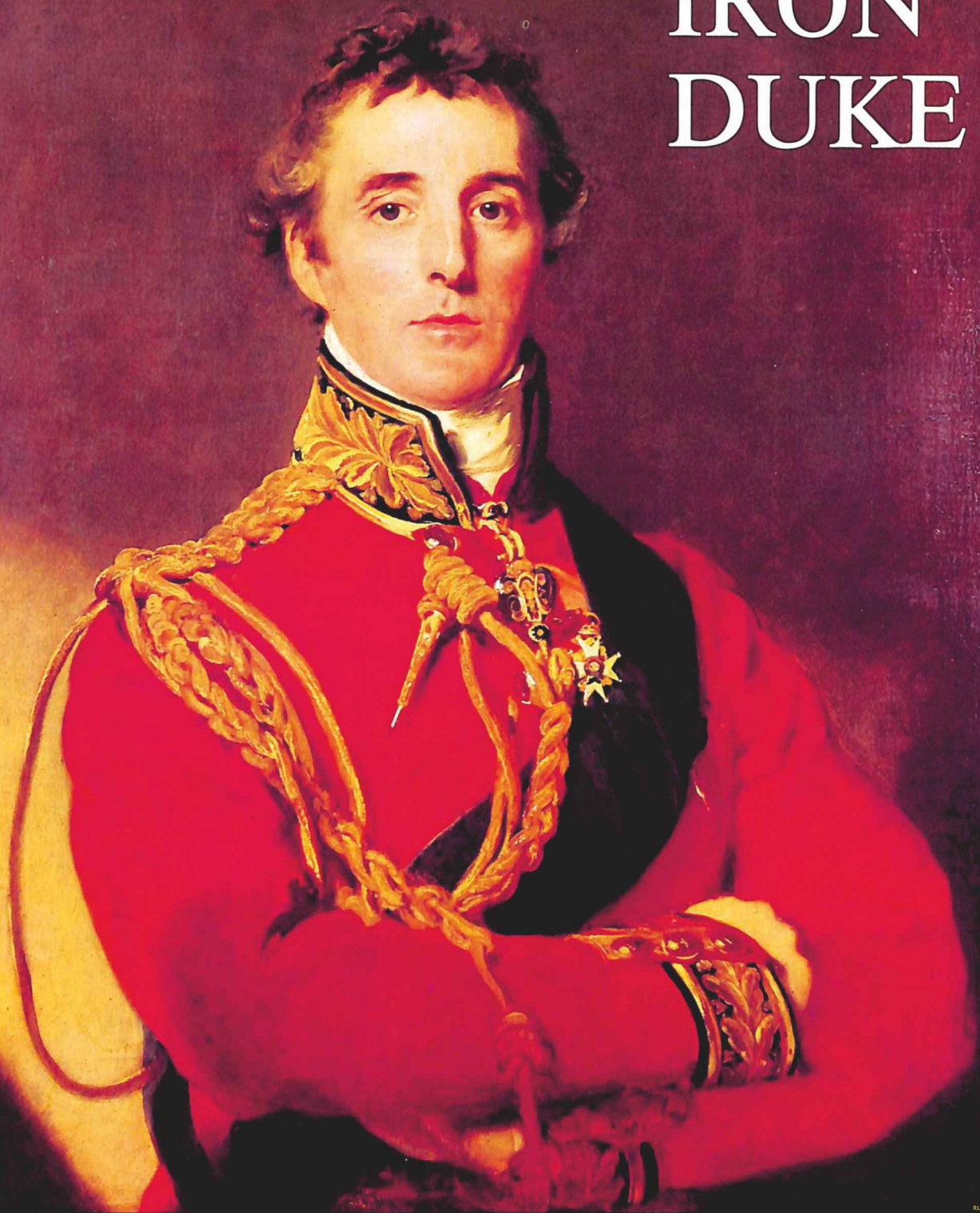


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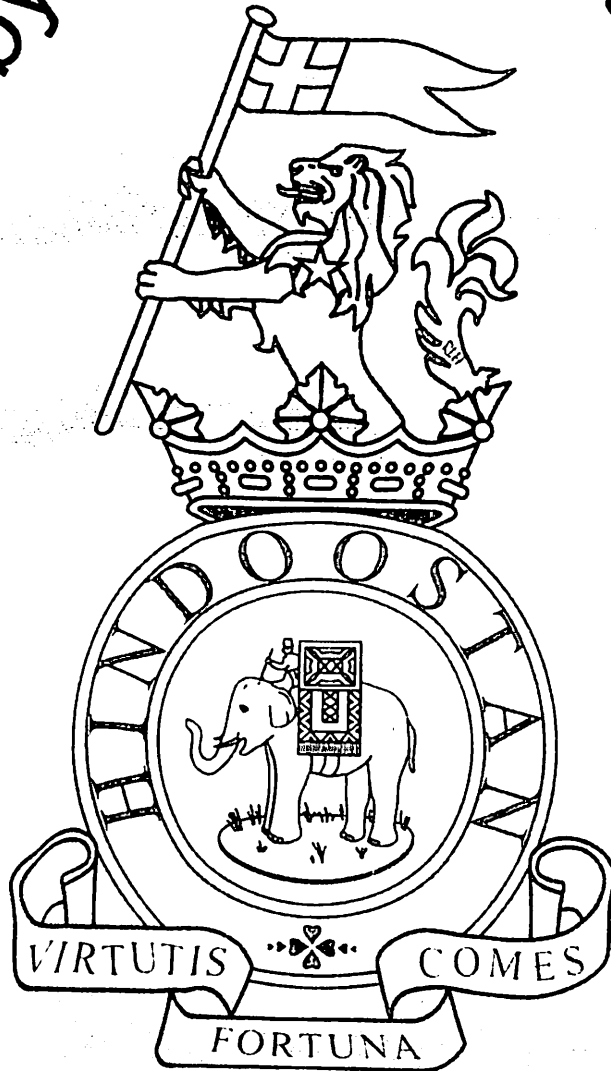
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The Regimental Band
Lieut-Colonel D. R. Beat MVO, Director of Music Kneller Hall, addressing the audience prior to testing the Band in St Michaels Cave

Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Notes

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut-General Sir Charles Huxtable, was awarded the KCB in the New Years Honours List and Lieut-Colonel (SQM) W. Robins was awarded the OBE. On behalf of readers we congratulate them for bringing distinction both to themselves and to the Regiment.

FRIENDS OF THE REGIMENT FUND

The Colonel of the Regiment has asked Major General Donald Isles - who established the Friends of the Regiment Fund during his time as Colonel - to act as Coordinator of the appeal for the fund and General Isles has agreed to do so. The administration of the fund will remain at RHQ.

LIEUT-GENERAL SIR ROBERT ARBUTHNOT KCB, COLONEL OF THE 76th REGIMENT 1843-1853

It was recently discovered that an engraving of Lieut-General Sir Robert Arbuthnot was in store in the Institute of Directors (formerly the Senior United Services Club). Through the good offices of the Crown Estate Commissioners, who are the custodians of all the paintings etc that belonged to the Senior US Club, the engraving of General Arbuthnot has been given to the Regiment on long loan. A photograph of the engraving together with a short biographical note on General Arbuthnot will be published in a future issue of the *'Iron Duke'*.

TWO NEW FEATURES

Two new features are introduced in this issue. They are: "Soldiering on...", which will be of a periodic nature and which is intended as a general heading for short articles describing aspects and events of peace time soldiering.

"Keeping in touch...", will be published in the Regimental Association section and is intended as a heading for news items about those no longer serving with the Regiment.

Contributions to both these new features will be welcome.

WELLESLEY COMPANY (DWR) ARMY CADET FORCE

Wellesley Company no longer exists following a reorganisation of the Yorkshire Army Cadet Force. In future the notes in respect of the activities of the Dukes' army cadets will appear under the heading: Yorkshire Army Cadet Force (DWR).

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, BISLEY: 1983

Probably for the first time ever the Duke's entered a Target Rifle Team at the annual meeting of the

National Rifle Association. From 1956 onwards there have been two or three Duke's competing in the 'National' in their individual capacities; but not until last year could a team of four be mustered. 'DWR' was therefore seen displayed on the results board, even if rather low down. The members of the team were:

WO2 (ret'd) Bill Norman (Team Capt), who was born into the Regiment and served from 1934-1975.

Sgt (ret'd) Tommy Nowell MM, who was the Sniper Sergeant with 1st Battalion in Korea.

Lieut Toby Lehmann, 1st Battalion.

Major (ret'd) Derrick Wood, who is Chairman of the Army Target Rifle Club. He also chairs the ARA Target and Shooting Advisory Sub-Committee.

It is hoped to have a team at the National meeting this year, when the aim will be to get into the top ten. We wish them good shooting and good fortune.

THE WINTER OLYMPICS

At the recent Winter Olympics in Sarajevo Lieut-Colonel Johnny Walker was the Team Director for the four soldiers and three Royal Marines in the British Nordic Ski Team and WO2 Malcolm Hirst BEM was the coach to the British Biathlon Team. This is not the first time these two members of the regiment have worked together. In 1963 2/Lieut Walker was the platoon commander of 10 Platoon, Corunna Company and Pte Hirst was the platoon radio operator.

'ENTENTE CORDIALE'

In the notes submitted by the Mossley Branch of the Regimental Association there is a description of a visit by a party from the Branch to Hem, in NW France, which took place in November last year. In forwarding the Branch notes Capt Jimmy Mowat made the following comments, which are of particular interest in the light of recent publicity concerning French imports of milk into the UK and UK exports of lamb to France.

"I personally accompanied the party to Hem last year for the first time and frankly I was amazed at the apparent high esteem which the people of Hem have for the Dukes' of Mossley. The fact that Madame Mayor and members of the Council were prepared to turn out to receive us at our arrival at 10.00 pm was a pretty good start. The hospitality which we were shown throughout our brief stay was truly overwhelming. We were not allowed to pay for anything, not even a paper or a box of matches, and when we left to come home we were all plied with bottles, mainly of brandy and wine, to such an extent that we had no need to purchase duty free on the ferry. It is nice to know that some of the French care for some of the British".

SUCCESSION OF COLONELS OF THE 33rd REGIMENT 1702 - 1881

This issue of the *'Iron Duke'* includes the photograph of a portrait and short biographical details of the first nine Colonels of the 33rd Regiment.

Photographs of a portrait and biographical notes on each of the other eight Colonels will be published in the next issue.

Biographical details have, for the most part, been extracted from the Dictionary of National Biography (DNB) and from a series of articles written by James Hayes published in the *'Iron Duke'* in the late 1950s.

A.C.S.S.

Acknowledgements and sources

Colonel George Hastings, 8th Earl of Huntingdon.

Biographical details provided by the 15th Earl of Huntingdon.

"Iron Duke" No. 103 (Hayes).

No portrait has been traced. The only one known was destroyed by fire.

Colonel Robert Duncanson.

Portrait sold at Christies in 1979. A photograph was given to RHQ by the Army Museums Ogilby Trust. Entry in DNB.

'Massacre: The Story of Glencoe' by Magnus Linklater.

Lieut-General Henry Hawley.

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Lieut General John Johnson.

Portrait in Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion.

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Major General Lord Charles Hay.

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Field Marshal John Griffin Griffin, 4th Lord Howard de Walden.

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Field Marshal George Wade.

Lieut-General Robert Dalzell.

General Charles Cornwallis. 1st Marquis Cornwallis.

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George Hastings, the heir to the 7th Earl, was born in 1677. By 1697 he was Lieut-Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards. In March 1702 Queen Anne authorised the raising of 15 new regiments of foot and marines. Colonel the Earl of Huntingdon raised one of them, which later, when regiments were known by their numbers rather than the name of their Colonel, became the 33rd Foot. The Regiment, consisting of 12 companies was raised in the Gloucester area. In May 1702 these companies were ordered to march from Tewksbury, Gloucester,



Memorial to Colonel George Hastings, 8th Earl of Huntingdon, who raised the 33rd Regiment in 1702, in St James, Picadilly.

Monmouth and Ross to different places near London to await orders for embarkation for Holland. Huntingdon's regiment was the first of the newly raised regiments to proceed overseas, arriving in Flanders at the end of June 1702 one month after the commencement of the War of the Spanish Succession. Huntingdon and his regiment took part in Marlborough's 1702 campaign and were present at the sieges of Venlo and Ruremond, at both of which Huntingdon distinguished himself.

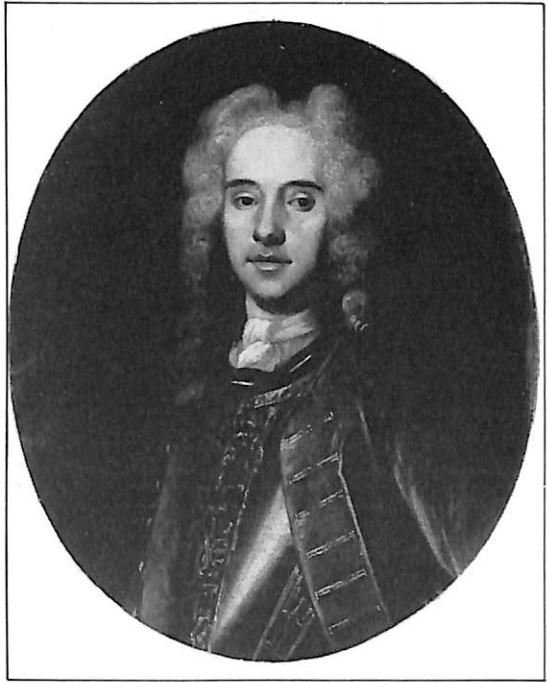
In the 1703 campaign the Regiment took part in the siege of Huy. At the end of 1703 Marlborough sent six of his best regiments to Portugal. The 33rd was the only newly raised regiment among the six; but Huntingdon does not appear to have accompanied them.

He died of malignant fever on 22 February 1705 thus ending, in the words of one writer; "a career which promised so much advantage to his country, exultation to his friends and celebrity to himself". He was buried at St James, Picadilly where there is a memorial to him.



Colonel Robert Duncanson
22 February 1705 - 9 June 1705

The date of birth of Robert Duncanson, of the family of Fassokie in Stirlingshire, is not recorded. He first came to notice in 1689 when the Earl of Argyll raised a regiment of foot. Duncanson, then a Major, was appointed to train them. Early in 1692 King William III had decided to "extirpate that sept of thieves" of Maclan of Glencoe and it was Major Duncanson who sent the order on 13 February 1692 to Captain Campbell, then lodging with the Macdonalds, "to fall upon the rebels, the Macdonalds of Glencoe, and put all to the sword under 70..." An inquiry into the massacre was held by the Scottish Parliament who recommended to the King that he cause "Duncanson to be examined in Flanders... or ordered home for trial". The King ignored the recommendation. When the 33rd was raised in 1702 Duncanson became the Regiment's first Lieut-Colonel. At the outbreak of the War of the Spanish Succession he accompanied the Regiment to Flanders and there took part in Marlborough's campaigns of 1702 and 1703. In March 1704 the Regiment arrived in Portugal, but does not appear to have taken any part in the campaign of that year. Duncanson was appointed Colonel of the 33rd in 1705. That same year an attack was made on the fortress at Valencia d'Alcantara. The Allies' force consisted of 700 Portuguese, two Dutch regiments and the 33rd. At a critical point "Colonel Duncanson advanced with some courage and conduct, restored all things, and bravely pushed with colours flying into the Breach", where Duncanson received wounds from which he died one month later.



Field Marshal George Wade
9 June 1705 to 19 March 1717

George Wade was born in 1673, the third son of Jerome Wade of Kilavally, Westmeath. Appointed an ensign 10th Foot (Royal Lincolns) in 1690 he served in Flanders during the early years of the War of Spanish Succession (1702-1713).

In 1704 he went to Portugal on the staff of the C-in-C of the English forces, Lord Galway. Appointed Colonel of the 33rd following Duncanson's death he was wounded at Alcantara (1706). Commanded a brigade, which included the 33rd, at Almanza in 1707 where Wade's brigade bore the brunt of the fighting and incurred heavy losses.

He again commanded a brigade at Sargossa in 1710; but returned to England immediately afterwards and therefore was not present at Brighuera in December 1710 when the force, of which the 33rd formed part, was defeated and made captive. In 1714 appointed Major General of the forces in Ireland where the 33rd had been sent after the Peace of 1713. The 33rd was disbanded in 1714 as part of peace time retrenchment; but was re-raised in the following year. Appointed Colonel of the 3rd Dragoon Guards in 1717. He was General of Horse in 1739. Privy Councillor in 1742. Field Marshal and C-in-C British Forces in Flanders in 1743 and C-in-C England in 1745, when he commanded the forces against Prince Charles Edward. He died in 1748 and his monument is in Westminster Abbey. However his most famous monument are the roads of Scotland for which he was responsible for building when he was C-in-C Scotland (1724-1740).

"Had you seen these roads before they were made You would lift up your hands and bless General Wade"



Lieut-General Henry Hawley
19 March 1717-9 July 1730

Henry Hawley was believed to have been born in 1679 and was reputedly a grandson of the first Lord Hawley.

By 1706 he was a captain in Queen Anne of Denmark's Regiment (The 4th Queen's Own Hussars). During the War of Spanish Succession he served in Spain and was present at the Battle of Almanza. In 1712 he assumed command of his Regiment. In 1717 he became Colonel of the 33rd and two years later led the Regiment in the descent on Vigo, a reprisal raid for the Spanish support of the Young Pretender. Twenty years of peace followed, with the Regiment not seeing action again until Dettingen in 1743.

Hawley, who was essentially an officer of Dragoons, was appointed Colonel of 13th Hussars in 1730 and of the 1st Royal Dragoons in 1740. His career thereafter was almost exclusively concerned with the cavalry of which he was second in command both at Dettingen and Fontenoy. In 1745 he commanded the cavalry at Culloden before becoming C-in-C Scotland, where his well known harshness made him unpopular. He held strong views on most matters and did not hesitate to express them. Thus in 1725, while still Colonel of the 33rd he wrote: "I am entirely against officers having wives till they are in a post to be able to keep them following them about. There never was a subaltern good for anything after he was married and very few captains..."

He was always treated with marked consideration by King George II and the Duke of Cumberland, despite his reputation for harshness.

He died at Portsmouth in 1759.



George Robert Dalzell
9 July 1730 - 7 November 1739

Robert Dalzell was born in 1662 and belonged to the family of the Earls of Carnwarth. In 1682 he was appointed ensign in the 21st Foot (Royal Scots Fusiliers), later transferring to the 28th Foot (The Gloucestershire Regiment). He served with that regiment in Flanders and was present at the Battle of Ramillies in 1706. In that year the 28th, now commanded by Dalzell, went to Spain where it was cut up at Almanza along with 14 other regiments including the 33rd. In 1709 Dalzell raised a regiment of his own in Spain, the 41st, which was disbanded in about 1713. Dalzell, who had been promoted Major-General in 1727, was appointed Colonel of the 33rd in 1730 in the middle of the long period of peace which had begun in 1719 and which ended in 1739 with the war of Jenkins Ear, the curtain raiser to the war of the Austrian Succession. In that same year Dalzell was appointed Colonel of the 38th Foot (The South Staffordshire Regiment). This was the unfortunate regiment which served in the West Indies for 60 unbroken years during the early part of which its then Colonel defrauded it of a considerable sum of money. From 1745 there was a further series of allegations concerning fraud, arising from non receipt of clothing, this time involving Dalzell. A Board of Inquiry found against him and in 1749 he was obliged to sell his commissions and retire.

Dalzell was a soldier of great experience who, it is stated "made 18 campaigns under the greatest commanders in Europe".

He died in 1758, age 96, and was buried in St Martins-in-the-Field.



Lieut-General John Johnson
7 November 1739 - 19 November 1753

John Johnson was born in 1690 of a family connected with Glaston, Rutlandshire. In 1706, at the age of 16, he was commissioned a cornet in the 2nd Dragoon Guards, then on active service in Spain. In 1708 he was appointed Captain in the 5th Foot (Royal Northumberland Fusiliers). In 1710 he transferred to an unidentified Regiment of Dragoons as Lieut-Colonel. The Regiment may well have been a regiment of Spanish Dragoons. In 1728 he was appointed a Captain in the Coldstream Guards with the rank of Lieut-Colonel in the Foot. Johnson was appointed Colonel of the 33rd in 1739. With them he saw much active service during the War of the Austrian Succession (1742-1748) and the '45 Rebellion, including at Dettingen, Fontenoy, Tongres and Lauffeld. At Tongres, according to the London Gazette, the 33rd petitioned to attack and 'did it with so good a countenance they got a great reputation'. At this period the Regiment's nickname was 'Johnson's Jolly Dogs'. It was not until 1751 that the regiments were designated by their number rather than by the name of their colonel. In 1745 King George II appointed his son, The Duke of Cumberland as C-in-C the British forces in Flanders. Cumberland who was then aged 25, seems to have formed a low opinion of Johnson and applied to his father for the removal of 'two old worn out colonels', of whom Johnson was one. George II, who was not the man to treat old soldiers harshly, did not agree and in fact promoted Johnson to Lieut-General in 1747.

Johnson died in 1753 and was buried in Thames Ditton churchyard.



Major-General Lord Charles Hay
20 November 1753 - 1 May 1760

Born about 1700 the third son of the 3rd Marquess of Tweeddale. Gazetted an ensign in the 3rd Foot Guards in 1722 he later served in the 33rd Regiment in the rank of captain for two years before transferring to the 9th Dragoons. In 1741 he became a Lieut-Colonel in the 1st Foot Guards who he commanded at Fontenoy (1745). It was at this battle that he taunted the French by accusing them of running away at Dettingen before inviting them to fire first. In 1753 he was appointed Colonel of the 33rd Regiment and became involved in a law suit with the widow of the previous Colonel, Lieut-General Johnson, over the poor state of the accoutrements of the 33rd. The following year the 33rd were in Scotland helping to build roads, an event of which there is a reminder in an inscribed stone at the Wall of Lecht: "AD 1754 Five companies of the 33rd Regiment Right Honourable Lord Charles Hay made the road from here to the Spey". In 1757 Lord Charles was promoted Major General and went to North America where he was very outspoken in his criticism of his superior commanders. Finally he vented his anger of the dilatoriness of Lord Loudon by exclaiming "...the general was keeping the courage of His Majesty's troops at bay and expending the nations wealth in making sham sieges and planting cabbages when he should be fighting". He was sent home for trial by Court Martial but the decision of the Court was never made public as he died before it could be announced.



**Field Marshal John Griffin Griffin,
4th Lord Howard de Walden**
5 May 1760 - 20 March 1766

Born 1719, John Griffin Whitewell was the eldest son of William Whitewell of Northampton. His mother was sister of Lord Griffin of Braybrooke and of the Countess of Portsmouth. He entered the 3rd Foot Guards in 1739 and spent all the 20 years of his regimental service with them, serving in the war of Austrian Succession with distinction. In 1749 the Countess of Portsmouth died leaving him her estate at Audley End, near Saffron Walden, on condition that he assumed the surname of Griffin.

At the start of the Seven Years war he took part in the raid on Cherbourg in 1758 (as did the 33rd) and the subsequent retreat from St Cas, where the Guards and the Grenadier companies acted as rearguard and were almost massacred in the hurried scramble for the boats. In 1759 Major General Sir John Griffin Griffin, as he now was, was appointed Colonel of the 50th Foot and one year later Colonel of the 33rd. In the same year the 33rd were sent to Germany as was their Colonel, who commanded a brigade before being seriously wounded at Klosterkampen. From 1766 to 1788 he was Colonel of 1st Troop Horse Grenadier Guards and when that Regiment was disbanded he was appointed Colonel of the 4th Hussars. He was MP for Andover from 1749 until 1784 when he went to the House of Lords as Baron Howard de Walden, having successfully established his claim to that title. In 1788 he was created Baron Braybrooke.

He was made Field Marshal in 1796 and died the following year.



General Charles Cornwallis, 1st Marquis Cornwallis
21 March 1766 - 5 October 1805

Lord Charles Brome was born in 1738, the eldest son of Earl Cornwallis of Brome Hall, Suffolk. He commenced his military career in the 1st Foot Guards and by 1761, age 23, was commanding the 12th Foot (Suffolk Regiment) on active service in Germany. In 1766 he was appointed Colonel of the 33rd Regiment and soon made his mark. By 1772 the 33rd was reported to be "one of the finest regiments in His Majesty's service", a reputation the Regiment was to sustain throughout Cornwallis's long period as Colonel. Such was the high standard set, the Regiment was known as the "Pattern". In 1782 it was proposed the regiments should be allied to Counties. Cornwallis pressed for the 33rd to be associated with the West Riding as "...the 33rd has always recruited in the West Riding... and has the general good will of the people of that part of the Country". Cornwallis is best remembered as the General who surrendered to Washington at Yorktown in 1781, for which he was not however held to blame. On the contrary, one commentator at the time said of him "...deservedly the favourite of every person of every rank under his command". He was Governor and C-in-C in India from 1785 to 1793. In 1795 he was appointed Master General of the Ordnance, with a seat in the Cabinet and from 1798 to 1801 he was Viceroy and C-in-C, Ireland. In 1805 he again went to India as Governor and C-in-C, where he died shortly after his arrival. There is a statue of him in St Paul's Cathedral. Cornwallis was Colonel of the 33rd for 39 years.

THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Royal Hospital Road, London SW3

The National Army Museum was established by Royal Charter in 1960. Its purpose is to collect, preserve and exhibit objects and records relating to the regular and auxilliary forces of the British Army and encourage research into their history and traditions. It is the only museum dealing with the Army in general during the five centuries of its existence and includes the story of the Indian Army to Independence in 1947 and colonial forces.

In 1971 the museum moved from accommodation in the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to a purpose-built home in Chelsea next to Wren's Royal Hospital. Two-thirds of the new building, the cost of which was met from public donations, were opened to the public in November that year. The second phase of construction was completed in June 1980.

The backbone of the museum's displays is the **Story of the Army**, a two-gallery chronological survey of the armies of Britain and the Empire from the foundations of the Yeomen of the Guard by Henry VII to victory in the Falklands in 1982. The first of the two galleries takes the story up to the outbreak of the Great War in 1914. Some of the cases illustrate campaigns and battles; others concentrate on the lives of great commanders such as Wellington, Roberts, Wolsely and Kitchener, or on changes in army organization and the life of the soldier. Among the eye-catching exhibits are Marlborough's gold-embroidered saddle cloth, a contemporary model of an assault barge of the type which took Wolfe's army up the St Lawrence to Quebec in 1759, a French eagle and standard captured at Waterloo and the order which sent the Light Brigade to destruction at Balaclava in 1854. The second Story of Army gallery is housed in the Museum's new extension and opened its doors to the public on 30 June 1983. It covers the period from 1914 until the victory in the South Atlantic in 1982.

The Museum is also the home of one of the largest collections of military costume in the world, and the pick of 20,000 items of uniform can be inspected in the **Uniform Gallery**. Also on view there is a selection of badges, medals and isignia, including the decorations of HRH the Duke of Windsor and the batons of five field marshals.

Adjacent to the Uniform Gallery is the **Art Gallery** which houses the best of the Museum's collection of seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth-century paintings, some of them by Reynolds, Romney, Beechey, Raeburn and Lawrence. The portraits are interspersed with scenes of battle and camp life. The **Weapons Gallery**, opened in 1978, is the first systematic attempt by any museum to trace the development of the hand-held weapons used by the British soldier from mediaeval times to the present, among them the elegant land pattern arms of the eighteenth century, extravagantly decorated presentation swords from Napoleonic times and the soldier's best friend in two World Wars, the Lee Enfield rifle.

The National Army Museum is also a major national archive. Its collection includes the papers of such famous soldiers as the 1st Marquess Townshend, the 1st Marquess of Anglesey, Lord Raglan and Lord Roberts, but equally important are the hundreds of letters, journals and memoirs of lesser known soldiers of all ranks who have served Britain during five centuries. The Museum's reference library contains over 30,000 books, many of them extremely rare, on all aspects of British military history, uniforms, badges, medals, weapons and equipment.

In addition to its permanent displays, the Museum periodically mounts temporary exhibitions. Recent events have included **Images of War**, which showed the development of pictorial reporting from the broadsheet of Civil War England to 1914, **Indian Cavalcade**, the story of the mounted units of British India, **100 Years of the Royal Tournament** and **Tiger of Malaya**, a survey of the life and times of Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, the Museum's founder and first chairman.



National Army museum

One of the display cases in the Flanders to Falklands gallery.

1st Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

We are now approaching the halfway mark of our tour in Gibraltar. It is mid winter and although the sun is shining the attractions to the young soldier of being in Gibraltar are not always very apparent. The beaches are deserted, only the hardy or stupid venture into the sea and the UK is pretty expensive to get to and from. This re-inforces my belief that the key to success in Gibraltar is being active, and keeping soldiers involved and doing things. This in turn means that life for the senior ranks is very busy. So, in turn we thrive.

Certainly there is enough to look forward to in 1984. An extensive cadre and upgrading period is now in full swing. Each of the rifle companies will soon have gone to Portugal for 3 weeks. While this provides good opportunities to spread our wings after the confines of Gibraltar we can still do very little shooting there. Support Company will therefore return to England in July to fire their weapons. They and the rifle companies then go to Salisbury Plain for 3 weeks training in November. Add to that the Queens Birthday Parade, Beating of Retreat, regattas, open days, CPX's, study days, Ceremonies of the Keys, adventure training, every conceivable type of sport and competition, without mentioning the daily rounds of frontier duties, guards and fatigues, and one begins to understand the pattern and pace of life in Gibraltar.

We are always heavily involved in sport. Our rugby under Capt Peter Robinson and Sgt Williams is thriving. The nucleus of players is as large as in any season I can remember. We have mastered the art of "touch" rugby and beaten Gibraltar at their own game for the first time in many years. Conversely they have given us enormous benefit with good hard

games on grass at Sotogrande in Spain. We now have high hopes of entering the Army Cup next season. Soccer too is looking good. We are holding our own in a very high grade Gibraltar Premier Division, with one or two young soldiers with real talent emerging. Similar tales can be told for road running, squash, hockey and fishing of which it is said that some 150 soldiers of the Battalion now participate.

The Moorish Castle Project, which we inherited from our predecessors has loomed large in our lives since we first came, and is aimed at restoring the northern defences of the Rock. In a sense the purpose has been to provide a further outlet and variety for our soldiers' energies, but also to foster relations with the local community. It is quite the largest project taken on by the Army in recent years. The most encouraging development is that it is now a joint civil/military venture with civilians and soldiers working side by side. That is an achievement.

A very good example of the diversity of life was our success in the Gibraltar Festival of Amateur Dramatics. The Dukes entry "The 15 Minute Hamlet", produced by Lieut Andrew Brear, was quite outstanding.

Three members of the Battalion depart for the last time. They are Drum Major Wilkinson, who has held the appointment since 1977 and must take immense credit for the present very high standard of the Corps of Drums, RSM Basu, who has been particularly proud of his Regiment, while we in turn have been proud of him and Bob Tighe who has been Quartermaster since 1977. He now leaves us to take up an appointment in Hohna, and we thank him for all he has contributed to the life of the Battalion during the past seven years.

OFFICERS' MESS

Although in the past few months the temperature has fallen dramatically, the pace of life within the Officers' Mess remains as hot as ever. One of the most notable successes has been the Battalion Drama Group which, ramrodded by Lieut Andy Brear, achieved considerable acclaim in the 1983 Gibraltar Drama Festival. The play "The 15 Minute Hamlet", was judged as one of the three outstanding entries, and as such, was repeated on the Gala Night in the presence of His Excellency The Governor and Commander in Chief. Lieut Robin Pugh won the award for the 'Best Supporting Actor', and Lieut Clive Howard received the trophy for the 'Best Technical Stage Production'. Major Alistair Roberts, who played no fewer than 5 parts, received a commendation as did Capt Mike Stone for his portrayal of Hamlet.

The monthly Happy Hours and Ladies Lunches seem as popular as ever. It is becoming increasingly difficult to prepare a menu for the Ladies which they haven't had before. What started out as purely lunchtime affairs are now extending well into the

afternoon and there has been more than a few wives who've only just made it home in time to let the children in from school! The wine bills are beginning to hurt.

We had our fair share of TA officers in the Mess on MARBLE TORS during the period from Companys of 5 and 6 Royal Anglians and 4 RRW. In addition we saw Support Coy 1 Glosters who stood in for Somme Company while they were on live firing in the UK. We much enjoyed all their company as they all so readily identified with us.

With Chris Gilberts' departure for Heidelberg in December, Richard Ward assumed the mantle of PMC again. Almost immediately we were into the Christmas activities.

The Mess enjoyed a happy festive season starting with the Annual Soccer Match against the WO's and Sgts Mess on 22nd December. The oppositions use of fire hoses and the handcuffing of the officers' goalkeeper to his own posts, did little to improve our chances of victory.

As is the custom, the WO's and Sgts Mess members

were later invited to the Mess for the Annual 'Rupert of the Year' award. After quite a lengthy oration, during which few reputations were left unscathed, the 1983 honours fell to Capt Peter Harvey whose name is now added to an impressive roll of recipients. Bob Tighe regaled us all in with an impromptu "bubbling session", while we in turn presented the Andy Capp Award to the RQMS who accepted it proudly.

Our major function of the period was undoubtedly the New Years Eve Dinner Dance. We set out to provide the venue for the Army on the Rock but in the event only a smattering of FHQ joined with us. Nevertheless we had a super time with party poppers and champagne. The battalion dance band with Sgt Ena Elwell provided their usual high standard and Cpl Chin-Chan backed them up with his disco. The dance floor was never empty. Most memorable was the Chinese dinner prepared by Cpl Warn, our Mess Cook.

We say goodbye and good luck to Chris and Angie Gilbert and thank him for his time as PMC, to Simon Morgan who has gone to 15 Bde, Keith and Liz Best who are now at Camberley, Chris Beaumont who has sadly finished his attachment and gone to his alma mater at Worthy Down - we much enjoyed having him in the Battalion and we hope to see him back as Paymaster one day. Finally we said a very emotional farewell to RSM Meli Basu first as our guest at a Dinner Night and then with the gift a set of prints of Gibraltar, with a "warmer into the bank", when he flew off.

We congratulate Nick Borwell on his promotion to Capt and for his sins has now relieved Dennis Whittaker as Mess Secretary. We welcome back to the Battalion Lin and Peter Harvey, Peter is now Adjutant, and JAC Kilburn who regrets he can't stay for long. By no means least Mike Tinsley has joined us as junior subaltern.



Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess:
The round the Rock 'MASH' team with a Scout official and Miss Gibraltar (Jessica Palao).

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

Our social life is calming down, even invitations to visiting ships have dropped off a little, but our Mess life still remains quite busy.

Unfortunately we had to say farewell to various long standing members of the Mess, including WO2 (RQMS) Frank and Pat Lowney which we did with a Ladies Dinner Night on 21 November 83. The post was taken up by WO2 (RQMS) B. Sykes MBE. Our best wishes to Frank and Pat on their leaving the Mess to eventually settle in Halifax.

The Mess held its usual Christmas Draw, organised by WO2 T. Butterworth and his committee. Funds had been collected throughout the year and financed the whole social. The Officers' Mess were invited and their ladies.

On the 14th January 84 WO2 Dennis Barr, our resident Green Howard and Chief Clerk said a farewell at a social evening in his honour. Dennis and Wendy had been such loyal members of the Mess, their presence at the bar is still sadly missed.

RSM (Sam) Basu's last day finally arrived. During an excellent Ladies Dinner Night on the 21 January 84 the Mess, Regimental Band and Corps of Drums paid their respects in fine style to a much loved RSM and family. WO2 (RQMS) Brian Sykes MBE organised a Battalion farewell on the 26th January 84. Though marred by bad weather the day produced a farewell befitting a man of such reputation and loyalty throughout his service to the Regiment.

Our fondest regards are extended to Sam, Liz and family together with our best wishes for the future in Fiji.

Finally our last farewell dinner during this period was to Major R. A. Tighe MBE and his much appreciated wife Angela, on 4 February 84. After an excellent dinner at the hands of WO2 (SQMS) B. K. Lyons and a Champagne Breakfast at 0400 we bade farewell.

On a happier note we welcome WO1 R. Heron and his wife Linda on his arrival and his subsequent takeover as RSM. We also congratulate Sgts B. Crowther, W. Staniland and R. Pierce on their promotion to CSgt and welcome the following into the Mess on their promotion to Sgt: Sgt B. T. Walker, Sgt S. Acklam, Sgt C. J. Meade, Sgt K. Shinn and Sgt A. Williams.

The Mess Football Team, after a slow start since Catterick finally showed good results by beating the Navy Senior Rates Mess 7-1 and the RAF Sgts' Mess twice 3-0 and 4-0.

On Sunday 22 January 84 the old and bold namely WO2 (TQMS) P. Rawcliffe, WO2 (ARSO) P. V. Grey, Tech WO Judd Sellars, CSM WO2 Brian Noble, CSgt Bill Staniland (Super Dad) and Sgt Philip Elwell (Golden Voice) established a new world All Comers Record for pulling a bed around the 'Rock'. This epic feat of endurance was achieved over a course of 6-7 miles in 58.07 minutes on a vigorous training regime and diet of CSB.

It is intended to challenge the Officers' Mess to once round the 'Rock' in the near future. After seeing the results of the morning after the RSM's dining out their big problem will be in getting six Officers' out of bed to pull.

CORPORALS' MESS

As we reach the end of our first year on the Rock, many of us look back with a sense of pride at the Battalion's achievements in Gibraltar and look forward to our second year being even better now that we 'know the ropes' of this warm and sunny clime.

For the better part of the year the members of the Mess are spread far and wide, the Rifle Coys each taking their turn in Portugal, and Somme Members vanishing into Salisbury Plain for some live firing, leaving the members of Hook to hold the fort!

One of our main functions of the year, the Mess Christmas Ball, went very well indeed, and was enjoyed immensely by members and guests alike.

We have had many new members promoted into the Mess. We have also lost a few members to the Sergeants' Mess and perhaps the most missed of all is Sgt Horsfall (28), an extremely loyal member.

A sad farewell was said to WO1 R. M. Basu. We held a "Going Away" function for him during which he was presented with a Crystal Decanter and Glasses. We hope that in years to come, he will remember the high esteem in which we held him each time he uses them, and hope that his new life in Fiji is as successful as his life with the Battalion.

We also take this opportunity to welcome WO1 RSM R. Heron and his family.

ALMA COMPANY

OC	Capt M. J. Stone
1IC	Lieut R. J. M. Pugh
CSM	WO2 P. Coates
CQMS	CSgt M. J. Hughes

1 Platoon
Sgt G. O. W. Williams

2 Platoon
2/Lieut J. C. Preston
Sgt Tooley

2 Platoon
2/Lieut A. McNeilis
Sgt A. L. Jackson

During the last period 'The Alma' could well have been compared with a beehive. New tasks seem to spring up from nowhere and the CSM is seemingly

forever trying to prove his mathematics wrong and make $2 + 2$ soldiers equal 5. The Company have reacted in good humour and moral is good.

First came Portugal, which paved the way for the future by hard, selective training on the dusty Santa Matgarida training area. This was immediately followed by an invigorating R and R in Lisbon.

Then, on our return, we were able to put our newly learned skills to test on the Battalion Exercise.

Next came a glorious coup in the March and Shoot Competition in which 1 Platoon were first, 3 Platoon were third and 2 Platoon fourth. Congratulations to all who took part in the gruelling test up and down the Rock of Gibraltar. The Christmas and New Year festivities seemed to last for about six weeks. There was a particularly memorable Christmas lunch for the single soldiers of South Barracks. This terminated with a musical battle with A and B Companies each singing different songs and trying to outsing each other. Result - Harmonious discord in B minor.

The New Year brought the new challenge of the Company project. St Mary's Middle School is a Government school in the Arengo's Palace area of Gibraltar. It is set in a large terraced garden (jungle) and the school has only just moved in. For the last 9 years the buildings and grounds have been left to rot and they have been virtually destroyed by vandals. During the first fortnight of the New Year we set to

work to clear the jungle and improve the perimeter security to stop vandals getting in. The lads worked with gusto felling trees, clearing waist high weeds and very soon afterwards the gardens were in a reasonable state. There is still a lot to do but at last we can now see what needs to be done.

Immediately after that we moved onto an intensive 2 weeks upgrading cadre for the whole company. This was held at Buena Vista Barracks, the home of the Gibraltar Regiment, as our own facilities were being used by the Battalion run NCO cadres. The fortnight was extremely successful and was enjoyed by instructors and students alike. Congratulations go to Pte Scott and Pte Wilson for being the best students on 2 - 1 and 3 - 2 respectively.

We can now look forward to the arrival of the new Company Commander Major Tim Isles and his wife Debbie, and to Portugal for a second time.

We will soon be saying goodbye to Capt Mike Stone and his wife Kay, after a brief 4 months sojourn at the helm (he is off to command Hook). Goodbye also to CSM Coates and Mally, we will miss his patience, understanding and hard work, and to CSgt Holmes and May.

BURMA COMPANY

OC	Major J. R. A. Ward
CSM	WO2 J. N. Arundel
CQMS	CSgt L. Hepworth

4 Platoon

Lieut M. A. Twelftree
Sgt S. M. Priestley

5 Platoon

Lieut A. J. Brear
Sgt M. Smith
Pl Sgt (Designate) Sgt D. Wright

6 Platoon

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

Since our last *Iron Duke* notes the coy roulement has only been broken by two major events, the Battalion exercise and the Christmas/New Year period. The Company thoroughly enjoyed the exercise as we were the enemy. That we were to play this role had been a very well kept secret both from the Company and the rest of the Battalion. The CO kept the whole thing to himself and it wasn't until he'd called the Company in the middle of the night and spirited us into a hanger on the airfield, that he briefed us. It was tremendous fun pitting our wits against the rest of the Battalion. With so little real estate we were forced into unorthodox methods of movement which included a lot of infiltration through the myriad of tunnels in the Rock and some night landings from Fleet Tenders, RAF Air Sea Rescue launches and Sea Raiders. Ten hours spent concealed in a lesser known tunnel system under Kings Lines by 5 Platoon while Alma Company played a game of "We seek them here, we seek them there, etc" demonstrated some interesting lessons in camouflage and concealment, whilst our last ditch stand among the Married Quarters and School at Europa provided an exciting spectacle for our wives and children.

We drew the short straw for Christmas duties but it meant we were free over the New Year. Everyone took their turn at Four Corners and Convent and we had glorious weather for our Guard Mount on Boxing

Day. For the single men on Four Corners on Christmas Day it meant a second Christmas Lunch having had the Battalion one on Christmas Eve. The highlight of Convent Guard was when Summersgill was the 'innocent victim' of a frenzied attack by a pretty girl which left him with bright red lipstick all over his face.

Lieut Brear took a group off on an expedition to Spain to find "The rain falls mainly on the (Costa Del Sol)". Their weekend in search of snow in Sierra Nevada was first thwarted by mechanical breakdown which resulted in some less ambitious exploring of the Campo. This in turn was washed out by torrential rain and ended up as a gastronomic tour of Southern Spain's restaurants culminating in an early morning dash back to the Border with Ivory suffering from some dreaded lurgi. Despite these trials and tribulations, everybody had a good time and more trips are planned in the future.

The Company dramatic talents came to the fore when Capt Stone, who doubled as the Battalion Drama Officer, recruited Lieut Brear to produce "Hamlet in 15 minutes". Capt Stone acted and Cpls, Kerrigan and Chin-Chan, McConnell, Fisher and Ivory helped backstage. The play was subsequently put on again for the Battalion Christmas Review but this time Lieut Brear acted as well and the Company entered the "Wall Sketch" with McConnell, teeth

and all. It was an hilarious performance ably assisted by Fisher and Ivory with Cpls Kerrigan and Chin-Chan providing the lighting and sound respectively. Sgt Priestley, not to be outdone, did his bit in the Sgts' Mess sketch and the OC got a mention in the Christmas Present sketch, though he says he is still waiting for the watch.

At the moment the company is desperately short of men as all our talent is on either a potential or junior NCO's cadre. Fortunately our signallers have all returned from their cadre and we congratulate Pte Towell on coming out top. Lieut Twelftree, recently back from his Jungle Bunny Course in Brunei is getting ready to take another group adventure training in Morocco. This will be our third expedition there, 2/Lieut Chadwick having taken one at very short notice before Christmas. This was a most enjoyable expedition but pretty traumatic and expensive for him since he found out through the Moroccan Police that his green cards were out of date. At first we heard that his vehicles had been impounded and Capt Stone made a mad dash to his rescue via Yogi Bear (Gibraltar Airways one and only Viscount), only to find everyone all set to carry on. Fortunately Mr Chadwick had been able to get the vehicles reinsured locally and after paying several fines the police had let them go on their way. Needless to say, it cost him a Rupert nomination.

The Battalion ARU was a real test for the Company as we were on Standby. Whilst everyone else in the Battalion had a pretty normal day we were really being put through the mill. A tunnel transit from the rock North to South included a climb up about 600 steps in full battle order and with our Mortar section intrepidly manpacking their tubes. It culminated in us digging in on Windmill Hill.

Throughout, the rain came down like stair rods and so we were all well and truly soaked. Perhaps the most galling part was when we were about 6' down watching the rest of the Battalion going home for tea. Anyway we came out of it very well. The Battalion got a good chit overall, and the Chief of Staff from FHQ limped for a fortnight afterwards.

Sport has been a major feature of this period and we have done exceedingly well in Soccer, being currently top of the Minor Units League. Sadly our results in the Hockey and Rugby have been very disappointing, nevertheless we have had a lot of people involved and we've all had a thoroughly good time.

Congratulations go to the following members of the Company on gaining promotion: CSgt Woodward, Sgt Acklam, Sgt Meade, Cpls Kerrigan, Chin-Chan, and Chapman, L/Cpls Sanders and Warner. We wish them every success in their new ranks.

It is also with sadness we say farewell to CSgt Woodward, Sgt Meade, Cpl Sutcliffe, L/Cpl Kennedy, Pte's Bailey 02, Deakin and Edwards on posting and to Pte's 'Bird' Beaumont, Clerke, Holderness, Rushton and Smith 50 who have departed for civvy street. We wish them all the best.

With so many departing it is as well we have some new blood and welcome to the Burma Company family, L/Cpl Hughes, Pte's Towell and McCabe from within the Battalion and new recruits Pte's Hancock, Hyman, Mallinson, McKenzie, Price, Rodgers and Stewardson.

We would also like to congratulate Cpl and Mrs Chapman on producing a fine boy, James and finally Pte's McConnell and Price who have taken the splice. We wish them every success in their marriages.

CORUNNA COMPANY

7 Platoon

Lieut G. S. T. Lehmann
Sgt L. Welburn

8 Platoon

Lieut C. R. T. Smith
Sgt M. A. O'Garro

8 Platoon

2/Lieut M. Tinsley
Sgt D. A. Porter

The military training aspect of our stay here remains the major priority in Gibraltar, and particularly our ability to defend the Rock. This was tested to the full in the Battalion exercise in mid November. Probably the most exciting and original aspect was our beach landing from Rigid Raiders Assault Craft on to Catalan Bay. The Company also participated in the Commanding Officers' Training Days before Christmas. In the first, at the beginning of November, in torrential rain, the Company teams produced middle order positions in the Battalion Competition. Pte Whitworth, however deserves a special mention for his excellent performance with the SMG. Halfway through December the Company came third in the March and Shoot Competition, sweating it out over the tough 'up the Rock' course.

At the end of December we welcomed Lieut Smith back from his Jungle Warfare Course in the 'trees' of Brunei. His experience will be vital in our preparation for Belize in 1985. We also welcome back L/Cpl Roche from his Brecon Course, cut short by injury. Congratulations to L/Cpl Cropper on his promotion.

We look forward to further good results from the NCOs Cadre which is now in progress.

On the sporting front, the Company has done well. On the Battalion Road Run at the end of October 7 Platoon came in first. At the end of the first half of the Inter Company Tag Rugby League, Corunna are placed first amongst the Rifle Companies, while on the soccer front the Company under the watchful eye of CSgt Ken Harding, is lying second in the Minor Units League after winning six games out of eight played. Hopes are running high for success in the approaching Inter Company Soccer Competition.

In the Small Bore Shooting Competition, Corunna took first place in the Inter Company Placing. 9 Platoon came second overall in the Platoon Competition.

In Basketball, Cpl Dooler and Pte's Samerson, Phillips and Thomas have appeared for the Gibraltar Combined Services Team.

The Company bricklayers and builders have been extremely busy under the direction of Capt Paul Wilkinson. It is hoped by summer to have completed



our recreation area and rock garden for the handicapped children of St Bernadette's School Gibraltar.

We have to say goodbye to L/Cpl Mick Allanby after four years meritorious service as company clerk. He has gone to the Orderly Room. We all wish him the best of luck in the future and welcome his replacement, L/Cpl Mullett. Farewells too for 2/Lieut Beaumont who leaves for Worthy Down after a nine month attachment from the Pay Corps. Lieut Clive Howard has also left the Company for the lofty heights of the Orderly Room as Assistant Adjutant. The Company welcomes 2/Lieut Mike Tinsley, fresh from Sandhurst, as his replacement as 9 Platoon Commander.

Corunna Company

Capt Paul Wilkinson, 2/Lieut Mike Tinsley and L/Cpl Gary Bradley study the plans for creating a recreation area from rough ground, at St Bernadette's School for the handicapped.

SOMME COMPANY

OC
CSM
CQMS

Major M. S. Sherlock
WO2 Noble
CSgt Cuss

After a hectic cadre period for the Anti Tanks and Mortars in October we flew to England in November and exercised for two weeks on Salisbury Plain. I am sure that you can imagine the shock to the system changing from sunshine and 65°F to freezing point and below in a few hours.

We acclimatised very quickly however and had a good two weeks shooting. The Company fired WOMBAT, Milan 81mm mortars and managed to fit in its APWT during days that were not allowed on the

Support Weapons Range. The Inter Company Competition is nearing its final and Somme are currently doing very well. The PRE Inspections have nearly finished and we have a clean bill of health. Congratulations to CSgt Cuss and Mrs Cuss and Pte and Mrs Johnson on the birth of boys, and L/Cpl and Mrs Carter 33 and Pte and Mrs Hartley on the birth of girls. Farewell to Pte Smith 27 my driver, who for over a year has driven me mad in Catterick, Canada and Gibraltar.

MORTAR PLATOON

OC
2IC

Capt N. G. Borwell
WO2 E. Atkinson

The Mortars have had an eventful time - in November 83 we went to Salisbury Plain for live firing. Along with the Anti-Tank Platoon we took over New Zealand Farm Camp for two weeks. It had been a year since our last taste of the "real thing". Our cadre in October had prepared us fully and the new men, who constituted a third of the platoon, coped well. Our second day of firing saw a visit by the Colonel of the Regiment who witnessed the hatch of a target tank blown off by a direct hit! Bad weather limited our firing occasionally but the exercise proved both successful and instructive. The middle weekend allowed most of the lads to visit Yorkshire - some for

the first time in many months. Our new arrivals, Cpl Pigg, L/Cpl Rose, Pte's Royston, Acklam 25, Ross, Birch, Alty and Patton 48 all proved themselves thoroughly competent mortarmen.

Our Puff Range now has a small bar at the rear. This has been useful for occasional parties. We are producing a barbecue area next door for the summer season. The New Year has seen the start of the "Mortar Mole" campaign. Cpl Chambers of the STRE will be qualifying as many mortarmen as possible as tunnel guides.

January also saw L/Cpl Rose and Pte Ross in Morocco on Exercise "Spring Run". Capt Borwell

led the intrepid band of Somme and Corunna warriors, on foot, by bus and by train, narrowly missing avoiding problems with hunger riots and drug pushers.

Exercise "White Witch" involved five mortarmen, and four signallers on a ski-ing trip to the Sierra Nevada for three days. This succeeded in whetting many an appetite for more, and hopefully some

soldiers will be inspired to organise skiing trips for themselves.

Congratulations to L/Cpl Schneider on achieving a Distinction on his Netheravon course. Welcome to Sgt Meade, and good luck to Cpl Pigg on his drill course. Congratulations to Pte Zina and his wife Julie on the birth of their son Mathew.

RECCE PLATOON

OC
2IC

Capt S. A. Dixon
Sgt P. Elwell

The last four months have seen many changes among personnel. New members of the platoon are Cpl Hargreaves, Pte's Hawksworth, Wilden, Richmond and Devaney. The departures include Cpl Whiteley, L/Cpl's Bentley, Machen and Chalmers. L/Cpl Harber is on his Brecon Tactics course and he has followed L/Cpl Mitchell and L/Cpl Hughes who both received good reports.

The platoon has now come to grips with Gibraltar and most of our time is spent repeating duties and keeping the standard of training up to the required level. One of the main duties we fulfill is the Battalion's commitment at Farringdon's Observation Post. This is a 24 hour duty involving surveillance of mainland Spain and some of Gibraltar's sea passages. This task is shared with the eleven men strong 8 Surveillance Troop RA, and as a result the platoon is now full of budding gunners? We have also taken part in the Border, Convent and Camp guards.

The Recce platoon has established a very special relationship with the MT platoon. We have a very large fleet of vehicles consisting of four Landrovers and six Ferrets. Unfortunately our special relationship with the MT has not always been an amicable one due to a series of unavoidable bumps and prangs! However as the PRE looms all our vehicles are on the road and being 'bullied up' for inspection!

The platoon has fared well in the Inter Platoon Competition and is presently in first place. There have been three events so far, cross country, indoor shooting, and the March and Shoot Competition. The platoon came second, first and second respectively. The March and Shoot was particularly gruelling, a 7 kilometre course, mainly uphill carrying full equipment. Even in December the sun shone and the temperature rose to 15 degrees Centigrade which helped most of the platoon lose a lot of weight.



The March and Shoot Competition
The Recce Platoon press on up the Rock.

ANTI TANK PLATOON

PI Comd
PI Sgt

Lieut D. S. Bruce
Sgt Harrison

When we arrived at New Zealand Farm Camp it was already dark so the full impact of our bleak surroundings was not yet clear. It was extremely cold and we were all tired after the five and a half hour Hercules flight, however spirits were high because we were back in England. Dawn revealed our worst fears. We were indeed in the middle of nowhere, but the Camp was clean, warm and comfortable. The day was spent sorting out kit, preparing vehicles and guns for Monday (with a short break for England v New Zealand on TV). The night meant an excursion to Salisbury for some real ale.

During the two weeks the Platoon fired 300 × 12mm rounds at static and moving targets, 12 Milan missiles and carried out their SMG or SLR APWT. The gun obviously produced the most excitement and after some initial nerves the Platoon really enjoyed firing it. The first round of the day was always torture but was undoubtedly the most effective way of clearing the head. Once the Company small arms had been fired and the last Milan missile sent on its way my last excuse for avoiding the gun range disappeared. Despite the attempts of the Platoon to

sing my eyebrows and burn my hair I managed to carry out the correct drills and gained a couple of good hits thereby surprising a few of my doubting Cpls. "Rocksand" proved to be more than just a useful period of military training it was an opportunity for the Platoon to work together, seldom possible in Gibraltar. It was also a lot of fun. A short weekend break in Yorkshire was enjoyed by the single lads in particular. The Company ran a very successful bar in the camp which seemed to keep everyone happy without the requirement of trips out to Salisbury or wherever. We are now back in Gibraltar.

In July we return to England for this years "Rocksand" and our training will be concentrating on that and a recruits cadre to train new members of the Platoon.

Finally we must wish CSgt Dent and Sgt Able all the best in their postings and also Cpl Conlon and Pte Crowley who have moved to Alma and MT respectively. We also welcome Cpl Sutcliffe, Pte Carson and Pte Goodall who have recently joined the Platoon.

HOOK COMPANY

OC
CSM

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

Hook Company, the home of the battalion base rats and depository for abuse from gladitorial warriors of rifle companies, has been involved in biathlon competitions, march and shoot competitions, clambering over the rock as the third rifle company on the battalion exercise and dabbling in a plethora of inter company sports. The OC having shed the additional duties of Officers Mess entertainments member, organiser of minor events such as the Subalterns Cup Competition and taking rifle companies training in Portugal has now only to

worry about running Hook Company which at the present is a mere 340 strong. He also runs 'Operation STEEP SLOPE' which now includes Saturdays. We use to have Sunday off but now Fortress HQ has taken to calling us out instead.

This sleepy hollow at the gateway to the Mediteranean, where according to popular belief soldiers slumber in the Spanish sunshine, eat, drink and enjoying two years of leisure, is in fact pretty busy.

QUARTERMASTERS PLATOON

QM
TQM
RQMS
TQMS
Tech WO
Accn SNCO
Clothing SNCO
DOE SNCO

Capt M. Carter
Capt P. Robinson
WO2 B. W. Sykes MBE
WO2 P. Rawcliffe
WO2 G. Sellars
CSgt G. Hunter
Sgt P. V. Williams
Sgt O. Theodore

At the time of writing Capt Robinson has already taken over as TQM, Major Tighe having left after 6½ years unrelenting devotion to the Battalion to put his feet up in the Station Office at Hohne. He will be sadly missed by one and all in the Platoon.

The Platoon wish to thank Sgt '28' Horsfall and Cpl Beck well on their postings to the Training Wing and Depot respectively. Congratulations also go to '28' on his promotion to Sgt and Sgt Williams for getting his substantive promotion. Well done.

We welcome L/Cpl Ashton from the Families Office and L/Cpl Summers from AWTC. We would also like to welcome Capt Robinson from the MT - we now have both Football and Rugby reps in the Platoon.

Congratulations go to CSgt Staniland on the birth

of his son, Andrew; L/Cpl Threlfall on the birth of his daughter Gemma and Pte Wood on the birth of his son Andrew. Congratulations also go to Cpl Preston on obtaining an 'A' grading on his Carpenter and Joiners Course.

MT PLATOON

MTO	Capt P. Robinson
MTWO	WO2 D. Exley
MT Sgts	Sgt C. Janeson
	Sgt M. Turner

The Platoon has had a varied few months. Christmas and the New Year saw most of the single men back in the Yorkshire area on leave. WO2 Denny Exley has been back in the UK for the past three months, at the Army School of Mechanical Transport in Leconsfield. Capt Peter Robinson managed a few months in England while he was on his Quartermasters course as he is to take over the role as Technical Quartermaster. We at the MT Platoon are now all but ready to have our yearly inspection by REME, this being the time of year that our vehicles are inspected.

A few new members have joined us recently. Welcome back to L/Cpl Graham Ingham and family who has just arrived from 1 Yorks (TA) and Pte's O'Connor and Hudson who are in from Alma. Pte's

Smith and Crowley join us from the Somme. Cpl Hustwick and wife Linda leave us for Warminster, L/Cpl Eggy Moore to KDRT York, Pte Snowy Graham to RAC Trg Regt Catterick. Our best wishes also to our friends and workmates who are off to civvi street, DJ Maskill, Mark Dixon, Big Dean Green and Leather Lloyd. The Platoon would like to congratulate Pte Tim Newhouse on winning the Bumper of the Year Award and Pte Mac McBride for Parker of the Year when he put the MTO's Mini in the MT Office.

Finally our congratulations go to L/Cpl Basher Bates on his promotion and his new job as CO's driver. Congratulations to Cpl Baz Gregory on his marriage, welcome Sharon to Gibraltar but most of all to the MT Platoon.

SIGNAL PLATOON

RSO	Capt J. A. C. Kilburn
ARSO	WO2 P. V. Grey
Radio Sgt	Sgt J. Cone
Sigs Stores	Sgt I. Verrall

The Signal Platoon seems to be in a continuous state of change. The appointment of RSO has been handed over and Capt Simon Morgan has been posted to HQ 15 Inf Bde, Topcliffe, where there is little scope for the creation of GREY AREAS. Sgt Ron Galpin has returned to England.

December was the month of the new brush. We swept out the cobwebs, found a few interesting and unexpected hangovers from the previous RSO and generally prepared ourselves for the Standard II cadres in January and February.

The festive season came and went and the New Year brought a fast and furious period of training. The two Standard II cadres and assistance to the Training Wing and Companies has meant our days have been full. On the recreational side the RSO took eight soldiers skiing on the slopes of Sierra Nevada in Spain. Sgt Jack Cone is commended for his efforts at arm wrestling for his country against the USA. The 6'

9", 18 stone opposition was a bit too much. Only one casualty was sustained and that was OC Mortars. It would seem that he became disorientated and misfired on one ski which caused his shoulder to be dislocated.

Our congratulations go to Steve and Karen Sherwood on the birth of their baby boy; Gary and Linda Sharp on the birth of their baby boy; Kevin and Cheryl Holmes on the birth of their baby girl and Tony and Julie Ward on the birth of their baby boy.

Our congratulations also go to L/Cpl Dale Smith and Pte Tony Proctor on their marriages and we welcome their wives to the fold. We also welcome Sig Keith Morris from RAF Brize Norton to replace Sig Joe Reid; Pte's Ross and Walker from A Coy and Pte Johnston and wife from C Coy. L/Cpl Dale Smith and Pte Tony Proctor have also earned a well done on their respective courses, RSI and Standard I.

TRAINING WING

Training Officer
WTWO
CQMS/Instructor

Capt B. Coll
WO2 Butterworth
SSgt Pierce

January 1984 saw the start of the NCOs and JNCOs Cadre period. We had the help of various specialist instructors and half a dozen other instructors to help test candidates for upgrading. Because of the very obvious shortage of instructional staff, the new Adjutant, former Training Officer, kindly offered to us on promotion, Sgt Horsfall. We had 80 students. Each cadre lasted 4 weeks and had 40 students taking part. Having only 20 working days meant long hours for the students to get through 200 periods of instruction by day. There were 18 periods in the evenings, 3 night exercises and finally a 48 hour exercise.

We say farewell to WO2 Butterworth, who leaves to join Alma Company, and the clerk, Pte Jones, who now works for the 2IC.

Congratulations to Sgt Williams who was promoted whilst attached to the Wing. We welcome Cpl Teall from the Depot who joined us in January and is busy in sorting out stores and service problems.

To come is a series of pre Warminster and Brecon courses and at last the installation of Closed Circuit Television for Beefsteak Range. It is hoped to have this facility working by late July.

REGIMENTAL BAND

Bandmaster
BSM

WO1 K. Taylor
WO2 T. P. Byrne

The Band performed at a varied selection of engagements from October to January. The 'German Band' commenced in October by performing at an RAF German Night, which was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. In mid-October we joined the Royal Navy for the annual 'Battle of Trafalgar' celebrations, which consisted of 'Mess' night in HMS Rooke and a Church Service which was held in Trafalgar Cemetery. The newly formed 'Roadshow', consisting of a nine piece showband (Scarlet Express) and a Disco (Mars), performed for the first time in the Queensway Club. The 'Roadshow' was a huge success and is now in great demand around the Rock.

November was completely taken over by our five yearly Royal Military School of Music, (Kneller Hall) inspection. All aspects of the Band are tested to ensure that a high standard of music and bearing are maintained. It started with the Band and Corps of Drums being inspected on the square by the Inspector of Army Bands, Colonel D. J. St J. Loftus OBE, accompanied by the Assistant Inspector of Army Bands, Lieut-Colonel D. R. Beat MVO who is the Director of Music, Kneller Hall. This was followed by a short marching display without the aid of music cards. The Band then proceeded to the Upper Rock and into the very beautiful surroundings of St Michaels Cave to be tested by Lieut-Colonel Beat on its musical knowledge. We entertained the Inspecting Officers and a large audience, including Lady Williams, to a varied musical performance. This included, Fanfare Team, Brass Group, Recorder Group, Large and Small Dancebands and the Corps of Drums 'Victory Beatings'. The Band was awarded an 'Excellent' grade. We were extremely delighted because this grade has only been awarded to eight other Bands since 1932.

December was a very busy month. We had a 'Muster' parade with HMS Tartar. This was followed by a day at sea, being 'attacked' by the RAF. We all enjoyed ourselves.

The Fanfare Team 'opened' the 'Inces Restaurant' which is situated in Wesley House, in the presence of HE The Governor and Lady Williams.

We also had the pleasure of accompanying the famous female impersonator, Faith Brown, in a star studded concert held in St Michaels Cave. This was part of the weekend's entertainment for employees of the British firm of MFI. We found Faith to be in very good spirit and it was a pleasure working with her. The Band played at various parties leading up to Christmas and the New Year, including several carol services held at various churches. We also played for the single soldiers Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve in both Lathbury and South Barracks.

The 'Roadshow' played at the New Year's Eve dance in the Officers Mess and celebrated the end of 1983 in the company of the Band President, Major P. D. Gardner and his many bottles of Bushmills.

The first engagement of 1984, was our most popular in the Band's life. CONVENT GUARD!!!



Inspection of the Band and Drums
Colonel D. J. St J. Loftus OBE, Inspector of Army Bands,
talks to WO2 (BSM) T. P. Byrne.

CORPS OF DRUMS

Drum Major
Pl Sgt

Sgt K. Shire
Cpl C. D. Naylor

The drums platoon has been busy with the Convent every Monday morning and rehearsals for the Kneller Hall Inspection which took place on the 30th November 1983, and all in all, went down well for both Band and Drums.

Previous to this, we had drummers going to various parts of the Rock for Remembrance Sunday. L/Cpl Hodge and Pte Ryder played the Last Post and Rouse at the Cross of Sacrifice and Pte's Rawcliffe and Ashman played the same at the Kings Chapel which was also played on BFPS. Pte Lambert played at sea for the 'Ark Royal' Remembrance service.

We played our Victory Beating at the Holiday Inn for the Building Seminar and later that night at the Rock Hotel for the Licensed Victuallers Association which resulted in us playing again over Christmas and New Year.

Our next event was to play for the people of MFI (Furniture), as they arrived at the airport. The Band and Drums played them in, to welcome them to Gibraltar. We also did a concert up at St Michaels Cave including Victory Beating. And we co-starred with Faith Brown, the Comedienne.

We say farewell to Capt Richardson which we did in the Corporal's Mess, and presented him with a Miniature Drum, in thanks for all the help he has given us during his tour as Adjutant.

On the 8th of December the Flutes played at the Sgt's Mess wives Christmas dinner with a selection of music and Christmas carols.

On Christmas Day we did the Victory Beating at the Rock Hotel, and on New Years Eve we played at the Rock Hotel again and brought the New Year in at the "Cabin" with flute marches and the Victory Beatings. We have been asked to do it again next Christmas.

On the 10th January 1984 the COs Bugle Competition was held. It started with an inspection on the square and then carried on in the Band practice room to play the Calls. It was a tight run contest with the winner of the COs Bugle Competition being won by only one point. The winner being Pte G. Ryder, 2nd was Pte N. Powell (Adjutant's Bugler).

In July 1961 a young soldier joined the Dukes. 23868110 Pte J. A. Wilkinson. In October 1962 he joined the Battalion as a Drummer in Bourlon Lines, Catterick. He stayed in the Platoon till 1969 when he was posted to A Company as a section commander. He then went to B Company. From 1972 he was posted to Hook Company as Ammunition Cpl. In January 1977 he was posted back to the Drums Platoon as Sgt and took over Drum Major in May 1977. Since then he has been Platoon Comd for the Drums which must be a record in itself (Platoon Comd for 7 years). He has served in Catterick three times, Germany twice, Northern Ireland seven times and Gibraltar. Drum Major Wilkinson is leaving us in February 1984 to return to civilian life. We say farewell to him and thank him for all the hard work he has put into the Platoon over the years.

RUGBY

The battalion regularly puts out two fifteens in the very competitive Gibraltar League. So far the First XV have played six fixtures in Spain with the possibility of four more being played before the end of the season.

Tag Rugby

On arrival in Gibraltar ten months ago we were convincingly beaten at this unique style of rugby by the Gibraltarians. Though scrummaging and lineouts are much the same as the real game the rest of the game is completely non physical. A player is stopped by removing one of his tags which are placed in the side of the shorts. To start with it was very frustrating but most players are now playing the game very well indeed. This season has been very successful. So far the First XV are unbeaten in the league which includes the RAF, Navy, Gibraltar and the Gibraltar Nomads. The Dukes Second XV are also in the league. The league works on a home and away basis. The highlight so far was the beating of Gibraltar both at 15 and 7 a side. To press the First XV have played, and won, all six matches.

Tag Rugby is also played at Company level on a league basis, each team playing each other twice. The success of the inter-company league has been the

discovery of many new players who have turned out for the First or Second Teams. Showing great promise for the future are Lieut Twelftree (Scrum Half), L/Cpl Davidson (Prop), Pte's Williams (2nd Row), Hawksworth (Back Row), Sedgewick and Samerson (Wings).

Hook Company look likely winners in the inter-company competition closely followed by Somme Company.

Physical Rugby in Spain

This season has seen real rugby in Spain for the first time since the closure of the Border. The venue is a Polo Pitch at Sotogrande about ten miles away from Gibraltar. Before Christmas the First XV played the following, winning all matches:

Dukes XV 47 - RAF 6

Dukes XV 27 - Navy 0

Dukes XV 18 - Gibraltar 9

1984 started with a re-match against Gibraltar which the First XV again won, 27 - 7. The Second XV beat the Gibraltarian Second XV by 10 points to 3. A very powerful Metropolitan Touring Team provided the opposition at the end of January. This proved to be a great game with the Police winning by 18 points to 10.

Sunday 5th February provided us with our first Spanish opposition Sevilla, the result was a win by 36 points to 7 for the Dukes. The match was not as easy as the score suggested.

The rest of the season is going to be difficult at both

tag and grass rugby. With key players returning to the UK for courses the newcomers have the chance to show what they are made of. The aim of the season was to produce new talent and so far the aim is being achieved.

FOOTBALL

OIC
Coach

Major J. R. A. Ward
WO2 (RQMS) B. Sykes MBE

The closed season was spent playing regular games against visiting ships, pubs teams, RAF and any other challengers. By the beginning of the season we were getting used to the different playing surface and were almost ready for the anticipated tough season ahead in the Gibraltar Premier Division.

Both teams had shaky starts to the season but neither lost without respect. In January the First XI achieved results against Lions 3 - 2, Glacis 2 - 1 and the Police 5 - 3 whilst the 2nd XI results against Manchester United were 5 - 4, St Josephs 2 - 1 and Manchester United again 3 - 2. We have earned our

spurs and are considered to be a team to be reckoned with.

The spirit is high among the squad, confidence is growing and the unrelenting effort from the players is a credit to the Battalion. Special mention must be made of Sgt Acklam for being such a good skipper and a very reliable centre back, Cpl (TP) Stead for his dominance up front which has resulted in some excellent goals, Cpl (never scored a goal in his life) Adamson and L/Cpl (Bionic Bob) Easeman for consistently good performances.

PISCATORIAL SOCIETY

OIC

Major M. S. Sherlock

The Battalion Fishing Club has gone from strength to strength. We now have about forty members and produce a team about once a month to fish in the Tri-Services matches against the Navy, RAF and Gibraltar Regiment. We had a Battalion fishing competition on the Detached Mole in October and seventeen fishermen took part in stormy weather conditions. At the end of the day the RQMS, CSgt Harding and Sgt Porter walked away with the prizes presented by the Commanding Officer.

On Sunday 29 January 1984 the Sergeants' Mess challenged the Officers' Mess to a fishing competition. There were sixteen participants (8 Officers' and 8 Sergeants' Mess). The day will be remembered for the lack of bites, but in the end CSgt Harding (again) brought out the heaviest fish, WO2 Atkinson won the heaviest aggregate, and the Sergeants' Mess won decisively with 2½lbs of fish against the Officers' Messes two Sprats and a Kipper. The prizes were presented by Mrs Cumberlege.

The Piscatorial Society
Presentation of prizes after the Fishing Match.



ARMY WATERMANSHIP TRAINING CENTRE

OIC
Chief Instructor

Lieut R. J. M. Pugh
CSgt P. Hutchinson

The Battalion has been through a hectic period with exercises Open Door and Rocksand, which has affected the Centre's role quite considerably as we were inundated with the visiting units of TA and regulars who were here to keep the numbers up. We are now well into our refit period and all the equipment is being given a major facelift. It is amazing the amount of varnish, paint and fibreglass we seem to get through.

Offshore Sailing

WO2 A. Dowley RA
Pte M. Ambler

Offshore Sailing has continued to be very popular, with maximum numbers onboard whenever the yachts go out. I am sad to have to report the 'Lavante' the Halycon 27, has had to be put to rest. She has given 12 years hard sailing to the centre but is now worn out. We are to receive a Contessa 32, though a date for collection/delivery of this very well known yacht has yet to be arranged. We are also looking forward to the 'Infantryman' on her cruise in June and July. The trip from Portsmouth to Gibraltar is being sponsored by The Kings Division.

Dinghy Sailing

Cpl J. Swain
L/Cpl P. Draper

The progress of keen dinghy sailors is now into an established routine, with places being allocated to the Battalion on courses organised by all three services sailing associations.

The Battalion provided 2 of the 3 crews required for the Army versus the P & O Liner 'Canberra' and HMS Rooke. The race was sailed in very gusty conditions which gave us locals the advantage. A good start by CSgt Paul Hutchinson followed by Major Davis Bowman of the Education Corps, enabled the Army to lead the way home in first and second places respectively, with Lieut Robin Pugh pushing out a Navy contender to secure the event with a convincing victory. With the dinghies now ashore for repair by the Navy our thoughts are for the start of the season in March.

Windsurfing

Cpl C. Irving
Pte P. Evans

The popularity of this exhilarating sport continues to grow. Nine members of the Battalion took part in the United Services Sailing Clubs autumn series the Bassedone Cup and were represented in the honours with Mrs Caroline Roberts taking third place for the lightweight division and CSgt Paul Hutchinson third in the heavyweight division. In late October the Battalion entered a team into a three cornered event against HMS Rooke and HMS Cirrus. Pte Paul Evans made a name for himself by winning 2 of the 3 races. He would have won all 3 but his navigation was a bit

off and he went the wrong way. The 29th of January 1984 saw the traditional one day event, the Beefeater Cup. This event took the form of one race round the Olympic style course, a speed trial over measured distance, followed by a reaching and gybing course. Four members of the Battalion participated with Cpl Chris Irving winning third place in the lightweights and CSgt Paul Hutchinson winning all three races in the heavyweight division.

Canoeing

Cpl P. Gale
Pte E. Innes

With the onset of cold winds and cloudy skies our canoeing has tended to be around our local shores. The winds have been mostly westerlies which has meant little or no surf. At last this has given the canoes a rest as most of our damage occurs in surf conditions.

We continue dishing out the proficiency certificates at good rate and should have about 40 percent of the Battalion qualified by the end of our tour. We have just taken delivery of some new canoes and spray covers for the new season and Pte Eric Innes has managed to repair the summers damages.

Powercrafts

Cpl T. J. Collins
L/Cpl S. Gardner

Having made the major outlay I can now report that all our engines are going concerns. The once common sight of one of the longliners being towed in is now a thing of the past. During the winter we have managed to turn them from their dull blue colour to the nearest thing that "International" do to the Dukes colours. All that remains is to design a suitable ensign.

Caving

Pte M. England
Pte R. Lyons

The experience gained during Exercise "Deep Spain", has stood us in good stead. The engineers have sought our assistance in the exploring of newly discovered 'pots' which branch off the lower St Michaels show cave which is their pride and joy. Sgt Stretch Harrison is spending a lot of time trying to widen a hole which he hopes will lead him to another as yet undiscovered cave system.

Climbing

Sgt D. Tooley

Our to other commitments in Norway Sgt Dave Tooley has had little time to concentrate on climbing. Even so we have continued to pursue this activity with help from various sources. Sgt Ena Elwell continues in his endeavours to train the Recce Pl in his SAS Style techniques.

WO1 (RSM) R. M. Basu - A Fijian Farewell

Many readers of the *Iron Duke* will have read the article "The fighting Fijians go home", which appeared on the 6th November in "The Mail on Sunday" Magazine. The 1st Battalion is now saying its own farewell to just one of this justifiably proud band of men who readily volunteered for service in the embryonic all Regular Army of the early sixties. Ratu Meli (Sam) Basu has been quoted as saying, "To wear the Queen's uniform is the greatest honour that can be bestowed on a young man in Fiji". As Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, and senior Fijian in the British Army, his pride in his sovereign, his Regiment, and himself, is reflected, without a trace of arrogance, in all that he does.

RSM Basu began his Army career in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. However, 13 days later, on 16th November 1963, he became a Duke, and apart from a break of two years as a Permanent Staff Instructor with 1 Yorks, (1977 to 1979), his whole service has he spent with the 1st Battalion. This includes five Northern Ireland tours, two in BAOR, and two in Cyprus as well as Canada, Hong Kong and, of course, Gibraltar.

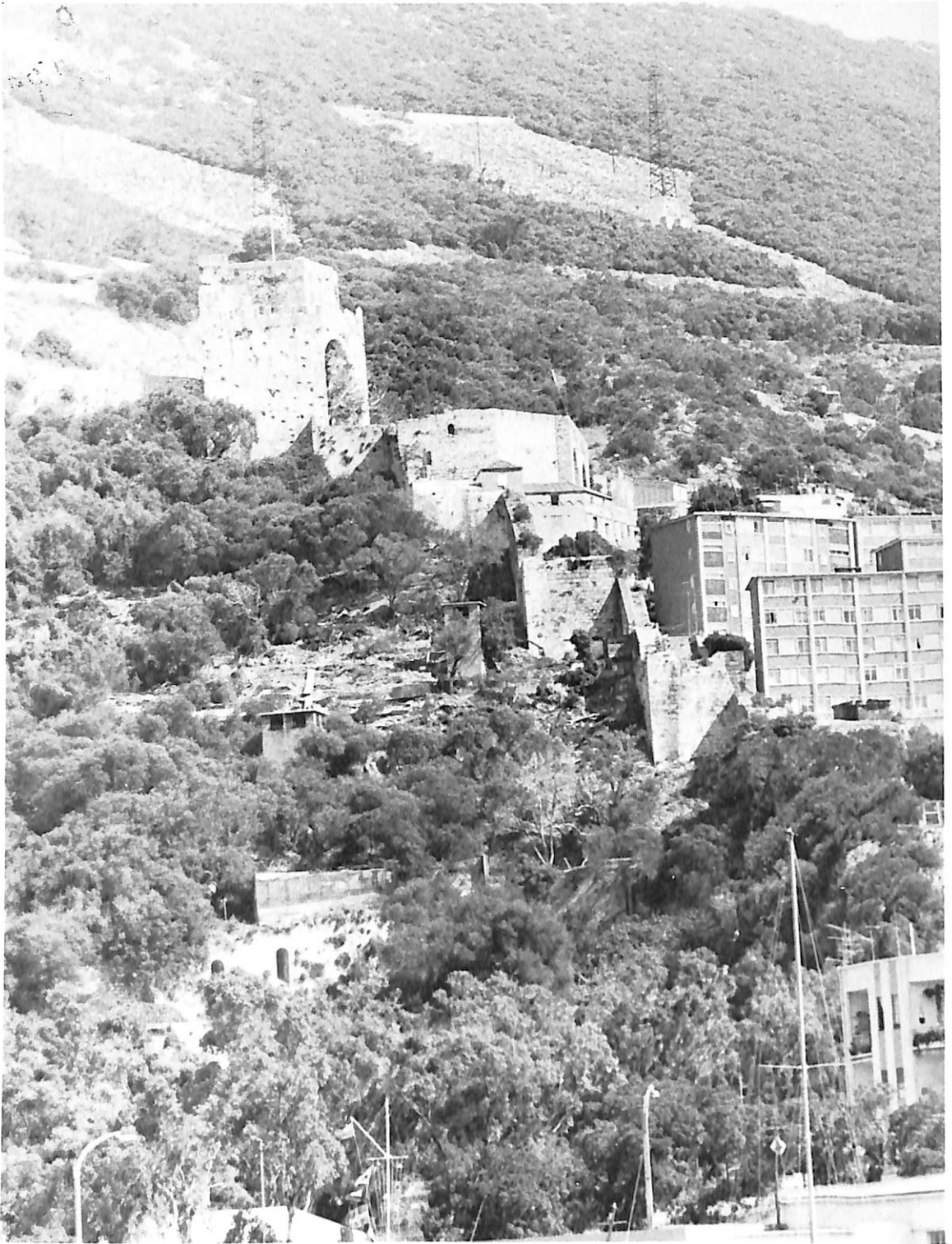
Mr Basu will be remembered for a multitude of different reasons. Perhaps for a lighthearted threat to 'crush their skulls', or on the rugby field, where such threats came perilously close to reality. Certainly it is in rugby that Mr Basu has made an unforgettable contribution. His skill and sporting aggression as a member of the successful Army Cup winning sides from 1965 to 73 will be long remembered, and in more recent years he became widely respected as a coach and for inspiring younger men within the Battalion teams.

Since the inception of an all Regular Army, competition for promotion has been particularly fierce. The appointment of Regimental Sergeant Major in a regular Battalion is an outstanding achievement. To do so having started life in the South Pacific is particularly impressive and deserves the very highest praise and respect.

It is with sadness that we say farewell to the Battalion's last "Fighting Fijian". We join in wishing him and his family the very best of luck when he returns to his homeland, and trust that he remembers us as we will remember him.

WO1 (RSM) Sam Basu





'Steep Slope' - The Moorish Castle Project
The photograph was taken at an early stage in the clearance operation.

Operation "Steep Slope" - The Moorish Castle Project

The Gibraltar Museum Committee not only maintains and administers the museum, but is also responsible for the protection of the ancient monuments and buildings in Gibraltar, listed in the Antiquities Ordinance which became law on 1st January 1983. In compliance with this the Committee produced a schedule for restoration of the Northern defences, which date back to the original completion of the Moorish Castle, itself part of the defences, in the year 711 AD. The castle was built by the Moor Tarik Ibn Zayad, leader of the first settlement on the Rock, giving the feature the name Gibel Tarik (Tarik's Rock), the corruption of which is Gibraltar. Initiated by the Moors, developed further during the subsequent Spanish occupation and completed by the British, the northern defences have remained largely unchanged for the past 400 years. Still intact, they serve as a historic record of Gibraltar, and so the Gibraltar Museum Committee decided that they should be the first in the plan to renovate the existing defences of the Rock.

In December 1982 the Museum turned to the army and Public Works Department (PWD) for voluntary

problems, like drug taking, excess drinking and various other dubious activities, being particularly prevalent among the adolescents in the adjacent area known locally as 'The Jungle', and this is where the Duke's are clearing up. In retaliation the youngsters have carried out various acts of vandalism, bordering on sabotage. Removal of the stone and metal debris and the enormous quantities of rubbish was very trying, even though we had the support of the PWD. So the sappers and our own assault pioneers built a railway which carried a winch operated bogey, which was to carry a skip to the nearest point from which the PWD skip-truck could operate. The vandals tore up the track twice before we were able to launch the first skip. Since then the Duke's have continued only with tree felling, and work on the rubbish clearance will be resumed only when a commensurate civilian effort is forthcoming and when we can be sure that further vandalism will be contained.

Support from the Deputy Fortress Commander, the personal involvement of the Commanding Officer and the co-opting of the project officer onto the Gibraltar Museum Committee have encouraged a



*'Steep Slope' - The Moorish Castle Project
Alma Company in full swing*

help. A start was made in March 1983 but very little was achieved due to a PWD strike and the changeover of resident battalions. The bulk of the clearance operation then fell to the Duke's. Major Palmer was nominated as the battalion project officer, and planning and coordination began with meetings with the chairman of the Gibraltar Museum Committee, the Director of Public Works, the Commissioner of Police, the Deputy Fire Chief, the Curator of the museum and various PSA representatives.

Work finally started on 8th June 1983. So far this has involved the demolition of well constructed, but illegal chicken coops, the clearance of unbelievable amounts of rubbish and the felling and burning of trees, all over several acres of steep mountain slope, under foul conditions. It was hot, dusty, sometimes dangerous and frequently marred by the actions of local vandals.

In addition to the major project an environmental and social problem was to be tackled. Immediately to the South of the defences is the site of a high rise flat community; with all its commonly associated social

public response to the Duke's efforts. There has also been a public condemnation of the vandalism. And more volunteers have come forward. Each Duke's company has worked on the project during their training period. The Assault Pioneer platoon has provided the continuity and expertise, while the sappers of 1st STRE have given enormous help and technical advice. It is hoped that with civilian help from adult volunteers and local youth organisations 'Steep Slope' will fulfil the aim of the Museum Committee. The chairman, Mr F. L. Galliano, plans a 'Son et Lumiere' production mounted on the restored defences (this is now supported by the Ministry of Tourism with the promise of financial aid), and the old lines and galleries, which formed the defences during the historic sieges and the last two World Wars, may be re-opened again. Apart from promoting tourism this would provide a fascinating recreation area for the local population, an area which few have seen, but which forms a significant part of the Gibraltarian heritage.

A.D.P.



Ladies for victory: The Duchesses
from left to right: Angie Tighe, Carolyn Roberts (skipper), Suzy Dixon and Liz Best.

LADIES FOR VICTORY

It all began with the mistaken belief that the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club's Ladies Race involved ladies sailing racing boats. So, during the course of a notably bibulous Mess Families lunch, a team of four was formed to sail the Mess boat, "Waterwitch". To a woman, they were fit, keen - and almost totally inexperienced (nautically speaking). Training began in June in a leisurely fashion with a weekly potter around the harbour in the lightest of airs. As confidence grew, the flapping (of sails) was reduced to a minimum and eventually even the spinnaker was debagged and made to fly - our hopes flew as high.

It was at this point that the Secret of the Ladies Race was learned - only the helms-person is female and the rest of the crew comprises of old salts who have been sailing these waters for years and years and years! Hopes of winning were somewhat dimmed and a motto, to be emblazoned on our team T-shirts, were adopted - "... but not least, the DUCHESSES".

Training was intensified and the sailing fraternity, most of whose offices and apartments seem to overlook the harbour, might even have seen us gybe the spinnaker!

Race day came at the end of August. For reasons best known to herself, the helmswoman chose to start on the port tack - this was a daring plan which turned out to be disastrously wrong! However, having crossed the start line last but one, "Waterwitch's" novice crew swung into action and an exciting race followed, with our gallant team overtaking two boats and eventually crossing the line a whisker behind one other, to finish sixth out of nine starters.

No records were broken but the "Duchesses", Carolyn Roberts, Liz Best, Suzy Dixon and Angie Tighe, acquitted themselves well and have the distinction of being the first and only all-female team to participate in the RGYC's Ladies Race.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Blackbuck for the Drums, 1898

From: Colonel R. G. Turner
13 Amhurst Court
Cambridge
21st January 1984

The Editor,
'The Iron Duke'
Sir,

I have come across a letter written by my father to his mother from Bangalore in 1898 when he was adjutant of 2 DWR (or, as his letterhead has it, 2nd Bn West Riding Regiment).

He writes: "We've just had a blackbuck given us by

the Rajah of Patiala for our Drums. They had one who became quite tame and used to come on parade with them, but he died, so they are very pleased to get another. At present, this one is rather wild and makes furious attempts to stick his horns - crinkly, straight ones they are - into anyone who comes too close to him".

I had never heard of this animal mascot for the Drums and wonder if there is any other record of it.

Yours sincerely,
R. G. Turner

"The Dukes Players"

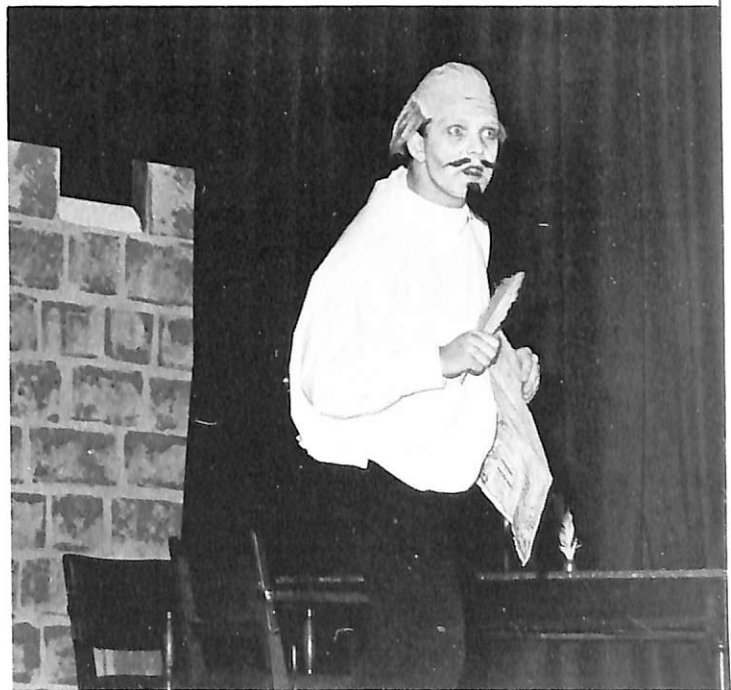
The Battalion Drama Group was formed in mid 1983 and called "The Dukes Players". The first meeting concentrated on selecting a suitable One Act Play. The "Fifteen Minute Hamlet" by Tom Stoppard, which was chosen, is a hilarious experimental comedy. It is a racy plot in which members of the cast play up to six different personalities. Much of the humour depends on timing and therefore it is a very difficult play to perform.

Lieut Andy Brear was to direct and Lieut Clive Howard was appointed stage director.

After a rather hilarious set of auditions a cast of 3 males and 3 females were selected. In reversal of the Shakespeare tactic of boy playing a girls part, it was decided to cast Judith Jenner into a man's part. Rehearsals began in mid-September. There were costumes to be made, props to be collected, and

scenery to be assembled. During the actual week of the annual Gibraltar Drama Festival tension mounted rapidly. It was only after the uproarious support given by Robin Pugh in his solo spot as Shakespeare at the beginning of the play that the rest of us relaxed. The atmosphere was electric and the cast responded to the audiences support. There was thunderous applause at the end of each scene and after the encore the theatre virtually erupted. After the third play was the adjudication and we were all on tenterhooks. In the event there were very few criticisms and we were one of the three plays to be selected for the Gala Night which would be attended by His Excellency the Governor. On the Gala Night we were nominated the Best Technical Production, Best Supporting Actor (Lieut Robin Pugh), and the Best Actor (Capt Mike Stone).

"The Fifteen Minute Hamlet"
Lieut Robin Pugh as Shakespeare.



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

Since we last submitted notes to the *Iron Duke* we have had a very successful Annual Camp on Dartmoor. All members of the Company went prepared for torrential rain, but came back with a suntan at the end of a Camp with which we can be well satisfied. Annual Camp was followed by training geared to upgrading soldiers during the Battalion 'Christmas Dinner' Weekend at Wathgill in December '83; again a good result was achieved with a 99% pass of those entered. During this build up period the Company entered two teams in Exercise "Devils Leap" who came second and fourth in the TA section of the competition. This arduous Exercise fully tests the stamina and the skills of the participants; as the section commanders and team members will testify.

Training is now progressing to completion of the

Annual Tests for qualification for training bounty with APWT being fired in March '84 and, following that, the Battalion SAA weekend.

We now have a new CSM, WO2 Boocock having been posted in from A Coy. Needless to say he is already making himself at home and his presence felt.

Congratulations go to 2/Lieut J. R. McDonald on his commissioning and to L/Cpl Squair on his promotion to that rank.

Those of you who know the Drill Hall at Huddersfield will be surprised to hear that it is currently undergoing a £93,000 facelift. Soon we shall have a smart Hall to work in, but in the meantime we are all trying to work in what looks more like a builders yard than a Drill Hall. RSM Heron returned to 1 DWR just in time!

YORKSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment)

Reorganisation

Yorkshire ACF has been radically reorganised. The previous four Sectors comprising 11 Areas has been restructured into three Sectors of seven larger Areas. Wellesley Company disappears and five of the Dukes' detachments are joined by five Light Infantry detachments to form a new Huddersfield Area. The other two Dukes' detachments join Bradford Area. Major Tyler takes over the Bradford Area and Major P. Crowther of the former Wakefield Area takes over at Huddersfield. Major Tyler, as senior badged officer (DWR) for Yorkshire ACF, has been nominated to liaise between all Dukes' ACF detachments in Yorkshire, RHQ and the 1st Battalion.

Personalia

We are delighted to welcome into YACF (DWR) 2/Lieut Geoff Lillystone from Cheshire ACF, to supplement our staff at Thongsbridge detachment. We also welcome SI Bob Curry, who joins our catering unit, based at Halifax. Lieut Paul Laycock leaves the ACF to join 3rd Yorkshire Volunteers. As a result we lose a most energetic and enthusiastic subaltern. We have also said farewell to Capt Peter Turner, who retired after 15 years sterling service.

RQMSI Jack Swithenbank has been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate and was presented with the award at Belle View Barracks in March. The citation described his splendid and devoted service;

his use of his civilian skills in designing and producing a wrought iron, doubled barrelled, tube range; his influence in imposing a very high standard of discipline among the adult instructor staff and his untiring work in supporting the command structure of the Company.

Cpl M. Bairstow of Terry Bonds Halifax detachment represented Yorkshire ACF in the ACF National Swimming Championships.

Events

Since our last Notes, weekend Camps have been held at Strensall and Scarborough. As Scarborough was the final weekend of the old Wellesley Company it was a particularly well attended and nostalgic occasion. At a dinner in the evening the adults made a presentation to the Company Commander, which was so unexpected he was, for once, left floundering for words. The Halifax detachment had a splendid weekend at Topcliffe with 49 Field Artillery, thanks To the arrangements made by 2/Lieut Joe Ashforth. The detachment also regained the Robertshaw Trophy in winning the Area inter detachment shooting competition.

The Thongsbridge detachment has moved into the new £39,000 accommodation where they now thrive under 2/Lieut Hilary Sisson.

Our next major event is our visit to Gibraltar in July, which we are sure will be a visit of a lifetime.

Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion

Sgt I. E. Metcalfe
Cpl J. Evans

Arnhem Company
Signals Wing

Since the last issue of the *'Iron Duke'* 13 and 15 Platoons have finished their recruit training. They are now in their second term and are getting stuck into a more varied training programme in which they will be

covering new subjects such as NBC, Signals, GPMG SF, OPS, Patrols, Defence etc.

14 Platoon are now in their third and final term and have Battlecamp to look to at Stanford (Lucky boys).

JLdrs Cole and Hughes will both pass out to adult service in May 84.

13 and 15 Platoons have just completed their 36 hour treks along the North and South Downs way, and both Platoons will shortly be setting off to Penhale in Cornwall for a weeks adventure training. Three JLdrs from each Platoon are also going to Silberhutte in the Harz Mountains on exercise "Snow Cross Minor".

On December 10 Sgt Metcalfe and 8 JLdrs Dukes' assisted at the wedding of Capt Wood both at the

church and at the reception. It was good to see so many familiar faces again, and the JLdrs enjoyed being able to meet members of the Regiment.

Major Westcob kindly talked to the lads before he left Shorncliffe, and was able to answer many questions on life in Gibraltar and life in the Dukes' in great detail.

Lieut-General Sir Charles Huxtable visited IJLB shortly before Christmas. Unfortunately due to training commitments we were unable to meet him.

Soldiering on... in Multan in 1938: The Sports Account

Reading "Soldiering on - an official portrait of the British Army" written by Denis Barker a journalist describing his impressions of life in the present day army. I came across a passage which reminded me of an incident in Multan when the 2nd Battalion was serving there in 1938. Barker writes: "Before I set off for Belize, a senior Army officer took me to one side, looking rather embarrassed. 'Look, old man, I wouldn't dream of telling you what to write, you know that, and we don't mind honest constructive criticism, but there are one or two sensitive things we'd prefer you not to... well give undue prominence to'. ...It transpired that the sensitive area was the brothels. A national newspaperman (nay, two or three) had previously been to Belise and written reports which suggested that the place was seething with brothels. Parents got worried, said the officer; and the Army wasn't like bosses in civilian life, they really did like to keep their men and their relatives happy and not unnecessarily worried. Naturally (such is the professional perversity of a writer's nature) I made a point of investigating the available brothels. They were not numerous, they were not large and they were anything but impressive".

Now back to 1938. The 2nd Battalion was stationed in Multan a hot dusty place in the middle of the Sind desert, about halfway between Karachi and Lahore. A tour of duty in India was then for six years and this coupled with the heat, which meant that most training was done before breakfast, and the unsophisticated nature of equipment (no MT and nothing more technically advanced than Vickers Machine guns) resulted in a day that was not unduly demanding. I was a very young 2nd Lieut and to keep me partly employed I was put in charge of 'D' Company accounts, which consisted of a General A/C, a Sports A/C and a Barrack Damages A/C. From then on all company bills came to me. Amongst them I one day

found a bill submitted by a local Indian doctor which stated "To inspection of four women... Rs20" (or some such amount). What in the world had this to do with 'D' Company? Like all young subalterns when in a quandry I turned to that fount of knowledge, the Company Sergeant Major (CSM Dai Ward). "That's all right, Sir", he said. "Its a bill for our share of the cost of the monthly inspection of the women in the brothel". Completely unaware, up to that moment, that there was such an establishment in Multan, I then enquired of the CSM "from which account shall I pay it?". His reply was prompt, "from the Sports Account, Sir", which I accordingly did.

Recounting this tale many years later, at a convivial dinner party at which General Sir Robert Bray was present, a postscript was added. In 1938 Capt Bray (as he was then) was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion and he recalled how carefully sited the brothel had been, so that it was just outside the boundary of the military cantonment, thus enabling the Station Commander to truthfully deny the existence of any brothel within the area of the cantonment, when concerned inquiries came from the UK about "our boys in India being led astray". One day RSM Jowett came to Capt Bray and told him that he wished to report something about the brothel. The Adjutant attempted to deflect the conversation on the grounds that the brothel was not within his jurisdiction; but to no avail. The RSM insisted that the matter was of concern to the Regiment. "Well - what is it?" asked Capt Bray. "I feel I should tell you that all the girls in the brothel have been given the Christian names of officers wives". The Adjutant properly considered that there was nothing much he could do about the matter - so the girls retained the new names until the battalion moved to Delhi the following year.

A.C.S.S.

Soldiering on... in Gosport in 1925: The Orderly Officer

The late Brigadier Brian Webb-Carter was an inimitable raconteur whose stories were delivered with grace, wit and a captivating stutter. Many of his stories were against himself, as the following tale illustrates.

When a young man Brian was what might have

been called in other circles a Deb's Delight. At Gosport in 1925, he was in the toils of a strong-minded young woman, called "Moon" who saw no reason why his being orderly officer should prevent him from escorting her to the dansant.

So, at about 3.00 pm, Brian left the Mess attired for

dance rather than duty. To avoid the guardroom he decided to leave by the side gate. This entailed passing the CO's house, but the CO was unlikely to be stirring at that hour. Unfortunately, however, sitting on the steps outside the front door, playing with her doll, was the CO's younger daughter, Evelyn, aged about six.

Brian gave her his most charming smile, but the

child was not old enough to be affected. "Where are you going, Mr Webb-Carter?", she asked severely. "Aren't you orderly officer?"

"Oh," said Brian, "S-so I am. I'd quite f-forgotten. T-thank you for r-reminding me".

So Brian retired to the Mess and a difficult telephone conversation with "Moon".

R.G.T.

Regimental Association

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Regimental Association London and Home Counties Branch Dinner. London, Saturday 5 May 1984.

Regimental Association AGM, Reunion and Dinner. Drill Hall, Huddersfield, Saturday 20 October 1984.

York Minster Service, Regimental Chapel, York. Saturday 3 November 1984.

REGIMENTAL SERVICE, YORK MINSTER, 5th NOVEMBER 1983

Once again we were blessed with a glorious day for our annual trip to York Minster. Coffee and biscuits were available at St William's College, a starting point appreciated by everyone as a chance to catch up on all the Regimental happenings and local gossip. After the Service we were once again entertained at the WO's and Sergeants' Mess, Depot, The King's Division at Strensall where 70 members enjoyed an excellent meal. Our thanks are due to all Branches and local Dukes for their support and also to all the Staff for making our visit such a happy one.

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

At the meeting of the Trustees of the Regimental Benevolent Funds held on 23rd September a decision was made to increase the annual grant to the ABF from £1,000 to £1,500. Reproduced below is a letter sent to the Regimental Secretary from the ABF as a result of that decision.

41 Queen's Gate
South Kensington
London SW7 5HR
4th October 1983

Dear Major Tedd,

Thank you so much for your letter of 30th September with its generous cheque for £1,500 as the donation for 1983/84 to the Army Benevolent Fund from the Regimental Association of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Needless to say we are extremely grateful for this further help for the work of the Fund. I would much appreciate it if you would kindly pass on my very sincere thanks to the Trustees of your Benevolent Funds, not only for this latest substantial donation, but also for their decision to increase their annual contribution to £1,500. This is most good of them and I can assure you that it means a great deal to receive the help that we do from Corps and Regimental Associations.

Naturally our Fund's commitments have increased

markedly as a result of the events of last year, and we are therefore all the more grateful for your Trustees' decision. Thank you so much for all the help you give us.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Bush

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

As most of the members served together through the 60's and 70's, we have found it quite easy to mingle and have enjoyable evenings together; even the older members from the old Bradford Branch are not backward about coming forward. We started life at Belle Vue Barracks, but have since moved to the RAFA Club in Mill Street where the facilities are much better for our social evenings, as they have a concert room and kitchen. Up to press we have had two socials with one more in the pipeline and as yet had no complaints about the contents. So far our guests have mainly been from the Huddersfield and Keighley Branches, but we're trying to get Mossley and the few from Halifax to attend.

Ken Uttley is our most travelled member, he knows the ones he gets the most free pints at (all enquiries to him please). We now have a regular crew who attend every meeting. These are held every two weeks on a Wednesday night. We also occasionally have the odd ex Duke who comes along and also members who can't make every meeting, but who somehow manage the Social Nights. Any serving soldier who would like to come for a night out whilst on leave or any ex Duke for that matter will be most welcome.

KEIGHLEY BRANCH

Keighley Branch is functioning well now with a lot of hard work put in by the President, Mr T. Gibson and the Secretary, Mr G. Butterfield. We now have 33 members in the Branch.

By the time these notes go to press we will have had our first AGM which will be held at the Low Mill Lane Social Club, Keighley. In future all our meetings will be held there. The meetings would not be the same without Jack and Pauline Russell.

We have now got a new entertainment member, Mr F. Martin, who is doing a good job. We are still seeking new members.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

The Branch was represented at The Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey on Remembrance Sunday by Major and Mrs D. Miller, Mr F. W. S. Richardson, Mr E. Bennett, Mr K.

Walker, Mr R. Temple, In-Pensioner Glew and Mr R. Owers. After the Ceremony we all retired to a local hostelry for drinks and a chat about old times.

On 16th November at the service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Robert Bray at the Chapel of the RMA Sandhurst the branch was represented by our President, Major D. Wood, our Chairman Major C. D. Miller and Mrs Miller, Lieut-Colonel Collins, Colonel Turner, Mr R. Temple and Mr R Owers.

Major P. Connelly and Mr John Lappin, both members of this branch, are making good recoveries from their respective illnesses.

Our Dinner and Dance will be held at the Victory Services Club on 5 May 1984. The cost of one ticket will be £8.50. These will be on sale from the Secretary from 1 April. We hope that everybody will make a great effort to attend the function this year.

Branch Meetings will take place on the last Monday of each month at the residence of Mr Charles Cossins, Flat 316, Vivian Court, 128-134 Maida Vale, London W9.

MOSSLEY BRANCH

We have moved our HQ. Monthly meetings are now held at the Woodend Working Mens' Club, which is situated opposite the old Mossley Drill Hall. We are greatly indebted to the committee members of the Woodend Club for allowing us to use their splendid club premises for our meetings. The move was precipitated by structural alterations to the Friendship Hotel which deprived us of the use of a private room for our meetings. Members have always been made most welcome there and we were all sorry at having to seek pastures new after so many years of happy association with the Friendship. However, we are now very close to where we started as a Branch at the Drill Hall in 1965.

Highlights of the period under review have been the visit to York Minster on 5th November 1983 for the Annual Service in the Regimental Chapel, and our return trip to Hem, Mossley's twin town in France, on 10th November as guests of our opposite numbers Les Anciens Combattants d'Hem.

On 5th November we mustered a mini-coach load of members and wives for the visit to York. The Service, as ever, was moving and impressive. The weather was glorious and the hospitality at the Depot Mess at Strensall, where we were entertained to luncheon, could not have been better. It was indeed a day to remember.

On 10th November a party of 12 members and wives left Mossley by train en route for Hem. On arrival at Lille we were met by our hosts and taken by car to Hem where we were welcomed at the Town Hall by the Mayor, Madame Massart, and members of her Council. We were entertained to supper and then dispersed to the homes of our respective hosts for a welcome night's sleep. We were up and about early next morning for it was Friday 11th November, Armistice Day, which the French still hold as a day of Remembrance and a public holiday. We were surprised and delighted to see that a local newspaper, 'La voix du Nord', that morning carried a photograph of Colonel G. B. Howcroft greeting a past president of Les Anciens Combattants, M. Mondet, in Mossley on a visit some years ago. The caption, in English, read "How are you my friend?" We paraded at the

Town Hall, where wreaths were laid at the memorial to the Resistance, after which we marched to the church accompanied by two bands and seemingly the entire population of Hem. A service of remembrance was held, after which we went into the cemetery where wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph and at the British Service sector. On return to the Town Hall we were given a civic reception and luncheon which went on for several hours.

On Saturday morning we were taken on a conducted tour of inspection of the new metro, or underground railway, which runs from an outer terminal, near Hem, to the centre of Lille a distance of about 12 miles. This ultra modern line was opened in May 1983 and is unique in that trains and station are completely unmanned. The entire enterprise is operated by only four people at the control centre situated at the outer terminal from which they have complete control over trains, stations, escalators, etc by means of TV cameras and electronic systems. This pilot line is to be greatly extended in the near future. We were taken on the metro to Lille and back stopping at several stations en route to inspect them. The trains are very quite as they run on pneumatic tyred wheels. It was an uncanny experience to be whisked along at high speed with no driver aboard. Thus we had a glimpse of what rail travel may well be like in the 21st century.

On Saturday evening we were entertained to dinner and dance by Les Anciens Combattants supported by Madame le Maire and other civic dignitaries. It was quite a party!!

We were up and away before dawn on Sunday on our journey home, taking with us memories of overwhelming hospitality during our two day stay in Hem.

We meet at our new HQ at 8.15 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. All Dukes past and present are welcome.

KEEPING IN TOUCH...

Mr J. W. Summers ISM was prompted by Bob Temple's letter in the last 'Iron Duke', to write and say that he well remembers serving in Gibraltar in 1922/23 and later in 1923, in Turkey. At that time he was a steward in the Officers' Mess. On return to UK the 1st Battalion was stationed at Gosport, except for the period of the General Strike in 1926, when they were sent to Scotland. When the Battalion moved to Devonport he became batman to Lieut L. P. Norman and also helped in the household of Lieut-Colonel and Mrs F. H. B. Wellesley. He clearly recalls the party that was held in their house when their son ('Ginger' Wellesley) was commissioned. Mr Summers's address: 13 King George Road, Andover, Hants SP0 3DG.

Mr Tom Mawson, who has been a Nurseryman for 37 years, recently retired from Savile Lea Nurseries. Mr Mawson joined the Duke's as a militia man in July 1939. On the outbreak of World War II he was posted to the 1/6th Battalion at Skipton. He became medical corporal and saw service with the Battalion in Iceland and in Normandy. He was wounded just before the War ended and was discharged in December 1945 being unfit for further service.

Tom Mawson has been a member of the Royal

British Legion for 40 years and President of the Kings Cross branch for the past 26 years. He is also organiser of the annual Poppy Day Appeal for Halifax and District. He is Chairman of the Committee of the Royal British Legion Housing Association in Halifax and Vice Chairman of the War Pensions Committee for Kirklees, Wakefield and Calderdale.

Mr Mawson's address: Martindale, Swires Road, Halifax, West Yorks HX1 2ER.

Mr Harry Randall sends his regards to all those who remember him. He has now retired from the Foreign and Commonwealth office and is living in the Turkish held part of Cyprus.

Mr Randall's address: 13 Ali Aktash Street, Karaoglanoglu, Girne, Mersin 10, Turkey.

Mr Bill 'Mungie' Crowther has recently written to Brigadier Tony Firth. Mr Crowther was Brigadier Firth's batman when the latter joined the 1st Battalion at Bordon in 1939. Later both served in the 1942 Burma campaign with the 2nd Battalion. In his long letter Bill Crowther recalled some of those strenuous days, which started in earnest at the Sittang river early in 1942.

"On the morning of February 23, 1942, I found myself behind a machine gun and Bandsman Les Williams feeding the belt through. While our ammunition lasted I suppose we were enjoying ourselves. I had done a gunner's course under Junkie Lyons at Delhi. He really put us through it and many a time I had cursed him (under my breath). That day I blessed him. When our ammunition ran out I started to dismantle the gun, throwing the breech block into the river. I said: "Follow it, Les". To which he replied: "Not me. I've to take my chances with the Japs. I can't swim". I offered to take him but he wouldn't have it. So I shook hands with him, wished him the best, and dived in.

I was born on the side of the Tyne (Newcastle) and spent my childhood days swimming in it, so the Sittang held no terror for me. Mind you, there were still snipers and aircraft. How long I spent in that river I don't know - helping chaps to anything that floated. Some time during it a bullet, practically spent, entered my right leg. I bled a lot, but it didn't hurt. I was put in hospital, but on the second day there I left in search of a drink: I loved my beer in those days. Eventually I found Bobby Fosters Hotel and drummer Baker inside it. After a skinful of beer we decided we were fed up with Maymyo and the Yank civilians, and we'd be better off with the Battalion.

Outside the hotel, parked along the road, was a fleet of American lorries, left-hand drive Studebakers. I had never seen one before, let alone driven one. Anyway, the Yanks were too busy drinking to worry about their lorries, so we wandered up to the first one, climbed in, and after a while found the ignition, and off we went. By the time we got to Mandalay one would have thought I'd driven it all my life.

Eventually we found our unit at Prome, and I drove straight to the First Aid Post for a happy re-union with Doc (Capt Hugh O'Hara MC RAMC) who up till then thought he'd lost me at Sittang. Imagine the surprise we got when we looked in the back of the

lorry: tinned bacon, beans, sweetened milk, three chests of tea, blankets. It wasn't long before the smell of frying bacon filled the air and it wasn't long after that that Bull Faithful put in his appearance demanding the lorry must go into the transport pool and the contents of it to HQ, which it did, but not before Doc and I had filled our empty medical panniers with bacon, tea and sweetened milk.

No-one questioned my two day's absence after the Sittang, not even Doc, so my getting wounded died a natural death.

Well, eventually we reached Imphal. I was bugged. Always in the rear guard party, dragging the stragglers along. By the time we reached the main party, they were either dug in or settled down for the night, and I'd still do what I could for the malaria cases. I saw very little of Doc after Kalewa, or of any other officer. I seemed to be a medical unit on my own until we reached Imphal. There the condition of my right leg was noticed. Thin as a matchstick. No muscle whatsoever. So I was sent to Ranchi, from there to Shillong, and eventually to Dinapur, where it was discovered that the bullet had chipped the bone, and I had osteomyelitis. Electric and physiotherapy treatment built up most of the muscle, and when discharged from the hospital I got attached for meals and sleeping quarters to the North Staffs who up till then hadn't been out of India. When they got their orders to move up to Burma, their medical sergeant took sick and I took his place, though I had no intention of staying with them - it was a move I hoped would get me to my own unit. Some hope! I was to serve with a few different units, but never my own.

Les and I got re-united long after the war in pitch darkness, and a blinding blizzard. He's the only Duke I have met since Burma - and I have attended scores of Burma Star reunions.

(An account of the circumstances in which Bill Crowther and Les Williams again met, many years after the battle at Sittang bridge, will appear in the next issue of the 'Iron Duke' - Ed.)

Mr Crowther's address: 13 Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, Nr Stafford, Staffs ST19 5DP.



Two Nottinghamshire Duke's
SMI J. Perrin and RSM C. Sullivan both of the Notts ACF on the occasion of the latter's last parade with the unit.

Mr J. Perrin who is a SMI with the Nottinghamshire ACF, has sent a photograph of himself and **Mr C. Sullivan**. Mr Sullivan was the RSM of the unit and the photograph was taken on the day of Mr Sullivan's last parade with Notts ACF. Mr Perrin, who served with the Duke's from 1950-1968, after service with the East Yorks in World War II, formed the ACF unit at Rampton in Notts and earlier this year was awarded the Cadet Medal. His son is serving with the 1st Battalion in Gibraltar.

Mr Perrin's address: 23 Darwin Drive, Woodbeck, Retford, Notts.

Mr Sullivan's address: 2 Holme Farm, Clifton Village, Nottingham.

Major W. L. 'Larry' James MBE who is now blind, has copies of the '*Iron Duke*' going back to 1956 which he will be glad to give to anyone who can collect them from him.

Major James's address: 35 Burnham Drive, Burnage, Manchester M19 2JJ. Telephone: 061-224 6580.

Major and Mrs St. J. T. Faulkner have moved to Bosham. Their new address is: The Warren, Cutmill, Bosham, Sussex PO18 8PL.

Obituary

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

Mr J. T. Kennedy

Ex Colour Sergeant Jim Kennedy died on 30th January 1984 at Newport, Isle of Wight. Jim was the son of T. T. Kennedy and was born into the Regiment in Lebone, India in 1906. He enlisted in 1921 and served with the 1st Battalion in Ireland, Gibraltar, Scotland (during the General Strike in 1926) and Malta. In 1935 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, then serving in India, and took part in the Loe Agra and Mohmand operations on the NW Frontier in the same year. He will be remembered by many, and especially by those who served in the Band, as 'Big Drummer'. Jim and his wife Maude celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1983.

Mr F. Peace

Frederick Pearce died recently. He served in the Regiment in World War II at Dunkirk, in North Africa and in Italy. For a period in the '50s he was a CSM with The Duke of Wellington's Army Cadet Force in Halifax, prior to which he had been a member of the Territorial Army. After leaving the army he worked at the Halifax Gas Works and, later, with the Yorkshire Electricity Board.

Mr E. Carter

Eddie Carter died on 7th November 1983, aged 68.

Mrs C. L. K. Cumberlege

Constance Cumberlege, the wife of Colonel C. R. T. Cumberlege and the mother of Colonel J. R. P. Cumberlege and Lieut-Colonel C. R. Cumberlege, died on 20 January 1984. The funeral took place at Terrington, near York and was attended by many members of the Regiment and their wives.

Major R. Smith MC, TD

Roy Smith died on 30th November 1983. Roy served throughout World War II with the 58th Anti-Tank Regiment RA, which prior to November 1938 had been the 4th Battalion The Duke of Wellington's

Regiment, based in Halifax. 58 Anti-Tank Regt (4th DWR) took part in the campaign in NW Africa in 1943 by which time Roy was a Battery Commander. During the campaign Roy was awarded the MC. Following NW Africa Roy served with the Regiment in Italy at Salerno.

A memorial service for the life of Roy Smith was held at which the address was given by Sir Paul Bryan DSO, MC, MP. In his address Sir Paul referred to Roy's many unique qualities: academically brilliant; a successful business man; a keen sportsman and most of all a great wit, with a keen sense of humour. In Sir Paul's words "... the funniest man I have ever known".

Roy was the son of the late Sam Smith, who gave great help to the Regiment throughout World War II, not least as a member of the Committee of the Regimental Prisoners of War Fund.

Mr B. Boon

Bernard Boon died recently at the age of 75. Mr Boon joined the Regiment straight from school and saw service with 1st Battalion in NW Europe in 1939/40. He later served with the 8th Battalion before being appointed RSM of the Northern Irish Horse. Later he returned to the Regiment, also in the rank of RSM. After leaving the Army in 1947 he joined the Inland Revenue.

Major J. A. Williams OBE, MA

John Williams died on 31 December 1983. The son of the late Archdeacon T. J. Williams of Otley, he was born on 15 July 1918 and educated at Marlborough. He went up to St Johns College Oxford, where he played rugby for the Greyhounds and obtained a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. In 1939 he was commissioned in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. I first knew him when he joined in the 2nd Battalion, in Delhi in 1940 and vividly recall the tall, powerfully built, intelligent, good natured, fellow subaltern; with his

robust, often Rabelaisian, sense of humour. We knew him instantly as John Willie.

At that time we were busy training for desert warfare, but there was time for rugby football and John Willie was a heaven sent reinforcement for the Battalion side and the Delhi Rugby Football Club. I remember games on that famous ground in the Old Fort at Delhi, at Meerut, and at Cawnpore against the SWB, before we moved to Peshawar in the autumn of 1941. John Willie was also a high class swimmer and water polo player.

In January 1942, in the bracing winter weather of the North West Frontier Province, the 2nd Battalion were camped below Kohat retraining for Frontier Warfare. Without warning a signal was received ordering the Battalion to mobilize in one week for an unknown destination overseas. The invasion of Malaya gave us an obvious clue to our new role and Jungle Warfare was the one thing for which we had not been trained. With a brand new G 1098 from Rawalpindi arsenal we took the train to Madras arriving there seven days later. We embarked in SS Varsova with the little 4.5 Howitzers of the 12 Mountain Battery lashed to the rails as our only heavy defence.

As we steamed towards the Burma coast and up the long channel to the port of Rangoon the BBC were broadcasting the news of the fall of Singapore, a place which John Willie was to know well in future years, but at that moment its loss seemed to us all to represent an almost unbelievable calamity.

John Willie, saw action immediately at the Chaikto Rubber plantation, during the withdrawal to Mopalin Railway Station, and at the crossing of the Sittang River, after the famous bridge was blown. It was at this time our Medical Officer Hugh O'Hara, and Major Robinson won immediate awards of the Military Cross, the latter, sadly, posthumously. The withdrawal continued with hard marching by night and increasingly hot days. John Willie took part in the major battle at Prome during which the battalion suffered many casualties. By this time he was commanding a rifle company.

Soon after the Prome battle John Willie took a daylight patrol in company strength to investigate Magwe airfield which was threatened by the Japanese. He was supported by some tanks of the 7th Hussars, under Lieut Thornton. Within 24 hours John Willie's company performed all that was required of them. It is difficult to set up a local advance within an overall withdrawal and it says much for John Willie's determination and special leadership that this was achieved.

The weary rearward leap frogging continued. We crossed the Irrawaddy by the Ava Bridge at Mandalay and marched north to Kalewa on the Chidwin, which we held until the entire Burma Army had passed through, including hundreds of mules which only swam to safety because there was a Yorkshireman, our Cpl Carter, to help them.

Our brigade finally withdrew upstream to Sittang in one of the remaining paddle steamers of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, the 'Pauk'. After all had been scuttled we marched over the steep, waterless, forest covered hills to Tamu where we passed through the forward line of defence of the 14th Army, still covered by the 12 Mountain Battery - a

record of continuous support from Madras to Tamu.

On that first evening of comparative security and reduced command responsibilities John Willie and I lay on our backs in the shallows of the Yu river glad to be cool and unusually clean. John Willie's comments are unprintable; but he expressed his contentment in memorable terms. We slept that night within the perimeter of old friends, the Seaforth Highlanders, and the next day we moved on to Imphal in the luxury of 6 ton trucks.

Most of the Battalion went on leave from Imphal but some of us had to stay behind. The Japanese were still a threat. The fragile L of C could not yet cope with large troop movements in any case. We were a small group including John Willie, the Padre, Hugh O'Hara and Jackie Wardle. We lived in the squalor of mud huts. It was a dull hot, and generally uncomfortable interlude until we too moved to Shillong but we could not have had better company, not least that of John Willie who cheered us up by his own unquenchable good humour and his witty approach to all our troubles.

I was sent off to start a Jungle Warfare school and I did not see John Willie again until some nine months later when I came back to the Battalion, then on internal security duties near Patna, dealing with Ghandi inspired sabotage and terrorism. Luckily we were soon selected for inclusion in 3rd Indian Division (Special Force), the "Chindits". The battalion was formed into 33 and 76 Columns, John Willie commanding the rifle company in 33 Column. He was, as ever, a tower of strength both during the rigorous six months training in the Central Provinces and during the subsequent operations in the Naga Hills, harrasing the Japanese L of C behind Kohima. It must have been some of the roughest soldiering of the war. John Willie led his company, once again, with distinction in the various actions and during the endless marching in monsoon conditions in those wild, enemy occupied hills, 2,000 - 7,000 feet high, with logistics based on the '08 pack, mules and bullocks; and only a one way L of C, in the sky. With Donald Coningham, Robbo Robinson and Dennis Simmonds; John Willie who was mentioned in despatches, was one of the outstanding company commanders of the 2nd Battalion in the War.

As soon as he was out of uniform John Willie joined the Colonial Service. It is interesting to note that John Willie's war experiences were in many ways a prelude to his life's work. It consisted of helping to defend a very large segment of the old British Empire as it was, to prevent its ultimate domination by sinister enemies, so that when peace was achieved huge populations were free and strong and able to face up to inevitable changes, but which the war, perhaps regrettably, accelerated. At a slower pace there might have been fewer tears. It could be said that what he saw, the disintegration of Burma as it used to be, the ruined communications, the confused indiginous population, the flight of the imported population the abandoned towns, facilities, and industries, living cheek by jowl with Manipuris and Nagas, recently head hunters, was all an invaluable background for a colonial administrator about to embark on a career which during some twenty five years took him to Nigeria, Singapore, Sarawak and Fiji.

A former colleague in the Colonial Service had this to say:

"John Willie, as he was known with great affection overseas, would dismiss a good deal of what has been written about colonial administrators as a romantic hyperbole. Nevertheless, he would have affirmed that the service he joined in 1946 was made up of many remarkable men and women. He himself personified Edward Lugard's ideal colonial administrator: "A gentleman with an almost passionate conception of fair play and protection of the weak". He was kind, nimble-witted, high-spirited, visionary, humorous, unafraid of responsibility ready to rough it and, without appearing to be too clever or too enthusiastic, extremely efficient.

Like the best of the colonial administrators, he identified himself with the people he was sent to serve, indeed he felt more emotional loyalty to them than he did to his ultimate masters back home.

For twenty-five years he tirelessly learned the distinctive ways of Nigerians, Singaporeans, Sarawakians and the peoples of Fiji the better to prepare them to take the places of his colleagues and himself. His special talents significantly proved them to be in the all-important field of localisation.

That the British bowed out of the empire so gracefully was due in large measure to those like John and his wife, Kay, who quickly and cheerfully acknowledged the winds of change and excelled themselves in moderating them. Oh yes, Africans, Asians and Pacific Islanders would alter things, and not always demonstrably for the better: they would disappoint their tutors, adopt new styles of administration and perplex cartographers, but some of the good in John Willie's idealism, diligence and sense of adventure has contributed its quota of the truth towards wider fulfillment in the independence he helped them to achieve".

Major E. J. P. Emmett and Capt E. J. B. Mowat represented the Regiment at the funeral at Ashley on 5 January 1984. A.D.F.

General Sir Robert Bray GBE, KCB, DSO

An obituary of General Bray was published in the last issue of the *'Iron Duke'*. As was mentioned General Bray left the Regiment in late 1939 as a Major and did not again serve with the Regiment until he was appointed Colonel in 1965. It is appropriate therefore to publish the following extracts from the obituary that appeared in the Winter 1983 issue of the *'Back Badge'*, the journal of The Gloucestershire Regiment. Lieut-Colonel Bray (as he then was) assumed command of the 2nd Battalion of that Regiment in November 1944.

Capt Rae Nash, who was then Adjutant recalled:
 "When Lieut-Colonel Bray, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, took over command of the 2nd Gloucesters in November 1944, I must admit I was disappointed that an officer of the Gloucestershire Regiment was not taking over. However, my fears were short lived, because Bobby Bray at once set about trying to become a "Gloster" in every sense of the word. He was continually enquiring about Regimental history and traditions, and regularly sent reports on how the Battalion was faring, back to the Colonel of the Regiment.

I don't think I have ever met anyone with such strong powers of concentration. If he was planning a battle or some other important event, he would shut himself up in his office and woebetide anyone who attempted to interrupt him.

He was a wonderful commander to serve under and was continually moving around the Battalion positions giving encouragement and installing confidence in all ranks.

When the time came for Bobby Bray to leave us on his promotion to Brigadier, we were all genuinely sorry to be losing such a fine Commanding Officer".

Major Alan Graham-Smith, who was then a Company Commander wrote:

"Bobby Bray - Lieut-Colonel Bray as he then was - took over after our CO, Lieut-Colonel Butterworth, was killed at Oud Gastel, in Holland.

Having landed on 'D' Day, gone through Normandy to Le Havre and into Holland, we felt, not unjustifiably we thought, that we were reasonably competent. We hoped for a CO who was up to our standard! Our new CO, it turned out, was well able to put us in our place! At an initial address to the Officers and NCO's he informed us that, though we had landed on 'D' Day, and thus were early arrivals in Normandy, he had himself arrived some hours earlier than we had; he had taken an air route instead of our more leisurely sea passage!

His professional efficiency was an attribute of which we were soon to become aware, and to appreciate. He required the highest possible standards, and we responded to the best of our abilities. He was concerned about the essentials. He was one of those who got down on the ground to make sure that a Bren's field of fire was properly effective. Obvious of course, but many an inspecting officer wouldn't bother.

One could always rely on his support in need, whether in action or just over a personal problem. And he was completely unflappable; nothing appeared to shake his calm.

One last recollection, when he was wounded in the approach to Venlo, it is typical of him that he insisted on hobbling around to see how we had got on in our modest Company operation, before he allowed himself to be evacuated for his wound to be dealt with.

In due course he returned to us, but we all knew that he was destined to go on to higher command.

Finally, I must say that 'Bobby' Bray won not only our respect and admiration, but also our affection".

Mr G. C. Major

George Major died on 27th February 1984. George joined the Regiment in 1920 and served continuously until 1945. He will be remembered by many former members of the 2nd Battalion as the Drum Major in the 1930's.

Notices

A MUSTER OF DCM HOLDERS

The Distinguished Conduct Medal League is celebrating the 130th anniversary of the medal's institution by Queen Victoria on 4th December 1854 with a muster for all DCM holders.

Major J. C. Cowley, President of the DCM League is planning to hold the muster on a weekend in early autumn 1984 at a suitable location either in London or the Windsor area, depending on the response he gets. It is hoped to make the occasion a Royal ceremony of remembrance and rededication. Anyone interested, who is a holder of the DCM, should contact Major Cowley at 17 Lower Ward, Windsor Castle, Windsor, Berkshire S14 1NJ.

THE ROYAL HOMES FOR OFFICERS' WIDOWS AND DAUGHTERS

The SSAFA Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters, Queen Alexandra's Court, St Mary's Road, Wimbledon SW19 7DE, comprises 75 self contained, well fitted, unfurnished, centrally heated flats and flatlets on a mature four acre site amid gracious surroundings. There is a resident Warden (a retired officer) and a resident nursing sister for

emergency medical treatment and care during short term illness. Widows and unmarried daughters of limited means of deceased officers of all three services are eligible for admission provided they are between the ages of 50 and 70 and are fully capable of looking after themselves. The flats are rent free, but residents contribute towards maintenance costs according to their means.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Warden, address as above or telephone 01-946 5182.

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Association is to assist all non-commissioned men and women in the three Services find civil employment at the end of their engagements and throughout their working life. There are no charges and advice and assistance is available on all matters concerned with resettlement. The Association works in close cooperation with the Forces Resettlement organisation and Jobcentres and has 40 branches situated throughout the UK. Branch addresses and telephone numbers can be found in local telephone directories.

Officers Location List

AS AT APRIL 1984

Lieutenant General

Sir CHARLES HUXTABLE, KCB, CBE, Commander Training Establishments, HQ UKLF, Colonel of the Regiment.

Brigadier

W. R. MUNDELL, CBE, Commander 6 Airmobile Bde, and Comd Soest Garrison.

Colonels

P. A. MITCHELL, OBE, MA, Tel Aviv
 J. B. K. GREENWAY, CBE, Appt in the Cabinet Office. For Commander (Brigadier) 48 Inf Bde, Jul 84.
 M. R. N. BRAY, M.Phil Course, Downing College, Cambridge University.
 M. J. CAMPBELL-LAMERTON, OBE, Commander Victory College, RMA Sandhurst.
 J. R. P. CUMBERLEGE, BATT Kenya as Col (GS) Kenya Staff College.

Lieut-Colonels

J. E. PELL, OBE, (SL), ASLO HQ NE Dist (R & L Staff).
 R. L. STEVENS, MBE, SOI Int Div, HQ AFCENT.
 C. W. IVEY, Depot HS.
 T. D. LUPTON, (SL), SO2, GI, (Disc), HQ BAOR.
 W. F. CHARLESWORTH.
 C. R. CUMBERLEGE, CO 1 DWR.
 S. J. NASH, CO Warminster Support Unit.
 E. J. WALKER, GSO1 MOD (ASD) 3, For CO 1 DWR Oct 84.
 T. J. NICHOLSON, CO Depot King's Div.

Majors

P. B. L. HOPPE, OC HQ Sqn, AAC Harrogate.
 D. M. PUGH, Trg Maj Northumbrian Universities OTC.
 I. P. REID, OC HQ Coy, Warminster Support Unit.
 P. J. PUTTOCK, UFO 1 DWR.
 P. D. J. ANDREWS, Senior Instructor, RMC Duntroon, Australia.
 C. N. St. P. BUNBURY, MBE, Trg Maj (TISO) 6 UDR.
 C. G. FITZGERALD, Trg Adviser Saudi Arabia, Apr - Oct 84.
 P. J. MELLOR, OC Mortar Div, Sp Wpns Wing, School of Infantry.

A. R. WESTCOB, SO2 PI, HQ 1 Armd Div.
 A. R. REDWOOD-DAVIES, MBE, Asst Exec, Ops Div, SHAPE.
 P. D. GARDNER, 2ic 1 DWR.
 A. D. M. PALMER, MBE, 1-DWR.
 A. D. ROBERTS, MBE, 1 DWR. For Staff appointment June 84.
 J. M. THORN, GSO2 Ops/Pol Mil, HQ BF Hong Kong. Att School of Inf as Project Offr Tac Doctrine, Jul 84. For OC Platoon Cmd's Div School of Inf, Jan 85.
 J. R. A. WARD, 1 DWR.
 C. J. W. GILBERT, SO2 LOG, HQ AMF(L)(BAE).
 M. S. SHERLOCK, 1 DWR.
 D. L. J. HARRAP, LLB, SO2 Wpns 3B, DGW(A)(PE)(BAE), MOD.
 T. J. ISLES, 1 DWR.
 A. J. PITCHERS, B.Ed, SO3 G2 Int A, HQ Northern Ireland. For 1 DWR Jul 84.
 C. F. GRIEVE, Staff College Camberley.
 A. D. MEEK, COS (BM), HQ 11 Armd Bde.

Captains

K. BEST, Staff College Camberley.
 A. H. S. DRAKE, MBE, SO3 TCG HQ 39 Bde. For 1 DWR May 84.
 M. J. STONE, BA, 1 DWR, For RCMS Shrivenham Oct 84. For Staff College Camberley Jan 85.
 D. I. RICHARDSON, Instr Sigs Wings, School of Infantry.
 G. A. KILBURN, 1 DWR. For Instr PI Comds Battle Course, School of Infantry, May 84.
 G. D. SHUTTLEWORTH, Adjt 1 Yorks. For 1 DWR Jan 84.
 D. WHITTAKER, (SRC), 1 DWR.
 S. J. N. MORGAN, BA, SO3 G3, HQ 15 Inf Bde.
 S. C. NEWTON, Coy Instr RMA Sandhurst.
 M. WHITE, BA, OC 10 CTT.
 P. J. HARVEY, Adjt 1 DWR.
 B. COLL, SSC, 1 DWR.
 S. H. DIXON, 1 DWR.
 M. J. B. DRAKE, Instr SNCO's Div, NCO's Tac Wing, School of Infantry.
 P. R. S. BAILEY, (SRC), Adjt 3 Yorks.
 J. A. C. KILBURN, 1 DWR. Applied to retire Jun 84.
 C. A. HARVEY, BA, ADC to Lt Gen Sir Charles Huxtable.