION

There are two retired officer posts on the establishment of HQ King's Division and the occupants of both will be retiring early next year. Major 'Mac' McDonough, the SO3 G1 (Officer Manning) leaves in Jan 84 and Lieut Colonel Hugh Dessain the SO2 G1 (Officer Recruiting) in Mar 84.

HQ King's Division are particularly keen to fill the posts with retired (or about to retire) officers from the Division. The SO3 G1 is responsible for the manning and career management of officers of the rank of Capt and below, and of QMs. An applicant should have had experience of regimental duty and the staff (G1 desirable), be able to deal with officers of varying seniority and have an interest in officer career management. The SO2 G1 is responsible for all the aspects of officer recruiting and any applicant for this post should know and understand the officer requirements of the Regiments of the Division. Applicants in addition to having a sound knowledge of the 'workings' of the Infantry and the qualities required of an Infantry officer should also be able to talk to and get on with young people.

Anyone who is interested in applying for one of these posts should register the fact with: Ministry of Defence, CM(S)4f, Lacon House, Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8RY, with a copy to Headquarters, The King's Division, Imphal Barracks, Fulford Road, York YO1 4HD.

THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

On 30th June 1983 a new gallery was opened at the National Army Museum which continues the story of the Army, told up to 1914 in the first phase of the building which was opened in 1971, up to 1983.

Most striking of the new displays are the 25 life-size reconstructions featuring fully equipped, uniformed figures against realistic backgrounds. Highlights include a First World War trench, a national service barrack room of the 1950s, a Bren Gun Carrier at the edge of a minefield in the Western Desert and a captured Argentine position on Mount Tumbledown overlooking Port Stanley. Four scale dioramas show the battle of Mons 1914, tanks in action 1917, the D Day assault on the Normandy beaches 1944 and street fighting in Europe in 1945.

The Museum is located in Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 and for those who have not yet been there a visit will be found to be very worth while. Admission is free.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL

The Duke of York's Royal Military School is situated in 1950 acres of downland about two miles east of Dover, Kent. The School compares very favourably with the most independent boarding schools. The 470 boys, aged 11 to 18, are comfortably provided for in every respect and enjoy a very high standard of academic, sporting and social facilities which include a science block, computer room, language laboratory, theatre, workshops, gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, athletic track, rifle ranges and playing fields which are the envy of many other schools.

Although it is financed by the Ministry of Defence the School is not a military unit. It is an ordinary boys' boarding school providing an education up to GCE Advanced and Scholarship levels which fits young men to proceed to University or to enter the Services, professions, commerce and industry direct. For a boy to be eligible for consideration one parent must have served as an Officer or Soldier for a minimum of four years on a regular engagement. Parents may be serving or retired. Boys normally enter the school at the age of 11 years.

Applications for admission in September 1984 are now invited from parents of boys whose dates of birth fall between 1 September 1972 and 31 August 1973. Applications for boys whose birthdays fall after 31 August 1973 will be considered exceptionally, provided they have completed their primary education. The closing date for applications for admission in September 1984 is November 1983.

Tuition is free but parents are required to purchase certain items of school uniform and sportswear from the local school outfitters and to contribute towards the cost of other items issued by the school. They are also required to provide pocket money and incidental expenses and to pay a food charge called Home Savings Contribution (HSC) at a rate not exceeding that applied to children boarding at Service children's schools overseas.

Since the school is financed by the Ministry of Defence, parents do not qualify for Boarding School Allowance in respect of sons at the school.

Application forms and prospectuses may be obtained from the Admissions Clerk, The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, Kent CT15 5EQ.

ARMY BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY (ABWS)

Membership of the ABWS is open to any serving and ex service member of the Army, to civilians employed by the Army, and to members of their families. Members of the TA are particularly

welcome. It maintains representatives worldwide and within the counties of Britain and on most training areas, where it makes a significant contribution to conservation programmes. The Society produces a quarterly bulletin and an annual journal which contains articles on a wide variety of ornithological subjects of interest to the servicemen. It also has a large selection of books, journals, slides and tapes that are available for loan to members. If you are interested write to: The Secretary, Army Bird Watching Society, Defence Lands 3, MoD Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DR.

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