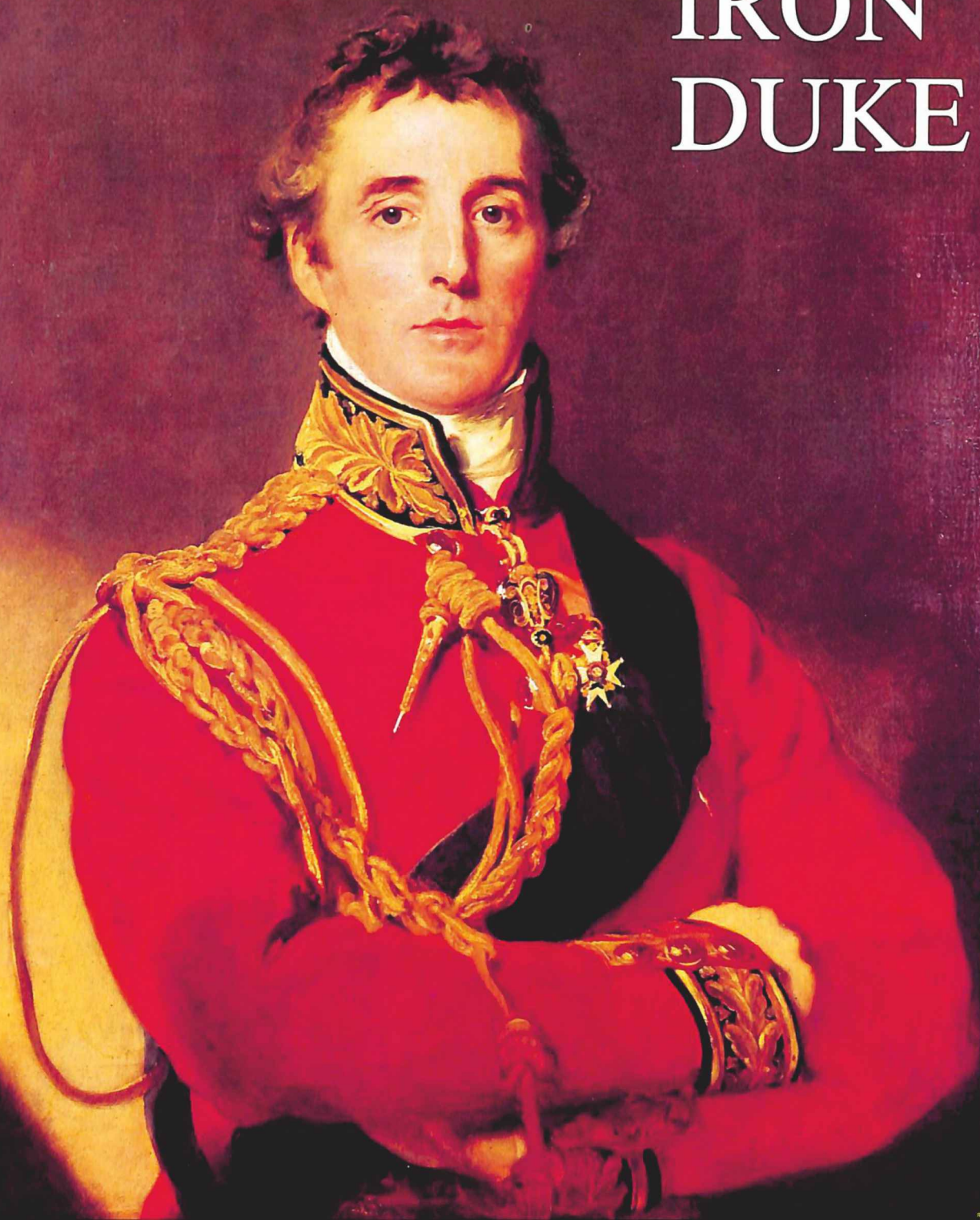


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SUCCESSION OF COLONELS OF THE 33rd REGIMENT 1702 - 1881

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| Colonel George Hastings, 8th Earl of Huntingdon | 14.3.1702 |
| Colonel Robert Duncanson | 22.2.1705 |
| Field Marshal George Wade | 9.6.1705 |
| Lieut-General Henry Hawley | 19.3.1717 |
| Lieut-General Robert Dalzell | 9.7.1730 |
| Lieut-General John Johnson | 7.11.1739 |
| Major General Lord Charles Hay | 20.11.1753 |
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| Lieut-General Sir Henry Sheehy Keating | 4.4.1845 |
| General Henry D'Oyly | 28.9.1847 |
| Field Marshal Sir Charles Yorke, GCB | 27.9.1855 |
| General William Nelson Hutchinson | 1.4.1863 |

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

GENERAL SIR ROBERT BRAY GBE, KCB, DSO

All members of the Regiment will have been saddened at the news of the sudden death of General Bray on 14th August 1983. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of General Bray was held on 15th November at The Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst. Among a very distinguished congregation were many past and present members of the Regiment who had travelled from all parts of the UK to pay their respects to the memory of one of the Regiment's greatest soldiers.

An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

COMMAND OF THE BATTALION

Lieut Colonel E. J. W. Walker has been selected to command the 1st Battalion in succession to Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberlege in October 1984.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE 1ST BATTALION

In the last issue of the *Iron Duke* the photographs, for the most part illustrated the ceremonial aspects of life in Gibraltar. In this issue the photographs show some, but by no means all, of the other activities that are keeping the Battalion fully occupied.

THE MOORISH CASTLE PROJECT

There are a couple of indirect references to this project in the 1st Battalion notes. An article on the project will appear in the next issue of the *'Iron Duke'*.

FAREWELL TO THE FIJIANS

*"Now is the hour, when we must say 'Good bye'
Soon we'll be sailing across the sea
While I'm away, oh please remember me..."*

In 1961, when recruiting in Britain was difficult, the British Army sent a recruiting team to Fiji. The response from the young men and women there was so great that the quota the team was allowed to recruit was doubled, and 212 Fijians joined up.

Recently a parade was held in Dortmund to say farewell to 32 of the 63 remaining Fijians in the Army, in the presence of The British Ambassador to Germany, Sir Jock Taylor; The Prime Minister of Fiji, Sir Kamisese T. T. Maru and the Commander-Chief BAOR, General Sir Nigel Bagnall. Among the spectators were Brigadier W. R. Mundell, Major T. J. Isles and WO2 A. Goddard. RSM Meli Basu of the 1st Battalion led the Fijians on the parade.



Regimental Sergeant Major Meli Basu leads the last of The Fijians who joined in 1961 in a farewell song as they march off the square at Dortmund for the last time.

In the words of the British Ambassador: "... the soldiers from Fiji by the unusual warmth they generate in their daily life, their capacity for friendship and their tremendous spirit so evident wherever they have served has been an inspiration to us".

Those Fijians that have served in the Regiment have perfectly exemplified those words. Ponijiasi, and Waqabaca were the first to join the Regiment and both played leading parts in the rugby successes of the 1960s. They were later joined by Basu and Parrott (now respectively RSM and S/Sgt) who were also outstanding sportsmen and soldiers. To all four of these true Duke's, who contributed so much to the military, social and sporting life of the Regiment, we say 'Thank you'. We will not forget you.

SERGEANT ARNOLD LOOSEMORE VC, DCM

On 25th August 1983 The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Dr Peter Jones, unveiled a plaque in memory of Sergeant Arnold Loosemore in Loosemore Drive, Gleadless Common. Sergeant Loosemore (then a private) was awarded the VC for conspicuous bravery on the Somme on 11th August 1917, while serving with the 8th Battalion. On 11th July 1918 he was awarded the DCM for a further act of bravery. Three weeks before Armistice he was shot through both legs. Sergeant Loosemore died in 1924 at the age of 29 as a result of his wounds.

COLONEL J. B. K. GREENWAY CBE

On behalf of readers of the *Iron Duke* we congratulate Colonel Greenway on his selection for promotion to Brigadier in 1984.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS

The following officers' appointments are notified or have taken place.

Major General D. E. Isles, CB, OBE. Relinquishes his appointment as Honorary Colonel 3rd Bn Yorkshire Volunteers, on 23 Nov 83.

Major P. J. Mellor. For OC Mortar Div, Sp Wpns Wg, School of Inf, Dec 83.

Major C. J. W. Gilbert. For SO2 LOG HQ AMF(L) (BAE), Dec 83.

Major D. L. J. Harrap, LLB. For SO2 W Wpns 3B, DGW(A)(PE)(AE) at MOD, Jan 84.

Major T. J. Isles. For 1 DWR, Apr 84.

Major A. D. Meek. For Chief of Staff (BM), HQ 11 Armd Bde, Jan 84.

Capt A. H. S. Drake, MBE. For 1 DWR, Mar 84.

Capt M. J. Stone, BA. For RCMS Shrivvenham Oct 84, then Staff College Camberly, Jan-Dec 85.

Capt S. J. N. Morgan. For SO3, G3, HQ 15 inf Bde, Dec 83.

Lieut (A/Capt) C. A. Harvey, BA. To ADC to Lt. Gen C. R. Huxtable, Sep 83.

Lieut (A/Capt) P. Robinson. Selected for QM Commission, and for QM (T) 1 DWR, Jan 84.

Lieut (A/Capt) J. WOOD. For 1 DWR, Feb 84.

Major (QM) R. A. Tighe, MBE. For Deputy SSO & Admin Offr, Station Staff Hohne, Mar 84.

Capt (QM) M. Carter. For QM 1 DWR, Mar 84.

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Brigadier Shuttleworth has been selected for the ROI appointment of Schools Liaison Officer (Yorkshire and Humberside), with Headquarters at HQ North East District, York, as from March 1984.

THE SUCCESSION OF COLONELS OF THE 33rd REGIMENT 1702 - 1881

An appendix to 'The History of the 33rd Foot' by Albert Lee lists the succession of Colonels of the Regiment. It appears from remarks in the preface to the History that the appendix was prepared by a Mr F. E. Wallis. At first glance the Colonels do not seem to have been particularly distinguished. According to Wallis's description only one of them achieved the rank of General. For example; he actually calls Cornwallis a Colonel although he did become a General; and giving them all their correct ranks a very different picture emerges. Far from being undistinguished, no less than four of them became Field Marshals, which is almost unique for a line regiment. (1) None held that rank while they were Colonel of the 33rd mainly because of the practice of appointing distinguished officers to the more prestigious (and more lucrative) Colonelcies of regiments of the Brigade of Guards or of cavalry regiments. Thus in 1717 Major General George Wade (as he then was) was appointed Colonel of 3rd Dragoon Guards and vacated his Colonelcy of the 33rd. He became a Field Marshal in 1743.

The fact that four of the Colonels became Field Marshals, while six became Generals, does indicate the quality of Colonels of the 33rd and is an important chapter in the history of the Regiment. Right up to

the mid 19th century the colonel was a god like figure. Because the regiment was practically his property the whole of the economy as well as the discipline was in his hands. While there was scope for peculation due to the manner in which a colonel was paid, the great majority took great pride in their regiments and lavished large sums on them. A good colonel could mould the whole regiment in his image - and did.

The list here produced, gives the succession of Colonels with their highest rank attained. One Colonel has been deleted from Wallis's list and the list published by Colonel Leslie in "The succession of Colonels in the British Army from 1660 to the present day" (2). Colonel Henry Leigh is shown by both them as succeeding Colonel the Earl of Huntingdon on 2 March 1703.

Normally a colonel only vacated his appointment on death or on being appointed colonel of another regiment.

The Earl of Huntingdon was not so appointed but he did die in February 1705 when it would have been necessary to appoint a successor. Colonel Robert Duncanson became Colonel of the 33rd in the same month and the same year. It is too much of a coincidence to believe that Henry Leigh, if he had been Colonel, also died in February 1705.

Duncanson, incidentally, had been the 33rd's first Lieut Colonel and if he was considered fit to be Colonel in 1705 there appears to be no reason why he should not have been appointed in 1703, had the necessity arisen. Albert Lee also wrote "A statement is made that Huntingdon was succeeded by Colonel Leigh; but there is no evidence to prove this", while another historian writing of this period found the alleged sequence of Colonels of the 33rd "a little puzzling" (3). In all the circumstances it is considered Colonel Leigh was at no time a Colonel of the 33rd.

Photographs of portraits of 16 of the 17 Colonels of the 33rd Regiment between its raising in 1702 and its amalgamation with the 76th in 1881 have been obtained. The photographs together with a short biographical note on each of the Colonels will be published in future issues of the *Iron Duke*.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to trace a portrait of Colonel The Earl of Huntingdon. A portrait that did exist was destroyed in a fire at Loudon Castle in 1941. A memorial to him has however been located and photographed.

A.C.S.S.

To be continued

Notes

(1) *Only one line regiment has had more than four Colonels who became Field Marshals. The Royal Fusiliers (7th Foot) has had five. One other regiment has had four: The Royal Scots (1st Foot).*

(2) *Published by The Society for Army Historical Research as Special Publication No. II in 1974.*

(3) *"The Peninsular in the War of Spanish Succession" by Major R. E. Scouller, in the Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research, No. 220.*

Lieut Colonel John Clarke, 76th Regiment

Recently a miniature of John Clarke of the 76th, painted in about 1808 when he was a lieutenant, was put up for sale at Christies. It was thought that it might fetch between £80 and £120, and it was decided to try and purchase it for the Regiment, the Army Museums Ogilby Trust having undertaken to meet half the cost. In the event the miniature went for £220, which was more than the Regiment was prepared to offer.

Lieut Colonel Clarke, who saw active service with the 76th in Spain 1808-09; Walcheren 1809 and Canada 1813-14; assumed command of the 76th in 1833 and died at sea, when the Regiment was en route to the West Indies, in 1834. In verifying these details it was noted, with some surprise, that the 76th had no less than nine Commanding Officers in the seven years between 1832 and 1839.

The Commanding Officer who was succeeded in 1832 had served in the appointment for five years while the CO appointed in 1839 was in command for no less than 18 years. But between 1832 and 1839 the average period for command was dramatically reduced and the reason is readily apparent: the period covers almost exactly the time the 76th spent in the West Indies, which was from early 1834 to early 1841.

Because of the prevalence of yellow fever a posting to the West Indies 150 years ago was not seen in the same light as it would be to-day. If such service could be avoided or curtailed, so much the better. This may or may not have been the motive of the series of Commanding Officers of the 76th; but if it was, there was some justification. In 1839, for instance, the then Commanding Officer and 106 other members of the Regiment died from yellow fever.

The record of the 33rd, who followed the 76th to the West Indies in 1841 and remained there until 1844, was not dissimilar. The CO of the 33rd died of yellow fever the year in which the Regiment arrived in the West Indies, and in the next three years there were three Commanding Officers, two of whom

opted for retirement in the year of their appointment. The Regiment had 162 deaths from yellow fever in the three years it was in the West Indies.

A photograph of the miniature of John Clarke, which prompted the unearthing of those details is reproduced in this issue of the *Iron Duke*.



Lieut (later Lieut Colonel) John Clarke, 76th Foot (c. 1808)

1st Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

Frequently complete strangers put the question to me; "How are you enjoying Gibraltar?" "Very much thank you", seems far too lame a response, true as it may be for the vast majority of the Battalion. We are now all "experts" on Gibraltar, and such is the variety of life here that we enjoy it for differing reasons. In fact it is the variety which is the hallmark of Gibraltar.

I have no doubt whatever that the key to success in Gibraltar is keeping the maximum number of people as busy as possible. That is what we set out to do with the whole range of our activities. We have used the same routine and training cycle as our predecessors since our arrival and while this has suited us up to now we will be making major adjustments to it in November to give us more training time and a better balance all round.

Our limited training opportunities have been greatly enhanced by each of the rifle companies going to Portugal for 3 weeks. The training area there is at Santa Margarida about 70 miles North East of Lisbon. Little live firing can be carried out, but it is a superb area for dry training, similar to a 443 area in Germany but with fewer restrictions. Not only does it provide us with the vital opportunity to maintain our training standards but it is also a marvellous relief from the confines of Gibraltar.

In addition, Somme Company return to Salisbury Plain in November for 2 weeks, and then next year the Battalion returns en masse for 2 weeks to complete the annual classification. We have an Electric Target Range in our camp which theoretically should provide us with a great opportunity to improve our shooting. It suffers like other facilities in Gibraltar from a semi-permanent state of closure, so it was enormously satisfying that despite their lack of practice L/Cpls Orozlan and Cracknell managed to win the Sniper Match at Bisley. We have the makings of a very good Bisley team and we have hopes for taking a stride up that ladder next year.

The soldiers have adapted marvellously well to the conditions of Gibraltar. Each of the rifle companies in turn have put on very high grade drill displays at the Ceremonies of the Keys. The Band and Drums are busier and more popular than ever; and even the CO is going to be allowed to deploy the Battalion throughout the Rock for 5 days on exercise in November. I hope our popularity with the civilians will be as high at the end of it as it is now.

OFFICERS' MESS

The reputation of the Battalion as a whole has seldom been higher and the many and varied functions which we have hosted in the Mess complement our achievements elsewhere. We have fully developed our caves - we now have two available for parties and one for storage (or new officers!). We have made the most of the delightful al fresco atmosphere of the patio/garden area and the Mess is really alive and the focal part of our social lives. Some of our regular functions are "happy hours", family bar'becues and ladies luncheons which are all very well attended and allow us to entertain our friends in a convivial atmosphere. We have had a plethora of official visitors: DMO, MS, QMG, Colonel Commandant of the King's Division, Air Commander, and held numerous impromptu lunches for HM Ships and others. The living in members hold regular parties in the small cave, and we have already had a very select dinner party in the large cave hosted by Messrs Morgan, Richardson and Harvey. These generous instigators may have set off a very enjoyable trend. Our special relationship with HMS "Invincible" continued during their recent visit. A

joint party is already planned for April. The TA Companies who have visited us this summer have introduced a colourful variant and they have contributed much to our lifestyle - notably the Royal Irish who arrived en masse and left reeling (literally) at the end.

Guest nights particularly have come alive with the reintroduction of games after dinner. We entertained FOGIB Rear Admiral Vallings and the Air Commander, Air Commodore Pack to our first. They both led teams in a strange beer drinking and water biscuit eating contest that had the audience in hysterics. Our second guest night was to dine out Alan Westcob. After an excellent meal and some band antics, the Commanding Officer presented him with a Band Banner from those currently serving with the 1st Battalion. It was a moving occasion and a fitting tribute to Big Al. The celebrations afterwards were truly amazing, indoor hockey followed by Majors v Subalterns mess rugger. Everyone had carpet burns the next morning and felt tired for a week. Alan finally left after a champagne reception at the airport.



The Commanding Officer handing over a cheque for £200; part of the proceeds from the Band Cave concert; to Mrs Galliano, who is accepting it on behalf of the Gibraltar Charities Council.

Throughout the whole period Sgt Dalladay and his staff have continued to set the highest standards. They have worked extremely long hours and established a firm reputation for excellence in Gibraltar. This has been mirrored by L/Cpl Wormold and his staff at the Convent.

As for the future, apart from the traditional Guy Fawkes and Christmas activities we are reconvening the Officers Dinner Club. We are holding a black tie dinner, after which the Chief Justice, The Honourable Sir Renn Davies, will speak. We have welcomed several new faces, Lieut's Brear, Lehmann, Howard, 2/Lieut's Chadwick, Tinsley and McNeilis. Never have we had so many potential

Rupert Award winners! Before the next issue of the *Iron Duke* there will have also been some other changes. Tim and Debbie Isles return together with Jack Kilburn, finally coursed after his watchkeeping. Mike and Kay Stone returned earlier in the year but Liz and Keith Best go to Camberley in October, Angie and Chris Gilbert to Heidelberg in December, Simon Morgan to UK with David Richardson, Chris Harvey as ADC, Martin Tuley to the Depot, Robin Pugh to the Army Air Corps if he passes! Richard Ward becomes PMC in December. Good luck to him, it's fascinating, tiring but exhilarating job unequalled probably anywhere else in the Army.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Our social life has now settled down to a more sedate pace. Let me describe a typical month.

In the first week of every month there is a mess meeting, every Wednesday is games night, every Saturday, unless there is an official function, is a "free and easy" night, every Friday is happy hour, 2 nights a month cafe night, 2 Sundays a month Sunday lunches. And with living in dinners or invites to and from ships and to other messes, the social life is still quite busy. About visits to ships, in Gibraltar there is always a Guard ship and then, of course, the fleet calls in quite regularly so we have always an

abundance of "sailors in town". Sometimes it seems that the Guard ship uses the mess as its guard room as it seems to be the first port of call for all visiting sailors. If however we have not had a visit within 6 hours of docking, a boarding party of "electric ships Fleming" and pirates go down and press-gang the visitors. It always ends up with an open invitation to the ship. As for the games night, with just over half the season gone we have not won a game yet!!! And there does not look like the remotest possibility that we will.

Looking back over the last couple of months, our

social diary records that on Thursday 30 June we dined in the Commanding Officer. Because the following day was a working day, the night did not go on as long as most of us would have liked, however, everyone had a good night.

With Exercise "Open Door" (Portugal) in mind when one company group in rotation was away from early September to late October, it was decided to hold the Summer Ball on the 16 July. It was held in the officers mess cave. The guests included the Commanding Officer, Second in Command, Adjutant, all company commanders and all officers who were ex members of our mess and all their ladies. We also had 6 members and their ladies from all other messes in Gibraltar, so it turned out to be quite a large affair. "Passion" a local group, were fantastic, and so was the SQMS, whose buffet would not have been out of place at Buckingham Palace (even though they probably couldn't afford it!).

On 29 August we dined out Sgt Les Davis. The dinner was attended by all Warrant Officers and Staff Sgts and all living in members and the men who knew Les best. It was sad to see Les go as he had worked in the mess for 23 years starting as barman and leaving as

mess caterer. We wish him well in civvy street and are most grateful for the 2 silver candle sticks he presented to the mess as a farewell present.

A couple of days later we put the candle sticks to good use when we dined out Major Alan Westcob, the out going battalion second in command. He did his best to out last the whole mess and nearly succeeded, but at 0530 old age caught up with him (or was it CSB) and he had to depart but not for the last time, we hope.

Congratulations for the forthcoming marriages of two of our senior members, WO2 Paul Grey to Diane, and WO2 Barry Hey to Tracey. Both marriages are to take place in Halifax. Paul and Diane will join the battalion in Gibraltar. Barry and Tracey will live in Sheffield for 2 years while Barry is attached to the Yorkshire Volunteers at Endcliffe Hall.

Congratulations also to the following members on their recent promotions: to Warrant Officer class 2, John Arundel, Barry Hey, Ernie Atkinson; to Staff Sergeant, Barry Fielding, Ken Harding; to Sergeant, Harry Taylor, Pete Carnell, Dave Wright, Stretch Harrison, George Jones, Don Campbell, Pont Teasdale, Garry Broadhead MM.



Corporal's Mess: Darts Competition
Presentation of Harry Newton's Memorial Trophy

CORPORALS' MESS

Six months have now passed since we arrived from the cold of Catterick to the warmth and sunshine of Gibraltar, and we are now well into the routine of our duties, which consist of ceremonial, four corners, admin, guards and adventure training.

Our numerous social commitments have been successful even though we have been lacking support from some members. The Summer Ball which was held in July at the South Barrack Hall was well attended and was enjoyed by everybody. We would like to thank all the departments that helped make it such a success, especially the Catering Platoon for the excellent buffet. The games night against the Sergeants' Mess was well attended by members of both messes and ended in a nail biting finish. It had to be decided who would win the Trophy in the final

game of a '1001'. The Corporals' Mess stormed home to win a double one and therefore finishing the night with a victory and the Trophy for the Mess. We wish the Sergeants' Mess better luck next time.

We have also had the play off for the Harry Newton's Memorial Trophy which was won by Hook Company after a lot of strong opposition from the other Company teams.

During the last six months we have lost a few of the mess members and congratulate those who have progressed into the WO's and Sgt's mess.

We welcome into the Cpl's mess: L/Cpl's Mann, Draper, Lockley, Devaney, Moore, Kennedy, Ashworth, Carter 33, Carter 17, Allanby, Sewell, Machen, Chalmers, Navis, Waller, Pugh, Clarke, Smith 30 and Watson.

ALMA COMPANY

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|------|------------------------|
| 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. McNeilis
Sgt G. O. W. Williams

2 Platoon

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

3 Platoon

Lieut M. G. Tuley
Sgt A. L. Jackson

The Company photograph was taken the other day on South Barrack Square, and it is at times like this one realises how quickly careers pass by, faces change, people mature and develop. Although the style of the company remains the same, the composition varies enormously. Our orbat is now fixed for Ex Open Door in Portugal to where we fly tomorrow, but on our return Lieut Tuley goes to the Depot, 2/Lieut Preston to PCD, the OC hands over to Capt Mike Stone on 12 December and the CSM moves to TQMs in February. Prior to this as far as NCOs are concerned the following catalogue reveals all:

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Sgt Pierce | Posted to Training Wing, July |
| Cpl Acklam | Depot, Aug |
| Sgt Teasdale | Promoted, posted to Depot, Nov |
| Cpl Hunt | Posted to Training Wing, June |
| Sgt Taylor | Promoted and posted |
| Sgt James | Promoted and posted |
| L/Cpl Lyns | PVR to run family business |
| L/Cpl Williams | PVR to run family business |
| L/Cpl Lawson | PVR |
| Cpl Frear | Posted to Depot in December |

These fluctuations confirm that life is full and varied, and as far as commanders are concerned challenging and demanding. We have recently welcomed 13 recruits to the Company who have been quickly integrated into Gibraltar life.

During the summer we have had varied success with cricket, beating Somme and Burma but finishing fairly low in the Gibraltar minor units league. We have discovered some talent though. Ptes Scott, McNally and Pratt all scored runs and 2/Lieut Preston led an impressive bowling line up of Ptes Green, Lord, Quinney and McNally. Major Gilbert

contributed when he was not required for the Army or Combined Services Side and Sgt Williams came good eventually as wicket keeper and batsman.

Athletics has remained our high point. We won the Battalion Athletics meeting handsomely and managed to have at least one finalist in each event. Our road running side is now firmly established for the Winter, we have a squad of about 20 for what is a very popular sport here in Gibraltar.

Throughout the summer, there have been numerous comings and goings on courses, leave or short expeditions to Badajoz led by Lieut Tuley, to visit the battlefield and learn at first hand what life was like for the soldiers in the Peninsular War. It was very hot, and very arid. We also held a tremendous family regatta fun day at Coaling Island, and the majority of the company have now visited Spain and the Costa del Sol at least half a dozen times. When all the other military adventurous and extra mural activities are taken into account, we are clearly making the most of Gibraltar. Even though the Mediterranean winter is closing in we intend to maintain the momentum throughout. The Company has entered 4 sides for the Battalion internal games league and we hold Company sports evenings once a week in the gym. There are football and rugger teams and soon boxing training begins again.

We suffered a tragic loss in a climbing accident of Pte Wilson. The Company held a moving service for him on Lathbury Square and recently entertained his mother and Wilsons young brother on a visit here - paid for in part by contributions from the Company.

The only other departure is a happier one. The OC's driver Pte O'Connor, went to the MT and is currently Champion Driver in the Battalion.



Capt Bernie Coll getting to know the natives

BURMA COMPANY

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| OC | Major J. R. A. Ward |
| 2IC | Capt M. J. Stone |
| CSM | WO2 J. Arundel |
| CQMS | C/Sgt L. Hepworth |

4 Platoon

2/Lieut M. A. Twelftree
Sgt M. Smith
Sgt D. Wright

5 Platoon

Lieut A. Brear
Sgt T. Woodward

6 Platoon

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

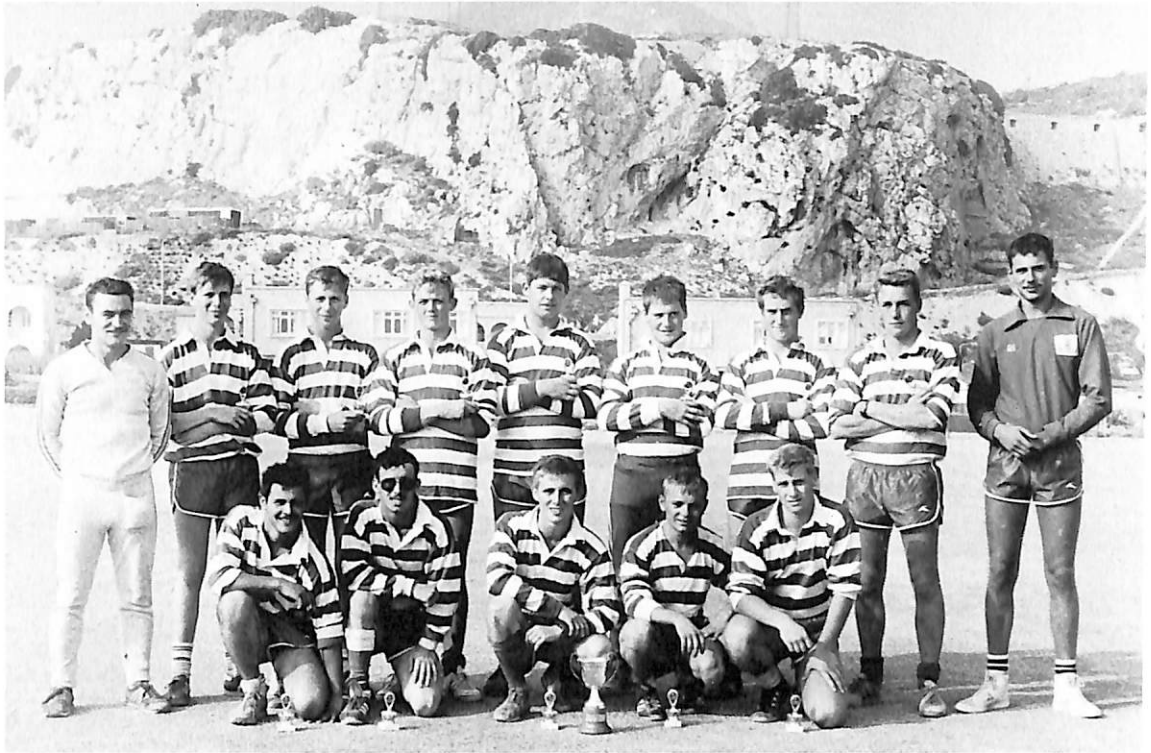
The two most significant recent occurrences were our 3 weeks in Portugal, and the sad farewell to WO2 Brian Sykes who is moving up to the much deserved position of RQMS.

Our training period in Portugal was preceded by a very enjoyable evening B-B-Q and disco held at the Rosia Officers Swimming Club.

Portugal was a marvellous experience. The weather was incredibly hot and even the fittest of us wilted. Training was very intensive but it was good to operate in our own sections, platoons, and as a Company. We had a chance to fire all our platoon weapons and we did every conceivable type of dry training from recce patrols to a company dawn attack. The countryside was very impressive what with section attacks through eucalyptus trees, ambushes among the grapes and melons, and a defensive position in an olive grove. The area was as dry as tinder and thirst was a great problem. But beer cost only 20p a pint! We trained hard and for long hours but it was worth it and at the end we had a very

relaxing R & R at Estoril in a 4-star hotel with its own swimming pool, tennis courts, golf course, showers, bath and toilets en suite, and TV and telephone to boot. Put 95 soldiers in and what do you get? Apart from a very good holiday, we brought the room service and the telephone operator to a complete standstill. But we also saw something of Lisbon, Estoril and Cascais. A few of us hired cars and went further afield. We even had an article about us in the Anglo Portuguese Times.

Yes, Portugal was good, and it had its fair share of high spots, like C/Sgt Hepworth providing after Dinner Night entertainment with a classic rendering of "A le wette", or the OC doing the same at the General's Garden Party with "Susannah's a Funny Old Man". The cross training at Tomar was a most enjoyable day, even the drill was fun... it was certainly a surprise. If there was ever a low spot it was probably our sore feet which were at their worst at the end of week 2. The Company went as a group to Portugal and we had a lot of fun with the Recce



The Hassan Trophy
Burma Company's winning team

section, Anti Tank section and Assault Pioneers who accompanied us.

On our return to Gibraltar we had a hilarious "Its-a-Knockout" evening with our families and the Navy at Coaling Island. The Navy provided the setting, the booze, the hot dogs and the kit. We did the rest, including the provision of 3 of the finest rafts you ever did see. Everyone got wet; Sgt Priestley did a life saving act on his non-swimmer son who took it upon himself to abandon ship; Shaw, the OC's driver, had the most spectacular ride in an Optimist dinghy behind a motor boat. He was so heavy, the bows were pulled right off and seeing him sitting there in the middle of the harbour in a frontless boat was very funny. Nobody is quite sure who won the inter platoon competition but it wasn't 4 Pl who consistently drew the short straw and got the heavy boat. The wives and children participated fully and Wilsons sister (Sgt Priestley's wife's sister) did wonders in the raft race and those intrepid coxswains Sarah Ward and Lyndsey Woodward spent their time jumping from boat to boat in an effort to coax

everyone home to a win. Our new CSM, WO2 Arundel was suitably initiated into the Company by being made to walk the greasy pole. Brrr!

We welcome in addition to CSM Arundel, Ptes Dunn, Skelton, Towel, Ness, Houlden, Mallon, Walker, Bond, Marsh, Lomax and Cpl Dean. We said farewell to Cpl Greenwood and Cpl Nicholaides on promotion and to "Swamp Rat" Wallace, Carr, Alty, Patton and Carter.

Cpl James wife has produced another girl and Ptes Hirst, McConnell and Procter have got spliced.

Finally, once again our sportsmen have come up trumps by winning the "Hassan Trophy". This is a cup presented by the Chief Minister for the winners of a triangular sports competition involving a team of 12 Under 21s who play one game each of soccer, hockey and volleyball. The competition is for the Gibraltar Youth Association with the Army being invited to enter teams. Ours was the only true Under 21 team and we did well to win, as competition was very fierce. The man of the match was undoubtedly Pte Summersgill of 6 Pl.

CORUNNA COMPANY

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| | OC | Major A. D. Roberts, MBE |
| | 2IC | Capt P. Wilkinson |
| | CSM | WO2 J. T. Hogg |
| | CQMS | S/Sgt K. G. Harding |
| 7 Platoon | 8 Platoon | 9 Platoon |
| Lieut C. S. T. Lehmann | Lieut C. R. T. Smith | Lieut C. J. Howard |
| Sgt L. Welburn | 2/Lieut C. J. Beaumont RAPC* | 2/Lieut M. Tinsley* |
| | Sgt M. A. O'Garro | Sgt D. Porter |

** Platoon Commanders designate*

No doubt all of us will remember this long hot summer in various ways, the straight backs of the Queens Birthday Parade, the blisters of the Moorish Castle project, the square eyes of Four Corners or for that wonderful combination of work and play at the A.W.T.C. To add to the pleasure, work has allowed the occasional beach trip to boost the weekend tan!

The first hurdle was the Queens Birthday Parade where the Company drilled for many hours of practice under the firm grip of CSM John Hogg and the critical gaze of the 2IC from the Company Office. The excellent Parade was to be only a taste of the drill to come. Led by Sgts Welburn and O'Garro we now have an expert Convent Guard team who have performed well as a local tourist attraction. We have also recently completed our first Ceremony of the Keys under command of Lieut Chris Harvey, an ex 8 platoon commander.

The first of our adventure training periods introduced many of us to the delights of water sports while others explored the depths of the Rocks natural tunnel system and the heights of its perilous South West face. By the end of two weeks most of us were certified as proficient, particularly the Canoeists who had surfed on Catalan Bay where Pte 'Chang' Davis learnt to canoe upside down. They also experienced the jump from the detached mole, a leap of 20 feet in a canoe. Lieuts Howard and Smith followed by Pte 'Mally' Birkett. The second period allowed some a chance to change sports or to develop their skills.

The beginning of July saw the second of our military training periods and the temporary removal of the OC after an overdose of windsurfing and cricket. We launched into a series of cadres and discovered the delights of live firing from Governors Beach at floating targets designed by Sgt Dave Porter, while Cpl Garry Broadhead and his fishing cronies caught a massive sunfish (92 lbs). The efforts of a hopeful Shooting Team led by Lieut Toby Lehmann and Cpl 'Chad' Chapman were nipped in the bud by the Range closure. We finished with a short patrol exercise during which 7 and 8 platoons proved that you can have vertical patrol bases. The culmination was the first of Corunna's lessons in firefighting during the final attack.

August saw the departure of Lieut Clive Howard and a party from 9 Platoon to Morocco. We waited with baited breath for their return. They pioneered a Duke's route to the highest mountain, Jbel Toubhal, to discover, prior to climbing it, that the shop at its base sold Compo. The trip lasted two weeks and started with a visit to the Sahara with a view of the early morning sunrise. This was followed by the trip to the Atlas Mountains. The return was made taking in the delights of Marrakech, Casablanca and Rabat.

Our most recent expedition has been on Exercise "Open Door" to Portugal under command of Capt Wilkinson and under the watchful eye of our guest D S Major Don Palmer. After brief recce's of the St Margarita training area which was a great dry expanse covered by deep re-entrants and large cork and eucalyptus plantations, we soon learnt the meaning of Open Door. The entire company was hosted by the 1st Company of "B Mec" the neighbouring mechanised Infantry Battalion. After a brief joint parade in which Capt Paul Wilkinson made an excellent interpretation of Portuguese drill we mounted their American M 113 APC's. After a long "cabby" round the training area and a demonstration of the Assault course and Portuguese platoon tactics we retired for an enormous buffet lunch and barbecue during which much local wine and beer was sampled. After an exchange of speeches we moved onto the range for an exchange of weapons. To finish the afternoon we played 11 and 5 a side football which gave Pte "Sedge" Sedgwick his first taste of international refereeing.

An exercise starting with an SAS type kidnap and staging various tasks of endurance and initiative will be remembered if only for the interrogation phase. Even Yorkshire soldiers keep quiet with a hood on! After a day of Inter Platoon contests which 7 platoon won in spite of their shooting, we started a constructive four day exercise. We tested our patrolling, ambushing and river crossing. We followed form and finished with a spot of fire fighting, mostly successful, before departing on a high spirited R & R. We look forward with enthusiasm to our next trip.

On the sporting front we have performed creditably on the Cricket field, Lieuts Howard and Smith and L/Cpls Padley and Capewell as batsmen, with Ptes Thomas and Greaves as bowlers. Pte Samerson has undoubtedly been our Athletics star supported by the gutsy performance of L/Cpl Easeman, Ptes Lawrence, Watson, and Allanby in the 4 x 400m relay, the later being removed from the refreshment area at the last minute. We have all tried tag Rugby, 8 platoon winning the Battalion Inter Platoon cup, and await the winter sports season with some interest.

After the successful and enjoyable trip to Portugal we returned to find the OC back in his seat which will give Capt Wilkinson a well deserved rest. We welcome C/Sgt Harding and say goodbye to C/Sgt Lister. We congratulate L/Cpls Easeman and Capewell and Pte Perrin on the additions to their families.

SOMME COMPANY

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

Mortar Platoon
Lieut N. Borwell
WO2 E. Atkinson

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

Recce Platoon
Capt S. H. Dixon
Sgt P. Elwell

The summer has nearly finished (temperatures have dropped to a cool 75 degrees), and everybody in the company has had his summer holiday whether it be back to UK or Morocco or Spain. During the summer period we have had our fair share of ceremonial, guards, fatigues and adventure training.

The company now has a number of expert windsurfers, dinghy sailors and canoeists as well as potholers and cavers. There are a number of new faces in the company. The completed cadres will return to the UK in November for a Support Weapons concentration on Salisbury plain.

MORTAR PLATOON

Gibraltar is not the ideal place to develop a Mortar Platoon, but this fact has in no way dulled our enthusiasm and the Platoon is developing from strength to strength. Many old hands have left over the last year. L/Cpl Chapman has gone to Burma Company and Pte Harrison is carpet laying somewhere in West Yorkshire. Sgt Carnell, recently promoted, is now ensconced in the Sergeants Mess. Many congratulations and we hope to see him back in the Platoon before too long.

Congratulations also for "Tiny" and Tracy Carter on their new arrival and for his promotion to L/Cpl.

The Mortar Platoon Cadre which lasted four weeks was a great success. We welcome our eight new arrivals: Cpl Pigg, L/Cpl Rose, Pte's Royston, Acklam 25, Ross, Birch, Alty and Patton 48 - all of whom worked hard to learn their new trade. The cadre has set the scene for live firing in November, so by Christmas the Mortars will be up to the necessary standard in spite of the constraints placed upon us in such a confined area.

The Platoon Puff Range is now complete and thanks must go to Cpl Holliday and L/Cpl Brown for all their hard work in renovating it since we arrived. The Mortars also have half shares in a boat. Whilst this is not a particularly impressive craft it may well be used for fishing and "trips around the bay" next year. It has been christened "Dropshort" - though

"Dreadnought II" or "Titanic" may be more suitable names, and needs a good deal of hard work before she can be launched in the spring. Pte Royston is taking control of "Dropshort" and will be managing her refit over the winter.

The Mortar Platoon party in late September was a great success, and special thanks must go to Sheena Atkinson and Ruby O'Brien.

We have many keen fishermen in the Platoon, led by WO2 Ernie Atkinson, and several Hockey, Volleyball and Basketball umpires. Liaison with Thompsons Battery of the Gibraltar Regiment is close and our aim is for an even closer working relationship in the new year after our live firing. They have very kindly brought their guns down for us to look at, and this transfer of information is both interesting and vital.

Cpl Gorrige and L/Cpl Antcliff have completed their Netheravon course. Congratulations to them and also to Cpl Gorrige on his promotion.

We wish L/Cpl Schneider luck at Netheravon where he is involved in his course, and Cpl Oakley and his seven Mortarmen who are accompanying Alma to Portugal as a rifle section.

The Mortars are well settled on the Rock. The completion of live firing will see a more efficient Platoon, and socially we are developing too.

RECCE PLATOON

Six of the Platoon went across to Portugal with Burma Coy on Exercise "Open Door" for three weeks military training which they enjoyed tremendously. They won the 32km orienteering competition ably led by L/Cpl Navis, and then had four days of R & R at the end of it.

Meanwhile, back at Lathbury, the rest of the

platoon have been on Four Corners and Ceremonial with two weeks of adventure training, and guards and duties. Pte Willmott has been working hard all the time keeping all our six ferrets on the road. Finally, the Recce Platoon has won the plate (and a bottle of beer each) in the Inter Platoon Tag Rugby Competition.

ANTI TANK PLATOON

Life here in Gibraltar continues at its own hectic pace, the platoon have fitted in well to the new social conditions, entering all the activities and pastimes with good spirit. Sport plays a large role and the platoon has contributed well.

Adventure training is a thriving pastime with Sgt Abel having finally mastered the steering of a windsurfer, proving his ability by representing the Army, something we will never hear the end of. Cpl Hird is equally proficient at windsurfing, and Lieut Bruce believes he is better than both of them, L/Cpl Coles and Cpl Bryant are extremely proficient sailors. Cpl Conlon spends most of his time caving and tunneling somewhere beneath the Rock. Dooley and Cpl Carter have been bitten by the canoeing bug. Cpl Carter has been on a canoeing expedition to Spain. Everyone in the platoon has found some pastime to enjoy.

The platoon welcomes back Sgt Harrison and Cpl Craven, who have both recently returned from the Depot. Congratulations to Pte and Mrs Goodwin on the birth of a baby boy and Pte and Mrs Corney on the birth of twins (boy + girl).

The Subalterns Cup

Sgt 'SAS' Tooley making sure Lieut Duncan Bruce is safely secured



HOOK COMPANY

OC (when in station)
OC (out of station)
OC (out of station)
CSM
CQMS
CQMS

Major A. D. M. Palmer, MBE
Capt D. Whitaker
Capt S. J. N. Morgan
WO2 C. Fleming
C/Sgt D. B. Fielding
Sgt D. A. Campbell

The summer has been gone, leaving in it's wake a number of reasonably suntanned members of the normally subterranean group known as Hook Company. Due to the pattern of life in Gibraltar administration has taken a higher profile than in other areas and the departments have been kept very busy; helping with major earth moving activities at Moorish Castle for the Assault Pioneers, training budding American Cup Challengers for the AWTC, trying to stretch 2 tin cans and a piece of string from Gibraltar to Portugal for the Signal Platoon.

In all these activities the usual quiet and resigned

acceptance of yet another "Fastball" characterises the Company's efforts, be it the provision of a Barbeque for half Gibraltar or the laying on of transport for a Naval force that feels like a jolly round the Rock. All have been taken on and completed.

The Company has been increased to about 300 by the addition of extra supporting members. All these people take a lot of looking after and Company Headquarters have a competition to see who can guess the name of the next petitioner to the Company Office in (3) three goes.

SIGNAL PLATOON

RSO
ARSO
Sigs Sgt
Sigs Stores

Capt S. J. N. Morgan
WO2 P. V. Grey
Sgt J. Cone
Sgt I. Verrall

The Signal Platoon is in a state of flux at the present. Gone is Sgt Jackson who has returned to the real world of rifle platoon work after his senior

Brecon course. Gone also are Pte's Raynor, Ahmed and Gorman to civilian life. Our best wishes for their future success go with them. C/Sgt Fielding moves

across to administer Hook Coy. In return we welcome back our wanderer, now Sgt Jack Cone whose wealth of experience will be much in demand. Sgt Verrall also returns to act as PI Stores Sgt. L/Cpl Smith is now preparing for his RSI course in Warminster 7 Nov 83. At Warminster at the moment is Pte Proctor on his Std 1 course and recently returned is L/Cpl Harvey.

On the signalling side the platoon has been kept busy with a spate of CPX's and other small exercises on the Rock that depend upon communications. In all this our Rear Link detachment has been very helpful. On the agenda for the next few months are another CPX, a platoon escape and evasion exercise and the Battalion exercise itself.

In the field of entertainment the new Signal

Platoon mess committee under the presidency of L/Cpl Sewell has organised several well attended events the highlight of which was a party in the Caleta Palace Hotel for Platoon members and their wives. There has been a substantial reorganisation of the building in which we found space for a Games room where the "Crafty Kemp" is challenging all comers to the Hockey!

Our congratulations go to ARSO Paul Grey on his marriage and to L/Cpl Smith for finally falling victim to the charms of Pte Wards sister! Soon the RSO himself will move on to make way for Capt Jack Kilburn who is at present getting indoctrinated with the ways of the Morse key and the directed net. He will also be the expert in the new voice procedure.

577 REAR LINK DETACHMENT

i/c

Sgt R. Gilpin, R Signals

For once we have actually been able to provide a Rear Link for the Battalion. A link was set up using PRC 320's from Portugal to Gibraltar. In fact our brave Quartermaster lost a couple of pints on a sidewager with Sgt Ron Gilpin because not only did the three hundred mile link work, it has been very successful and useful to the battalion. The i/c Detachment and L/Cpl Andy Sewell set the link up in Portugal while Cpl Les Whitaker and Sig (Beaker) Johncox held the fort in Lathbury. We even had the pleasure of a daily Charlie Whisky instruction to pronto designate Capt Jack Kilburn and Pte Tony Proctor just prior to their departure on their respective RSO and Standard One Cadre.. I don't

think they will have any trouble. Good luck to them both.

We haven't seen a lot of Sig Jo Reid, but no doubt he will be glad to join the fold again after his tour with Corunna Company.

Since returning, the RLD played host to the Commanding Officer and his brave fighting teams in Ex "Tarik Torch" at our fortress Ops room, in fact our main task on the Rock. He led a fierce battle of wits against Major Tim Bushell from Fortress Headquarters, the result was a draw I think. Our role as FHQ Signals Troop, as well as supporting 1 DWR, continues to keep us busy.

QUARTERMASTER'S PLATOON

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| QM | QM's |
| RQMS | Major R. A. Tighe MBE |
| Accn SNCO | WO2 F. Lowney |
| Clothing SNCO | C/Sgt G. Hunter |
| DOE | Sgt P. V. Williams |
| Catering | Sgt O. Theodore |
| | WO2 (SQMS) B. K. Lyons |

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| TQM | TQM's |
| TQMS | Capt M. Carter |
| Tech WO | WO2 P. I. Rawcliffe |
| | WO2 G. Sellars |

At the present Exercise "Open Door" in Portugal is in full swing. C/Sgt Hunter and Cpl Deaville are the 'Q' reps over there for the full period. We don't expect them back until November, after the camp and stores have been handed back to the Portuguese Army. There is a small stock of duty free whisky with them to ensure the Portuguese don't raise any bills against us.

RQMS Lowney will soon be giving a large sigh of relief, as summer dress comes to an end. Readers will be aware that apart from our Band and Drums, there is no entitlement for the Battalion to wear No 3 Dress (White Jackets, Blue Trousers). There has been a lot of 'wheeling and dealing' to keep the Ceremony of the keys, Four Corners and the Convent Guard in this form of dress.

TQMS Rawcliffe and WO2 Sellars share an office.

desks side by side. They can be found throughout working hours pouring over their ledgers. The Clerks Office with Cpl's Beck and Horsfall are exactly the opposite. How do they get to do their work when they are never in? The Adjutant has seen fit to bless us with a third Clerk, Pte Hollinsend. His job being twofold, to tell us where the other two are, and to produce a cup of coffee to the QM first thing in the morning.

Looking at the platoon Orbat there have been other changes: Sgt Bob Tyler leaves the platoon having been in it for over 7 years, for civilian life, and a new career in the Police Force. We all wish him well.

Sgt Verrall on loan from the Signal Platoon returns to them. He and Mrs Verrall will miss the use of the QMs Mini.

WO2 Sykes MBE arrives from Burma to take over

as RQMS in November. A great advocate that kit is there to be used, he will now experience the trials and tribulations of accounting for it.

Pte Lynch after a short period working on the 'Technical' side has volunteered to go to a Rifle Company. His theory being there are more people, fewer bosses, and who knows, perhaps a chance of promotion.

Sgt Theodore having worked as accommodation

CQMS for Hook, for two years joins the platoon as the DOE rep. Also he will not have so far to go when he gets sent for by the QM!

RQMS Lowney leaves for his last 6 months service, in November, to join the 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Volunteers. He has given loyal service throughout his time in the Duke's. The platoon will be sorry to see him go and he will be a loss to the Battalion.

MT PLATOON

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| MTO | Capt P. Robinson |
| MTWO | WO2 D. Exley |
| MTSGT | Sgt C. Jameson |
| MTSGT | Sgt M. Turner |

The MTWO is contemplating hiding all Landrover steering wheels in order to cut down on fuel consumption, as the SHELL agency say they cannot keep up with the demand.

With Sgt Jameson in Portugal, the George and Dragon have been polishing his stool and wondering why the profits are going down. Cpl Ron Hill is complaining because he has to go to Portugal again for three weeks, but we all know he loves the place.

During the archangels weekly visit to WO2 Exley he was told to protect the flowers near the MT yard, so several gnomes set to and with all their hearts built and painted a wonderous fence around the Sergeant Majors favourite stems. We are now on the look out for a spare wishing well.

Once again the MT surprised everyone (including themselves) by getting through to the seven-a-side tag rugby final.

Pte 'Willie' Wilson has decided to go to bed earlier at night, due to him going back to sleep whilst carrying out an early morning BFT and developing gravel rash in doing so.

Good luck to (Egor) Towell who has sadly departed from us to return to a Rifle Company.

Welcome back to Sgt Turner from the Signal Platoon and to L/Cpl Ingham after his spell at the depot.

Congratulations go to Pte and Mrs Carson on the birth of their son, and to newly weds Cpl and Mrs Gregory and Pte and Mrs Dixon.

REGIMENTAL BAND

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| Bandmaster | WO1 K. Taylor |
| BSM | WO2 T. P. Byrne |

After three months on the Rock, you would have thought that the work might have become easier. Instead after our biggest annual parade of the year, the Queen's Birthday Parade, things became even more hectic. The parade went very well and was said to have been the best one seen in Gibraltar.

Our next big occasion was the Waterloo Ball, held in the Officers Mess. We provided two types of music on this occasion with the band playing the marvellous scenic piece the 'Battle of Waterloo', stopping in the middle for the battle scene from the motion picture, and finally ending with sunset. After this we provided an eighteen piece dance band which played on until everyone went home.

Our concert in St Michael's Cave was extremely successful, and this was the first chance for our new fanfare team to be seen in public. The cave makes a perfect setting for a concert.

Diplomatic relations between Morocco and Gibraltar became even stronger when we were invited to play for the King's Birthday Parade. We were to stay for three days, and that was all we were told. So we sent the Bandmaster on a crash course to learn Moroccan to find out the rest of the details. We

were transported from Gibraltar by Hydrofoil and accommodated in 4 star hotels. On our second day we were taken on a tour of Tangier which included a look around the Kazbar. The actual job, a march, scheduled for 11.30 pm, didn't actually start until 12.30 am. The timings didn't worry the locals. There were more people lining the streets at that time than there normally is in Trafalgar Square on New Year's Eve. The weekend was enjoyed by all, including the band wives and children who were able to go, and everyone was very well looked after.

After completing our 20th Convent Guard the band took a well earned leave in August.

We have recently been visited by two distinguished guests who were here on holiday with their wives. They are ex-Bandmaster Mr Donald Seed, arranger of our regimental march the Wellesley and Mr Kenneth Waterman who was his BSM when the battalion was stationed here in 1953.

Previous to this, the band was going to have a social to say farewell to our band president Major A. R. Westcob but this was cancelled due to the battalion being called out, just as the band arrived for the function. We must say a fond farewell to Major

Westcob, who in his 14 months as band president has given us his undivided attention and support. We would also like to say welcome to our new band president Major P. D. Gardner.

We are at the moment involved in the HM Dockyard's Amateur Dramatic Society's production

of "South Pacific", providing the music and some of the performers. Finally, we welcome to the band three new arrivals from the King's Division Depot at Strensall. These are Bdsms Brazier, Fleming and Whitham. And we congratulate Bdsms Jennings on his recent marriage.

DRUMS PLATOON

Platoon Commander
Platoon Sergeant

Drum Major J. A. Wilkinson
Cpl K. Shinn

Our work load seems to continuously increase. We took part in a charity concert which was held at St Michael's Cave on the 25th of June. Our part in the concert was an ultra violet drumming display and, in the finale, a musical reenactment of the "Battle of Waterloo" with the fifes and drums playing such well known marches as Men of Harlech and British Grenadiers.

On the 15th of September and the 6th of October, the band and drums, along with the outpost platoon and the Gibraltar Regiment Escort to the Keys, performed the Ceremony of the Keys on Casemates Square. Both parades went extremely well.

The Convent Guard mounts are on every Monday morning, stepping off from Inces hall at precisely

10.27. The Drum Major jokes how many he has got left to do. He has got 10 and we have 67.

The side drummers and the band go down to the harbour when big ships dock in Gibraltar to entertain the tourists who are on a Mediterranean cruise. We do a concert and drumming display on the ship, and when it sails we play it out of the harbour. Up to date we have been on the Queen Elizabeth II, the Canberra and the Sea Princess.

Finally the platoon would like to congratulate: Ptes Hillam and Ryder on their recent marriages and we hope to see your wives out with you in the near future, also to L/Cpl and Mrs Shaw on the birth of their daughter "Jeannette" and Pte and Mrs Robinson on the birth of their son "Neil Anthony".



Bisley

L/Cpls Orozaln and Cracknell with the Sniper Team Trophy

BISLEY

Captain
2i/c

Lieut N. G. Borwell
WO2 J. Arundel

In spite of a woeful lack of training time and ranges the 1983 Bisley Team not only produced encouraging results but managed to keep up its sense of humour as well. We travelled to England from Gibraltar five weeks before the competition began with no previous training worthy of a mention! This was due to a severe lack of facilities in Gibraltar. The programme had been devised to take maximum advantage of range space in the Aldershot/Pirbright area. This sadly was not to be. Due to several accidents (none concerning us!) the ranges were closed for quite a while. When combined with normal user units and many other teams we managed to squeeze in a mere 20 days firing before going in to bat at Bisley.

In spite of nerves and lack of familiarity with the practices our team entered this daunting competition with a good degree of self confidence, determined to shoot well.

The Major Units Championship - the KRRC Cup was the most important event. We achieved 41st place out of 67 - with six infantry Battalions behind us - all of whom had been practising longer. L/Cpl

Brown was just outside the "Army 100" and scored a personal best. Cpl Stead and L/Cpl Cracknell were in the top 300.

At face value these results are not impressive but they give us a good deal to build upon. Next year we will have a longer and more consistent training package in the UK with several more experienced fitters to pass on their knowledge.

In the Infantry Championships L/Cpl's Orozlan and Cracknell excelled. They were Sniper Team Champions scoring 182 out of a HPS of 200 and beating all comers. This result lifted team morale and will have the added spin off of providing the members of a Battalion Sniper Section. Their handsome Trophy is now in the Sgt's Mess.

Bisley 1983 was an opportunity to build up for RASAM 1984. We learnt many valuable lessons and enjoyed ourselves into the bargain. Several members of the squad remained with the team throughout RASAM. L/Cpl Syms had to re-learn how to drive a four tonner for the duration, then got us around with minimum of fuss and discomfort.

CRICKET

It has been good to see a large number of Duke's on the cricket field this summer, after a number of seasons wherein the amount of cricket played has necessarily been limited.

There were several competitions run during the season and thus it would be difficult to go into much detail about them all. However, some salient points are produced below.

Senior League

The teams competing were: three civilian sides, the RN, the RAF and the Army. The latter usually included seven or eight Duke's. Having played each of the other teams twice in 40 over matches, the Army eventually won in the last game of the league, albeit the game itself was lost. During the course of these matches two young players, in particular, distinguished themselves. Pte Summersgill batted with an authority and consistency that belied his relative inexperience and he also took a lot of wickets. Pte Robson was consistently the most economical bowler, usually making the important breakthrough and putting the early batsmen under considerable pressure.

Minor Units League

The Battalion entered five company teams, the RAF two teams, the RN one side and Fortress HQ

and minor Units another. All teams played each other (well nearly all!) in 30 over matches and HQ Company 1 DWR distinguished itself by completing and winning all of its games, thus winning the league.

20 Overs Evening League

This was devised to encourage younger players who would not normally expect to play at Army level. The Battalion stuck to this principle in producing a side that never included more than one or two 'senior' players. After playing 10 matches in the league the team had lost only one as had the RAF side which included most of its senior players. In the ensuing "play-off" we lost by one run which was unfortunate, but great credit must go to the team for a very spirited effort throughout. Special mention should be made of Sgt Ingrams and Cpl Halton who put in a lot of effort in organising and running the team.

Senior KO and 20 Overs KO Cups

Both the Army side and our 20 overs team approached these competitions with a rather cavalier approach at the end of the season. The result was an early exit in both!

An interesting and rewarding season then with a lot of cricket at all levels. It was sad not to be able to field a full Battalion side in any competition, but the competitions did allow for the emergence of new talent.

ATHLETICS

OIC

Lieut D. S. Bruce

The Athletics season got off to a slow start as the battalion settled into life in Gibraltar. As with most

sports, organisation in Gibraltar is novel to say the least. The track is only 300m long with very tight

bends, and the gravel surface is not ideal for running. The first events of the season were the Individual Leagues. The idea was that the runners run at 3 different distances at 3 consecutive meetings. This is so that the organisers can ensure a good turnout for each event. The Battalion had some notable successes, but enthusiasm for the leagues was slow in coming.

The season really came alive with the Battalion Athletics Meeting. Held after two days with heats and finals, some high standard competition was witnessed, throwing up some excellent new talent.

This was followed by the Gibraltar AAA Meeting with the Dukes achieving some outstanding success. Pte Samerson equalled the Gibraltar Record 100m and 200m winning both events, 2/Lieut Preston won the high jump, while Cpl Oakley won the long jump. Duke's came either 1st or 2nd in nearly all the events and finished the day by winning the 4 × 100 and 4 × 400m relays.

The Inter Service Tournament between the Army, RAF, and Navy, was another outstanding success. The Army side had only one non Duke, a sapper from the Support Troop on the Rock. The Army side won all bar four events and doubled the points of the second place team, the RAF.

From these championships The Combined Services team was selected, which was nearly all Duke's. The



WO2 Noble exhorting Sgt Abel of Somme Company's Tug of War team to greater things

final match of the season was against Gibraltar which the Combined Services lost by 43 points to 44 points after an excellent days athletics. Pte Samerson again equalled the Gibraltar record in the sprints whilst the still undefeated 4 × 400m relay team of Lieut Bruce, 2/Lieut Preston, Pte Cohen, Pte Bottomley, broke the Gibraltar Allcomers record.



The Hindoostan Rowing Club

The victorious crew just after they had beaten the RAF.

Cox: 2/Lieut Mark Twelftree; Stroke: Capt Simon Morgan; 3: Major Don Palmer; 2: Major Alan Westcob; 1: Lieut Martin Tuley

THE HINDOOSTAN ROWING CLUB

President
Captain of the Boats

Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberlege
Capt S. J. N. Morgan

The Hindoostan Rowing Club has been not only launched but has become a major force in the Battalion life. To date three competitions have been rowed against the RAF with a 2-1 result to the Dukes. We have been fortunate in making contact with the civilian Calpe Rowing Club who have been extremely kind in allowing us to use their boats and also to provide some coaching. Between ourselves and the RAF, rowing has been revived in Gibraltar and we have shamed the Navy into producing a crew as well. What we have done is to request the civilian clubs to allow us to compete during their own regattas and this has been very successful.

The highlight of the season was the Gibraltar International Regatta which saw teams from London and Kingston Rowing Club. Part of the Kingston

team was the legendary Tim Crooks, the Olympic Silver medallist. Between ourselves and the RAF we produced a Combined Services crew, which for the Duke's comprised Major Don Plamer and Major Alan Westcob. This truly evergreen team did extremely well against top class opposition and would have done better if they hadn't been swamped by an over enthusiastic Chase boat. Afterwards a reception was held at the Lathbury mess where Olympic silver medal or not, it was proved that Tim Crooks did not know about the effects of leg massage! The season finished on a high note as the Battalion won the Combined Services Challenge Cup. This was the first time that the Navy competed as well. The Duke's won by a good length. We anticipate a full racing programme next year.

THE BATTALION PISCATORIAL SOCIETY

OIC

Major M. S. Sherlock

Judging by the number of rods and reels bought recently it would seem that Sea Angling is probably one of the most popular sports in the Battalion.

Unfortunately trying to entice people into attending fishing meetings is a little more difficult, however we have now a nucleus of keen anglers including a representative from each Company who passes on information to those who are interested. At

the last count we had 30 members with the promise of more to come. We are now officially a member of the Gibraltar Sea Angling Association and have taken part in a number of matches. Naturally we have a lot to learn to be able to beat the Gibraltar experts - but hopefully after a good winter fishing season we will surprise them.

ARMY WATERMANSHIP TRAINING CENTRE

Chief Instructor
Assistant Chief Instructor

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

The centre has been running at capacity during the summer months. All the companies have now attended courses at least twice, and members of the battalion now find themselves with new skills, either afloat, in dark holes in the ground, or balancing precariously on rock faces.

Offshore Sailing

WO2 Dowley RA Long Service List
Pte Ambler

The centres two yachts have been busy with the normal sail training courses as well as many day and weekend charters. The most popular destination is Cueta, just across the straits. For some reason this has been dubbed the "Booze Run". Colonel Best's visit in late July produced another three Day Skippers and five Competent Crew. The follow up to this is that the Joint Services Sailing Centre Gosport is now aware of our establishment and is not only assisting with courses, but also with plans for Duke's to be allocated

places on the Nicholson 55 foot sail training yachts which pass through here.

Dinghy Sailing

Cpl Swain
L/Cpl Draper

Interest in this activity has grown considerably during the summer months. Instruction is now progressing to the stage where race training and tactics are being taught. The battalion's first event, was against HMS "Invincible", when a team was raised at two hours' notice. Half of the team were at the time taking part in the training course and complete novices. Even so, we gave them a run for their money.

The Battalion provided the backbone of the Army team for the Tri-Services Regatta, which involved racing dinghies and windsurfers. The RAF having failed to show in the first race were reduced to one team in the second. This left the Army and Navy to fight for the honours. After an exciting race in very gusty conditions the Navy just sneaked home first.



Mrs Pogson shows that wives can do things on water just as well as their husbands

Windsurfing

Cpl Irving
Pte Evans

Windsurfing continues to be by far our most popular activity. Summer weekends have often seen all our boards in constant use.

The courses are always popular and amusing as students struggle to sail a triangular course. The Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club hold races on a regular basis. The Battalion's instructors have participated and done well.

A needle match was held in July between the Officers and Sergeants Messes. This was well supported by competitors and spectators alike. In the end the racing was abandoned due to lack of wind and everybody retired to the bar.

Canoeing

Cpl Gale
Pte Innes

Gibraltar has proved to be a good area for sea canoeing. Often the cry of "the surf's up" can be heard and off we go round to Catalan Bay which provides good surf up to two metres high.

Morocco has an abundance of surf beaches which we have only just begun to explore. The more advanced canoeists have already completed

expeditions to Spain, which involved paddling some fifteen miles up the Costa Del Sol, to the port of Dequesa.

One notable incident on a trip occurred close to La Linea, when Pte Tom Dooley of the Mortars thought he saw a shark. This created untold confusion and panic among these seasoned troops. The cause for all this eventually turned out to be one very ugly and harmless sunfish quietly going about his business.

Climbing

Sgt Tooley

L/Cpl Oliver (Able bodied storeman)

Clogg, Bong, Hexentric, Stopper and Decenduer are terms that have taken on a new meaning since our arrival on the Rock and can be heard along with cries of "climb when ready" - "climbing now" where ever Sgt Dave Tooley and his crew are "hanging about"!!

This arduous and exhilarating sport has a small but fanatical following among some members of the battalion.

One incident which occurred on a new route on the eastern side of the Rock above the med steps went as follows:

Sgt Tooley: Look I will lead off and set up the belay position then I will bring you up on a top rope, don't worry, you will find this easy"

Pte John Keeling: "OK no problems"

Sgt Tooleys sets up the belay and brings Pte Keeling half way up, a long pause and still no movement.

Sgt Tooley: "Are you OK?"

Pte Keeling: In a good Yorkshire accent. "Hey you said this was bloody easy."

As a result of this a new climb has now been recorded in the "Climber and Rambler", a climbing magazine in the UK, 280 foot, graded severe and called "Hey you said this were bloody easy".

Just for the record, Pte Keeling made it to the top, and that is what counts in the end.

Caving

Pte England
Pte Lyons

The expedition to Northern Spain went extremely well, with eight members of the battalion taking part. Although the expedition achieved its aim of reaching the lowest level of a vast complex system, they were disappointed to find that it was not the deepest cave in the world, as they had hoped. During the trip many hours were spent testing new equipment and methods, as well as studying the underground geography of the area.

Power Craft

Cpl Collins
L/Cpl Gardner

Having discovered that all our engines require tender loving care along with large amounts of money, we seem to be conquering our problems.

We are now the proud owners of a new Del Quay Dory complete with Suzuki 30 HP Outboard Motor. This possession is used solely as a safety boat and is a great asset. Our two fishing boats are now fully operational with completely new top engines.

It is hoped that these boats will be put to good use by the battalion anglers in their efforts to become top team on the rock.

JOINT SERVICES SUB-AQUA DIVING CENTRE

Over the summer period the JSSADC has run seven snorkel and seven basic diving courses with 46 members from the Duke's attending. From that, about 20 have now taken up diving to enlarge an already active club.

Between courses we have had seven expeditions from the UK or BAOR who have stayed for a period of two weeks to gain experience in Gibraltar waters.

It was whilst we had RAF Kinloss staying with us that an RAF plane crashed into the sea during take

off. The centre's staff was called out to help the Navy locate the plane. It was not until the second day that we found the first impact area and started to recover some of the wreckage. This was to be the start of a three week period where intensive deep water diving (42 metres) with the clearance diving team from the UK.

Within this period the centre staff played a major part in recovering almost all the wreckage, and crew.

Congratulations to L/Cpl and Mrs Cooper on the birth of their daughter Lianne.

C/SGT L. RUSBY - "31 YEARS WITH THE DUKE'S"

Due to the defence cut backs, the career of C/Sgt Rusby has been cut short by the closure of the Selection Centre where he has been employed for the past 5½ years and he will take his discharge in December 1983.

He enlisted into the Dukes on 2nd April 1952 and after basic training at the old Halifax Depot he did further training at Imphal Barracks, York, before going out to the Far East to join the 1st Battalion who had sailed for Korea a couple of months previously.

He served in Hong Kong and Japan before joining the Battalion in Korea where he was posted to 'S' Company as a Vickers Machine Gunner. He served in this capacity from then onwards through Gibraltar, Chisledon, Malta, Cyprus and Northern Ireland. From Northern Ireland in 1958 he went to the Depot as an Instructor of basic recruits training, returning to the Battalion in time for their second tour in Kenya, where he then took part in the organisation of the first all regular Company to be formed, prior to National Service ending. In 1962 he again became a Vickers Machine Gunner because his Company went to British Honduras. On returning to UK at Catterick in 1963 his service was continued with the Battalion right up to Gillingham, when he left to go as MT PSI with TAVR at York.

He rejoined the Battalion in Hong Kong as Families Sgt and remained so throughout the rest of the tour in Hong Kong and the first 14 months at Catterick. He then became Officers Mess Manager and after 2½ years he transferred onto the Long Service List in the same capacity, going out to Cyprus at the time of the Turkish invasion to take over HQ NEARELF Mess. Whilst in Cyprus he served under "Bobo" who was Garrison Sergeant Major at the time and having done his tour as both Officers and Sergeants Mess Manager he was posted to HQ 1 BR Corps Mess for a short tour of duty before being



Colour Sergeant L. Rusby

posted to the Selection Centre. C/Sgt Rusby was awarded the following medals in his long career. UN, Korea, GSM 1918, UN Cyprus, GSM 1962 and the LS&GC. He also served in every Company in the Battalion at one time or another.

VISIT OF GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL CCF

A party of three Contingent Officers and 33 cadets were guests of the 1st Battalion in July. The contingent Commander, Major N. G. Mussett, reports:

"The attachment made a most welcome change in our normal pattern of training in the UK and the

Battalion did all it could to make our visit purposeful and worthwhile. It was good to renew contacts with past members of the school (three were serving in Gibraltar with the Duke's and one with the RAF!) and members of the Regiment. As well as seeing the usual sights, we were engaged in plenty of military

training and water sports. Some members even arranged to take the RLSS Open Water examinations. The culmination of our training was an inter-section competition, won by Cpl Lord's section. A barbecue ended our stay on an enjoyably informal note. We are indeed grateful for the hospitality of the

Battalion and for all those members of it who helped us at various times during our stay. Our particular thanks go to the CO, the Adjutant and 2/Lieut Twelftree, and as a token of appreciation a presentation of a silver ash tray was made on our departure".

VISITORS TO THE 1st BATTALION - APRIL TO OCTOBER

Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington MVO, OBE, MC, DL and the Duchess of Wellington
29-31 May
Admiral Sir David Williams GCB, His Excellency The Governor and Commander in Chief 25 May
Mr John Stanley MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces 22 Sep
The Hon Sir Joshua Hassan CBE, MVO, QL, JP The Chief Minister Gibraltar 9 Aug
General Sir Richard Trant, The Quartermaster General 22 Sep
Lieut General Sir Roland Guy KCB, CBE, DSO, The Military Secretary 10 Aug
Major General P. A. Downward CB, DSO, DFC, Colonel Commandant The King's Division 14-16 Jun
Major General J. L. Chapple CBE, The Director of Military Operations 8 Jul
Major General (Retired) Sir Julian Gascoigne KCMG, KVO, CBE, DSO, DL, Ex Colonel Commandant The Household Division and Her Majesty's Governor, Bermuda 12 Oct
Brigadier J. H. Pegg CBE, Deputy Fortress Commander 15 Apr
Brigadier K. Burch CBE, Deputy Director Army Staff Duties 27 Apr
The Right Reverend G. S. Snell, Bishop to the Forces 14 Oct
Mr B. E. Robson, Deputy Under Secretary of State (Army) 29 Jun
Lieut Colonel T. C. Morris MVO, Defence Attache Rabat 7 Jul
Lieut Colonel C. T. J. Wright, Colonel Joint Plans Gibraltar 6 Sep
Lieut Colonel F. F. Gibb, Chief of Staff Fortress Headquarters Gibraltar 5 Oct
Mr H. P. Johnston Deputy Chief Executive to Gibraltar 25 May
Mr D. J. Morgan, Principle Supply and Transport Officer (Navy) 13 Jul
Superintendent C. V. Reynolds WRNS, Naval Director - NAAFI Board of Management 6 Jun
Mr John Grist, Managing Director SSVc 21 Jul
Lieut Colonel P. B. D. Long, Commanding Officer 5(V) R Anglian 29 Sep- 4 Oct
Lieut Colonel M. W. Scrase, Commanding Officer 1 Mercian 18-20 Oct
Lieut Colonel D. P. Dunseath, Commanding Officer 15(V) R Irish 6-18 Sep
Mr David Lee, Deputy Features Editor, The Huddersfield Examiner 16-21 Jun
Mr J. Margetts and Mr D. Pratt, Soldier Magazine 6-15 Oct (including 5 days in Portugal)
Major P. R. F. Eccles REME, Equipment Manager for Milan 22 Apr
2/Lieut (On probation) N. F. Castleton 12 Jul-9 Aug

Officer Cadet K. Porter, Cardiff UOTC 4-18 Apr
Officer Cadet P. C. Gillvear, Sheffield UOTC 5-19 Aug
Officer Cadet R. C. Holroyd, Queens UOTC 21 Jul-2 Aug
Officer Cadet D. M. Warner, Northumberland UOTC 18 Jul-5 Aug
Officer Cadet R. G. Best, Northumberland UOTC 6-20 Sep
Officer Cadet A. Downes, Oxford UOTC 5-19 Jul
Officer Cadet D. J. Lord, Bristol UOTC 26 Jul-4 Aug
Officer Cadet C. W. Carter and Officer Cadet C. A. J. Thompson, East Midlands UOTC 9-23 Aug
Mrs Wilson, Mother of Pte P. E. Wilson (deceased) 26-29 Sep



Mrs Margaret Newhouse, wife of Pte Tim Newhouse, chats to Minister of State for the Armed Forces, Mr John Stanley MP, during his recent visit to the Battalion.

THE TRANSVAAL DIARY OF LANCE CORPORAL ARTHUR BARRETT *January to June 1901 (1)*

War between the British and the Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State broke out in October 1899. On 2nd December the 1st Battalion, under the command of Lieut Colonel G. E. Lloyd, received orders to mobilise and prepare for service in South Africa (2). On 20th January 1900 the Battalion, over a 1,000 strong, landed in Cape Town.

Among them was L/Cpl Arthur Barrett, young, observant, critical, and literate, with a fair bit of compassion thrown in. He confided his thoughts and experiences to a diary, and the surviving parts of this cover the six months, January to June, of 1901. Prior to then the Battalion had been engaged in the actions at Modder River and Paardeberg leading up to the capture of Bloemfontein, which the Battalion reached in mid-March 1900.

The History of the 33rd Foot refers to "the end of apparent inaction for the 33rd" when, on May 29, 1900, orders were received for the Battalion to move with a flying column to Winberg. Arduous marches from place to place ensued. Following a stay at Winberg, the 33rd was ordered to join the command of Major General A. H. Paget, and entrained for Pretoria.

Other moves and some engagements followed. Movements continued, "without any serious fighting", until November 23rd, when the Battalion proceeded to Eerstfabricken. The commandos, under General B. Viljoen, were raiding and threatened the railway at two points, namely Balmoral and Wilge River. Paget immediately turned his attention to Viljoen, and came up with him at Rhenoster Kop, where he held a strong position in a natural fortress of kopjes. The place has been thus described: "facing north-west, and with its horns coming forward nearly 12,000 yards apart to the Bronkhurst-spruit, Rhenoster Kop tract lay in a semi-circular necklace of small and separate kopjes, each covered with bush and boulder, and divided by its neighbours by ground so broken as to afford safe communication between them all".

On the morning of November 29, Paget attacked. The leading infantry was under the command of Lieut Colonel Lloyd - who advanced some 400 yards to the front, "and immediately his men were met by an overwhelming fire, Lieut Townsend being wounded. He was relieved by Lieut Oakes who had been with the F and G companies in reserve, and he, too, was wounded. Lloyd led one of the companies to the top of the ridge, but it was impossible to advance. After an hour's fighting, with the line at a standstill, Lloyd moved forward ten paces to obtain a better view, and study possibilities, but he was shot dead".

Eventually Viljoen abandoned the place. Lloyd was succeeded in the command of the Battalion by Lieut Colonel Rivett-Carnac on January 6, 1901, and this is about the time when L/Cpl Arthur Barrett's diary begins.

Running the blockade

On January 18 writes: "... All this afternoon there is another great secret in Camp, only it is a running one and every time it's told you are told not to repeat it -

that a Convoy is to attempt to run the blockade, either tonight or in early morning", and then, on the 19th: "Roused at 3 a.m. and stood to Arms until 6 a.m. when we got the order to fall in. There was a dense fog this morning and we could not see the Signallers on Rhinoster Kop. We jumped into the Mule Wagons and off we went, fully expecting to have a go with Johnny Boer. The storm which had been hovering round now burst and it didn't forget to come down. We were drenched in a few minutes. When we got about four miles out we noticed the Bushmen were halted in front of us. We could not make it out, but when we came up we found that our Convoy had either frightened off our friends or else outwitted them. The thing was cleverly done and got through. The thing is now we shall be able to get it in safe, when it returns. We are to have an extra Ration of Rum tonight to keep the Wet out. We had another storm this evening and it was fearful hailstones that would surprise people in England for their size alone. The Tent leaked like a sieve and we had to push against the Wind. I was frightened the Tent Pole would smash every minute but the Tent stuck it out.

Fife and Drums

21st January. I was for Outpost this morning at 3.30 a.m., the other part of the Battalion being in readiness to proceed out in case the Convoy was attacked. We were eagerly watching this morning for the Troops that were to relieve us and about 7 a.m. we caught sight of half a Battalion of Munster Fusileers. They landed in to Camp with fife and Drums playing, a different thing altogether from last week when our poor fellows were brought in. The Wiltshires are supposed to be coming up with the Convoy in Rear. We move out and march to Bronkhours Spruit, there to take the train for, it is believed, our old station, Pienaars River and Hamons Kraal.

Most miserable march

We paraded at 7 p.m. to march to Bronkhours Spruit. We got off about 7.30, the night being pitch dark. We were entitled to a Ration of Rum which we were told we should have served out half way. The reason that we started at night was to deceive the Boers, making them believe that the Munsters were reinforcements instead of Relief. It was a most miserable march although the possibility of an attack made it an anxious one when we got clear of Rhinoster Kop.

Having no mounted troops we had to find our own Scouts, Front, Flank and Rear Guards; and it was weary tramping over the Anthills. When we arrived at the first Drift the Wagons stuck and although we were not allowed to talk or smoke the niggers had to shriek and howl at the Mules and finally got a yoke of Oxen to drag the Wagons out. You might have heard the cracking of Whips and the Yell of the niggers for miles.

Shortly after this we arrived at the place where the Convoy was lost and the smell from the Bullocks that had been shot was awful.

22nd January. We never stopped at Vlak Kop, but went straight on. The fellows now began to show signs

of fatigue but we were still pushed on with a rest about every hour. Daylight found us about seven miles from Bronkhours Spruit where we arrived about 8 a.m.

Shopped for drunk

One of our Mules dropped down, and if it had not been known that there was plenty of Boers in our area I am afraid a good majority of the Battalion would have fallen out. When we got in we were served up with our Rum Ration. One fellow, who was badly done up, drank his Rum and then fell down - and was promptly shopped for 'Drunk'. That's another encouragement for young fellows to join the Army! We went into Rhinoster like Lions and came out like the proverbial Lambs.

Two Coys were here waiting for us and we were then chopped into parties, the numbers to suit the Stations which were as follows: E Coy and part of D to Pienaars River, F and the other part of D to Hamons Kraal and the remainder to Watervaal and Ondesteporte. We got off by the first train to Pretoria where we had to stay until tomorrow morning in the Rest Camp.

Loafers

We were allowed to go as far as the Temporary Soldiers Home, where we were able to buy a few articles of food which the Government doesn't recognise; and then we slept like kids as we were able to take off our boots. I noticed while I was in the Soldiers' Institute the usual number of Loafers, with their boots blacked and buttons bright - a great contrast to our fellows who were dirty, unshaved and in rags. Some of these fellows, of all Corps in the service, have been here since Fred Roberts entered on the fifth of June! How they manage it is best known to themselves, but here they are, to become hundreds of them; and they look at you like a toff at a Tramp and sneer when they see a fellow buying a loaf of bread".

In his next entry, Barrett refers to the new CO, Lieut Colonel Rivett-Carnac.

Easy enough to condemn

"28th January. This morning we paraded for the inspection of our clothes, which are in rags; also our Blanket and Oilsheet, Boots and Helmets, which we expect up in a day or two. We are engaged on a new Fort which is about two hundred yards nearer the Station. Then I believe the old one has to be filled in. This is the sort of work that vexes one. What one CO makes, another considers Rot, and has it all pulled down and builds up one to his own fancy, although the work of a couple of hundred men for two or three weeks has been expended on it. Of course, it's easy enough to condemn anything, when you have not to work yourself to replace it. I should like to know why a competent Engineer Officer can't be sent to all Fortified Camps and select a site most suitable for Defence and make a plan for us to work by. Otherwise how can you expect men to work with any heart, or take any interest, when they are passing remarks each time they go to work: 'As soon as So-and-so sees it (meaning some officer), it will have to come down'.

I have walked all over this camp and for a mile round it. You will find Trenches and Rifle Pits, hundreds of which have been partly filled in or rendered useless by others being dug in front of them, thus stopping their line of fire. Some of them are quite

ridiculous, being more like hiding places, being situated in the most impossible places in the Bush - where you can see nothing, until they tumble on top of you.

I predict in case of attack that we can have more casualties from falls and bruises on account of these blind Trenches. As men will have to double out in case of a Night Attack to the Trenches which are to be held, then we shall hear some strong language, as men tumble into their own Traps!

However the Soil around here should benefit as it has been as good as ploughed almost all over.

30th January. We are very slack as regards news of what other columns are doing and the best news we get is from the other papers from home, although it's a month old.

Boers more active than ever

I should think that Lord Roberts is about ashamed of himself by this time, in regards to telling people at home that the War was over, and especially as the news is of the Boers being more active than ever - and he at home receiving all the plums, while he has left Kitchener to do all the dirty work. When they placed him at the head of the List, they placed him in his proper sphere as a soldier who plays to the Gallery. I fancy before many months are over that the people who are clamouring to honour him will find out their mistake and then no one will be more bitter if Lord Kitchener finishes this Campaign in the next six months. I say that no honour would be too much for him as he has to compete with far more difficulties than those which Lord Roberts had to contend with, and over a greater radius. And I am sure that nothing caused Lord Roberts to return home except that he was Baffled, and didn't know which way to turn; and the Appointment as Commander-in-Chief was a Golden Opportunity, of which he was not slow to take advantage.

No doubt it saved his Reputation at home as he had already lost it out here; and I fancy there would have been a great deal less enthusiasm shown him if the Public had not allowed themselves to be gulled by his falsehoods in regards to the war being over".

From the History of the 33rd Foot:

"The idea became prevalent that for a considerable time past the Boers had been hopelessly beaten. Their forces were so disintegrated that anything like a determined stand was an impossibility; but rather than yield, even to terms which might well be held to err on the side of generosity, they continued the struggle by pursuing guerilla methods. Capt Maurice Grant, in dealing with the concluding stages of the war, points to the fact that an army of nearly 200,000 men, splendid on every count, was unable to crush the remaining 40,000 to 50,000 Boers now that they had cast off "the trammels of formal warfare", breaking up into a thousand bands, and moving about the country in all directions with no apparent object than of wearing down their enemies.

Wearisome marches

This indicates the character of the service which distinguished the movements of the 33rd on to the end of the war. One reads of nothing but wearisome marches, tantalising pursuits of the enemy, sudden calls to distant stations to check raids of marauding parties of elusive Boers, or taking part in those

exceptional "drives" peculiar to the South African War".

On February 17 Barrett writes:

"I have been on Outpost Duty since 5.30 p.m. last night and a very miserable night I spent. There are about a dozen Kaffir Kraals, and the inmates of these were holding high revel for some cause or other, singing and shouting and drinking their Kaffir Beer which they make themselves. With the noise they made it was impossible for the Sentries to hear anything occurring out in front. The Officer commanding the Outposts went to try to stop their noise, but they were as bad as ever in a few minutes after".

Mafeking

While on April 15 he has this to say about "the famous Baden-Powell":

"More troops consisting of Bushmen and Kitchener's Fighting Scouts went up the line. According to a telegram received the famous Baden-Powell has been recalled to answer for a little affair which occurred last September. I do not think the Army will miss him much, for, in my opinion, he painted Mafeking to his own liking; and from talks I have had with the Rhodesians they thought less of him than of Plumer who really has done some hard work but got very little promotion, as everyone's good word was for Baden-Powell. He has been raised from Colonel to rank with men in the class of Kitchener, French, Kelly-Kenny - and to be senior to Officers who are miles ahead of him as commanders! All for holding out in a small insignificant settlement like Mafeking; which, had it surrendered first day, wouldn't have made a week's difference in the length of the War".

Having been attacked by a big Jack Mule, and severely bruised and bitten, Barrett had to have an operation on May 18. This is his description of the event:

Deep breaths

"I felt rather shaky this morning. I was told not to eat anything so I just had a drink of tea and then I had to wait patiently until 11 o'clock. The first man to go into the operating tent was to have an ingrowing toenail done, and he began to shout as soon as he begun to take ether or chloroform, whichever it was; this made me a little more nervous but I was determined to go on with it, and I went in as soon as I was called upon. I had to lay on my back on a kind of narrow table and told to take deep breaths and one doctor held the ether on some cotton wool. I was told to count one, then take a breath, two, then breathe again, and so on. I got up to twenty-seven and then I remember no more until everything was over and they roused me up. I was taken back to the tent on a stretcher and in half an hour I was as right as ever. I didn't even feel sick".

At around that time, a young officer present at Pienaars River, noted: "On May 21 General Kitchener came up to the line inspecting and made a short halt at our camp, so we got a good view of him. About this time Capt Greenwood, in command of Hamans Kraal, was out shooting when some Boers ambushed him, stripped him of his uniform, gun and field glasses and let him free. Next day a Kaffir boy came into camp with a note from the Boers who had captured Greenwood, thanking him for his field

glasses, "with which we have had a very good view of your camp". This episode led to the Colonel forbidding any of us to go out singly or far from camp". (3)

As for Barrett:

"25th May. About twenty wounded came down by train, some of them rather serious; also a Boer shot through both lungs and neck. I don't think there's much chance for him, although he is looked after just the same as our fellows. They told us that three columns were operating between here and Pietersburg and that they were fighting when they left.

Almond toffee

27th May. A whole train load of Boers with women and children, and I felt really sorry for them - poor little mites of all ages from a few months to ten years, and as they looked at one from over the truck side, it struck me more forcibly how cruel war really is. My bed chum had got some Almond Toffee brought into Hospital and he gave them to the fullest truck. And you should have seen them! Another of our fellows had a tin of Jam which he got into another truck, unseen as we were not sure how the officers would take it. However we had the satisfaction of knowing they had got it. Saw one of the young women dividing the toffee. The old Boers who had seen it, I could see, were talking to one another and I hope they took it in the same spirit as was given; and perhaps it will teach them that poor Tommy Atkins has the same feeling as any other human being.

29th May. The train load of women came back today. Lord Kitchener having consented to allow them to go into laager at Nylstroom.

The hospital truck was hooked onto that train, with Barrett in it. On arrival at Pretoria, he writes on June 8: "I was taken to the Rest Hospital for the night, which is a large house close to the Railway and furnished for this purpose. I found a Sgt and four of ours from Watervaal already there. It was like being at home, such a nice warm fire and everything comfortable.

Notes:

1. *A fuller version of the Diary was published in the Army Quarterly, Oct 1982.*

2. *The General Officer who carried out the annual inspection of the Battalion in July 1899 reported:*

"This is a very fine regiment, and will do credit anywhere. They have a great idea of themselves, which is deserved. They respect their officers and NCO's. They did well at manoeuvres, and would do well on service. The C-in-C told their Guard of Honour he had never seen a better one turned out, and I have always found the same. They are one of the best behaved Battalions I have ever come across, and this I attribute to Colonel Lloyd and the system in the Regiment".

Lieut Colonel G. E. Lloyd CB, DSO, 51st Light Infantry (KOYLI) served in the Afghanistan War 1878-9 and the Nile Expedition 1884-5. From 1885-7 he was with the Sudan Defence Force and was awarded the DSO while serving with that Force. In 1896 he was appointed to command 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regt. He was a tall well made man of character and charm, who became a much respected Commanding Officer of the Battalion. He was awarded the CB posthumously.

3. *"Reminiscences of a Subaltern in the Boer War 1899. 1902" by Lieut Colonel M. V. le P. Trench. Iron Duke No. 127.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gibraltar - 1922

From: Mr R. H. Temple
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London SW6 5EB
2 September 1983

The Editor,
'The Iron Duke'
Sir,

The article in the August issue of the *Iron Duke* entitled 'Gibraltar Then and Now' mentions conditions there 30 years ago. I wonder if there are many of us left who remember what it was like 61 years ago?

The Battalion was then over a 1,000 strong. We had to provide five guards viz; Casemates, South Barracks, North Front, Government House and Sandy Bay. The latter was on the far side of the Rock at the end of the road. To reach the Guard Room we had to climb an iron ladder. Everybody walked out in uniform. There was no such thing as 'civvies'. Even when going to La Linea one was in uniform. When the Mediterranean Fleet called it was bedlam. One couldn't move for sailors - all in uniform. In those days we really had a Fleet. It included the battle cruiser HMS 'Iron Duke'. I remember the happy times many of us had on board her.

I often think what Gib must be like these days with cars in Main Street, for instance. In 1922 the battalion transport consisted of a few mules and GS wagons. I recall that the Signal Officer (Lieut Scott) was the owner of a motor bike - it could be heard a mile away.

Yours sincerely
R. H. Temple

The American War of Independence

From: Mr Ian Anderson
1450 South Jellick Avenue
Rowland Heights
California 91748
30th August 1983

The Editor,
'The Iron Duke'
Sir,

I am a member of The Brigade of the American Revolution, whose purpose is to portray the life and times of the common soldier of the American War of Independence by recreating the uniform, arms, accoutrements, drill, tactics and camp life of the various units on all sides. We would now like to add the 33rd Regiment of Foot because of its distinguished service, and also because the 33rd faced our original unit, the Delaware Regiment, many times during the course of the war.

We would like to know if there is anyone whose interest extends back to our period who would be kind enough to correspond with us from time to time to answer an occasional question about the Regiment. We have completed the bulk of our research into the details of the uniforms and regimental organisation, so the number of questions would not be excessive. A source of information so close to the Regiment would be invaluable to us.

Yours sincerely
Ian Anderson

Note:

The Editor, in replying to the above letter, undertook to answer "an occasional question about the Regiment". By swift return he received eight questions (one or two of a very esoteric nature) plus a request for "any other data that might be useful". The correspondence will no doubt continue and readers will be kept informed if there are any interesting developments.

BOOK REVIEW

"And We Shall Shock Them" by David Fraser, published by Hodder and Stoughton, 1983 at £12.95

*"Come the three corners of the world in arms,
And we shall shock them. Nought shall make us rue,
If England to itself do rest but true"*

With this quotation from William Shakespeare's King John, General Sir David Fraser sets a background full of shocks for the British Army covering the period from 1918 to 1945 and describing in it all the significant happenings, decisions and battles. It is a most admirable book and is, in no small way, a definitive primer on the British Army over this time in history. True, some of the minor detail is, perforce, missing but the author's object - to see the British Army in the round is achieved in a masterly manner. For the cut and thrust of regimental actions one must turn to other more detailed histories but, then, this is a familiar pattern for those who wish to delve more deeply into particular episodes.

The excellence of this book derives not from what is newly chronicled, but rather that in some four hundred pages, the author has been able to set down a comprehensive catalogue of all that happened while, at the same time, describing lucidly the emerging pattern of success after the first shocks of the early days in France, Norway and North Africa.

General Fraser was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards in 1941 and fought with his Regiment in North-West Europe. The climax of his distinguished career was as our Military Representative to NATO, while his last appointment was Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies. Thus, we should all be aware that he knows well all that he describes. His book is a most valuable addition to Military History.

D.E.I.

'C' (DWR) COMPANY - 1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

In recent months the Company has had a varied and successful training period, including a mini-camp at Whitburn on the North East coast; assisting with manning of the Battalion Drill Squad for the 2 Div inaugural parade, at which the Queen was in attendance; several weekends in the Catterick/Warcop training area; a very successful Company Open Day and of Course Annual Camp which was held this year on Salisbury Plain. Our training there included Helicopter and Tank Infantry familiarisation, Recruit, JNCO, Signals and Assault Pioneer Cadres, a couple of exercises and the Annual Duchess of Kent's competition in which our two teams came second and fourth. Overall a very hard and worthwhile period of training for which the whole of the Company is to be congratulated for a job very well done.

At the moment the Drill Hall is being re-decorated and the expert who selected the colour scheme should

be congratulated for providing us with the capability of camouflaging anything from a steel helmet to a 4 tonner. Everywhere there is a different shade of green which is no doubt relaxing to the eye but not so good for an upset stomach. The married quarters in Hunger Hill have now been demolished but we still have garage facilities there.

Now to our personalities. We wish farewell and good fortune to PSI's C/Sgts Joe Walker and Roy Arrowsmith who have both left the Army, to S/Sgt Bob Dearnley who has been promoted to Paymaster within the Battalion and to Capt Hastings who has joined 'A' Company at Leeds. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the Company.

Welcome to PSI's WO2 Geoff Harding and C/Sgt Bill Logan who have joined us from the 1st Battalion and to Sgt Graham Noble who replaces Bob Dearnley as "Money Spider". May they have a happy and successful stay with C Company.

WELLESLEY COMPANY (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)

Huddersfield Area ACF

Annual Camp 1983

Wathgill was the venue, new was the accommodation, kind was the weather, splendid was the messing. All that, together with the splendid range of training made available under the guidance of Capt Peter Howell, made it a Camp to remember for the 22 officers and 133 cadets who attended. We even gained membership of the Catterick Ski Club and a lot of fun was had by all. The adults had a Company Dinner at the King's Head Hotel in Richmond, which was most convivial. On the Officer's Dinner night it was our pleasure to share the evening with Lieut Colonel Chris Tattersall, Major Alan Dunnell and Major Peter Tattersall. The presence of Lieut Colonel John Howarth was the icing on the cake. On the Friday Colonel John presented the prizes won during the week at the Company Prizegiving Parade.

Weekend Camps

The Guards Depot at Pirbright welcomed members of Wellesley Company during July which resulted in a super weekend of great activity and interest in a magnificent setting. The sight of 4' 8" Duke's cadets standing alongside the towering and impressive Guardsmen was a sight for sore eyes. Decidedly a venue to be repeated, so we go back in March and July to again savour the experience. 2/ Lieut Joe Ashforth, a former Sgt in the Guards, engineered the arrangements.

During June we administered the NE Dist SAAM at Strensall; not only the dining and sleeping aspects but also the firing points and butts etc, thereby again showing that the most junior branch of the Duke's

can offer the complete package from A-Z. September saw us at the Cadet Training at Strensall, with much activity, happy faces and the cadet force in its home from home.

Goodbye...Derek Roberts. Welcome...Martin Bray

With great sadness we have said farewell to Major Derek Roberts upon his retirement as Cadet Executive to Yorkshire ACF. A man of great ability and an encyclopedia of knowledge, he was a great friend of all in Wellesley Company and, indeed, to the entire ACF. We shall greatly miss him. He was dined out by Yorkshire ACF (for which we had the privilege of making all the arrangements) in a Duke's Mess at Huddersfield - an evening with which we were proud to be intimately associated.

Into the void we welcome Major Martin Bray as our new Cadet Executive. We need hardly record our pleasure that once again a 'Duke' helps to lead Yorkshire ACF. His opening weeks have been one of vigorous appraisal and activity and already he is proving a most worthy successor.

County Commandant

Colonel Gerry Delaney has also said farewell to Yorkshire ACF. Many of us have reason to be grateful to Colonel Gerry for his stewardship over the past four years. A great friend of the Company, his practical approach to the ACF was refreshing and stimulating. Dined out at Wathgill in excellent style, he left a breach into which stepped... Colonel Alan Roberts. He has set off at a cracking pace leaving us all quite breathless. Without doubt we have a new leader of immense experience who will stimulate the ACF into still greater achievements.

Colts Canter

As if inspired by Commandants and Executives past and present, Wellesley Company represented Yorkshire ACF, along with three other teams from the County, in the North of England Colts Canter competition. SI Brian Kaye and eleven cadets from our detachments overcame the depressing weather and gained third place in this prestigious and demanding test of ability and stamina. A tremendous achievement for Wellesley Company, the Duke's and Yorkshire ACF.

Departures from the Company

We regret to say farewell to SI Peter Ruskin of the Mirfield Detachment on his moving to London and documentation is now in hand for the transfer of Lieut Steve Baker to West Midlands ACF due to a move to Birmingham. We thank both of them for their services and wish them well for the future.

Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

Sgt I. Metclafe
Cpl J. Evans

Arnhem Company
Training Wing

Tuesday the thirteenth of September was a hectic day for Arnhem Company. One hundred and ten recruits arrived to start their army careers in The Kings Division and Parachute Regiment.

With Platoon strengths initially at 55 there is absolutely no problem selecting soccer sides, rugby sides etc.

There must be many Company Sgt Majors who would relish the thought of having platoons of such strength, especially when on Duty Company.

Obviously as the weeks go by the numbers are

dwindling slightly, as some find they are not suited to Army life.

At present there are eight 'Dukes' recruits who are about to set out on a hard but varied and enjoyable three terms.

Meanwhile, in the second term, JLdrs Hughes and Cole are the two survivors from their intake and both are doing well.

JLdr Cole represents the IJLB at Boxing, Basketball and Athletics.



Duke's in BAOR

Corporal Ankers, with his wife and mother-in-law, having just received his LS & GC medal from Brigadier Mundell in Soest

Depot, The King's Division

The Duke's threatened takeover of the Depot is now almost complete with the arrival of C/Sgt Nuttall as Chief Clerk. Already we have the CO, 2IC and QM in Lieut Colonel Nicholson and Majors Fitzgerald and Kirk. Recent arrivals include Sgt Broadhead MM and Cpls Acklam 71 and James who have quickly settled into the Depot life. The Depot is now at full capacity with 240 recruits under training in 'Y' Coy, 190 Junior Soldiers in 'W' Coy and cadres of up to 80 TA recruits in recently formed 'X' Coy. 'X' Coy is also responsible for running the Depot phase of the Junior NCOs Tactics Course and TA Section Commanders Courses.

Adult recruits undertake an exacting course. They form up in platoons of 40, which each have a staff of a

Platoon Commander, Sgt and 4 Cpls. The task of training recruits can be difficult and frustrating, but there is also a sense of achievement when they pass out.

In 'W' Coy there are approximately 31 Junior Soldiers badged DWR and after a year at the Depot, they will be joining the Battalion in August 1984.

The Duke's are well represented in all the Depot teams; the CO and 2IC are in the Hockey and Cricket teams; Lieuts Lewis and Rumball and Cpls Dowdall and Pedley are in the Rugby team; Sgt Smith is our representative in the Soccer team.

Finally, congratulations to C/Sgt Nuttall, on the award of his LS and GC, and Cpl and Mrs Pedley on the birth of their daughter.

The Friends of the Regiment Fund

The Fund exists to provide the means whereby former members of the Regiment and others interested in maintaining its traditions, may help the serving members of the Regiment defray the sometimes heavy costs involved. There is no fixed rate of subscription. A Bankers Order/Covenant form may be obtained from the Regimental Secretary.

The balance of the Fund as at 30 September was £1,896.49.

The following have become subscribers since the initial list was published in December 1982:

Lieut Colonel A. B. M. Kavanagh, Major K. M. McDonald, Mr W. N. Bray (in memory of his brother, General Bray), Major D. Marsay, Capt D. Battye, Mr A. C. Jowett, Lieut Colonel D. J. Stewart, Lieut Colonel J. H. Dalrymple, Major J. N. H. Naughton, Major J. D. P. Cowell, Capt R. M. L. Colville, Brigadier A. D. Firth, Major L. F. H. Kershaw, Major C. D. d'E. Miller.

The following have made a donation to the Fund: Lieut Colonel D. J. Stewart, Capt J. A. d'E. Miller, Lieut Colonel R. G. Collins, Major J. E. V. Butterfield, Mr J. E. Horne, 6 DWR (TA) OCA.

The War Memorial Fund 1939-1945

The Fund was established in 1946 and is for help in educational matters where hardship exists, for the benefit of members and ex-members of the Regiment, their families and dependants, with preference to those who suffered through the 1939-1945 War. The Fund can also give financial assistance, where considered appropriate, for the upkeep of the Regimental Memorial Chapels in York Minster and Halifax Parish Church.

The accumulated funds amount to £4,055.02, represented by investments to the value of £3791.22 (at cost) and cash at bank of £236.80.

The account and investments of the Fund were reviewed by the Trustees of the Regimental Benevolent Fund at their meeting on 23 September 1983.

Statement of Income and Expenditure Year ended 31st March 1982

| EXPENDITURE | | INCOME | |
|---|--------|-------------------------------|--------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Audit Fees | 9.00 | Interest on investments | 332.93 |
| Donations | | Bank interest | 31.48 |
| York Minster Chapel | 5.25 | | |
| Yorks Volunteers Chapel Fund | 100.00 | | |
| Sandhurst RMC | 10.00 | | |
| US Trustee expenses | 4.07 | | |
| Excess of income over expenditure | 236.09 | | |
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Regimental Association

TRUSTEES OF THE REGIMENTAL BENEVOLENT FUNDS

A meeting of the Trustees took place at Halifax on Thursday 23rd September 1983. Present were: Lieut General C. R. Huxtable CB, CBE, Colonel of the Regiment; Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE; Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE; Major K. M. McDonald TD, JP, BA; Major A. C. S. Savory MBE and Major G. E. C. Tedd, Regimental Secretary. Capt T. Pickersgill and Mrs J. Russell were in attendance. Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth OBE; Mr T. Briggs MC, LLB, DL and Major F. B. Murgatroyd were unable to be present.

In opening the meeting the Colonel of the Regiment placed on record the Trustees appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Trustees by the late General Sir Robert Bray. The following were among the matters discussed:

1. The accounts for the year ended 31st March 1983

The healthy state of the accounts was noted and in particular that the aim of the Trustees to have invested funds of £100,000 had now been achieved. In the circumstances it was decided that a report should be prepared, for consideration at the next meeting of the Trustees, with a view to deciding what should be an appropriate strategy for the Trustees to follow in future years.

(The accounts for the year ended 31 March 1983 are published elsewhere in this issue).

2. Investments

The satisfactory return being received from the Associations investments was noted. Cash currently available for investment was for the most part held in high yielding stock of Dartford Borough Council, which had the benefit of being easily and quickly redeemable in the event of the market situation changing.

3. Donations and grants

The payment of the following donations and grants was agreed.

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| Army Benevolent Fund | Donation to be increased from £1,000 to £1,500. |
| Regimental Association Management Fund | £400 with an indication that this grant would be increased in 1984 in order that some of the cost of the Annual Reunion could be subsidised. |
| 1st Battalion | £600 for the sub-fund of the Regimental Association administered by OC IDWR, as and when required. |
| Royal British Legion | £200 towards the cost of holidays. |

4. Regimental Museum

A report by Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth, Deputy Chairman of the Museum Trustees was considered from which it was noted that the amount required for the first instalment due to be paid to Calderdale

Museum Services in 1984 was fully provided. This included a generous donation of £3,000 promised by the Trustees of the Funds of the old 5th Bn DWR (TA).

5. The 'Iron Duke'

The finances of the 'Iron Duke' were reviewed. It was noted that there had been a marked fall off in revenue from advertisers and a number of suggestions were made and noted as to how revenue from this source might be increased. The Trustees also had before them costs of various alternative covers for the journal. It was concluded that the savings to be achieved by changing from the existing cover would be marginal. Accordingly no change is proposed.

A grant of £300 was authorised for the 'Iron Duke' fund to meet an anticipated excess of expenditure over income in 1984.

6. Branch banners

On the recommendation of the General Secretary of the Association it was agreed that each branch would be provided with its own banner instead of borrowing one from RHQ as at present. The estimated cost would be £1,500 towards which each branch would be requested to make a donation to cover the cost of embroidering the branch designation on its banner.

7. Regimental Association Rules

The Regimental Secretary reported that the Rules of the Association were now out of print. It was therefore decided that they would be brought up to date and then re-printed. In due course copies would be made available to the 1st Battalion and the secretaries of all branches. However it was not proposed to issue them on an individual basis, except when specifically requested.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Regimental Association was held at Wellington Hall, Halifax on 22 October 1983.

The Colonel of the Regiment, in welcoming all those present, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a good attendance.

On behalf of all members of the Association, he expressed their sadness at the loss of three very well known members. General Sir Robert Bray had served the Association for many years and was still a Trustee of the Benevolent Fund at the time of his death. His advice will be greatly missed. Mr Sidney Code and Mr Arthur Wood had been successive General Secretaries to the Association. Both had devoted a great deal of their time to the welfare of the Regiment and served the Association with great devotion.

1. Apologies

Apologies for their absence were received from Lieut Colonel Walter Robins, Major Lewis Kershaw, Mr Ancill, Mr Eelbeck, Mr B. J. Howe, Mr and Mrs Morton, Mr R. H. Temple, Mr Harry Flynn and Lieut Colonel Charles Cumberlege and members of the 1st Battalion.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on Saturday 6th November 1982, were read, approved as a true record, and signed by the Colonel.

3. Matters arising

The Colonel asked for new ideas as to how we can help to increase membership of our Halifax Branch. The present actual strength of Dukes' in the Halifax Branch is only four. The General Secretary was asked to try and rally more support to Halifax.

4. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary, Mr Jack Russell, gave his report for the year ending 31 March 1983:

"Financial Assistance

Grants totalling £4,238 were made to 80 cases. Both the money and the numbers were slightly down on last year. This we believe is because more people, including SSAFA, refer applicants first to the DHSS for Government grants before approaching Regimental Associations.

There are still five persons in receipt of the OCA Special Allowances which are now £80 per annum, paid quarterly.

There were no welfare (educational) grants from the War Memorial Fund.

Four ex Dukes enjoyed a fortnights' holiday at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft.

Subsidies

The Trustees had been approached about a subsidy towards the cost of the Annual Dinner and they had agreed with the proposal. Depending on inflation, the price will remain the same next year. It may even be reduced.

State of Funds

Copies of the audited accounts for year ending 31 March 1983 are available for inspection, and can be inspected any time at RHQ. In this connection, I would like to thank all the past and present contributors to the Day's Pay Scheme without which we would be struggling.

If anyone knows of any ex-Duke who is in need of a helping hand, please let us know at RHQ. All applicants are dealt with confidentially.

Activities

London and Home Counties Dinner was held at the Victory Club on 7th May. It was my first, but it will definitely not be my last. Thanks to all at London for a great event.

Next year it will be held at the same place, Carisbrooke Hall - Victory Club - London on Saturday 5th May 1984.

Branches

This year we welcome a reformed Keighley and a new Bradford Branch back to the fold. Where next, York? Leeds? Sheffield? If anyone is interested, please contact me.

All our other Branches are functioning well, but as always, we rely on the same stalwarts. New blood is needed to keep them going. Any suggestions on how, will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank the Branches for their donation of prizes for tonight's raffle, and all we want now is for all tickets to be sold".

5. Accounts

Copies of the audited accounts were available in the room for all to examine. The Colonel reported that they had been examined and approved by the Finance Committee and by the Trustees.

The accounts were approved as presented.

6. Branch Banners

The Colonel of the Regiment explained that at present we hold two banners for the Association, neither of which are in a particularly good condition. A request has been made for individual banners for all Branches, which has been put before the Trustees. Financial assistance has been approved by the Trustees, a proviso being that Branches will be asked to pay £30 towards the cost of the Branch title.

When the scheme was subsequently discussed by the Management Committee there was some disagreement as to the colouring of fringes on the banners. The fringe offered at a very reasonable rate was of a Gold/Yellow colouring.

The Colonel explained that the colour of the fringes on our Regimental Colours is gold, and on most other Colours and Banners appear to be gold also. He then asked for opinions from the meeting, adding that the cost of any colour other than gold would be considerably more.

It was asked whether the Association could afford the extra cost. The Colonel reported that he had approached the Trustees on the subject of banners and had their approval to spend £270 for each banner of which we need to produce six. He felt that it would not be prudent to bring up the subject again.

After lengthy discussion, the general feeling was gold would be acceptable. However, the Colonel asked the General Secretary to investigate the cost of fringes in the same colour as the Regimental facings, scarlet or even French grey. On the result of these investigations, he will give RHQ a decision.

Major (Ret'd) L. Hill offered to finance the difference in cost between gold and a regimental colour for three banners.

Annual Reunion and Dinner

Following the conclusion of the AGM social activities took over.

167 sat down to the dinner which was accompanied by music from the "Ambassadors", who also provided music later in the evening.

Brigadier Shuttleworth in proposing the toast of "The Regiment" reminded everyone of the Regiment's unbeatable reputation as sportsmen with reminiscences of some of our greats.

The Colonel replying, welcomed all present and expressed his pleasure at such a good attendance. He conveyed the greetings from the Colonel in Chief and the CO of the 1st Battalion and gave a special mention for a small contingent of the 1st Bn who had made a special effort to attend.

On a sad note, he referred to some old friends who had been lost in the last year: General Bray, Mr Sid Code, Major Hibert Coop, WO1 Dick Fenn, Mr John Fee, and most recently, Mr Arthur Wood.

He was delighted to welcome members from the newly reformed Bradford and Keighley Branches and congratulated them on their getting off to such a good start.

After giving an up to date report of the activities of the 1st Battalion, he concluded by expressing his thanks to CO 1 Yorks, Colonel Reid and OC 'C' Coy, Major Bill Stone for the use of the Drill Hall and to CSM Geoff Harding and his staff for all their help. Also to Mr Roger Gaukroger for his assistance and a special mention to Mr Tom Mawson who had supplied the floral display for many years, but who is now retiring.

LONDON BRANCH

The AGM of the London and Home Counties Branch of the OCA was held on 26 September 1983. Attendance was not as good as last year notwithstanding an increase in the number of members.

Mr Fred Richardson resigned from the post of Chairman and Major David Miller was elected in his place. Mr R. Owers continues in the post of Secretary/Treasurer. The branch members would like to thank Mr Richardson for all the sterling work he has done during his term of office.

Our monthly meetings are still held on the last Monday of each month at the home of Mr Charles Cossins, Flat 316, Vivian Court, 128-134 Maida Vale.

Further information about the Branch can be obtained from the Secretary (Mr Rodney Owers) on 01-368 1821 evenings after 18.30 hours. London W9.

MOSSLEY BRANCH

Members of the Branch were very pleased to welcome Les Aciens Combattants de Hem to Mossley for the second weekend in October. The French delegation, numbering ten members and wives, arrived Friday evening. On Saturday a buffet lunch was held at the Church Inn, Saddleworth at which we were all delighted to see Colonel J. B. Howcroft, who celebrated his 90th birthday in July. A dinner party and a social evening followed later. On Sunday morning members and visitors attended St Josephs Church in Mossley and afterwards wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph. Lunch was taken at the Highland Laddie Hotel and in the evening drinks and a buffet supper were served at the Friendship Hotel. After a most enjoyable weekend our friends departed for Hem at an early hour on Monday morning. Arrangements are now firm for our return visit to Hem and 12 Branch members and wives will be

making the journey, departing on the 10th and returning on the 13th November. Everyone is looking forward to this event with keen anticipation.

The Branch continues to meet at The Friendship Hotel, Mossley on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.15 pm.

8th BATTALION DWR/145 REGIMENT RAC

The 39th Officers' Reunion Dinner took place at St Ermin's Hotel, London on Saturday 15th October 1983. Lieut Colonel Lyall Lusted presided and the guests included Lieut Colonel J. H. Dalrymple and Jim Strickland. The toast to 'The Regiment' was proposed by Rowan Hamilton and Andrew Duncan responded. It was particularly pleasing that Major F. J. Reynolds was in the UK at the time and was able to attend the dinner.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION JERSEY

The Regimental Association navy blue jersey, with the Regimental combined badge on the left breast, can be purchased from RHQ. Price £12.50 plus post and package.

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Mr R. Coburn, who was the photographer with the 1st Battalion for most of his 12 years service, has written sending his best wishes to all Duke's both for now and in the future. Mr Coburn says that he particularly misses producing the photographs for the 'Iron Duke'. He reckons that during his long period as Battalion photographer over 80% of all the photographs that were published were his work. His address is: Range Warden Cottage, Moor Road, Leyburn, N Yorks DL8 5JY.

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Mr James Hayes, who served in the regiment from 1953 to 1955, before taking up an appointment in the Hong Kong Government, has recently been in the UK. Mr Hayes, who wrote an extremely interesting and oft quoted thesis on 'The Social and Professional background of Officers of the British Army 1714-1765' has kindly given the Editor his card index relating to over 160 officers who served in the 33rd Regiment between those two dates.

Regimental Benevolent Funds

MANGEMENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1983

| EXPENDITURE | | INCOME | |
|-------------|--|--------|---|
| 1982 | £ | 1982 | £ |
| 103 | Regimental Service | 400 | Transfer from R A Account |
| 88 | Branch Expenses | 151 | Special Grant for London Dinner |
| — | Miscellaneous Expenses | — | Donations |
| 194 | London Dinner - Travel Subsidy | — | Raffle (Regt Dinner) |
| — | Regimental Association Dinner (Deficiency) | 119 | Regimental Association Dinner (Surplus) |
| 285 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | — | Excess of Expenditure of Income |
| 670 | | 670 | |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1983

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|-------|--------|---------------|-----|----------------------|-------|---------------|
| £ | General Fund | £ | 416.45 | £ | 393 | Cash at Bank | £ | 324.20 |
| 416 | Less Excess of Expenditure for year | 78.68 | | 337.77 | 23 | Cash at Hand | 13.57 | |
| | | | | <u>337.77</u> | | | | <u>337.77</u> |
| 416 | | | | <u>337.77</u> | 416 | | | <u>337.77</u> |

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

Established in 1945 for the assistance or benefit of any person serving or who has at any time served in the Regiment, or dependents, wives, widows or children. May make grants to charities, funds or charitable institutions which may directly or indirectly benefit any individuals specified above.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1983

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|---------------|---|------------------|
| 1982 | | £ | 1982 | | £ |
| 3,259 | Grants | 3,210.05 | 6,489 | Interest on Investments (Gross) | 7,152.35 |
| 3,124 | New Colours Ceremony & Presentation | — | 231 | Covenanted Subscriptions-Officers (Net) | 237.22 |
| 480 | Secretary's Expenses | 250.42 | 290 | Bank Interest | 578.20 |
| 300 | General Secretary's Honorarium | 300.00 | 6,623 | Day's Pay Scheme-Soldiers (Net) | 7,542.70 |
| 400 | Transfer to Mangement Fund | 400.00 | 50 | G. Turner Trust | 100.00 |
| 151 | Transfer to Dinner | 100.80 | 52 | Grant from Army Benevolent Fund | 1,412.00 |
| | Donations: | | 163 | Subscriptions and Donations | 22.78 |
| 1,000 | Army Benevolent Fund | 1,920.00 | | Income Tax Recovered:— | |
| 700 | Iron Duke | 654.05 | 93 | Officers' Subscriptions | 221.89 |
| 36 | Wreaths | 93.85 | 1,201 | Day's Pay Scheme-Soldiers | 2,214.96 |
| 28 | Printing, Postage, and Stationery | 37.88 | | | |
| 31 | UST Charges | 77.44 | | | |
| 126 | Trustees Expenses | 126.83 | | | |
| 100 | Donations | 343.15 | | | |
| 137 | Sundries | 214.48 | | | |
| 5,320 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 11,753.15 | | | |
| <u>15,192</u> | | <u>19,482.10</u> | <u>15,192</u> | | <u>19,482.10</u> |

MITCHELL TRUST FUND

Established in 1940 by the Will of James Mitchell of Halifax for his assistance of ex-soldiers disabled in war who served in any battalion of the Regiment and who ordinarily reside within the Ancient Parish of Halifax.

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|-------------|---|---------------|------------|---|---------------|
| 1982 | | £ | 1982 | | £ |
| 238 | Grants | 25.00 | 308 | Interest on Investments (Gross) | 353.86 |
| 10 | Trustees Expenses | 10.00 | | | |
| 10 | Sundries | 19.42 | | | |
| 50 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 299.44 | | | |
| <u>308</u> | | <u>353.86</u> | <u>308</u> | | <u>353.86</u> |

McGUIRE BATE TRUST FUND

Established in 1953 by the Will of Major W. T. McGuire Bate for the assistance of officers serving or who have served in the Regiment or the widows of officers who formerly served in the Regiment.

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 1982 | | £ | 1982 | | £ |
| 520 | Grants | 609.97 | 1,340 | Interest on Investments (Gross) | 1,454.28 |
| 15 | Trustees Expenses | 15.00 | | | |
| 22 | Sundries | 31.05 | | | |
| 24 | Iron Duke | 21.00 | | | |
| | Wreaths | 21.50 | | | |
| 759 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 755.76 | | | |
| <u>1,340</u> | | <u>1,454.28</u> | <u>1,340</u> | | <u>1,454.28</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1983

| LIABILITIES | | | ASSETS | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| 1982 | | £ | 1982 | | £ |
| — | Regimental Association | .. 66,474.29 | | Investments (at Cost)—R A Fund | |
| 66,474 | Add: Excess of income for year | .. 11,753.15 | | £5,000 City of Cardiff 7yr Bond 14% 1989 | 5,052.33 |
| | | | | £4,616.80 Greater London 6¼% | |
| | | | 78,227.44 | Stock 1990/92 | .. 4,497.39 |
| | Mitchell Trust Fund | .. 3,956.00 | | £5,410.70 Treasury 9% Stock 1994 | .. 5,475.56 |
| 3,956 | Add: Excess of Income for year | .. 299.44 | | £4,550 Treasury 15½% Stock 1998 | .. 4,320.00 |
| | | | 4,255.44 | £8,415.23 Exchequer 12½% Stock 1992 | 8,475.15 |
| | | | | £1,000 Exchequer 10½% Stock 1997 | 962.40 |
| | McGuire Bate Trust Fund | .. 13,259.10 | | £3,592.83 Treasury 13% Stock 1990 | .. 4,132.06 |
| 13,259 | Add: Excess of Income for year | .. 755.76 | | £2,323.70 Treasury 12¼% Stock 1992 | 2,500.00 |
| | | | 14,014.86 | £2,050 Exchequer 12% Stock 1999/2002 | 1,995.37 |
| | | | | £8,804.51 Exchequer 13½% Stock 1987 | 8,637.50 |
| | | | | £2,500 Treasury 12% Stock 1984 | .. 2,493.17 |
| | | | | £2,128.30 Treasury 15% Stock 1985 | .. 2,184.41 |
| | | | | £9,116.77 Treasury 14½% Stock 1994 | 8,469.65 |
| | | | | £315 Dartford Borough Council | .. 315.00 |
| | | | | 59,510 £12,000 Dartford Borough Council | |
| | | | | 10½% (Market value 31.3.83 £75.017) | 12,000.00 |
| | | | | | 71,509.99 |
| | | | | Mitchell Trust Fund | |
| | | | | £400 Treasury 5% Stock 1986/89 | .. 393.35 |
| | | | | 27 Units Globe Investment | |
| | | | | Trust Ltd. 25p each | .. 32.00 |
| | | | | £2,451.82 Consols 2½% Stock | .. 997.50 |
| | | | | £361.50 War Stock 3½% | .. 205.25 |
| | | | | £892.28 Borough of Southwark | |
| | | | | 6¼% Stock 1983/86 | .. 883.20 |
| | | | | £455.41 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992 | 462.97 |
| | | | | £971.86 Treasury 14½% Stock 1994 | .. 921.70 |
| | | | | 3,896 £150 Dartford Borough Council | |
| | | | | (Market value 31.3.83 £3.645) | .. 150.00 |
| | | | | | 4,045.97 |
| | | | | McGuire Bate Trust Fund | |
| | | | | £1,582.80 Greater London 6¼% Stock | |
| | | | | 1990/92 | .. 1,543.65 |
| | | | | £437 Barclays Bank PLC 8¼% | |
| | | | | Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/93 | .. 437.00 |
| | | | | £500 Treasury 15½% Stock 1998 | .. 480.00 |
| | | | | £3,719.68 Treasury 9% Stock 1995 | .. 3,746.75 |
| | | | | £1,182.12 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992 | 1,198.33 |
| | | | | £1,735.50 Exchequer 13¼% Stock 1987 | 1,732.00 |
| | | | | £1,973.26 Treasury 15% Stock 1985 | .. 2,026.36 |
| | | | | £1,575.48 Treasury 14¼% Stock 1994 | 1,492.30 |
| | | | | 12,656 £500 Dartford Borough Council | |
| | | | | (Market value 31.3.83 £13.428) | .. 500.00 |
| | | | | | 13,156.39 |
| | | | | 53 Income Tax Recoverable | |
| | | | | | — |
| | | | | 4 Stock of Ties | 181.57 |
| | | | | 80 Sundry Debtors: Tandy RHQ | 79.92 |
| | | | | 1 Cash in Hand | 3.18 |
| | | | | Cash at Bank | |
| | | | | Current Account | 5,972.90 |
| | | | | 7,489 Deposit Account | 1,547.82 |
| | | | | | 7,520.72 |
| | | | | Cash at Bank Allocation | |
| | | | | Regimental Association | 6,452.78 |
| | | | | Mitchell Trust Fund | 209.47 |
| | | | | McGuire Bate Trust Fund | 858.47 |
| | | | | | 7,520.72 |
| <u>83,689</u> | | | <u>96,497.74</u> | | <u>96,497.74</u> |

AUDITORS' REPORT

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT, REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS

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

This 13th day of June 1983.

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

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

Established in 1912 for the benefit of ex-members of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, their wives, widows and children who are in distressed circumstances.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1983

| EXPENDITURE | | | | INCOME | | | |
|-------------|---|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 1982 | | | £ | 1982 | | | £ |
| 583 | Grants to Sundry Individuals | | 576.41 | 1,372 | Interest on Investments-Gross | | 1,387.64 |
| 325 | Pensions & Special Allowances | | 375.00 | 35 | Bank Interest | | 45.79 |
| 25 | Trustees Expenses | | 50.00 | 7 | Subscriptions | | 11.50 |
| 10 | Wreathes & Donations in lieu | | 14.00 | | | | |
| 27 | Audit | | 26.50 | | | | |
| — | Insurance | | 7.50 | | | | |
| 12 | UST-Income Tax Recovery Charges | | 11.90 | | | | |
| 40 | Donation-Iron Duke | | — | | | | |
| — | Branch Expenses | | 20.00 | | | | |
| 392 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 363.62 | | | | | |
| 1,414 | | | 1,444.93 | 1,414 | | | 1,444.93 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1983

| FUND ACCOUNT | | | | INVESTMENTS (at cost) | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|---|--|-----------|
| 1982 | | | £ | 1982 | | | £ |
| 12,078 | Capital Account | | 12,078.48 | | £4,225.99 Treasury 9% Stock 1994 | | 4,263.23 |
| | Income Account | 7,129.23 | | | 250,000 Thos. Tilling Ltd. 5% | | |
| 7,129 | Add: Excess of Income for year | 363.62 | | | Cum. Pref. Shares | | 250.00 |
| | | | 7,492.85 | | £9,075.30 Consolidated 2½% Stock | | 4,018.79 |
| | | | | | £3,613.53 3½% War Stock | | 3,581.08 |
| | | | | | £1,032.07 Northern Ireland 7% | | |
| | | | | | Exchequer 1982/84 | | 1,051.80 |
| | | | | | £1,000.00 Birmid Qualcast Ltd. | | |
| | | | | | 7½% Unsecured 1981/82 | | 1,023.34 |
| | | | | | £1,000.00 Rockware Group Ltd. | | |
| | | | | | 7% Debenture Stock 1988/93 | | 980.62 |
| | | | | | £998.58 Exchequer 12½% Stock 1992 | | 1,012.32 |
| | | | | | £369.56 Treasury 12½% Stock 1992 | | 400.00 |
| | | | | | £1,334.36 Exchequer 13½% Stock 1987 | | 1,350.00 |
| | | | | | £495.95 Treasury 14½% Stock 1994 | | 475.00 |
| | | | | 18,406 | £900.00 Dartford Borough Council | | |
| | | | | | 10½% (Market value 31.3.83 £14,148) | | 900.00 |
| | | | | | | | 19,306.18 |
| | | | | 39 | Income Tax Recoverable | | 13.31 |
| | | | | 762 | Cash at Bank | | 251.84 |
| 19,207 | | | 19,571.33 | 19,207 | | | 19,571.33 |

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Old Comrades Association (1st and 2nd Battalion DWR) Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1983, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

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

This 13th day of June 1983.

K. W. HOWARTH & CO.

Chartered Accountants, 36 Clare Road, Halifax.

Obituary

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

General Sir Robert Bray, GBE, KCB, DSO

General Bray died suddenly on 14 August 1983. He was the son of Brigadier General R. N. Bray, who twice commanded the 2nd Battalion, first in France from 1915-1917 and again from 1919-1921. Bobby Bray joined the 1st Battalion, then stationed at Devonport, in 1928. In 1930 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in India. From 1935-1937 he was Adjutant before returning to the UK to rejoin the 1st Battalion, who he accompanied to France, as a Company Commander, in September 1939. Later in that year he returned to UK to attend the Staff College, thereby ending, as it turned out, his service with the Regiment until he was appointed Colonel in 1965. An obituary which was published in "The Times" on 16 August 1983 is reproduced below with permission of Times Newspapers Ltd.:

"General Sir Robert Bray, GBE, KCB, DSO, Deputy Supreme Commander of Allied Command Europe from 1967 to 1970, died in Wiltshire on August 14.

Bray was born in 1908 in India, the son of Brigadier General R. N. Bray, and was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was commissioned in 1928 and joined his family regiment, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He saw service on the North-West Frontier of India before the Second World War, and during the war he served in Norway, the Middle East and North-West Europe, for part of the time with the Parachute Regiment. He was awarded the DSO in 1944, and a bar to it in 1945, and was a temporary brigadier in 1945.

After attending the Imperial Defence College he was made BGS at HQ BAOR, and from 1953-54 commanded an infantry brigade in Korea. He was promoted major-general on his return from Korea and for three years was Director Land/Air Warfare at the War Office. In 1957 he became GOC 56th (London) Division (TA).

Two years later Bray went to Aden as Commander Land Forces Arabian Peninsula, which appointment was redesignated GOC Middle East Land Forces in 1960. It was during his time in Aden that the colony became the main British base on the western shores of the Indian Ocean, and he was responsible for much of the planning and reorganization. He worked harmoniously with two successive Governors, Sir William Luce and Sir Charles Johnston, and although the federal concept they sought to introduce did not endure his command in Aden stood him in good stead. He was promoted lieutenant-general on his return home in 1961 and made GOC-in-C Southern Command.

His time in Southern Command was cut short by the sudden illness of General Sir Harold Pyman, Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northern



General Sir Robert Bray GBE, KCB, DSO
Colonel of the Regiment 1965-1975

Europe, whom Bray was appointed to succeed in Norway in November, 1963. He held this appointment for nearly four years until he went to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) as Deputy Supreme Commander in February, 1967, having been promoted general in 1965. Here again he had an unusually long innings - almost four years - and was not relieved until November, 1970. He retired from the Army in March, 1971.

"Bobbie" Bray was a massively-built man who personified that quality of robustness, mental and physical, which Lord Wavell, who possessed in abundance himself, once declared to be a prerequisite for every successful general. It required a great deal to shake Sir Robert Bray and it was never easy to deflect him from a course he had decided upon.

He commanded both a battalion and an infantry brigade in action with distinction, but it never fell to his lot to command a division or a corps in similar circumstances. He was probably most successful - and also happiest - during his time in Norway where he got on unusually well with both the Norwegians and Danes, and where he could indulge to the full love of his sailing.

He also made his mark at SHAPE where he was scrupulously careful to maintain the international nature of his appointment. He was much respected at Nato for his breadth of outlook, honesty of purpose, bluntness of speech, and integrity: the Americans in particular admired his military ability and clarity of mind and few Deputy Supreme Commanders have carried more weight than he did in the Pentagon.

Bray was ADC General to the Queen from 1965-68. He was made CBE in 1952, and GBE in 1966; CB in 1957 and KCB in 1962. He married Norah, daughter of G. C. G. Gee of Leicestershire, in 1936; they had three sons, two of whom followed their father into The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, of which he was Colonel from 1965 to 1975".

Mr J. B. Gill

John Barnard Gill died suddenly at Gosport on 25th June 1983. He enlisted as a band boy at Strensall in January 1951. After attending the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall he served with the 1st Battalion at Colchester, Gibraltar, Chiseldon and Minden. He transferred from the band to transport and had a spell in British Honduras with 'A' Company before leaving the army in 1965. Two old Duke's attended the funeral, namely ex WO2 Tug Wilson and his wife and ex Pioneer Sgt 'Pop' Dodds. 'Pop' was accompanied by Mr Les Kennedy from Colchester. Mr Kennedy is the son-in-law of ex RQMS Bert Fitter. John's parents greatly appreciated the presence of the old Duke's, especially as four of the family, besides John, served in the Regiment. They were: Father - "China" Gill, 1st Battalion 1929-1949, Green Howards in Malaya in 1953 and finally at Mons Officer Cadet School before leaving in 1956, (C/Sgt); Brother - Maurice, who had a short spell with the Junior Leaders Regiment at Oswestry in 1961 when the OC of the Duke's Company was Capt P. B. L. Hoppe; Uncle - Desmond "Topper" Brown, 1st Battalion 1924-1936 as a drummer and 9th Battalion 1940-1946, (C/Sgt); Uncle - Harold Beverley, 1st Battalion drummer 1922-1925 and Depot bugler 1926-1928.

Mrs S. Hall

Mrs Sue Hall died suddenly on 27th September 1983 at Mousehole, Cornwall. Mrs Hall was the wife of Major P. B. Hall, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Mr M. W. Kirkland

Mrs Marvele Kirkland, the widow of Major J. V. Kirkland The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, died on 6th October 1983.

Major H. W. Eames, MBE

Those who served with the 1st Battalion in Tunisia, Italy and the Middle East during 1943-45 will be saddened to hear of the death of Herbert Eames of The King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He was DAA and QMG of the 3rd Infantry Brigade during most of that period and in that capacity made many friends in The Duke's, and doubtless in the whole Brigade by his conscientious attention to our needs. Ever helpful, chereful and efficient, never in a "flap", we could always rely on Herbert and I do not think he

ever let us down. A great stalwart and those of us who knew him will always remember him with affection.

H.J.T.S.

Major C. A. O'Connor

Charles O'Connor died on 12th October 1983, at the age of 83. He was commissioned into the Royal Irish Regiment and transferred to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment when the Irish regiments were disbanded in 1922. He retired from the army in 1935 due to ill health. He was called up in 1939 and was one of the 1st reinforcements when the 1st Battalion went to France in 1939. He later served in the 10th Battalion but was transferred to the Reserve of Officers in 1942. He subsequently worked with the De La Rue company. Colonel P. G. L. Cousens represented the Regiment at Major O'Connor's funeral.

Private P. E. Wilson

Paul Edward Wilson of Alma Company 1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment died on the 29th April 1983 as a result of a rock climbing accident in Gibraltar. Private Wilson joined the Battalion in June 1979 and served in BAOR, Northern Ireland and the UK. He was a cheerful well liked soldier and his death was a sad loss.

Mr A. Wood

Arthur Wood, who was until recently General Secretary of The Regimental Association, died on 17th October 1983. He had been in hospital for a short time and had only been home a few days when he suffered a coronary and had to be re-admitted. He died shortly afterwards.

Arthur Wood joined 2/7th Battalion in July 1939 transferring to the 1/7th shortly after the War started. He served in Iceland with that battalion and was promoted Sgt in 1940. In 1942 he was invalided home after an unfortunate rugby accident. He held various clerical appointments until his release in 1945.

On the revival of the Territorial Army, Arthur rejoined the new 7th Bn as ORS/Chief Clerk, and was successively Chief Clerk of the 7th Bn, 5/7th Bn, West Riding Bn, and West Riding Cadre until his move to RHQ in April 1968. From that time he was Chief Clerk at RHQ and General Secretary of the Regimental Association until his retirement on 25 August 1981. Even after his retirement he didn't want to lose contact and continued in a part time capacity until August 1982 when he finally handed over the reins to his successor.

As a sympathetic and understanding General Secretary of the Association, administrator of the Benevolent Funds and member of the Case Committee he was ever ready to help Branches and individuals in need.

His funeral took place at Elland and was attended by many of his old friends in the Regiment.

Lieut Colonel G. Taylor, DSO, TD, DL

George Taylor, who died on October 1983 at the age of 83 was educated at Almondbury Grammar School and Sedbergh School. Being too young for active service in the First World War he attended the Cavalry School in Ireland. As soon as he returned to England he joined the Territorial Army and there

after never missed a Summer Camp. When the 2nd 7th DWR was formed he became second in command under Lieut Colonel Hinchcliffe. On the retirement of Lieut Colonel Hinchcliffe he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and took command of the 2nd 7th Battalion. In March, 1940, the Battalion was moved to Blain in Normandy, theoretically for training and exercises. They had little fighting equipment except for .303 Rifles, five anti tank rifles and a few mortars, as it was not intended that they go into action. However, when the Germans broke through they became rearguard to the 51st Division and ended up on the perimeter of St Valerie. The 2/7 was assailed by one of the crack German Panzer Divisions under General Rommel, over-run and about half the Battalion was taken prisoner. It was during this battle that Colonel Taylor proved himself a man of outstanding gallantry and leadership and his resourcefulness saved many casualties; for this he was awarded the DSO and mentioned in despatches. Lieut Colonel Taylor was in 17 Prison Camps, from Austria to Poland and back from which he repeatedly

endeavoured to escape. At one period he was kept underground at Fort 8 in Posen for four months. During his captivity he learnt to paint and reached quite a high standard of water colour landscape painting. He was a keen huntsman before the War with the Rockwood and the Badsworth. Lieut Colonel Taylor was a dowser of quite extraordinary ability. He had many commercial interests, chiefly centering on textiles, and applied his energies after the War building up the Taylor Mills Group from scratch to five Mills employing almost 500 people; a lasting memorial to his commercial endeavours. He was Chairman of Heckmondwike Carpet Company and a Director of John Duckworth and Sons Limited; Edward Denison (Yeadon) Limited and Reliance Hosiery (Halifax) Ltd.

His interest in the Regiment never faltered and until recently he was a Trustee of the Regiment's Charitable Funds.

In 1978 he instituted the Taylor-Miles Award which is annually given to the best junior NCO in the 1st Battalion.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Colonel and Mrs M. R. N. Bray, (from now until Aug 1984), 7 Dodds Crescent, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6RT, or 17 Portugal Place, Cambridge CB5 8AF, or c/o The Porter's Lodge, Downing College, Cambridge.

Major A. D. Meek, c/o II Armoured Brigade BFPO 29.



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