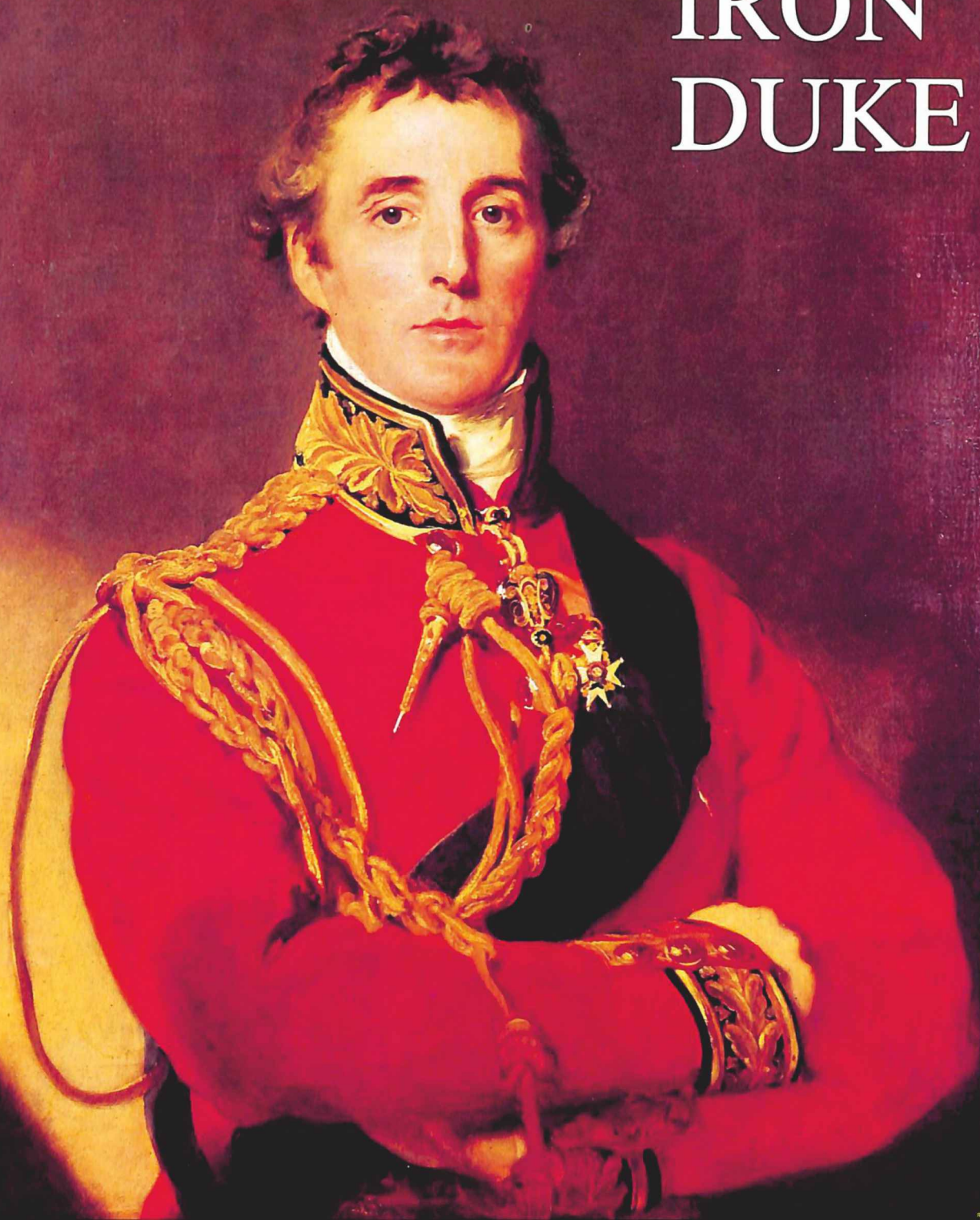


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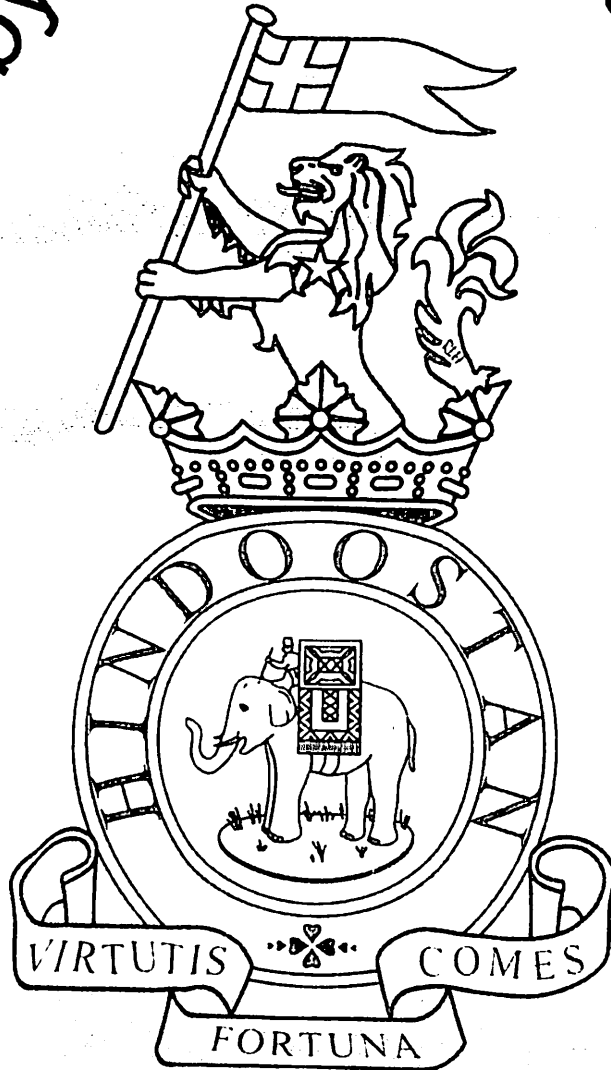
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# Regimental Headquarters

## Regimental Notes

### MOVEMENTS OF THE 1st BATTALION

The 1st Battalion returns to the UK in January 1985 and will then be stationed at Kiwi Barracks, Bulford, Wiltshire. At the end of March 1985 the Battalion is due to go to Belize for a six month unaccompanied tour. There the Battalion will come under command of Brigadier D. B. W. Webb-Carter MC, the eldest son of the late Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter DSO, OBE.

### HMS 'YORK'

An affiliation between the Regiment and HMS 'York' has been approved by the Colonel of the Regiment. HMS 'York', a new Type 42 destroyer of the 'Sheffield' class, is due to be commissioned in the late spring of 1985. Fuller details of the ship and the affiliation will be published in the 'Iron Duke' in due course.

### TWO FRENCH TRICOLOURS

Major P. S. Morris-Keating has very kindly given the Regiment, on long loan, two French tricolours taken by his great, great grandfather, Lieut General Sir Henry Sheey Keating, at the surrender of the Isle de Bourbon in 1810.



*Tricolour of the 84 Cohorte*

One of the two French Tricolours given to the Regiment by Major P. S. Morris-Keating. The other is of the 85 Cohorte

Sir Henry Keating joined the 33rd in 1793 and immediately saw service with the flank companies of the Regiment in the West Indies. In 1800 he transferred to the 56th (Essex) Regiment. He was appointed to command the 2nd/56th and with them went to India in 1807. In 1809 with a small force of 200 men, he captured the island of Rodriguez from the French. The following year he commanded a force of 4000 men for the attack on the Isle de Bourbon. His force was formed into four brigades, one of which was commanded by Lieut Colonel James Campbell of the 33rd. His brigade included the Grenadier and Light companies of the Regiment. Following the capture of the Isle de Bourdon, Keating took part in the capture

of Mauritius of which he then became the Lieut Governor. For his services Sir Henry Keating was presented with a sword by Mercantile Community of Calcutta which Major Morris-Keating has also kindly given to the Regiment on long loan. All three items, together with his star of the KCB, will be displayed in the Regimental Museum.

Lieut General Sir Henry Sheey Keating was Colonel of the 33rd Regiment from 1945 to 1847.

### APPOINTMENTS

Brigadier J. B. K. Greenway CBE assumed the appointment of Commander 49 Infantry Brigade, at Chilwell, in July 1984.

Colonel M. R. N. Bray was appointed Colonel, Chief Land Ops HQ AFCENT (BAE) in September 1984.

Capt N. G. Borwell has been appointed ADC to Lieut General Sir Charles Huxtable KCB, CBE; vice Capt C. A. Harvey, who has rejoined the 1st Battalion.

### ARMY RUGBY CUP

1st Round: 1 DWR v 17 Training Regiment RA.

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 2 March 1985, Army v Navy, Twickenham.  
 13 March 1985, Army Rugby Cup: Final, Aldershot.  
 16 March 1985, England v Scotland, Twickenham.  
 23 March 1985, Army v RAF, Twickenham.  
 30 March 1985, County Championship: Final, Twickenham.  
 27 April 1985, John Player Cup: Final, Twickenham.  
 4 May 1985, Middlesex Seven-a-side, Twickenham.

**THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY**

Major Graham Tedd, who has been the Regimental Secretary for the last eight years, retired on 1st November. He joined the army in May 1939, and was commissioned a year later and posted to India. He joined the 2nd Battalion in 1942 and later served with them in the Chindit operations in Burma. After returning to England he served as a Company

Commander in the 2nd Battalion; then on the staff at HQ Northern Command before coming to Halifax in 1951, as adjutant, when the Depot reopened. In 1954 he was promoted to Major and posted to Kenya where he served during the Mau Mau troubles on the operations staff at General Headquarters. Later he served in Northern Ireland and Singapore before coming second in command of the 1st Battalion at Catterick and in BAOR. He served at HQ King's Division from 1968 until he retired from the regular army in 1975. He attended the Army Staff College in 1954 and the RAF Staff College in 1960.

Major Tedd's time as Regimental Secretary has been busy and dynamic. He has worked tirelessly for the good of the Regiment and the Old Comrades. He will be missed at Regimental Headquarters but we shall look forward to seeing him at Regimental functions and wish him well in his retirement: he plans to continue to live in Halifax.

Major Tedd has been succeeded as Regimental Secretary by Lieut Colonel W. Robins OBE.

**LIEUT COLONEL E. J. W. WALKER**

Lieut Colonel Johnny Walker succeeded Lieut Colonel Charles Cumberlege as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion on 11 October 1984.

Born in Washington DC USA in 1941 into a Royal Air Force family, Lieut Colonel Walker was educated at Dulwich and Sandhurst. Commissioned in 1962 he joined the 1st Battalion in Barnard Castle. For the next five years he served in the battalion in Catterick and Osnabruck as a rifle platoon commander, the first Vigilant (ATGW) platoon commander in the Army, and as Assistant Adjutant. In 1967 Lieut Colonel Walker was appointed ADC to General Sir Robert Bray then Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, in Paris and later in Mons. He found the two years in the job especially stimulating. In 1969 Lieut Colonel Walker returned to the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong as Regimental Signals Officer before returning to Catterick where the battalion joined 24 Bde. From 1971-72 he was an instructor on the Signal Wing at the School of Infantry followed by a tour from 1973-74 as GSO3 Ops/Plans HQ Northern Ireland in Lisburn. In December 1974 he returned to the 1st Battalion and commanded Burma Company. He was then selected to attend the Canadian Forces Staff College in Toronto in July 1975. Rejoining to the 1st Battalion in Minden in 1976, again as OC Burma Company, he went with the battalion to Northern Ireland the following year, and in 1978 to Alberta on mechanized training with Queens Own Hussars.

From 1978-80 he was GSO 2 Ops/Plans (NATO) at HQ UKLF and in June 1980 was selected for promotion to Lieut Colonel. In November 1980 he was appointed Second in Command of the 1st Battalion. Since November 1981 he has been on the Director of Staff Duties's staff in MOD dealing with the Army's long term structure and a number of major issues affecting the organisation of the Army. He was a member of the Defence Organisation

Secretariat working on the new structure of MOD and the higher organisation of Defence recently announced in a Government White Paper.

Always interested in games and sports he has particularly enjoyed playing rugby football, swimming and athletics. He was a member of the winning Dukes' team in the three Army Cup rugby finals during the 'golden' days of the Osnabruck era during which he also played for BAOR, in 1965 and 1966. He is keen on cross-country skiing and squash and, like most of his predecessors is still hoping to win the Silver Putter one day.

In 1965 Lieut Colonel Walker married Susan Shirley. They have three daughters; Jo aged 17 at Clayesmore School and planning to nurse at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Tammy aged 16, at Millfield, and Becky aged 13 at Queenswood.



*Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberlege and  
 Lieut Colonel E. J. W. Walker  
 The hand over at the Rock Hotel, Gibraltar*

## THE HISTORY OF THE 33rd REGIMENT

### The War of the Spanish Succession (1702-1714)

#### The Background

The establishment of the British Empire involved three great struggles: the struggle with Spain occupied the country's energies in the 16th century; Holland was the next rival in the 17th century and the whole of the 18th century was taken up with the greatest struggle of all three, against France.

The first round against France started in 1689 when Louis XIV wanted to extend the frontiers of France by acquiring the Spanish Netherlands. He was resisted in this objective by the Dutch led by William of Orange who in 1688 had become King William III mainly with the intention of using the resources of Great Britain against his life long adversary. Louis XV had refused to recognise his accession and declared war against the Dutch. The British army thereupon embarked upon on its first experience of European fighting. The war lasted until 1697 and was concluded by the Treaty of Ryswick. The question then arose as to what to do with the army. The old cry of 'No Standing Army' was raised and foolishly, because of the conditions still prevailing in Europe, Parliament in 1699 resolved that all forces raised since 1680 should be disbanded.

The Treaty of Ryswick was short lived. In 1700 Charles II of Spain died without a direct heir. Prior to his death a treaty had been made between William II and Louis XIV by which Spain and its Empire would, on the death of Charles II, pass to the Archduke Charles of Austria. However on his death bed Charles II had signed a will bequeathing his dominions to Philip of Anjou, a grandson of Louis XIV, thereby providing the means of uniting the might of France and Spain and, as a result, completely upsetting the Balance of Power in Europe. Louis XIV, despite his treaty with William III, accepted the terms of the will. King William III saw the danger, but could not convince his British subjects of the need for action. However, when the exiled James II died in 1701, Louis XIV in direct repudiation of the Treaty of Ryswick, acknowledged his son as James III. This was more than enough to stir the English into action.

#### Huntingdon's Regiment (the 33rd)

Having a more sympathetic House of Commons, William II obtained authority for an army of 40,000 men, including 33,000 infantry. He forthwith decided to raise fifteen new regiments (nine of foot and six of marines) but before he could sign any commissions he had an accident and died on 8th March 1702. It therefore fell to Queen Anne to issue the necessary orders for the raising of the new regiments which she did, as one of her first acts as Queen, on 14th March 1702. On that date the following order was issued to the young Earl of Huntingdon:

*Anne R*

*These are to authorise you by Beat of Drum or otherwise, to raise volunteers for a regiment of Foot under your command, which is to consist of twelve Companys, of Two Serjeants, Three Corporals, Two drummers, and Fifty nine private soldiers, with the addition of one Serjeant to the Company of*

*Grenadiers. And as you shall raise the said volunteers you are to give notice thereof to our Commissary General of the Musters, that they may be mustered according to our directions in that behalf. And when the whole number of non-commission officers and soldiers shall be fully or nearly completed, in each company, they are to march to our city of Gloucester, appointed for the rendezvous of the said regiment. And you are to order such person or persons as you think fit to receive Arms for our said regiment out of the Stores of our Ordnance. And all Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, Constables and other of our Officers, whom it may concern are to be assisting to you in providing Quarters and otherwise as there shall be occasion.*

*Given at our Court of St James' this 14th day of March, 1702, in the first year of our Reign.*

*To our Trusty and Well-beloved*

*The Earl of Huntingdon*

*Colonel of One of Our Regiments of Foot.*

Until 1751 a regiment was named after its Colonel. However as early as 1694 an order of precedence has been established. The position of a regiment in the order of precedence was of considerable importance because in the inevitable retrenchment after a war it was the higher numbered regiments which were the first to be disbanded (1). Huntingdon's regiment was 33rd in the order of precedence.

There can be little doubt, in view of the rapidity with which the Regiment was prepared for active service, that the great majority of men who enlisted into it were unemployed soldiers from the disbanded regiments.

As early as the 1st May 1702, three days before the declaration of the war that was to be known as the War of the Spanish Succession, an order was issued for the twelve companies of the Earl of Huntingdon's Regiment to march from Tewksbury, Gloucester, Monmouth and Ross to different places near London to await orders for Holland. These came on 8th June when a convoy was ordered to sail at once and 'to take the Earl of Huntingdon's Regiment with them'. Thus within three months of being raised the Regiment joined the force already assembled in Holland, under the Duke of Marlborough; the first of the nine newly raised foot regiments to do so.

#### The campaign in Holland: 1702 to 1703

The 33rd did not have to wait long before seeing their first action. Marlborough, having been thwarted by the Dutch in his plan to bring the French to battle, decided to reduce the fortresses on the Meuse. The first of these was Venloo which was invested on 29th August and after a siege of 18 days was compelled to capitulate. The 33rd was one of the six British regiments that took part in the siege. A month later the Regiment was involved in the siege of Ruremonde, and both times the Earl of Huntingdon is reported to have distinguished himself (2). Due to the perversity of the Dutch, Marlborough had to waste a second year of campaigning in 1703. However he did capture Huy and Limberge, the 33rd taking part in the siege of the former (2-15 August).



While Marlborough was engaged in Holland, another campaign was about to start in Portugal and Spain. Under the treaty with Portugal, 7,000 troops were to be sent to the Peninsular. Marlborough was strongly in favour and gave proof of his support by detaching from his army six of his best regiments, which included the 33rd the only newly raised regiment among them. The regiments left Holland at the end of 1703 and arrived in Portugal in March 1704.

#### **The campaign in Portugal and Spain: 1704 and 1705**

Early in 1704 the Archduke Charles of Austria, the Imperial claimant to the House of Spain, had been given a force of 37,000 men (28,000 Portuguese; 7,000 English and 2,000 Dutch) to help him possess himself of his Kingdom. The English were under the command of the Duke of Schomberg. However it was speedily found that the Portuguese army was ill equipped and inefficient so that there was no campaigning in 1704, apart from the fact that the Portuguese rapidly surrendered the fortresses on their frontier. The only other notable event was the capture of Gibraltar from a fleet under the command of Sir George Rooke.

The campaign in 1705 was altogether different in character. The English Government, anxious to follow up the splendid success of the capture and subsequent masterly defence of Gibraltar, decided on an Allied expedition into Catalonia (NE Spain). This force was placed under the command of the Earl of Peterborough, leaving the Earl of Galway, who had succeeded the Duke of Schomberg, to pursue operations in Portugal. However Galway was not in sole command since "to avoid friction" it was arranged for the commanders of the British, Dutch and Portuguese forces to hold command alternatively for a week at a time. In such circumstances it was surprising that they should have accomplished the siege and capture of three weak fortresses at Valencia d' Alcantara, Albuquerque and Badajoz. At the assault on Valencia d'Alcantara (also called Valenza), which took place on 10 May 1705, the attacking force consisted of 700 Portuguese foot, two Dutch regiments and the 33rd. The attack on the fortress was launched by 200 English and Dutch grenadiers. "They mounted the Breach very gallantly but meeting with greater resistance than was expected, the Grenadiers began to give ground and the Portuguese, having lost their Colonel... were put to some disorder when Colonel Duncanson advanced with some courage and conduct, restored all things and bravely pushed with Colours flying into the Breach". Fortescue in the 'History of the British Army', referring to the engagement, made the comment, "It is somewhat singular that the first regiment which signally distinguished itself in the first Peninsular War was the 33rd, which covered itself with honour at the Storm of Valenza". Colonel Robert Duncanson, who had only been appointed Colonel of the 33rd in February, was wounded in the engagement and died shortly afterwards. He was succeeded by Colonel George Wade.

Meanwhile Peterborough had been carrying out a successful campaign on the east coast of Spain, which culminated in the capture of Barcelona on 9th October 1705. So ended the first serious campaign of the first Peninsular War.

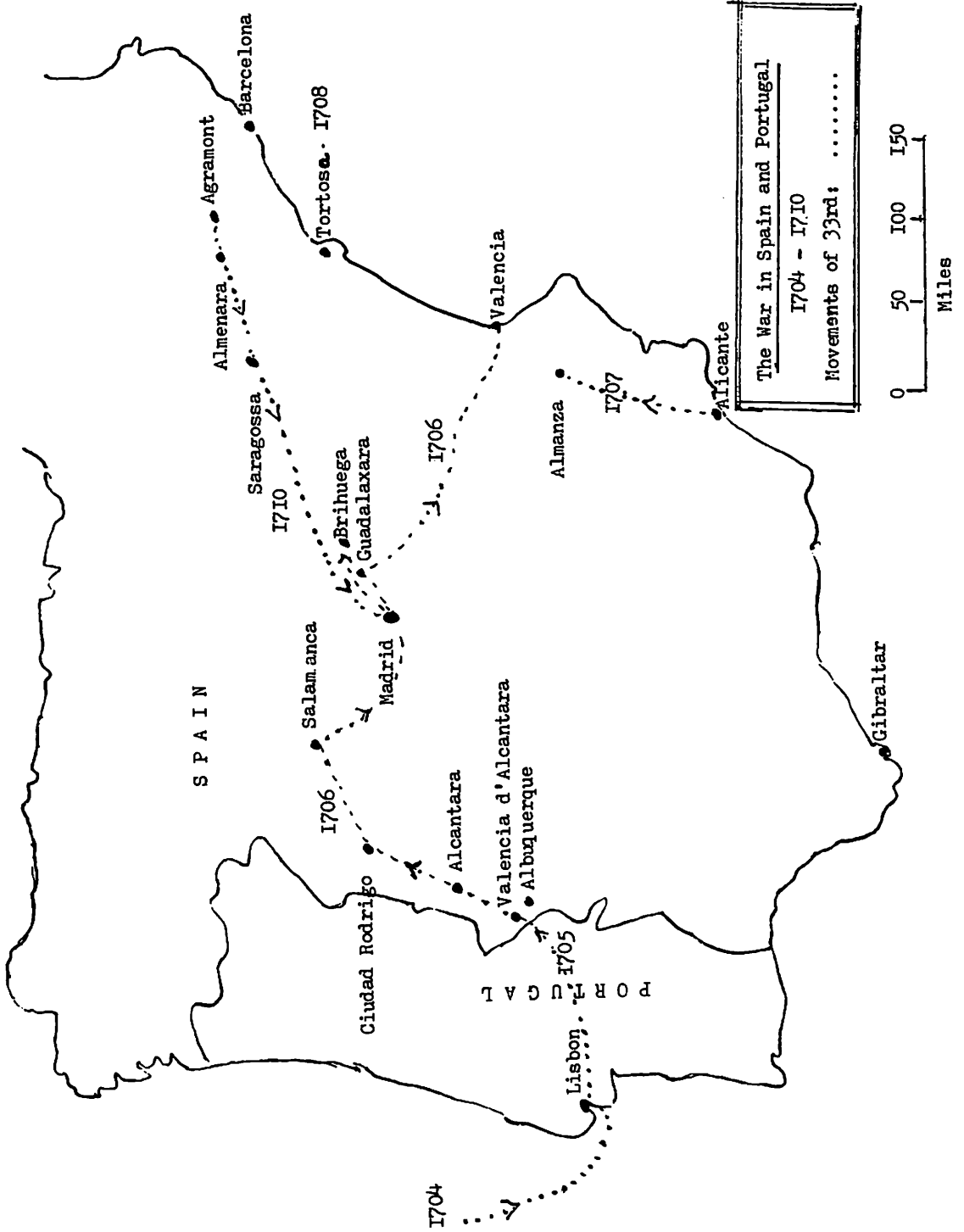
#### **1706: The capture of Madrid**

Galway's plan for the campaign of 1706 was to march eastwards to Madrid and there meet up with Peterborough's force coming up from Valencia. Galway's force consisted of 19,000 men of which 3,000 were English viz: The Bays, 2nd, 9th, 17th, 33rd and Brudnells Regiment (disbanded at the end of the War). At 8th January 1706 the 33rd numbered 587 all ranks, which included 49 sick at that date. The army commenced its march on 31st March and its first engagement was at Alcantara (10th - 14th of April) where the 33rd played a prominent part in enforcing the surrender of the fortress. Its capture was one of the most important successes gained by the Allies during the War, for not only were 4,000 Bourbon troops taken prisoner, but the spoils included 70 guns, 500 muskets and a great quantity of ammunition. In the course of the attack Colonel Wade, who was on the staff of the Earl of Galway, was wounded. Having next captured Placencia, Galway ran into trouble with his Portuguese allies who positively declined to enter further into Spain. As a compromise it was decided to attack the fortress of Ciudad Rodrigo, which fell on the 22nd May. Eventually the Portuguese commander received orders from Lisbon to act on all occasions in concert with Galway and this enabled the advance to continue into Spain, through Salamanca to Madrid, which was reached on 27th June, where the Archduke Charles was proclaimed King of Spain. It was a splendid achievement by Galway who, despite suffering from gout and recently having had his right hand torn off by cannon shot, mesmerised the enemy with his daring march to Madrid.

Meanwhile, Peterborough who had always favoured a dash on Madrid, had sailed to Valencia from where he pushed forward; so that by July he had captured Requena and Cuenca and thereby opened up the road to Madrid from the East. So far so good. In fact with the proclamation of King Charles III, the object of the War of Spanish Succession seemed to have been fulfilled in Spain. However by the time Charles, who was with Peterborough, joined Galway at Guadalaxara (NE of Madrid) on 6th August 1705, the situation had materially changed. First the whole of the country through which Galway had marched rose in revolt against their new King. At the same time the Bourbon forces, reinforced from France to the point where they were twice the strength of Galway's, cut him off from Madrid where Philip of Anjou was proclaimed King. Eventually Galway, being cut off from his base in Portugal, decided to retreat eastwards to Valencia, which he successfully accomplished in September. As Fortescue commented "so closed the year 1706, memorable for two of the most brilliant, even if in some respects disappointing, campaigns ever fought simultaneously by two English generals". Another distinguished historian (C. T. Atkinson) wrote about the same campaign "This exploit (Galway's march to Madrid), like Peterborough's success at Barcelona and in Valencia, might well be recorded on the Colours of the regiments involved".

#### **1707: The disaster at Almanza**

A Council of War was held at the end of 1706 to decide on the campaign strategy for the following



year. Peterborough, among others, favoured a defensive policy, but he was over-ruled. Shortly afterwards he was relieved of his command and returned to England, leaving the army in the capable hands of Galway. After Peterborough's departure the Archduke Charles and the English commanders fell out over their alternative plans, with the result that Charles withdrew the whole of his Spanish troops to Catalonia. This left Galway with a force no more than 15,500 strong even though he had been reinforced in January 1707 by 6,900 troops diverted to him from another expedition, which had been called off. Nevertheless he was determined to carry out an offensive policy which entailed marching north from Alicante and then sweeping round onto Madrid from the North. He started his march on 10th March 1707. The enemy, under the Duke of Berwick, fell back before him thereby foiling all Galway's efforts to force a fight. However, on 24th April news was brought in that Berwick was marching on Almanza and that another force, under the command of the Duc d'Orleans was hurrying to join him there. Galway was determined to attempt to prevent this, for his own force was considerably less than that of Berwick's, let alone the strength of the combined forces. At dawn the following day he came up against 25,400 Bourbon troops who were well placed in front of Almanza. Galway had 10,000 fewer and half of them were unreliable Portuguese. The English element numbered a mere 4,800. To add to Galway's problems the Portuguese insisted on the position of honour on the right of the field. The 33rd were placed in Wade's Brigade in the first line, on the left of the field, alongside the 6th Foot, with four regiments of Dragoons outside.

At three o'clock in the afternoon Galway opened the attack by leading an advance of horse on his left wing. He was driven back at first by sheer weight of numbers. But then the 6th and 33rd came up, and, opening fire on the left flank of the Spanish horse, gave the English horse time to rally and charge to drive the Spaniards back in confusion. Meanwhile, the rest of the English foot on the centre left fell, heedless of the numbers, straight upon the hostile infantry and forced them back on upon their second line. The Guards and the 2nd Foot, following up their success, broke through the second line as well and pursued the scattered fugitives to the very walls of Almanza. So far as the Allied left was concerned the battle was going well.

But meanwhile the Portuguese on the right remained motionless; and Berwick lost no time in launching his horse upon them. The first line of Portuguese horse turned and ran, followed closely by the second, thus leaving their infantry to bear the brunt alone. For a time the battalions stood up gallantly enough, but the odds were too great, and they were presently overwhelmed and utterly dispersed. Then Berwick brought up his French horse and foot against the victorious British. The British cavalry had suffered heavily in the first attack, (all four regiments lost their commanding officers), and in spite of all their efforts they were borne back and swept away by the numbers of the French squadrons. The infantry, surrounded on all sides, fought back desperately and repeatedly repulsed the enemy but eventually overpowered by numbers, nearly all of

them were cut down or captured. By great exertions Galway, who was himself wounded, brought some of them back in good order, retreating unpursued to Ontiniente some twenty miles away. In this action, which lasted about two hours, Galway lost about 4,000 killed and wounded and 3,000 prisoners. The battle, of course, put an end to further operations by the Allies. Galway, with such troops as he could collect retired to the Catalonian frontier, while Berwick methodically pursued the reduction of Valencia and in December retired, according to rule, into winter quarters. As a result of Almanza 15 British regiments which had taken part were decimated. The 33rd, for instance, had five officers killed and 17 taken prisoner of which only five were not wounded.

#### 1708 and 1709

From escaped prisoners, stragglers, convalescents and other details Galway very quickly reformed the six 'oldest' regiments (which included the 33rd). So successful was he in this task that within five months of his defeat he was ready to take the field with 14,000 fully equipped troops. Considering he was now missing an eye, to add to his other infirmities, that was a remarkable achievement.

Early in 1708 Galway went to Lisbon and command in Catalonia was given to Field Marshall Von Starhemburg, an officer of much experience and high reputation. Von Starhemburg could do little with his reduced force against a Bourbon army twice his strength, so on Marlborough's advice his troops were used to second the operations of the Mediterranean squadron. The 33rd was not part of that force, but their Colonel, now a Brigadier General, was second in command to General James Stanhope (later Lord Stanhope) who led the expedition against Minorca in September 1708. At the siege of Fort Philip Wade led the stormers, captured a redoubt and afterwards negotiated a capitulation. The whole island at once submitted and became a British dependency. The 33rd had for their part remained in Catalonia being one of only two regiments (the other was the 6th Foot) that had been at Almanza, still campaigning in Spain. The four other regiments re-raised by Galway had had to be reduced. In December 1708 Starhemburg and Stanhope attempted a surprise attack on Tortosa which the Bourbons had taken earlier in the year and some elements of the 33rd formed part of the small force involved. In the words of Stanhope "we got into the old town, killed the Governor and about 200 men, brought off 9 officers and 50 soldiers prisoners, but by an unlucky accident missed our aim".

During 1709 Starhemburg's force remained inadequate for offensive action and it was not until July 1710 that, reinforced by British and Germans to a strength of 25,000 foot and 5,000 horse, he was in a position to take the field again.

#### 1710: Victory at Saragossa and defeat at Brihuega

In July the Allies were concentrated at Agramant and their first action was to cross the River Segre and capture the pass at Alfaraz before the Spaniards could reach it. The small force assigned this task was under the command of Stanhope (3) and included the 33rd. Stanhope executed this task with his usual

diligence and the arrival of the Spaniards, a few hours later, led to a sharp and successful action at Almenara. The Spaniards had 1,300 casualties while those of the Allies did not exceed 400. The Bourbon army retreated to Saragossa where Starhemburg and Stanhope totally defeated them on 20 August 1710. All the colours, twenty pieces of cannon and nearly 4,000 prisoners were captured, besides King Philip's plate and equipage. Starhemburg, contrary to his better judgement, then marched on Madrid and led the Archduke Charles, for the second time, into his capital. The plan of the Allies now called for a link up with the forces coming from Portugal. However the plan was hardly formed before it disintegrated for Louis XIV after the defeat at Saragossa immediately reinforced his forces in Spain. The threat of this force, Archduke Charles' unpopularity, fading supplies and reduction in numbers due to sickness, obliged Starhemburg to evacuate Madrid. He moved eastwards in five columns, the British forming the rearguard under Stanhope. Stanhope halted at Brihuega to collect provisions. While he was so doing he was surprised by the appearance of the Bourbon army, his efforts to obtain intelligence having been thwarted by the hostility of the peasants. The enemy force had made its own contribution to his surprise by covering 170 miles in seven days, a march of incredible speed which, in Stanhope's own words, was his undoing. Stanhope's position desperate. He had but eight battalions (including the 33rd) and eight squadrons, all so much weakened as to number together 3,400 men. Brihuega was a town of considerable extent. Nevertheless Stanhope reckoned he might hold out till Starhemburg came to his relief. Meanwhile the enemy was further reinforced so that by dawn on 9th December 20,000 men assaulted the town twice; but each time were driven back with heavy losses by the deadly British fire. Ammunition now began to fail, but the little garrison, standing firm with bayonet, contested every inch of the ground. By the evening, their ammunition all but exhausted and no sign of Starhemburg's appearance, Stanhope, unwilling to sacrifice the lives of his men further, capitulated and he and his gallant little force became prisoners of war. Fortescue summed it up with the statement: "Never did British troops fight better than at Brihuega".

Next day Starhemburg arrived and fought an inconclusive action which, nevertheless, obliged him to withdraw to Catalonia. Thus ended, to all intents and purposes, the war in Spain and Portugal.

#### The campaigns in Spain and Portugal in retrospect

The campaigns in Spain and Portugal during the War of Spanish Succession are, understandably, less familiar than the more important operations in the main theatre of War in Flanders where Marlborough bestrode the stage. Nor were there victories to compare with Blenheim (1704), Ramilles (1706) and Oudenarde (1708). Nevertheless the campaigns were of great importance for had there been a significant victory in the Peninsular its impact on the outcome of the War would have been considerable.

The troops which took part had to endure great hardship. The Peninsular was ill supplied, transport was difficult, the quarters for the troops unhealthy and the Portuguese unfriendly even to brutality.

Casualties in action were trifling compared to those wrought by privation and disease. For the most part the story "was of muddle and disaster, interspersed with records of amazing courage and endurance" (4). The 33rd alone of all the British line regiments which took part endured it all from the beginning in 1704 to Brihuega in 1710 and in the process distinguished themselves on numerous occasions. In the words of one eminent historian "They had not only advanced with Galway to Madrid but had done well at Almanza; re-formed by Galway in Catalonia after that battle, they were again in the fore at Saragossa. If any regiment's colours should bear 'Spain and Portugal, 1704-1710' the 33rd's should, especially as they have nothing to show for their two campaigns in the Netherlands, 1702 and 1703, under Marlborough" (5).

Their actual reward was to be disbanded.

#### Peace and retrenchment

The work of disbanding the army began some months before the conclusion of the Peace of Utrecht in April 1713. The 33rd were not immediately affected. In July 1712 the following letter was sent to the Colonel, Brigadier Wade:

"Whitehall,  
28th July 1712

Sir,

Her Majesty having ordered the Regiments of Foot of Brigadier Munden, Brigadier Gore and Brigadier Dalzell, now prisoners in Spain, to be disbanded, and that Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers (Portuguese excepted) shall be incorporated (as soon as released) proportionably into yours and other Regiments of Foot taken prisoners at the same time, which are ordered to be placed on the Irish Establishment from 23rd December last, and be looked upon as belonging thereunto from that time. I send this to acquaint you herewith, that you may govern yourself accordingly and pursuant to Her Majesty's Pleasure declared in that case.

Sir, Yours etc  
Wyndham

To Brigadier Wade"

By the end of 1712 many regiments had been disbanded, a process that continued throughout 1713 and 1714. The selection of regiments for disbandment was, however, highly politically motivated; the aim of the ruling clique being the elimination of officers and of whole corps that favoured the Protestant succession, to make way for the Jacobite interest. Prompted by such motives and wholly careless of the feelings of the troops, they violated the old rule that the youngest regiments should always be the first to be disbanded. Even such old corps as the 6th Foot, who had fought so valiantly alongside the 33rd at Almanza and Brihuega, were not exempt. The turn of the 33rd to suffer a like fate came early in 1714:

"Dublin Castle  
25th May 1714

My Lord,

Having in pursuance of Her Majesty's commands caused the Regiments of Dragoons commanded by Colonel Kerr and Major General Pepper, and the Regiments of Foot commanded by Colonel Churchill, Lord Mountjoy, Major General Wade,

and Brigadier Corbet to be disbanded I herewith send your Lordship a list of Officers of the said several Regiments in order to their being placed on the Establishment of Half Pay in this Kingdom from the respective days of disbanding.

Your Lordship's  
Most Obedient Servant,  
Shrewsbury

To the Lord Treasurer

However less than three months later all the political machinations came to an abrupt end with the death of Queen Anne and the accession of George I. In September a new ministry was formed (which included, among others, Lord Stanhope of Saragossa fame). These events, plus the threat of a Jacobite rebellion, led to the early re-raising of a number of broken regiments. Included was the 33rd, which thus lived to fight many another day.

A.C.S.S.

- (1) *The experience of the regiments numbered 76 is typical. There were three such numbered regiments before that raised in 1787, which eventually became the 2nd Battalion.*
- (2) *In 'Iron Duke' No. 1 there is a statement that Huntingdon was wounded on the Rhine in 1702, while an early Army List records that he was badly wounded at the attack on the scarp at Keyserworth in 1702. The two events are, it is assumed, connected but nothing further is known about either.*
- (3) *Until 1922, when Albert Lee in the 'History of the 33rd Foot' showed its impossibility, it was believed within the Regiment that its first Colonel was James Stanhope. That belief almost certainly stemmed from the period when the Regiment served under him in Spain in 1710. Lee's history is particularly vague about that period, making no mention of either Saragossa or Brihuega. This was because he appears to have convinced himself that 'after the disaster at Almanza the 33rd was practically non-existent'.*
- (4) *'British Military History 1660 to 1936' by Cole and Priestley.*
- (5) *'Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research' Vol 25. Article by C. T. Atkinson.*

# 1st Battalion

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

When these notes are published I will have long since handed over command and the battalion will be in the process of moving to Bulford. It seems fitting therefore that I should briefly review the battalion's tour in Gibraltar

Throughout I have given credit to those who advised me on what our priorities in Gibraltar should be. They were that all members and their families should be active and involved; that the local community should have respect and confidence in the battalion and, above all, that the battalion was to be ready to meet any operational commitment that might come its way.

No one could remotely suggest that we haven't been busy over the past 22 months. There have of course been the endless guards, fatigues and ceremonial, but the soldiers also got themselves involved in the widest range of other activities, in fact everything from rugby to darts and there was no finer example than that of a quarter of the battalion voluntarily taking part in the half marathon in May 1984. There were some most unlikely participants.

During my departure "calls" I was left in no doubt at all that Gibraltar (as in 1955) will be sorry to see the Dukes leave in 1985. The soldiers have certainly contributed greatly to the life of the local community. There have been some remarkable examples of raising money for charity as well as practical help with projects.

From a military training point of view 22 months is quite long enough. There have been some

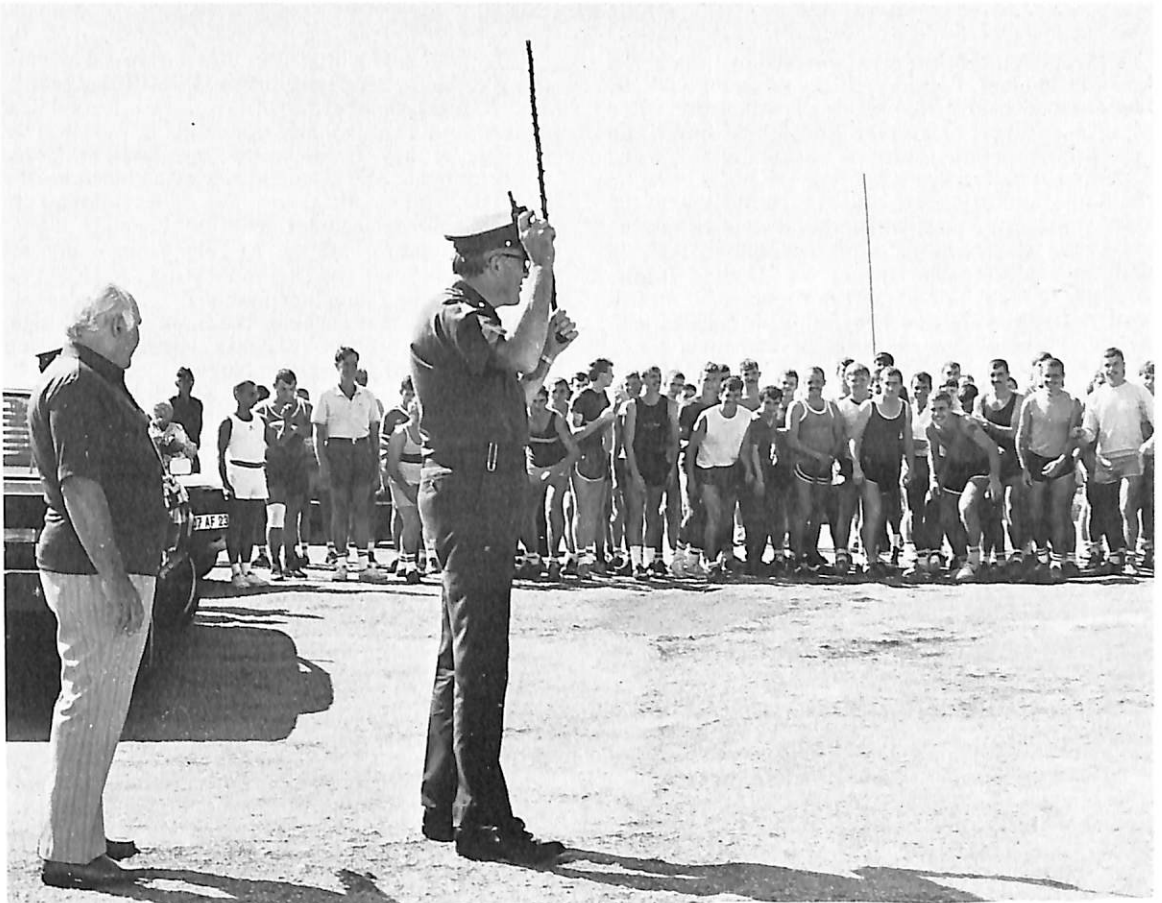
outstanding examples of training initiative and imagination; but the Rock is very limiting. We were very highly trained when we arrived, and our individual skills are such that a spell of UK training will soon counter the major disadvantage of soldiering in Gibraltar.

The vast majority of the soldiers and their families have taken advantage of the opportunities Gibraltar has to offer, and now they want to go home. We have been lucky: the border has been open, and we have enjoyed two summers and only one full winter. Infantry battalions get a "sunshine posting" once in approximately 16 years, and we have made the most of it.

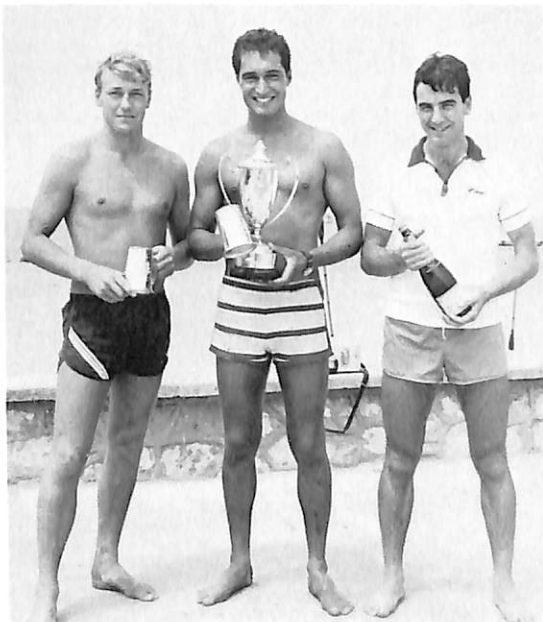
As to the future, it all bodes well and there is plenty to look forward to: 6 months in Belize, 6 weeks in Kenya, 14 months in the UK, followed by a Northern Ireland tour. The latter is much looked forward to particularly by those who remember the Ballykelly days.

I would like to thank here His Excellency Admiral Sir David Williams GCB. The fact that we have had an enjoyable and successful tour in Gibraltar is in no small part due to his encouragement and support; and the battalion is indebted to him.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to those who have served with me over the past 2½ years. It has been a very great privilege to command 1 DWR and it was every bit as enjoyable and rewarding as many of my predecessors said it would be.



The Deputy Fortress Commander, watched by the Mayor of Kirklees, about to start the Battalion Road Race.



*The Sublaterns Cup 1984*  
Winner: 2/Lieut J. C. Preston (centre);  
Runner-up: Lieut M. A. Twelftree (left);  
and Third: Lieut J. C. Hill (right)

### OFFICERS' MESS

The highlight of the period covered by these notes was our annual Waterloo Ball, masterminded by Donald Palmer and Mike Sherlock, which was voted by all as the 'best ball on the Rock'. The buffet, laid out upstairs was a masterpiece of culinary design and tasted even better that it looked. We ate outside on the patio, and danced to our own band beneath the stars - unless of course you chose to wander into the main cave which was the most incredible feat of skill and imagination. The theme was 'Jungle Book'. Brightly painted wooden cut out animals and birds were dotted throughout the twisting passages formed by nets, plants and all sorts of ingenious ideas, cleverly lit by coloured lights. Even a pond was included in the scene! Mars disco supplied the heavy music to gyrate to. Most of the Protocol List were able to attend and it was particularly nice to be able to have The Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Huxtable present. They had a full and busy visit and we all hope that the Waterloo Ball was one of the highlights of it.

Life quietened a little after that but we did manage to entertain a large party from HMS 'Broadsword'. The younger members continue to show a good deal of flair and a particularly notable occasion was an informal Fancy Dress party that Duncan Bruce masterminded. We also held a farewell lunch for the departing DFC, Brigadier Pegg and another to welcome his replacement, Brigadier Hume.

Congratulations are due to Toby Lehmann on his marriage to Susie and to Simon and Susie Dixon on the birth of their daughter Joanna.

We have 4 new faces in the mess. Mark Lodge, John Bailey (brother of Paul), James Adams and Stuart Neath all joined us in August.

As our tour draws to an end we will be dining out the Commanding Officer shortly, have plans for a Ladies Guest night before Christmas, a New Years Eve party and a Farewell cocktail party to say goodbye to the many friends we have made.

### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

This period started with the Queen's Birthday Parade, an excellent day which was followed by afternoon and evening functions with everyone having a marvellous time. The Parade itself went off without any hitches, the timings were perfect, with some excellent drill: the culmination of many hours practice and hard work.

Despite many members being on leave during this period, we still managed to have a good social life including an excellent summer ball, held in the Japanese Gardens of the Casino, one of the largest and busiest establishments in Gibraltar. C/Sgt Terry Cooper and C/Sgt Paddy Wallace made very good after-dinner speeches at a Regimental Dinner held in July and we had an Ascot Night (with lots of champagne), organised by WO2 Atkinson and his stable of well groomed punters. Other functions have been a wine tasting night and a Spanish Night interspersed with the usual 'Cafe Nights' and 'Sunday Lunch' which remains very popular and well attended.

At the first ladies night since the beginning of the year we took the opportunity to say farewell and dine out Lieut Colonel and Mrs Cumberlege. The RSM and all members thank him very much for his support and wish him and his wife the very best in the future.

Visitors to the Mess have included a number of SNCOs from the Royal Highland Fusiliers who were over here to assist the Battalion. They presented the Mess with a very attractive Regimental Plate which will now be on permanent display in the bar. On the sports side the Sergeant's Mess cricket had quite a successful season, playing five games, winning four and being narrowly defeated by the Corporals' Mess in one of the games. The Mess was also well represented in the Dukes' 'B' Team with no fewer than 14 Mess members in the 'B' Team during the season and never fewer than seven Mess members in any one game. The 'B' Team did very well in the League playing 10 games, winning 8 and losing two, finishing 2nd in the League.

### CORPORALS' MESS

In the last few months we have had quite a full social life with disco's, cheese and wine parties and of course the good old games nights organised by Cpl Deaville in his role as Mess PEC.

Our main event in the near future will be the Autumn Ball, at which we will be saying farewell to the Commanding Officer, Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberlege and his wife. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing them the very best of luck in the future.

Congratulations to Sgts Conlon and Teall on their promotion to the Sergeants' Mess. We wish to welcome as new members of the Corporals' Mess; L/Cpl's Lawrence, Devaney, Hawksworth, Falcus, Maloney and Farrar.

Unfortunately, we have to say farewell to L/Cpl George Gill and Cpl Gordon (Dinga') Bell. Both were long standing and valued members of the Battalion and the Mess and we wish them the very best of luck in their future careers.

## Visit of the Colonel of the Regiment to Gibraltar



With members of the Corporals' Mess

Talking to Corporal Naylor of the Drums Platoon



Presenting prizes at the Families Open Day



## ALMA COMPANY

OC	Major T. J. Isles
A/2IC	Lieut J. C. Preston
CSM	WO2 T. Butterworth
CQMS	C/Sgt P. Sugden

**1 Platoon**  
Lieut J. C. Hill  
Sgt G. O. W. Williams

**2 Platoon**  
2/Lieut J. Adams  
Sgt A. Williams

**3 Platoon**  
2/Lieut A. J. McNeillis  
Sgt A. L. Jackson

Since the Queen's Birthday Parade the emphasis on drill has dropped and been replaced by more varied military training, including an Assault Pioneer Cadre. Soldiers have had the opportunity to partake in many activities which were not possible before. We've completed a fast moving company exercise which saw soldiers abseiling down a 150 foot cliff face before putting in an attack, roping down from helicopters, beach landings, and practicing First Aid on the fairer sex! Smooth talkers such as Pte's Irish and Wild had the opportunity to chat up the wounded ladies as well as administer First Aid! In addition to military training the past few months have seen our most concentrated adventure training period since we arrived in Gibraltar. As well as the water pursuits offered by AWTC, there was caving and rock climbing and many individuals gained proficiency certificates. This period also gave a privileged few a chance to spend two weeks in Morocco. Lieut Hill and Sgt Williams took twelve members of the company to sample the delights of places like Marakesh, Casablanca, Fes, Erfoud and to spend four days in the splendour of 'Source Bleu de Meski' on the edge of the Sahara desert. The main achievement of the two weeks was the climbing of the highest mountain in Morocco, Jbel Toubkal, a part of the High Atlas mountains in the centre of the country.

Once again we were able to learn a great deal more about the other services. Sgt Jackson took 3 Platoon

aboard HMS Valiant, a nuclear submarine, for a fascinating tour and insight into life on board a sub.

The summer has seen a number of competitions. Since the euphoria of gaining maximum points in the athletics we have come down to earth a bit, although we did continue our winning ways with a notable victory in the swimming. Hook Coy managed to pip us overall but we took maximum points in the inter company competition.

Throughout the summer we have seen a great number of new faces to the Company. 2/Lieut Adams joined us from the 'factory' and from the Depot we welcomed Pte's Male, Ditchburn, Davison, Thornton, Blowers, Bumby, Norris and Parojcic. L/Cpl Samerson and Pte's Sedgewick and Capewell were posted in which boosted our sporting talents substantially.

But we must also bid farewell to a number of Alma men. Sgt Conlon went to Corunna Company, L/Cpl Machen to Somme and L/Cpl Walker to the RP Staff. Cpl Leedham and Pte Heavey will have left the army when this goes to print and we wish them all the best in their future careers and thank them for playing a big part in company life.

Preparations are now underway for Ex 'High Tide' in October and the move to Bulford. Members of the company are coming to terms with the fact that the jungles of Belize and the six inches of water in the bottom of a trench on Salisbury Plain will be a far cry from the beaches and windsurfers of Gibraltar!

## BURMA COMPANY

OC	Major J. R. A. Ward
2IC	Lieut C. J. Howard
CSM	WO2 J. N. Arundel
CQMS	C/Sgt L. Hepworth

**4 Platoon**  
2/Lieut S. R. Neath  
Sgt D. K. Wright

**5 Platoon**  
Lieut J. C. Bailey  
Sgt M. Smith

**6 Platoon**  
2/Lieut R. N. Chadwick  
Sgt S. Acklam

After the Waterloo Day celebrations and such enjoyable events as the Families Open Day at the Nuffield Pool and the Battalion Regatta (which saw some perfect illustrations of how not to build rafts from oil drums and timber), Burma Company moved on to Military Training and Standby. A varied training programme covered many aspects and skills from battle exercises, NBC training, fighting in built up areas and the very popular Artillery target indication using the excellent Invertron simulator installed with the Gibraltar Regiment.

During the inter-company competition Burma put in some very good performances in the soccer, cricket

and biathlon competitions, but were particularly unlucky in the Cricket being overtaken by Corunna in the final over of the match. Mr Twelftree had trained the biathletes very hard indeed and they put in a very creditable performance. It was his final act with the Company before departing the following day for Shornecliffe. July saw the Battalion Swimming Gala closely followed by a very demanding Subaltern's Cup Week in which all the subaltern's were put through their paces in all skills.

After spells of adventure training (and a very interesting trip to Ceuta in North Africa by the CSM, CQMS, L/Cpl Saunders, Shaw 71 and 2/Lieut

Chadwick) Ptes Rodgers, Skelton, Hyman and Wormley had the chance to fly with the RAF Nimrod flight. Convent Guard duties preceeded a further fortnight of military training highlighted by Ex Tarik Venture which took the form of an inter-platoon competition. Run over 3 days, the platoons and sections were tested under field conditions in many and varied skills. These included platoon hides, ambushes, fitness, boat handling, shooting, NBC, 1st Aid etc, etc. It certainly was a challenging exercise

and culminated in a very close tussle for the honours between 5 and 6 Platoons. With a points aggregate of over 1,500 points over the exercise, 6 Platoon came out as last minute winners having pipped 5 Platoon by just 13 points! Cpl Brogden's section retrieved 5 Platoon's honour by winning the inter-section competition. The Company was well represented in the Battalion Bisley Squad providing five of the 14 man team.

### CORUNNA COMPANY

OC	Major A. H. S. Drake MBE
2IC	Capt P. J. Harvey
CSM	WO2 J. T. Hogg
CQMS	C/Sgt K. G. Harding

**7 Platoon**  
Lieut C. S. T. Lehmann  
Sgt H. S. Taylor

**8 Platoon**  
2/Lieut S. D. Preston  
Sgt M. A. O'Garro

**9 Platoon**  
2/Lieut M. Tinsley  
Sgt D. A. Porter

Having won the Inter Company Drill Competition in May, we provided the Escort to the Colours at the Queen's Birthday Parade. The Colours were carried by two of Corunna's Subalterns, 2/Lieut's Tinsley and Preston. After a great deal of rehearsing under the watchful eye of the RSM, we managed to acquit ourselves well on the day.

As soon as the parade had ended we moved into a hectic programme of military training, fitness and sport and had many welcome visitors. Even during our period of military training, early morning PT became the order of the day and we found ourselves divided into "Gazelles", "Buffaloes" and "Elephants" according to speed and size.

We were soon to reap the benefits of our training by coming a close second in the Inter Company Athletics Competition. This was followed by a win in the Biathlon Competition with Cpl's Chapman and Grogan coming first and second respectively. Meanwhile some members of Seven Platoon lead by Sgt Taylor put up a fine effort in the "Iron Man" half Marathon. We have recently won a hard contested Inter Company Cricket Competition and are fighting

with Burma for the first place in the Inter Company Football Competition.

2/Lieut Tinsley took a party of Corunna soldiers off to Morocco for a fortnight's adventure training. Everyone enjoyed the experience and had a good time as well.

On the military front we have had some exciting small exercises. These have involved venturing back into the tunnels, abseiling and endless trips over the rock for distance. Some of the Company have completed a short Assault Pioneer Cadre whilst others have been mastering the GPMG SF or improving their grades.

We say farwell to Capt Wilkinson, our long serving 2IC, who has left us to devote his time to the PRI and organising the move back to Bulford. But, no sooner had we gained Capt Shuttleworth in his place (and started to reap the benefits of his sporting prowess) that we lost him to become Adjutant. We welcome Capt Harvey as our new 2IC; not an unfamiliar face to the longer serving members of Corunna. We also bade farwell recently to Cpl Rose who is joining the Police in Sheffield.

### SOMME COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

OC	Major A. J. Pitcher
CSM	WO2 E. D. Atkinson
CQMS	C/Sgt G. J. Walker

Since our last notes Somme Company has come under new management. We gave Major Sherlock a grand send off in the form of a Company Social held in the Royal Engineers 1772 Club. We wish Major Sherlock and Penny all the best in their new post. Our new boss, Major Pitchers, took an immediate dislike to his surroundings. Finding his office far too large for his jungle boots and PT kit, he immediately set about rearranging the furniture.

Having at last changed the telephones, swapped desks and totally confused the Company, (soldiers still insist on walking into the CO's office and asking for a leave pass!) we settled down to our new surroundings, only to be evicted almost immediately into the corridor so that the new carpet tiles could be laid throughout. Now you may think that this is confusion. However, add three file covers and you have "Total Confusion!" The offending files are

headed 'Move to UK for Ex High Tide', 'Move to Bulford' and 'Move to Belize'. On more than one occasion OC and CSM have found themselves discussing Advance Parties, Main Bodies etc and when asked by a rather irate CSM why the names had changed yet again, for Ex High Tide, has met with the reply "Oh I'm talking about Bulford Sergeant Major!" However we are looking forward to Ex High

Tide in October and to our return to UK in the New Year.

The Company is carrying out training with an emphasis on fitness. No soldier in the Company misses out, and three groups can be seen three times a week heading out of barracks - "The Racing Snakes", "The Snails" and "The Slugs". Even in running there is room for promotion!

### MORTAR PLATOON

OC  
2IC

Lieut P. M. Rumbell  
C/Sgt D. Allen

The Mortar Platoon has undergone many changes during the past months. We say goodbye to our Platoon Commander Capt "Boris" Borwell who leaves us to become the new ADC to the Colonel of the Regiment, and welcome Lieut P. M. Rumbell into the "hot seat".

The Platoon has taken the opportunities of the Invertron and both MFCs and Mortar numbers have gained much experience. We have also been issued with the new Mortar Fire Data Computer which replaces the old 1:25000 plotter. It is a very big improvement and conversion is well underway. Our training has been intense and culminated in a reduced primary shoot which proved very interesting for our new members.

All hard work deserves a little play and this the

Platoon did organise a day trip to Spain and the Costa del Sol. The event was a complete success. A B-B-Q was also staged at the Army Watermanship Training Centre and where there is water, people are going to get wet. Capt Borwell took precautions and wore a wet suit, the usefulness of which soon wore off when it was noted he'd put it on back to front.

The Platoon is again training hard for the Battalion Exercise, "High Tide", in England. There are some good shoots and it is a great opportunity for the Platoon to come into its own once again. We are also looking forward to the move back to England in early January and taking up our role there, as well as the opportunities of a tour in Belize.

### ANTI TANK PLATOON

Platoon Commander  
2IC

Lieut D. S. Bruce  
Sgt G. T. Harrison

The Platoon has enjoyed a long hot summer. With the cancellation of live firing in June we have been concentrating our training towards Exercise 'High Tide' in November. Training on both Milan and Combat/Wombat gives us many drills that require continual practice, so we are never short of finding things to do. Fitting in military training can prove quite difficult when we have to find time for drill, adventure training and Four Corners duties. We have however managed to run two concentrated cadres on Milan and the Gun. It is now a question of maintaining and slickening up the drills for live firing in November.

Sport is a very important part of life in Gibraltar and nearly every member of the Platoon finds himself involved in one activity or another. The more active members play soccer, rugby and cricket for the Company and some for the Battalion. The less active devote a great deal of time to fishing, even managing to avoid duties so that they can catch their supper. And finally there are those who would rather stay

inside and enjoy their favourite pastime (drinking) whilst taking on all comers at games like darts and dominoes.

At the moment the Platoon is busy turning itself into a group of lean, mean fighting machines. This is due to a recent masochistic fitness drive, including morning runs, weight training, Basic Fitness Test's and Infantry Combat Fitness Test's. If kept up at its present rate there is a strong possibility that the Anti Tank Platoon will be renamed the "Battalion road running squad". It is however very rewarding and everyone seems to be appreciating the removal of a few extra pounds.

The future looks good for the Platoon with the firing on 'High Tide' followed by the move to Bulford. Everyone is looking forward to being able to concentrate on Milan again when we shall have 24 posts and a far larger Platoon. Having said that however we cannot forget the Gun since we will be taking our 3 Wombats to Belize; at least we will have the personnel capable of firing them.

## RECCE PLATOON

Pl Comd  
Pl 2IC

Capt R. J. M. Pugh  
Sgt D. A. Campbell

With Bulford and Belize getting closer day by day there is an air of excitement within the Platoon at the chance to get down to some serious soldiering.

Bulford means the arrival of 8 Fox vehicles with its 30mm Rarden Cannon, which adds a new dimension to reconnaissance, and another skill for the soldiers as they learn the art of gunnery. Members of the Platoon are away at present learning how to use and maintain the Fox. At the same time we are looking ahead to Belize with members away on appropriate courses - some of which include Jungle Warfare and Combat

Medics, while the remainder train in Gibraltar with emphasis in first-aid, signals and fitness.

The last six months have been a busy period with Open Days, Queen's Birthday, Visits and the inevitable duties which have kept us on our toes. Exercise "Round Peg" gave eight members a chance to work with 45 Commando and HMS Oracle on which we learned submarine skills and new methods of abseiling both by day and night. The exercise ended with a social in South Barracks NAAFI, and a presentation by 45 Commando.

## HOOK COMPANY

OC  
CSM  
CQMS  
Accom SNCO

Capt M. J. Stone  
WO2 G. Hunter  
C/Sgt D. B. Fielding  
Sgt J. A. Dalladay

Since our last notes there has been another change in the Company Headquarters orbit: Capt Stone has taken over as Company Commander from Major (row the boat ashore) Palmer, who is away on a coxswain course, or so they say.

The Company Office has been at full steam since early June. We had the Unit Documentation Inspection in July, where it is said that young 'Ackers' Atkins travelled miles up and down the corridor to Battalion Headquarters completing Next of Kin Cards. It would have been easier to visit the Next of Kin.

The Company Office staff are now well away with all the documentation for Exercise 'High Tide' which

takes place in October/November 1984 and also the move of families and soldiers to Bulford. If you finish up in Bulford instead of on Exercise 'High Tide' then I would not worry about it, you can do baggage for the Advance party which leaves in December.

On the sporting side of life the Company team's have produced some good results. The Company Football team is unbeaten, and the biathletes swept the board under the watchful eye of C/Sgt (Twiggy) Hutchinson. The Water Polo team managed by Cpl (Flipper) Earnshaw had a good win in the inter company water polo final beating Somme Company by 3 goals to nil.

## SIGNAL PLATOON

RSO  
RSWO  
Signal Store  
577 RLD

Capt J. W. Wood  
WO2 P. V. Grey  
Sgt I. Verrall  
Sgt K. Bolton

The signal platoon has just completed a Standard II Cadre mainly to boost the platoon back up to a reasonable strength for Belize, but also to put some expertise into the rifle companies. Morse training was included for the first time with some students attaining 8 words per minute. At the end of the Cadre we had a platoon social at the Rosia Bay Officers Club. The Commanding Officer presented the prizes to the students, and also in attendance were the local constabulary!

During this period we said farewell to Capt J. A. C. Kilburn who has left the Army for the sunnier climes of Yorkshire. His replacement is Capt J. W. Wood, who at the moment is away at the School of Infantry Signals Wing.

We have also been training the Air Force Cadets every Tuesday for six weeks on Clansmen Radio's

and the antennas we use with them. Also the platoon had a huge task of teaching the Battalion the new BATCO (Battle Code) and we are still training Hook Company every week.

With Belize looming on the horizon our aim is to get the platoon up to a high standard of morse and High Frequency Radio training in readiness for the tour.

On the sporting scene the platoon squash ladder is still in progress with several of the platoon jockeying for the top place, the more noticeable being Sgt Ian Verrall, Sgt Keith Bolton, L/Cpl Dave Barker, L/Cpl Ian Greaves, L/Cpl Dale Smith.

The platoon also managed to supply 10 men for the Inter Service Half Marathon with all ten men completing the 13 or so miles. We finished the day with a Bar-B-Q in the platoon lines.

## Aspects of training



*The Biathlon:*  
One of Somme Company's teams ready to start

*Alma Company:*  
As much use as possible is made of RN  
Lynx helicopters



*Junior NCOs Cadre:*  
Nuclear, Biological and Chemical  
training

## QUARTERMASTERS PLATOON

<b>QM'S</b>	
QM	Capt M. Carter
RQMS	WO2 B. W. Sykes MBE
Accn SNCO	C/Sgt M. G. Holmes
Clothing SNCO	Sgt P. V. Williams
DOE SNCO	Sgt O. Theodore

<b>TQM'S</b>	
TQM	Capt P. Robinson
TQMS	WO2 P. Coates
Tech WO	WO2 G. Sellars

At the present moment the department is mostly working towards Exercise High Tide/King Cobra and of course the handover to 1 Queens. The newcomers C/Sgt Holmes, Pte Richardson and Pte "Benson" Alexander have settled in well, to stay with the C/Sgt and his policy of standing the "choggies" to their beds while inspecting their accommodation must be quite unique (Choggy-choggy shun).

The QM has had a very busy time since returning from Exercise Open Door with various inspection's, recce's and planning the handover.

A constant battle goes on between the TQM and the RQMS about who plays rugby and who plays football, needless to say the odd bit of secret recruiting has been known.

A little bit of sympathy must go to L/Cpl Ashton and Pte Alexander, the two clerks who deal with movement of freight (MFO), L/Cpl's Ashton's sanity being in doubt since he was heard singing in the corridor, "Boxes, little boxes made of ticky tacky".

Sgt Williams continues to keep the place buzzing. As well as running the Clothing Store he has taken on the role of IC Functions, IC Raffle Tickets, Stand-in Typist, IC Football kit and Tennis advisor.

The quote from TQMS Rawcliffe during a visit from the Governor (one of our many visitors) still stands. When asked by the Governor what he did in the department his reply was "I do all the work whilst the RQMS plays football or is away on his Coaching Course". All we can say is look out Bobby Robson.

## M. T. PLATOON

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

The MTO has just returned from his recce of Belize with big smiles on his face. His only comment was "if you think driving is difficult in Gibraltar, then wait until you get to Belize". Apparently McAdam the tarmac man has never been to Belize. It should be interesting. Most of the drivers believe it should be a piece of cake after Gibraltar, and they could be right as no traffic accidents have occurred during this quarter.

On the social side a particular event was a families barbecue down at the services bowling alley. A knockout competition for all was arranged and everyone including the children had a very good afternoon.

Another highlight of this period was the wedding of Miss Tracy Hill, who is the eldest daughter of Cpl and Mrs Ron (The Fossil) Hill, to Pte Bailey. The platoon wishes the best to the happy couple.

The platoon are now looking forward to the near future with Ex High Tide in November and the move to Bulford in January 1985. Sgt Turner and four members are going on Ex High Tide, and will have the opportunity of a recce of Bulford and the surrounding areas. After Gibraltar, they cannot wait to get out and do some trucking on our excellent roads and to find the quickest way home to the West Riding.

## DRUMS PLATOON

Platoon Commander	Sgt K. Shinn
Platoon Sgt	Cpl C. Naylor

With only 19 Convent Guard Mountings, 1 Ceremony of the Keys and 1 Divisions to go, life in Gibraltar has gone very quickly. Having just completed a Ceremony of the Keys with the Gibraltar Regiment (13 September) our last Keys parade with the Battalion is on 18 October. Life will seem a little strange without the Convent Guard Mounting on a Monday morning.

The side drummers have been busy performing the Victory Beatings with ultra violet lights at the Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and the local Casino, with promises of more jobs to come nearer Christmas.

With the SS Canberra and SS Sea Princess coming in and out all summer it is sometimes quite hectic coming off the Convent Guard Mounting on Monday mornings and going to play one of the two ships out.

The Platoon did two Monday morning Convent Guard Mountings without the Band on 13 and 20 August. It made a great change to perform in our own right and was a memorable occasion for all, with marches like The Great Escape and The Dukes Rugby Song, and accompanied by tenor drums and Glockenspiel. It was a fine sight to see.

On the sporting side of life Hook Company won the football competition with help from Drum Major

Shinn, Cpl Cooper, Ptes Robinson, Barraclough, Powell, Johnson, Alexander, Roberts and Ashman. Congratulations are also due to Pte Powell for passing his referee's course. On the rugby scene we have Ptes Roberts and Smith. Pte Christie is representing the Army in the Combined Services swimming team. Pte Brooks has represented the Army in the High Jump event.

Cpl Naylor has taken up diving having completed a 3rd Class diving course, along with L/Cpl Rawcliffe and Pte Johnson who have also passed the course. They dive regularly to the wrecks of Gibraltar and other areas of interest. They still haven't come up with any treasure, but inform us that they are still looking, bubble bubble.

### REGIMENTAL BAND

Bandmaster  
BSM

WO1 K. Taylor  
WO2 T. P. Byrne

Since our last *Iron Duke* notes we have had our usual hectic time, starting with the local drama groups' production of "HMS Pinafore" and "Trial By Jury" in which we provided a small pit orchestra, with L/Cpl Pete Foxon and BdsM Charles Waddington and a few other band members singing and taking part in the production. We went from Gilbert and Sullivan to the Queen's Birthday Parade which went well after numerous rehearsals and high praise was received from all quarters. "SS Canberra" was our next engagement on which we gave two evening concerts, both being well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by all the passengers.

On 30th June we had our band barbeque at Little Bay with plenty of food and drink, the barbeque being ably cooked by Cpl Phil (The Waistline) Clough and his wife Janet, with Cpl Barney Barnes acting as official taster.

July began with a visit to Tangiers for the birthday parade of King Hassan's son. The band were accommodated in three hotels on the sea front. At the hotel "Solazur" a scratch polo match was played daily and run by the local Moroccan waiters and waitress'. The Bandmaster did an excellent job as team coach and goalkeeper and S/Sgt Wally (The Whale) Wallace confused everyone and had to be sent off for pinching the wrong ball, not to mention the guest

appearance of the CO who obviously thought a certain lady in the opposing team was drowning and gave her his full support. The final score unbelievably was a 3-3 draw.

A special mention must be made of BdsM Braz Brazier who, when he went shopping in the Kasbah for a blanket, came out wearing it: he had bartered his socks and shirt!!

We started August with the fourth out of a series of five concerts in Alameda Gardens, the first which was played on the 2nd May was quite historic as it was exactly 30 years to the day that the Dukes band last played in Alameda whilst the regiment was stationed there in 1954. The childrens choir of St Christophers school were special guests at this concert and delighted the audience with many fine songs, ending with the band joining them for Bright Eyes from Watership Down. The children are all sons and daughters of service families stationed on the Rock.

Our last Alameda Gardens concert included a novelty item featuring a band octet on bottles, starring Cpl Barney Barnes on the largest, (a 3 litre Brandy bottle).

Our last engagement before going to print was the Ceremony of the Keys (one more to go) with the Gibraltar Regiment.

### ARMY WATERMANSHIP TRAINING CENTRE

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

The summer has continued in its usual busy manner. Rosia, our yacht, has been up and down the Spanish coast so often that the skippers are on first name terms with the Guardia Nacional. In June we had a visit from the Infantry Sailing Association yacht 'Infantryman'. She was sailed to Gibraltar as part of Exercise Rock Venture. This involved a total of 6 units, each providing a crew. The Dukes crew were allocated 6 days sailing using Gibraltar as a base. The crew of 7 sailed the yacht, a Nicholson 36, some 300 nautical miles in a round trip up the Mediterranean, the furthest point east being Motril. It was a new experience for most of the crew who had not been out of the sight of land before. The highlight of the cruise

was a severe electrical storm which provided some spectacular entertainment.

The Battalion Regatta seems to be plagued with bad luck. Last year it was a complete wipe out due to strong winds and rain. This year we chose a date when good weather was bound to prevail. No so, on our first attempt the dinghy and sailboarding had to be postponed due to winds up to Force 6. 2 weeks later we tried again and finally had a good days sailing. The overall results were as follows:

- 1st - Somme Company
- 2nd - Burma Company
- 3rd - Hook Company
- 4th - Alma and Corunna Companies

During August L/Cpl Phil Draper was fortunate to have the opportunity to crew a yacht from UK to Gibraltar. The trip took 16 days, covered nearly 1250 nautical miles and visited ports in France, Spain and Portugal.

Our cavers have been very busy not only on the Rock but with the Army Caving Association. After

attending a selection course in April Pte's Ray Lyons and Mick England became key members of the Association's annual expedition. And so it was that these 2 intrepid troglodites went off to visit Gouffre Berger in France, the 5th deepest cave in the world. Along with ex Duke Chris Danilewicz they rigged and lead the final phase of the descent.

### JOINT SERVICIES SUB AQUA DIVING CENTRE

NCOIC

Sgt J. P. Cockshott

After a hectic summer and only three more courses to go before handover to 1 Queens the Centre staff are drying out. Over the last year we have taught just over 30 Dukes to dive and trained many more divers from other units and arms. The Centre has played host to 8 expeditions from the UK. These are drawn from all 3 Services and spend two weeks enjoying the delights of diving off Gibraltar.

Our main event was out trip to Morocco in early September. The trip, named Exercise "Marine Venture", was originally planned for 21 days but due to operational commitments it was reduced to one week. The aim of the exercise was to establish a contact with the Embassy in Rabat, the Moroccan capital, and to recce diving sites and access. We have been having problems getting clearance to dive in Morocco. Sgt John Cockshott and Pte Mark Johnson set off with a civilised Land Rover loaded to the gunwhales with all the equipment. After a pleasant crossing to Tangiers on the Mons Calpe they were met by a local diver named Ali. As it turned out Ali was a Godsend as not much English was spoken in the area we were visiting. The next few days were spent in Rabat and selecting diving sites, after which a central camp site was selected and the equipment prepared for the rest of the divers to arrive.

The rest of the expedition duly arrived and were met in Tangiers and transported to the campsite. There were 11 divers on the trip of which two more; Cpl Kev Whiteley and L/Cpl Tony Ward; were Dukes'. There were also two tourists who 'came along for the ride', WO2 Colin Fleming and Sgt Ian Verrall. It turned out to be a very hectic weekend with all divers managing at least two dives. We could possibly have managed more but there was no recharging facilities available. Still, we managed to introduce those who had only dived Gibraltar to the rigours of shore diving. One site was at the bottom of a 300 foot cliff. It is a long way to carry the kit down, but even further carrying it back up again after a tiring dive. The other site was on the wreck of the "Nicholas", a Greek freighter which went aground in 1970. The ship broke its back and its stern part sank into 10 metres of water whilst the forward part remained ashore. This proved to be a very interesting site with lots to see and do. The "Nicholas" cargo had been nails, floor tiles and champagne. Sgt John Cockshott was seen to enter the water with a corkscrew in his hand and return with a disappointed look on his face.

### BISLEY 1984

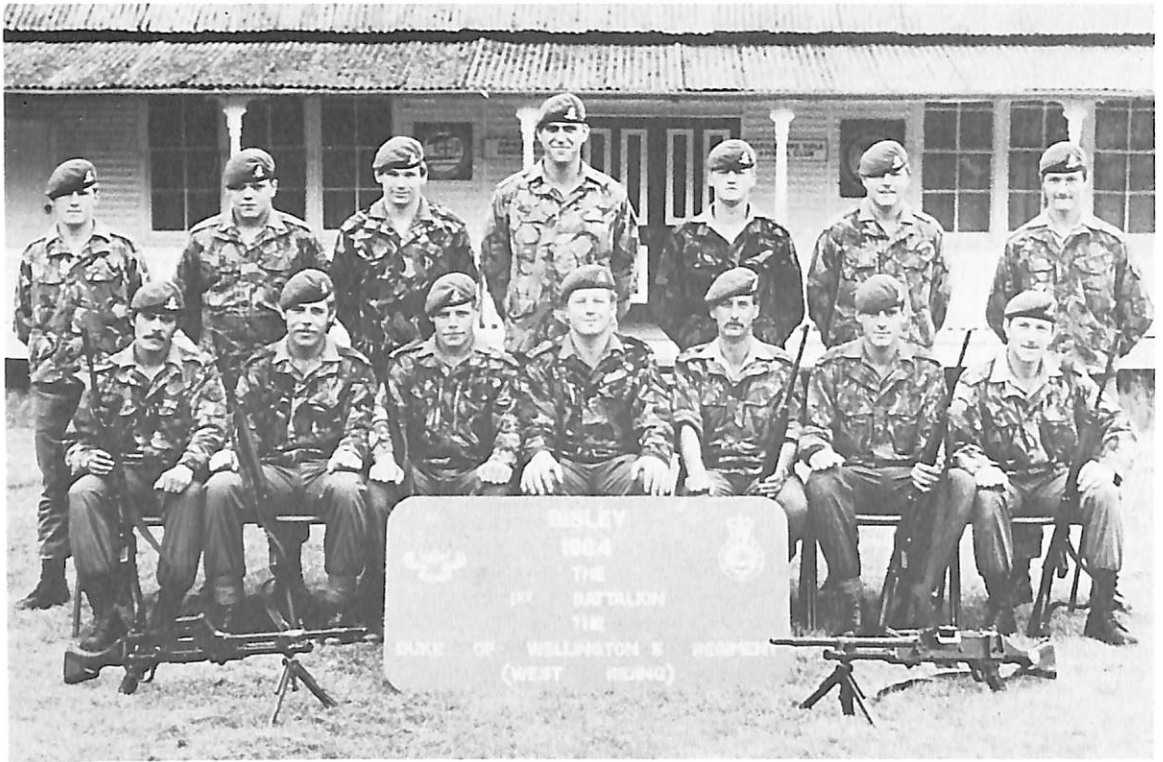
The Bisley Squad was selected in Gibraltar during April. The final squad was selected from the previous Bisley team and the best young shots in the Battalion. We overcame the limitations of training in Gibraltar by travelling back to the UK on May 3rd. On arrival we discovered that we had been invited to shoot at the North East District Skill At Arms meeting. This was definitely a home fixture for us and we launched into two weeks hard training at Catterick in order to give a good account of ourselves. NEDSAM proved promising with the team finishing third overall with L/Cpl Brown winning the moving target, Cpl Nicholaides third in the rifle match while the finale was a second place in the falling plate match.

After the excitement of NEDSAM we moved to the quiet Sealand range near Chester. We used the gallery range to improve our individual skills and to

consolidate the foundations of the team. After three weeks we moved back to Catterick for our final training on the Electric Target Ranges.

On July 2nd we moved to Bisley. We had two days to settle down and then the shooting started in earnest. We started with the rifle matches and soon realised that our practice had been worthwhile and whilst our results were not at the top we were still doing well. We fired the team matches during the second week and despite some ups and downs we finished 30th in the Major Unit Championships. Our main success was Pte "Ben" Bates who gained a well deserved place in the Army Hundred after pulling himself up nearly 50 places in the second stage. We were all pleased that he was able to receive his medal from Lieut General Sir Charles Huxtable who was present at the prize giving.





The Bisley Team

## SPORTS, GAMES AND RECREATION

### Rugby

Rugby training has now started with a vengeance. A great deal of new talent has come to the fore and the competition for the 1st XV is great. Having entered the Army Cup this season a number of games have been organised against local sides as a warm up. Several fixtures have also been arranged for Exercise High Tide as well as the opening games of the Army Cup. A tour of the North of England has been organised for February 1985, so the prospects are looking good for a full season of rugby and hopefully to make up for lost time in the Army Cup.

### Cricket

It has been a season of mixed success with the senior cups being relinquished, but the junior cups being won. It has also been a season where more new talent has emerged and the enthusiasm for the game permeated throughout the Battalion. It would be nice to think that we have been able to build for the future while in Gibraltar, but in reality it will be a long time before we have the opportunity to play so much cricket again.

Eight members of the Battalion played regularly for the Combined Services in the three Test matches against the Gibraltar Cricket Association. Although the first two matches were relatively easy wins for Gibraltar, we improved considerably to win the third and final Test. The individuals who were our undoing

in the test matches were primarily representatives of United Kingdom Civilian Cricket Club and they also took the honours in the 40 overs Senior League and the knockout Cup. The Army team, 10 Dukes, were runners up in the League and defeated in the semi-finals of the Cup competition. There have been many fine individual performances throughout the season and each has had his turn, but particular mention must be made of Pte Summersgill who scored 545 runs in 9 innings at an average of 90. The most remarkable victory was against the Navy when we scored 308 for 1 in 40 overs (Pte Summersgill 143 no, Capt Shuttleworth 119 no) and dismissed them for 109!

In the Minor Units 30 overs League Competition each company entered a team. Corunna emerged as the victors having won all of their eight matches; a victory which also counts as part of the inter company competition. The GCA 20 overs league was supposed to be the most lighthearted of the competitions with ten teams entered, but it turned into a tussle for supremacy between Dukes 'A' and Dukes 'B'. The former were represented by the Corporals and Privates and the latter by SNCOs and Officers. At the outset it was intended that few Battalion players would participate, but as the tussle became closer so the Battalion players somehow became available! It was eventually won by Dukes 'A'.

The final competition which we entered was the

six-a-side knockout trophy. One semi-final was contested by the two Army teams (11 Dukes) and was, fortunately, won by the 'A' team who went on to win the final. The man of the competition was judged to be Pte Thomas from Corunna Company.

### Athletics

The season kicked off with the Battalion meeting which was swamped by some bad spring weather. The first major event was the inter-services tournament which the Army won in convincing style scoring as many points as the RAF and Navy combined. The Army team is incidentally also the Dukes since there is only one non Duke player.

Throughout the season an individual league was run by the Gibraltar AAA. We gave many distinguished performances against some very good individuals from within Gibraltar.

The big test of the season was the Combined Services against the Gibraltar AAA. Last season we narrowly lost by 2 points and this season we were determined to win. It proved to be another fiercely fought competition with the lead swapping with each event. Although the Gibraltar AAA had more individual talent than the Combined Services they lacked the depth. The competition could not have been better stage managed with all scores equal with just the 400m relay leg to go. The relay was outstanding in everyway, Lieut D. Bruce ran the first leg and managed to hold Gibaltars best 400m runner. The second leg was run by an RAF runner who lost a little ground which was cut back further by Pte Cohen in the third leg. Lieut J. C. Preston ran the final leg and managed to pull back and take the Gibaltarian

on the line. Everyone was delighted with the performance and an outstanding victory against the local athletes who are very strong.

### The Rodbenders (The Fishing Club)

We have had a very full programme of fishing activities. The monthly Battalion's fishing matches continue with what now has become a regular quarterly wives v's husbands match. The last one being in July when the men just managed to hold onto the shield.

Congor fishing has become very popular with the club and on the last "Congor Bash" on the detached mole in Gibraltar harbour a new Gibraltar record was made by Cpl Jones (Somme Company) who brought out a monster of 32lbs, aided by Cpl Jim Briston (Corunna Company) who nearly lost an ear to some rather large snapping jaws.

The team is doing very well in the inter services league where after two of a four match series the Dukes team is at present leading the Royal Navy, RAF and Gibraltar Regiment.

Probably the busiest time of the summer was during the childrens School holidays when each Wednesday for six weeks a party of 30 children aged 8-15 years would head for the harbour to try their hand at fishing. This proved to be a very popular pastime and a special thanks to Mrs Betty Briston and Mary Bell for helping to look after the children throughout. A fishing competition was held between the various age groups to finish off the season and again this proved a great success with prizes being awarded to the winners by RSM Heron.



### The Thrift Shop

Mrs Betty Briston handing over a cheque for £450 in aid of the Cancer Relief Fund. The Thrift Shop, which is run by Dukes' wives, raised the money through the sale of second hand clothes.

**WO2 C. FLEMING**

WO2 'Col' Fleming will shortly leave the Regiment on completion of his regular army service. Colin Fleming joined the Dukes' in 1963 and, after basic training, joined the Mortar Platoon. With the Battalion he has been a Section Commander, a Platoon Sergeant, Provost Sergeant, CSM of Hook Company and Officers' Mess Caterer. Away from the Battalion he has worked with the Army Youth Team, as an instructor with NITAT and the Kings Division Depot, and as a PSI with the Yorkshire Volunteers. A much travelled man, he has served in Germany, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya, Puerto Rico, Canada and Gibraltar. He also spent a good deal of time in Ulster where he was mentioned in despatches. After leave he is taking up a position as a member of the non regular permanent staff with the 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Volunteers at St Pauls Street, Huddersfield.



WO2 Colin Fleming

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR*****Regimental badges at Cherat and Malta***

From: Mr W. Norman  
17 Bank Street  
Jackson Bridge  
17 September 1984

The Editor,  
*'The Iron Duke'*  
Sir,

A hundred years ago the 1st Battalion was stationed at Nowshera on the North West Frontier of India (now Pakistan). The hill station was Cherat and there, on a rather high rock face at East End barracks, was carved the 1st Battalion's badge; to be joined a few years later by that of the 2nd Battalion. These badges are still there - along with those of other regiments, and it is nice to know that the Government of Pakistan sees that they are kept in good repair.

In 1935 the 1st Battalion was posted to Malta and after disembarking from HMT Nevesa they marched to St Georges barracks to relieve The Cheshire Regiment, passing as they did so the Cheshire's badge carved on a slab of Maltese rock. It was not long before the 1st Battalion's badge was similarly carved and placed above that of the Cheshire's. I believe that Drummer Swift was the sculptor. He was a very good self taught artist and no professional could have bettered his work. Some 20 years later the Suez crisis again brought the 1st Battalion back to Malta, this time to St Pauls Bay several miles north of their previous station. Once again our carvers were chipping away at the Maltese rock which resulted in a fine Dukes' cap badge near the entrance to Fort Campbell. This time the instigator I believe was Pop Dodds.

In April this year I paid a visit to Malta and traced the march from Grand Harbour to St Georges and was pleased to see that the badges of both the Dukes' and the Cheshires' were in good condition. I then went on to the ghost town of Fort Campbell at St Pauls and there saw that the Dukes' cap badge is still in fair condition, though the scarlet backing has nearly peeled off. Perhaps we had better ship Pop Dodds off to Malta again with a pot of scarlet paint to put a clean backing to the old badge. Lovable and nice as they are, the Maltese people do not seem to be as particular in these matters as are the Pakistanis.

Yours sincerely,  
W. Norman



The Regimental Badge: Malta

***From the retiring Regimental Secretary***

From: Major G. C. Tedd,  
Regimental Headquarters  
Wellesley Park, Halifax.

The Editor  
'The Iron Duke'  
Sir,

I cannot let this rather emotional time for me pass without saying a few words. First I would like to thank my two Colonels - General Donald Isles and General Sir Charles Huxtable - for allowing me to serve our Regimental family in the appointment I have just quitted.

Next I wish to pay tribute to a small group of people without whose help and support the Colonel's task and my task would be impossible. Without them the central business of the Regiment wouldn't operate. I mean the team at Regimental Headquarters. Victor Prince, Arthur Wood followed by Jack Russell, Major John Milligan followed by Capt Tom Pickersgill - and throughout all, Joan Fish. Her name is last because to her I wish to say a particular thank you. Joan has been at RHQ for 15 years. Always loyal, supportive and knowledgeable she was a source of strength during my personal problems at the beginning, and has remained so ever since. Nor must we forget the friendship and support of her husband, Tony.

I am glad my old friend Lieut Colonel Walter Robins is now in the appointment. We are in good hands.

Your sincerely,  
Graham Tedd

***'For love of Regiment: A history of the British Infantry'***

From: Mr G. Blaxland  
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15th August 1984

The Editor  
'The Iron Duke'  
Sir,

I have been commissioned to write a book with title of "For love of Regiment: A History of the British Infantry".

Although space is limited, I am keen to include all outstanding examples of love shown for Regiment, not just deeds of valour, but also homely acts of devotion that may have escaped mention in history books.

I would be most grateful to any of your readers who might care to send me brief details of any example thought worthy of inclusion. There is no restriction on period, but I am particularly keen to have some good quotes from the inter-war years, 1919-39.

Yours faithfully,  
Gregory Blaxland

## **WELLESLEY COMPANY DWR ACF (Yorkshire Army Cadet Force)**

The Boeing 737 soared into the air, levelled out at some 35,000 feet and 26 members of Wellesley Company relaxed in their seats - bound for Gibraltar and reunion with the 1st Battalion.

After months of sorting out passports, collecting monies, negotiating with airways, we were on our way for a stay from June 2-16 with our friends.

Gibraltar Airport met us with magnificent sunshine and 2/Lieut McNeillis and party quickly whisked us away to South Barracks and Lathbury Barracks which was to become our home for two glorious weeks.

The programme arranged for us by Major Tim Isles and Andy McNeillis was tremendous. It was perfectly balanced as between military and leisure activities. They did us proud. We house-searched; fired on the ranges; map read our way around the Rock; abseiled down, and then climbed up; handled modern weapons; rode in vehicles of all kinds; visited the upper galleries; visited the lower galleries (L/Cpl Peter Walton as guide was superb - a trip not to be forgotten for a long long time); wind surfing; canoeing; and many other activities. Highlights included a visit to St Michaels Cave to see and hear the "Dukes Band on the Rock" and of course the Governors parade in the heart of this tiny peninsula.



**Wellesley Company: A happy memory of Gibraltar**

There was plenty of opportunity to enjoy Gibraltar the holiday centre, with swimming and sunbathing. 2/Lieuts Joe Ashforth and Fred Hillam took the cadets on supplementary watermanship; 2/Lieut Hillary Sisson became a local celebrity on the radio with Martin Taylor and Stephen Hardy of Mirfield, while Major John Tyler "swanned" in Tangiers employing his professional skills to the full negotiating in the Casbah(!)

The Gibraltarian apes had great fun on the backs of cadets while the officers hastily checked the insurance small print, and Farringdons OP and the cable car ride to the pinnacle were both quite spectacular.

## GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL CCF

During the summer four officers and 23 cadets flew to Gibraltar and enjoyed the hospitality of the Battalion for another week's training in the sun. There was plenty of shooting, drill and sight-seeing, including visits to the Royal Navy and RAF. We saw the Battalion at work and spent a day in Morocco. Several cadets qualified on the full-bore shooting tests and two passed the Life Society's Bronze Cross Open Water examination. Our warm thanks go to the CO for hosting us again so readily and also to Capt Robin Pugh and Cpl Maltby for laying on such a full programme.

Our visit lived up to its expectation and were delighted to present a silver claret coaster suitably inscribed, to Lieut Colonel Cumberlege prior to our departure. Following our visit to Convent Square for the Governor's Parade we boarded our jet and the cadets arrived safely at Manchester for the last leg of the journey. We thank Lieut Colonel Cumberlege, the officers, the senior ranks, and all ranks of the 1st Battalion, from the bottom of our hearts for what for us was truly a trip of a lifetime.

Back at school, the training of 74 recruits has continued in earnest during the autumn term. Eight students entering the Sixth Form from other schools opted to join our ranks and are also training for Proficiency. Five of this group were girls and in September they fired well at Strensall Ranges and also carried out a twelve mile expedition, camping en-route in the grounds of Major and Mrs Davis at Arncliffe. The REME and Advanced Infantry Sections continue to prove popular and a total of ten seniors have now qualified for the Advanced APC. Capt Shevill has now qualified as an ACU Instructor.

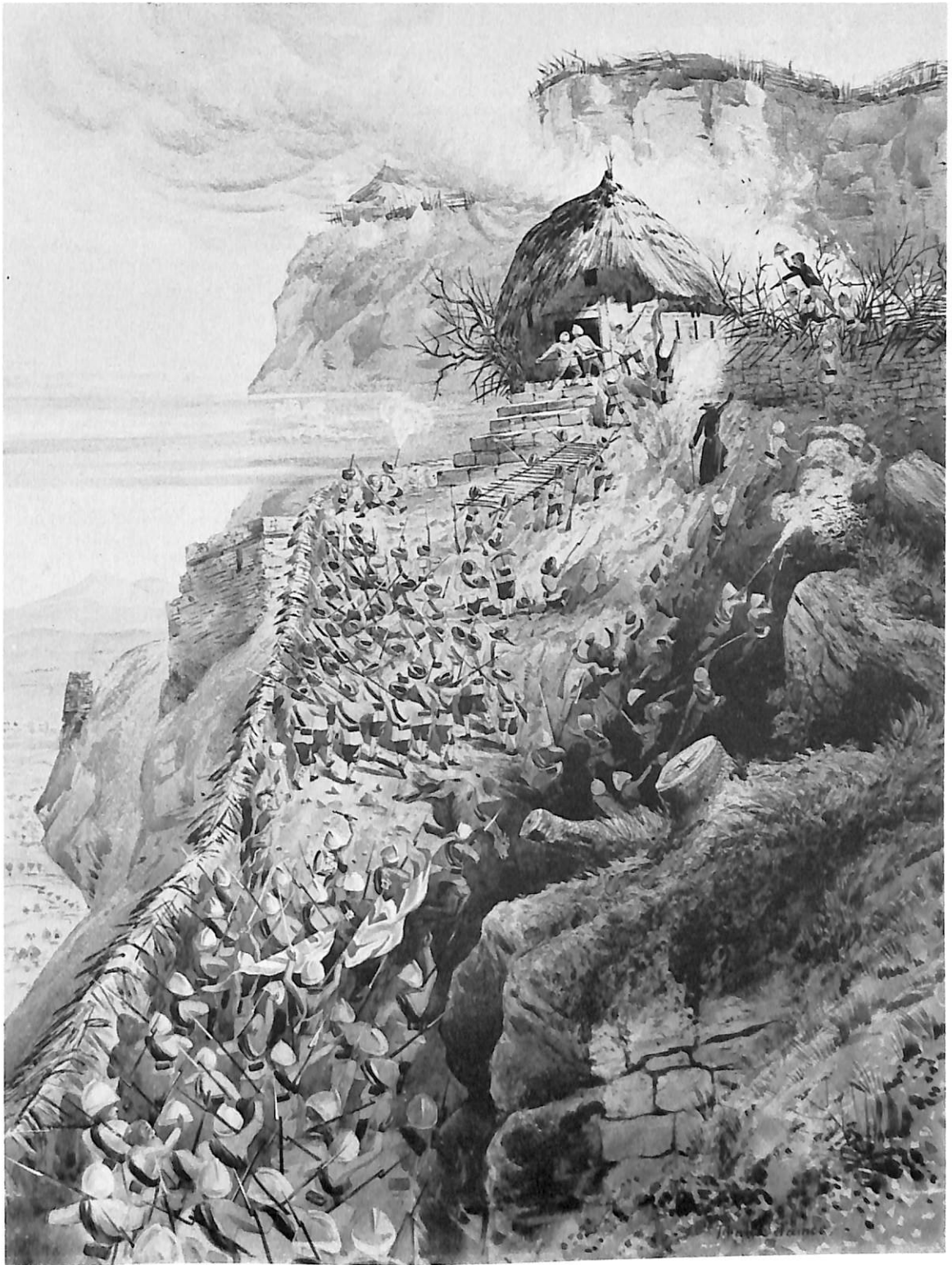
## The Abyssinia Campaign, 1867-1868: Graves of the 33rd at Senafe, Ethiopia

In August 1984 a report appeared in the 'Daily Telegraph' to the effect that The Commonwealth War Graves Commission had undertaken to arrange for the regular inspection of the graves at Senafe. The seven graves there include that of Colonel A. R. Dunn VC who commanded the 33rd Regiment in the Abyssinia Campaign until he died, as the result of an accident while out shooting, on 25th January 1868. Subsequent correspondence with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission elucidated the information that the grave site had been renovated in 1982 at the request of the Canadian Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Canadian interest arose because Colonel Dunn was the first Canadian to be awarded the VC, which he had gained with the 11th Hussars in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava in 1854. The Canadian Department of Veterans' Affairs paid for the restoration not only of Colonel Dunn's grave, but also of the entire site. The site was, incidentally twice repaired by the Italians, first in 1916 and again in 1927. Suitable inscriptions to this effect are affixed to the walls. This, no doubt, accounts for the report written by someone whose knowledge of the Italian language was apparently less than perfect, that Colonel Dunn's grave was beside "the graves of about five Italian officers killed in the Abyssinia War of 1935" ('Iron Duke' No. 82, October 1951). The small cemetery was also repaired during the period of British administration from 1941-1952, and again in 1967.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was asked to provide a photograph of the renovated cemetery, which actually includes six graves apart from that of Colonel Dunn. Unfortunately the pictures that were taken after the renovation in 1982 proved to be quite useless, while insurgent activity in the Senafe area prevents new ones to be taken at the present time.

Apart from Colonel Dunn's grave, which is in relatively good condition, the only other individual who has been identified as buried there is a Lieut Bayly of the 45th Regiment. However it is believed that the other five graves may be those of members of the 33rd Regiment, one of them being that of Quartermaster Vyse, who is known to have died at Senafe on 22nd May 1868. The 33rd had very few casualties during the Abyssinia Campaign, despite the fact that the Regiment led the attack Magdala, which resulted in the defeat and death of King Theodore. In that attack two members of the 33rd, Drummer Magner and Pte Bergin, were awarded the VC. The photograph of a water colour painting, reproduced in this issue, was done by Lieut Frank James of the Bombay Staff Corps. It depicts the exact moment of the attack on Magdala and shows the 33rd forcing the abattis\* to the right to the gateway.

\* 'abattis': Defence made of felled trees with boughs pointing outwards'. (OED)



**The Storming of Magdala, Abyssinia: 13th April 1968**  
(*Photograph by kind permission of the National Army Museum*)

## THE BRIGADE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (Lord Cornwallis' Company 33rd Foot)

In December 1983 a letter was published in the *'Iron Duke'* from Mr Ian Anderson in which he indicated that The Brigade of the American Revolution (BRA) proposed to add the 33rd Foot to the regiments they portrayed when re-creating the life and times of soldiers during the War of American Independence. Since then there have been two interesting developments.

### Uniform of a soldier of the 33rd Regiment circa 1776

The BRA has now made uniforms of the 33rd and a photograph of one of their members wearing one is published in this issue. In the meantime Dr M. Blanch, Curator of the Regimental Museum has asked Mr Anderson if he could purchase one of the uniforms for display in the Museum. Mr Anderson promptly replied that his members would be delighted to present one to the Museum, free of charge.

### The Battle of Guilford Courthouse: 15th March 1781

The following item appeared in the *'Daily Telegraph'* on 3rd August 1984.

"Mrs Thatcher, I hear, is being asked to intervene to stop the desecration of British graves in the United States following plans to turn them into a shopping centre.

The British soldiers fell at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse... when Lord Cornwallis held his

ground successfully against a force of Americans twice his strength.

The present owner of the house which was used as a headquarters and hospital by Cornwallis... is seeking permission to develop the site. If the application is accepted on 20th August, the soldiers unmarked grave will be excavated by bulldozers".

The 33rd formed part of Cornwallis's force of 1,900 men who defeated 4,000 American troops at Guilford Courthouse, though at a very heavy cost in terms of killed and wounded. Fortescue in *'The History of the British Army'* states, "Never perhaps has the prowess of the British soldier been seen to greater advantage than in this obstinate and bloody battle". Because of the 33rd's involvement the Editor wrote to Mr Anderson seeking his help in obtaining a photograph of the threatened house (called Hoskins House) before it disappeared. Until then Mr Anderson, who lives in California, had been unaware of these events taking place in North Carolina. He immediately went into action; sending off a telegram to the Secretary of the Interior in Washington and mobilising his various contacts in the BRA to whip up opposition to the plans of the developers. Local resistance to the idea of a shopping centre on the site of the battle field was, in any case, very strong, so that when the planning authorities met on 20th August they decided to turn down the application. However, this is no more than a reprieve as the owners of Hoskins House and the adjoining land now have plans to develop the area for residential purposes. An appeal has therefore been launched to save Hoskins House which the owners are willing to sell for the sum of \$50,000.00.

The generosity of the BRA in giving one of their copies of the 33rd's uniform of 1776 to the Regimental Museum and their great interest and activity in trying to preserve Hoskins House will be much appreciated by all members of the Regiment.



A member of the Brigade of the American Revolution in the uniform of a soldier of the 33rd Regiment of 1776c



*Hoskins House*

The house was used by Lord Cornwallis as his Headquarters and as a hospital after the Battle of Guilford Court House on 15 March 1781.

# Regimental Association

## TRUSTEES OF THE REGIMENTAL BENEVOLENT FUNDS

A meeting of the Trustees took place at Halifax on Thursday 4th October 1984. Present were: Lieut General Sir Charles Huxtable KCB, CBE, Colonel of the Regiment; Major General D. E. Isles CB, OBE; Mr T. Briggs MC, LLB, DL; Brigadier W. R. Mundell OBE; Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth OBE; Lieut Colonel W. Robins OBE; Major K. M. McDonald TD, JP, BA; Major F. B. Murgatroyd; Major A. C. S. Savory MBE and Major G. C. Tedd. Capt T. Pickersgill and Mr J. Russell were in attendance.

In opening the meeting the Colonel of the Regiment placed on record the Trustees appreciation of the services rendered to the Regiment by the late Colonel N. T. Bentley; the late Lieut Colonel G. Taylor and the late Colonel R. G. Turner. The following were among the matters discussed by the Trustees:

### The accounts for the year ended 31 March 1984

The audited accounts were examined and their continued healthy state noted. The increase of 150 in the number of serving members of the Regiment participating in the Days Pay Scheme was noted with particular satisfaction.

### Investments

The investments made during the year by the Investment Sub-Committee had, in accordance with the Trustees policy, been exclusively into Treasury Stock. The total of all investments was currently valued at £130,000.

### Gifts and Bequests

The following gifts and bequests have been made to the Regiment.

1. A bequest of silver from the late Mrs M. V. Kirkland. The silver had been valued for probate at £3,600, but the actual value could prove to be more than twice this amount. It was agreed that the silver would be sold and the proceeds placed to the credit of the Friends of the Regiment appeal. Mrs Kirkland had also left £1,000 to the McGuire-Bate Fund.
2. A bequest of £500 from the late Colonel R. G. Turner to the Friends of the Regiment appeal.
3. A gift from Mrs J. M. Semple, the widow of the late Revd E. G. Semple, of a silver cigar box inscribed with the badge of the 2nd Battalion, a silver cigar lighter inscribed as a gift from the Sergeants Mess and a framed photograph of the MG Platoon 2 DWR in 1927. The Revd Semple had been a most respected friend of all ranks of the 2nd Battalion when they were stationed in Singapore in the late 1920's.

### Donations and grants

The following donations/grants were approved:  
 To the Army Benevolent Fund a donation of £1,500;  
 To the Royal British Legion a donation of £200;  
 To the Salvation Army, Halifax a donation of £50;  
 To the British Limbless Ex-servicemens Association a donation of £50.

A grant of £400 was authorised for payment to the Management Fund of the Regimental Association plus approximately £500 towards the cost of the annual dinner of the Association.

### York Minster

The Trustees agreed a donation of £100 from the War Memorial Fund towards the cost of restoration of the South Transept, which was severely damaged in the fire earlier this year.

### The Regimental Museum

It was noted that £2,500 remained to be found to meet the total cost of £22,500 to be incurred in refurbishing the Regimental Museum. The Colonel of the Regiment decided that the £2,500 would come from the proceeds of the sale of the silver left to the Regiment by Mrs Kirkland and that a suitable inscription to that effect would be placed in the Museum.

### The 'Iron Duke'

The finances of the 'Iron Duke' for the year ended 31st December 1983 and anticipated expenditure for 1984 were examined. The latter showed that there was likely to be an excess of expenditure over income of approximately £500. It was decided to authorise a grant of £500 to the 'Iron Duke' account. At the same time the importance of trying to increase advertising revenue was emphasised.

### Future financial policy

The Trustees had a lengthy and detailed discussion on the possible options open to them now that the income of the various funds were at a level likely to be able to meet all foreseeable benevolent needs. From this discussion it was decided;

1. That an examination should be made of the possibility of creating a new Trust, out of the existing trusts, with wider discretionary powers than those that exist at present.
2. That future investment policy should make provision for some capital growth, and not solely on increasing investment income as has been the policy over the past few years.
3. That consideration should be given to providing additional benefits for both serving and past members of the Regiment.

### Regimental Association Rules

The need for to up date Rules was discussed by the Trustees at their meeting in 1983. However in the light of the possibility of creating a new Trust it was agreed that no immediate progress could be made.

### The Regimental Secretary

The Colonel of the Regiment recorded the appreciation of the Trustees to Major Tedd for the services he had rendered to them and invited him to continue as a Trustee of the Funds.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Regimental Association was held



at St Pauls Drill Hall, Huddersfield, on 20th October 1984.

The Colonel of the Regiment in welcoming all members present stated that he hoped they would try and persuade even more members to attend next year. The AGM was important since it not only helped members to keep abreast of the Association's activities; but also how it obtained and distributed its funds.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Lieut Colonel Johnnie Walker and members of the 1st Battalion, Messrs Jackie Horne, J. W. Eelback, H. Haigh, J. Newby, R. Temple, J. Ashton and G. Corke.

### 2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 22nd October 1983, were read, approved as a true record and signed by the Colonel.

### 3. Matters arising

1. The Colonel asked the General Secretary for a report on action taken over the Halifax Branch.

The General Secretary explained that an advertisement had been placed in the local paper and that Buffet Suppers had been tried but to date with little success.

Mr C. Frear of Bradford said that the Secretary of the Ovenden Branch of the RBL was an ex-Duke and he was trying to get him to one of the Halifax's Branch Meetings.

The Colonel asked all members present to try and encourage known ex Dukes in the Halifax area to attend the Branch Meetings and take their place in the Regimental Association:

2. An investigation had been carried out with reference to the colour of the fringes of the new Branch Standards, as agreed at the last Meeting. This had shown that gold fringes were harder wearing apart from the fact that gold is the colour of the fringes on the Regimental Colours. The Colonel had therefore directed that gold fringes were to be used.

### 4. General Secretary's Report

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

"Firstly may I thank the Trustees on behalf of all our members for their generosity in subsidising the cost of the tickets for the dinner, which I would otherwise have had to increase.

#### Financial Assistance

Grants totalling £3,655 were made to 63 cases. Once again a drop in numbers, (there were 80 last year) but already this year over 50 cases have been dealt with.

Don't forget, if you know of any ex member in difficulties, please let us know at RHQ. All applicants will be dealt with in confidence.

There are now seven persons receiving the OCA Special Allowance, which is £80 per annum paid quarterly (an increase of two).

No grants have been made from the War Memorial Fund other than the standing orders to the two Regimental Chapels at Halifax Parish Church and York Minster.

The number of our members enjoying a fortnight at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Home at Lowestoft was 7 at the cost of £426.00. We try to share these holidays amongst the branch members who cannot afford to pay for themselves. It is a condition that no one goes in consecutive years, so as to give more people a chance. Members may go at their own expense if they wish. It only costs £33 per week for full board and quite a few members from Huddersfield have been.

#### State of Funds

Copies of the audited accounts for year ending 31st March 1984, which have been approved by the Finance Committee and the Trustees, are available for inspection and can be seen at RHQ at any time.

#### Activities

We started with presenting the new Standards to the branches in April, which was closely followed by the London Dinner in May. Once again a very enjoyable occasion. In July Mossley Branch had their Standard blessed followed by Bradford and Keighley in a joint service held at Keighley Parish Church, in September. Huddersfield are still planning their Service.

The next London Dinner is to be held on 18 May 1984 (Cup Final Day). Mr Cliff Frear, Secretary of the Bradford Branch has arranged a coach to pick up in Keighley, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield and Mossley as required, with two nights bed and breakfast in a hotel to be named later (one of the members is inspecting the ones offered) and use of the bus for transport to and from the dinner. The cost is £50. If anyone is interested please get in touch with Cliff or myself as soon as possible. There will be a £10 a head booking fee which will be non-returnable.

Finally may I thank the Branches for donating the prizes for tonight's raffle".

### 5. Accounts

The Colonel reported that the accounts had been examined and approved by the Finance Committee and by the Trustees.

The accounts were approved as presented.

The Colonel reported that the financial state of the Regimental Association was healthy. The Trustees were in the process of planning the way ahead and he hoped, at next Meeting, to be in a position to explain future policy more fully.

### 6. Any other business

1. The Colonel reported that a new grant had been made this year to the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital Amenities Fund. Other grants that are made annually to organisations that aid ex Dukes continued.

2. Colonel Davidson asked if any grant from the Regiment had been considered towards the York Minster Restoration Fund. The Colonel replied that this matter had been raised at the Trustees meeting and the Finance Committee Meeting. It had been agreed that a grant of £100 would be made as a gesture of gratitude towards the help given in cleaning the Regimental Chapel after the fire.

3. The Colonel thanked Major G. C. Tedd for all the hard work he had put in to the Regimental Association during his term of office as Regimental

Secretary. He offered his appreciation and felt sure that all members of the Association would also wish to add their thanks. The Colonel proposed that a vote of thanks to Major Tedd should be recorded. This was carried unanimously.

### THE ANNUAL DINNER

Following the AGM. 250 members of the Association and their guests sat down to dinner. The newly decorated St Pauls Street Drill Hall made a most pleasant and cheerful venue for the evening and the Association is indebted to the Commanding Officer and all ranks of the 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Volunteers for the use of the Hall and their considerable assistance in making the Dinner such a success. The toast "To the Regiment" was proposed by Lieut Colonel T. J. Nicholson who commands the Depot, The King's Division at Strensall. He assured all present that the quality of recruits coming through the Depot was such, that the good name of the Regiment would continue to be carried forward into the future. The Toast was replied to by the Colonel of the Regiment, who gave a wide ranging review of regimental activities.

Music for the evening was provided by the Ambassadors a quartet who played throughout the Dinner and for dancing afterwards. They were much appreciated and more people took to the dance floor this year than in previous years. The whole evening passed in a very cheerful atmosphere and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

### BRANCH NOTES

**London:** At the AGM of the London and Home Counties Branch held on 24 September Major D. Miller and Mr R. Owers were re-elected to the posts of Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. The meeting was not too well attended this year. It would be so nice to see some fresh faces at our meetings, perhaps bringing with them new ideas.

Two of our members, Major P. Connolly and Mr J. Lappin have both recovered from recent surgery and we wish them good health in the future. It is with great regret that we learned of the death of Colonel R. G. Turner, who was a valued branch member for many years.

For any further information on branch activities ring the Secretary on 01-368-1821 (evenings after 7.00 pm).

**Mossley:** The Branch Standard was formally dedicated at a Service held in St George's Church, Mossley, on Sunday 8 July, 17 years to the day since the Freedom of the Borough was conferred on the 5th/7th Battalion. We were greatly honoured by the presence of the Colonel Gilbert Howcroft now in his 92nd year, the Mayor and Mayoress of Tameside, Councillor and Mrs Geoffrey Brierley, and a detachment from our opposite numbers, Les Anciens Combattants d'Hem. We were especially pleased to see Miss Hannah Bentley, a former Alderman of the Borough, who was Mayor in 1967 and who presided on the occasion of the granting of the Freedom of the Borough to the 5th/7th Battalion. Our Banner was carried by Mr William Middleton and that of our friends by their Vice President M. Henri Ciry. It was a beautiful sunny morning and there was not a seat to spare in Church. The Service was conducted by the

Rev Richard Lindsay and the Verger, Mr James Andrew gave an excellent and accurate summary of the history of the Regiment. After the service a buffet lunch was held at our HQ, the Woodend Working Men's Club, and in the evening, to round off this day to remember, we spent a few happy hours at our old HQ the Friendship Hotel.

The next major event was the 13th annual visit to Mossley of Les Anciens Combattants d'Hem and their ladies for the weekend Friday to Monday the 28th September to 1st October. On the Saturday evening members of the Branch and their ladies entertained our friends to dinner at the Coach and Horse Hotel on the Stanedge Road between Saddleworth and Marsden. This welcome haven lies within sight of the ventilation shafts serving the railway tunnel which runs under the Pennines and which will long be remembered by many members of the 7th Battalion who mounted guard on them during the autumn and winter of 1939. It was a truly splendid evening.

Sunday morning saw us all on parade at St Joseph's Church, Mossley for morning service conducted by Father Joseph Power and we were again honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Tameside. After the service all parties paraded at the Mossley Cenotaph supported by a detachment of the Yorkshire Army Cadet Force (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) under the command of SI Bob Curry. Wreaths were laid by M. Marcel Amadis, President of Les Anciens Combattants, and by Mr Jack Powell, Branch Chairman, and a bugler sounded Last Post and Reveille. Luncheon followed at the Masonic Hall and the evening was spent at our HQ where a buffet supper was served. On Monday a dawn convoy took our friends to Manchester for an early train to London on their journey home to Hem, and so ended yet another memorable weekend.

The Branch meets at the Woodend Working Mens' Club at 8.15 pm on the first Wednesday of every month.

### DEDICATION OF THE STANDARDS OF THE BRADFORD AND KEIGHLEY BRANCHES

The Bradford and Keighley Branches had a joint dedication of their respective Branch standards at a Service held at Keighley Parish Church on 30th September 1984. The Bradford Standard was borne by Mr Harry Artist and the Keighley Standard by Mr G. Butterfield. 2431 (Keighley) Squadron Air Training Corps had their Standard dedicated at the same Service. Also on parade were the Standards of the Royal British Legion, the Royal Naval Association and the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Among the many who contributed to a very successful day were Canon Peter Hutchinson and Padre Hugh Cartwright, who conducted the Service, the Band of the Scouts and Guides and Frank Martin and his helpers who organised the buffet.

**Bradford Branch** now meet at Belle Vue Barracks, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

**Keighley Branch** have also altered their arrangements for meetings, which now take place at the Sergeants' Mess at the Drill Hall Keighley on the last Thursday of each month.



*Mossley Branch*

Colonel Gilbert Howcroft flanked by the bearer of the Mossley Standard and that of the Anciens Combattants d'Hem, on the occasion of the dedication of the Branch Standard on 8th July 1984.



*Bradford and Keighley Branches*

The Standards of the two Branches being carried on the occasion of the joint dedication of the Service at Keighley on 30 September 1984

**8th BATTALION DWR/145 REGIMENT RAC**

The 40th Officers' Reunion and Dinner took place on 20th October at the St Ermins Hotel. Colonel J. F. Webb MC, RAMC proposed the toast to 'The Regiment' and Dr R. M. H. Gompertz replied. Lieut Colonel L. Lustead DSO presided.

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

At the meeting of the Trustees of the Regimental Benevolent Funds held on 4th October it was decided to again donate £200 to the Royal British Legion as a grant in aid towards the cost of holidays. Reproduced below is a letter sent to the Regimental Secretary in acknowledgement of the donation.

"Royal British Legion  
48 Pall Mall  
London W1  
24th October 1984

Dear Major Tedd,

I am enclosing the official receipt for your most generous donation, may I add to my own personal thanks.

The Legion subscribe to many holidays, especially for disabled ex-service people, in the course of any year, and I can assure you that the money will be put to good use.

With renewed thanks.

Yours sincerely,  
T. R. Forrest,  
Deputy Secretary,  
Benevolent Department"

**KEEPING IN TOUCH...****Royal Hospital, Chelsea**

Three former members of the Regiment are currently In Pensioners of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, namely W. H. Glew, J. H. Wilkinson and J. C. Jones. They are always more than pleased to see visitors from the Dukes' and to show them round the Hospital.

**Major E. J. P. Emmett MC**

Major Edward ('Baron') Emmett recently retired from employment with the Territorial Army having served on until the age of 65, five years beyond the normal age of retirement.

His first TA appointment, following retirement from the regular army in 1960, was with 436 LAA Regt RA (TA), as Regimental Administrative Officer. This lasted until the TA was re-organised in 1967 when the Regiment was renamed the South Lancashire Territorials (Prince of Wales Volunteers) RA, with whom he served as Adjutant. In April 1969 there was a further re-organisation of the Reserve Army, which resulted in Major Emmett becoming Adjutant of 33 Signal Regiment (Volunteers) - a title which, under his guidance, was soon abbreviated to the '33rd'.

Major Emmett was dined out by the officers of the '33rd' on 5th September, in the presence of the Master of Signals. During the course of the dinner Major Emmett presented the Master of Signals, for the Royal Corps of Signals Museum, with one of two



Major E. J. P. Emmett MC presenting a Chinese 'burp' gun to the royal Corps of Signals on the occasion of being dined out by 33 Signal Regiment (Volunteers), seated from left to right: The CO Lieut Colonel Tony de V. Hunt, Mrs Betty Emmett and the Hon Colonel, Colonel Michael Stanley MBE, DL

Chinese 'burp' guns captured during the Battle of the Hook on 28th May 1953. The other is in the Regimental Museum at Bankfield. The two guns came into Major Emmett's possession when he sent one of his signallers, L/Cpl Edwin Davies, with a message because of failure of signal equipment. It was two hours before L/Cpl Davies returned and parted the blanket covering the entrance to Major Emmett's Command Post bunker. He apologised for the delay by saying that he met two Chinamen on the way and had to remove their weapons off them viz two 'burp' guns. Major Emmett retires after a career spanning 44 years, including 9 as a 'Gunner' and 15 as a 'Signaller'.

Major Emmett's address is: Lindholme, 19 Brooklands Road, Ecclestone, St Helens, Merseyside.

#### Lieut Colonel J. F. B. Power RAPC

John Power, who was commissioned into the Regiment in 1962 and who transferred to the RAPC

in March 1973 was promoted to Lieut Colonel and appointed Commander Finance North West District with effect from 19 November 1984.

#### Change of Address

Major and Mrs J. M. Newton - Farthings, Beck Hill, Brandsby, York YO6 4RT.

Major and Mrs M. S. Sherlock - 48 Strensall Park, Strensall Camp, Strensall, York.

Major C. F. Grieve - The Hawthorns, Craives Mead, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire WR15 8EX.

Canon Roy Matthews - Darrington Vicarage, Pontefract, West Yorkshire WF8 3AB.

Mr M. Kennedy - 156 Braithwaite Avenue, Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Mr H. Simpson DCM - 27 Foster Street, Heckington, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 9RU.

## Regimental Benevolent Funds

### MANAGEMENT FUND

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1984

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1983		£	1983		£
£			£		
135	Regimental Service .. .. .	199.00	400	Transfer from R A Account .. .. .	400.00
69	Branch Expenses .. .. .	71.20	2	Donations .. .. .	3.80
40	Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .	19.45	32	Raffle (Regt Dinner) .. .. .	31.20
213	Regimental Association Dinner (Deficiency) .. .. .	63.36			
513	<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i> .. .. .	81.99			
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513		435.00	513		435.00
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#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1984

£		£	£		£
416	General Fund .. .. .	337.77	324	Cash at Bank .. .. .	403.45
79	<i>Add Excess of Expenditure for year</i> .. .. .	81.99	14	Cash at Hand .. .. .	16.31
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		419.76			419.76
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338		419.76	338		419.76
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## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUND

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

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1984

1983		EXPENDITURE		1983		INCOME	
£		£		£		£	£
	Personal Grants	3,655.35		7,152	Interest on Investments (Gross)	8,611.71	
	Grants			237	Covenanted Subscriptions-Officers (Net)	267.80	
—	1 DWR	600.00		578	Bank Interest	466.63	
—	Iron Duke (Free List)	126.00		7,543	Day's Pay Scheme-Soldiers (Net)	7,219.36	
—	Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home	231.00		1,412	Grant from Army Benevolent Fund	404.00	
—	Wreaths and Poppies	134.91		23	Subscriptions and Donations	97.24	
—	Standards	1,608.74			<i>Income Tax Recovered:—</i>		
—	OAP's to AGM & Reunion Dinner	49.00		222	Officers' Subscriptions	111.93	
—	Halifax Branch	110.00		2,215	Day's Pay Scheme-Soldiers	2,620.68	
—	London Dinner	74.09					
—	Management Fund	400.00					2,732.61
			3,333.74				
	<i>Donations</i>						
—	The Royal British Legion	200.00					
—	Army Benevolent Fund	1,500.00					
—	Army Benevolent Fund Refund	80.00					
—	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	100.00					
—	Ex Service Fellowship	62.50					
—	Yorkshire Association of Boys Clubs	50.00					
			1,992.50				
	<i>Sundries</i>						
—	Audit	98.00					
—	Refund to Bank	16.75					
—	General Secretary's Honorarium	300.00					
—	General Secretary's Travel Expenses	743.79					
—	Miscellaneous Expenses						
	(Xmas Cards, Postage, Stationery)	83.28					
—	United Services Trustee Charges	9.43					
—	Trustees Expenses	129.31					
			1,380.56				
	<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>		9,437.30				
			19,799.35				19,799.35
				19,482			

## MITCHELL TRUST FUND

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

1983		EXPENDITURE		1983		INCOME	
£		£		£		£	£
10	Trustees Expenses	15.00		353	Interest on Investments (Gross)	353.24	
19	Sundries	14.00					
299	<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>	324.24					
			353.24				353.24
353				353			

## McGUIRE BATE TRUST FUND

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

1983		EXPENDITURE		1983		INCOME	
£		£		£		£	£
610	Grants	405.00		1,454	Interest on Investments (Gross)	1,520.36	
15	Trustees Expenses	15.00		—	Bequest:- Mrs M. W. Kirkland	1,000.00	
31	Sundries	78.00		—	Rebate:- Rates & Water - Miss Yeoman	467.00	
21	Iron Duke	21.00					
21	Wreaths	11.40					
756	<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>	2,457.59					
			2,987.99				2,987.99
1,454				1,454			

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1984

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
1983		£	£	1983		£	£
—	CAPITAL ACCOUNTS						
78,227	Regimental Association	78,227.44			Regimental Association Fund		
	Add: Excess of income for year	9,437.30	87,664.74		£5,000 City of Cardiff Bond 14% 1989	5,052.33	
					£4,616.80 Greater London 6½% Stock 1990/92	4,497.39	
3,255	Mitchell Trust Fund	4,255.44			£5,410.70 Treasury 9% Stock 1994	5,475.56	
	Add: Excess of Income for year	324.24	4,579.68		£4,550 Treasury 15½% Stock 1998	4,320.00	
					£8,415.23 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992	8,475.15	
14,015	McGuire Bate Trust Fund	14,014.86			£1,000 Exchequer 10½% Stock 1997	962.40	
	Add: Excess of Income for year	2,457.59	16,472.45		£3,592.83 Treasury 13% Stock 1990	4,132.06	
					£2,323.70 Treasury 12¼% Stock 1992	2,500.00	
					£2,050 Exchequer 12% Stock 1999/2002	1,995.37	
					£8,704.51 Exchequer 13¼% Stock 1987	8,637.50	
					£2,500 Treasury 12% Stock 1984	2,493.17	
					£2,128.30 Treasury 15% Stock 1985	2,184.41	
					£9,116.77 Treasury 14½% Stock 1994	8,469.65	
				71,510	£18,459.38 Treasury 13% Stock 1990		
					(Market value 31.3.84 £84,975)	20,000.00	79,194.99
					Mitchell Trust Fund		
					£400 Treasury 5% Stock 1986/89	393.35	
					27 Units Globe Investment Trust Ltd. 25p each	32.00	
					£2,451.82 Consols 2½% Stock	997.50	
					£361.50 War Stock 3½%	205.25	
					£892.28 Borough of Southwark 6¼% Stock 1983/86	883.20	
					£455.41 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992	462.97	
				4,096	£971.86 Treasury 14½% Stock 1994	921.70	
					£170.38 Treasury 13% Stock 1990		
					(Market value 31.3.84 £3,755)	200.00	4,045.97
					McGuire Bate Trust Fund		
					£1,582.80 Greater London 6¼% Stock 1990/92	1,543.65	
					£437 Barclays Bank PLC 8¼% Unsecured Loan Stock 1986/93	437.00	
					£500 Treasury 15½% Stock 1998	480.00	
					£3,719.68 Treasury 9% Stock 1995	3,746.75	
					£1,182.12 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992	1,198.33	
					£1,735.50 Exchequer 13¼% Stock 1987	1,732.00	
					£1,973.26 Treasury 15% Stock 1985	2,026.36	
					£1,575.48 Treasury 14¼% Stock 1994	1,492.30	
				13,156	£448.48 Treasury 13% Stock 1990		
					(Market value 31.3.84 £13,274)	500.00	13,156.39
					Income Tax Recoverable		—
				181	Stock of Ties		791.45
				80	Sundry Debtors: Tandy RHQ		79.92
				20	Cash in Hand		19.90
					Cash at Bank		
					Current Account	6,363.80	
				7,521	Deposit Account	5,014.45	11,378.25
					Cash at Bank Allocation		
					Regimental Association	7,578.48	
					Mitchell Trust Fund	483.71	
					McGuire Bate Trust Fund	3,316.06	
						11,378.25	
96,497			108,716.87	96,498			108,716.87

**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT, REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

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

This 14th day of April 1984.

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

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

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

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1984

1983 EXPENDITURE		1983 INCOME	
£	£	£	£
375 Pensions & Special Allowances .. .. .	380.00	1,388 Interest on Investments-Gross .. .. .	1,421.05
50 Trustees Expenses .. .. .	30.00	46 Bank Interest .. .. .	16.73
27 Audit .. .. .	40.25	12 Subscriptions .. .. .	6.50
12 UST-Income Tax Recovery Charges .. .. .	5.29		
— Donation-Royal British Legion .. .. .	200.00		
— Donation-Iron Duke .. .. .	30.00		
364 Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	758.74		
<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,444.28</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>1,444.28</b>

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1984

1983 FUND ACCOUNT		1983 INVESTMENTS (at cost)	
£	£	£	£
12,078 Capital Account .. .. .	12,078.48	4,263 £4,225.99 Treasury 9% Stock 1994 .. .. .	4,263.23
		250 250,000 Thos. Tilling Ltd. 5 1/4 % Cum. Pref. Shares .. .. .	250.00
7,493 Income Account .. .. .	7,492.85	4,019 £9,075.30 Consolidated 2 1/2 % Stock .. .. .	4,018.79
Add: Excess of Income for year .. .. .	758.74	3,581 £3,613.53 3 1/2 % War Stock .. .. .	3,581.08
	8,251.59	1,051 £1,032.07 Northern Ireland 7% Exchequer 1982/84 .. .. .	1,051.80
		1,023 £1,000.00 Birmid Qualcast Ltd. 7 1/2 % Unsecured 1981/82 .. .. .	1,023.34
		981 £1,000.00 Rockware Group Ltd. 7% Debenture Stock 1988/93 .. .. .	980.62
		1,012 £998.58 Exchequer 12 1/2 % Stock 1992 .. .. .	1,012.32
		400 £369.56 Treasury 12 1/4 % Stock 1992 .. .. .	400.00
		1,350 £1,334.36 Exchequer 13 1/4 % Stock 1987 .. .. .	1,350.00
		475 £495.95 Treasury 14 1/4 % Stock 1994 .. .. .	475.00
		— £911.80 Treasury 13% Stock 1990 (Market value £14,539) .. .. .	1,000.00
			19,406.18
		14 Income Tax Recoverable .. .. .	2.82
		251 Cash at Bank .. .. .	921.07
<b>19,571</b>	<b>20,330.07</b>	<b>19,571</b>	<b>20,330.07</b>

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Old Comrades Association (1st and 2nd Battalion DWR) Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1984, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

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

This 16th day of April 1984.

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

## Obituary

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

### Mr F. G. Brown

'Topper' Brown died suddenly on 27th July 1984. He was born in Dublin 1898. His father was a regular soldier in the 13th Hussars and he therefore accompanied the Regiment as it moved from place to place, which included some years in India. At the outbreak of World War I he was serving an apprenticeship in Leeds, but immediately decided to enlist. The nearest Recruiting Centre was a tramcar being used for that purpose, and so it was, having added a few years to his age, he found himself in the 15th West Yorkshire Regiment - The Leeds Pals

Battalion. His father soon claimed him for the 13th Hussars; but having completed his training he was posted to the 7th/8th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (presumably because he had been born in Ireland). With then he saw action on the Western Front including Ypres and Messines. In 1917 he was invalided home suffering from the effects of mustard gas, which very nearly lost him his sight. When he had recovered he was posted to the 3rd Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers but was again claimed by his father's regiment. After the failure of the German final offensive in 1919 he was with the 15th Hussars as



they advanced on the heels of the retreating German army through Amiens, Arras, Douai, Lille, Namur and Liege. On the 10th November, the day before the Armistice, he had a narrow escape from the enemy MG fire while out on reconnaissance patrol. Following a very severe bout of Spanish fever he was discharged in 1919 and resumed his apprenticeship in Leeds. However after an argument with the foreman he was sacked and there being no jobs available for unskilled men he enlisted into the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He joined the 1st Battalion and with them saw service in Turkey before being posted to the 2nd Battalion, who were then in India. He served in Kamptee, Nowshera, Multan, Delhi and Peshwar; being the Battalion's Intelligence Sergeant during the Mohmand operations in 1935. He returned to England in 1942 and was posted to Branceph where he remained until the end of the War when he retired in the rank of CQMS.

From an early age Topper was a keen sportsman, always to the front in the athletic team; but perhaps best remembered for his prowess as a boxer. For many years he trained the regimental team. He also played rugby and was a member of the Battalion Rifle team.

His sons, Teddy and Peter, both served in the Dukes'; Peter being sadly killed in action with the 1st Battalion in Cyprus.

One incident, in particular, in Peshwar in 1941, will always remind me of Topper. Late at night, outside the Sergeant's Mess, he was being held back by some fellow Mess members while he shouted "He insulted the Regiment and I'll sort out anyone does that". So typical of Topper. He was a very staunch Duke indeed.

W.N.

### **Colonel R. G. Turner**

Bobby Turner, who died on 18 September 1984, was born in Darjeeling in 1903. He was the son of the late Brigadier P. A. Turner CMG, Colonel of the Regiment from 1934-38. Bobby was commissioned into the Regiment in 1924 and very shortly afterwards joined the 2nd Battalion, then stationed in Egypt. Two years later he accompanied the Battalion when it was posted to Singapore and subsequently, in 1928, to India. From 1931 to 1935 he was with the 1st Battalion at Aldershot and later in Malta. In 1936 he commenced a two year Russian interpretership course which took him to Moscow and Latvia. His knowledge of the Russian language influenced the course of his subsequent career in the army. At the outbreak of World War II he was in a MI appointment at the War Office. This was followed by short periods in two staff appointments before he was appointed 2i/c of the 2nd/6th Battalion in 1941. Within a few months the Germans invaded Russia and Bobby was immediately required to join the British Military Mission to North Russia where he was Head of Army Section. There he remained until 1944 when he joined the Allied Control commission in Austria. After a relatively short period he was sent to Berlin as Head of Russian Liaison Section, HQ Br Troops. His last appointment, before retiring in 1950, was MA Roumania.

Bobby, who never married, always took an active interest in Regimental affairs. In 1959 he became

Editor of the 'Iron Duke', following the footsteps of his father (Business Manager from 1925 to 1940) and his sister, Mrs Kitty Cameron, who was Business Manager from 1940 to 1946. Bobby remained Editor until 1972. The Regiment is very much in debt to the Turner family who between them contributed their services to the 'Iron Duke' for a period of 34 years.

*J. H. D. recalls:-*

"Bobby Turner was much respected and loved by all who knew him. If the term 'gentleman' means what I think, then it fitted Bobby exactly. He was always considerate and kindly and had a good sense of humour coupled with a sense of the ridiculous. The attributes combined with steadfastness and unmatched loyalty made him an ideal companion. Bobby, although a good soldier, never had any real ambitions in that respect. A literary career embracing music, opera, ballet and the arts would have suited him well. It came as no surprise to learn that he died while attending a ballet performance. Bobby Turner, a regular supporter of every type of regimental activity, will be greatly missed".

Colonel Turner was closely associated with the Cambridge branch of the Samaritans. In his address at the funeral service the Revd C. F. Wilkinson referred to that association in the following terms:

"I first met Bobby Turner when I became Director of the Cambridge Samaritans and during my five years of office he became a person on whom I relied. He was a quite man, never spoke five words were four were sufficient, and never pushed himself to voice an opinion. He was quietly efficient, working conscientiously, observing what took place, and storing the information in his computer-like mind, producing it when required. I have never met a man with such an accurate memory for detail. He became a volunteer when the Cambridge branch of the Samaritans commenced in 1962 and was on duty on the first day of operation. His quite, discreet personality was well suited to the role of the self effacing, anonymous listener. Very soon his gift for administration became clear and he generously gave his time and ideas to the development of the organisation. He served on the Directorate under four Directors, all of whom valued his sound, shrewd judgement, his marvellous memory and his gentle tolerance. He resigned in September 1983 after 20 years of invaluable service to the Cambridge branch of The Samaritans".

Among those who attended the funeral service were Lieut General Charles Huxtable, Brigadier A. D. Firth, Canon D. I. Strangeways, Lieut Colonel and Mrs Le Mesurier, Major and Mrs R. V. Cartwright, Major and Mrs J. H. Davis, Major J. L. Streatfield and Miss "Tish" Ozanne (daughter of the late Major General W. M. Ozanne).

### **Mrs. V. E. D. Boutflower**

Mrs Violet Boutflower, widow of Lieut Colonel E. C. Boutflower, died peacefully on 5th September 1984 in her 99th year.

### **Lieut Colonel F. P. A. Woods**

Donations given in memory of the late Lieut Colonel Pat Woods amounted to £158.68, which sum has been placed to the credit of the Friends of the Regiment Appeal. Lieut Colonel Woods was among

the first to respond to the Appeal when it was launched in 1980.

### Colonel N. T. Bentley TD

As briefly reported in the last issue of the *'Iron Duke'*, Colonel Trevor Bentley died on 7th August 1984, aged 73.

Trevor Bentley was one of an outstanding group of pre-War territorial officers of the Regiment. He was educated at Shrewsbury School and commissioned in the 4th Dukes' almost immediately on leaving school. Although the 4th Battalion were converted to Royal Artillery, his interest in and love of the Regiment was constant. He commanded an Anti Aircraft Regiment in Europe in the War, and also commanded the reformed 4th Battalion after the War and subsequently, was Honorary Colonel of the sole Dukes TA battalion when all the former TA units of the Regiment were combined into The West Riding Battalion DWR. In addition he was a Trustee of the Regimental Association for nine years and a member of the Regimental Council 1962-65.

For distinguished wartime service he was awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold.

Trevor was a keen sportman, a useful rugby player and a good golfer and very dedicated in his interest in all sports. As a result he became President of the Halifax Rugby Club and Captain of the Halifax Golf Club.

Trevor had three outstanding qualities; leadership, loyalty and integrity and these shone throughout his life, within his family, to his friends, to those who worked for him in his family business and to the Regiment.

He and his wife, Jean who so closely supported him in all his activities, had innumerable friends within the Regiment many of whom were present at the funeral service at Halifax Parish Church on 10th August and at which the Colonel of the Regiment was represented by Major General D. E. Isles.

J.D.

### J. B. Priestley OM

Mr J. B. Priestley, who died on 14th August 1984 at the age of 89, served in the 10th (Service) Battalion of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in World War I. The Battalion was raised in September 1914 and Mr Priestley was among the first to join them. From July 1915 to mid 1916 he saw service with the Battalion on the Western Front. He was twice wounded. On the second occasion, in the summer of 1916 his connection with the Battalion was, in his own words, "Very neatly severed by an enormous trench mortar".

In October 1933 the 10th Battalion held a re-union dinner in Bradford on the 15th anniversary of the Battle of Vittorio-Veneto. It was attended by 270 former members of the Battalion. Among them was J. B. Priestley. In 1934 his book "English Journey" was published. In it was a chapter entitled "To the West Riding" part of which was devoted to a description of the 10th Battalion re-union dinner, which he had attended the previous year. It exactly catches the mood of such occasions and, being written by a master of the English language, makes compelling reading. It was reprinted in the *'Iron*

*Duke'* of February 1935 and an extract is reproduced below.

In World War II Priestley was very well known as a broadcaster and in the dark days of 1940 was, to quote the obituary in 'The Times', "second only to Winston Churchill as a spokesman of England's determination and faith in itself".

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*Extract from "English Journey" by J. B. Priestley, reprinted by William Heinemann plc in 1984.*

The re-union battalion dinner, which had brought me here when I ought to have been continuing my journey elsewhere, was held at a tavern on Saturday night. The battalion was the 10th Duke of Wellington's, of the 23rd Division, which did good work in France and then in the later stage of war did equally good work on the Italian Front.

I was with this battalion when it was first formed, when I was a private just turned twenty; but I left it, as a casualty, in the summer of 1916 and never saw it again, being afterwards transferred to another regiment. The very secretary who wrote asking me to attend this dinner was unknown to me, having joined the battalion after I had left it. So I did not expect to see many there who had belonged to the old original lot, because I knew only too well that a large number of them, some of them my friends, had been killed. But the thought of meeting again the few I would remember, the men who had shared with me those training camps in 1914 and the first half of 1915 and those trenches in the autumn and winter of 1915 and the spring of 1916, was very exciting. There were bound to be a few there from my old platoon, Number Eight. It was a platoon with a character of its own.

When the battalion was swaggering along, you could not get Eight Platoon to sing: it marched in grim, disapproving silence. But there came a famous occasion when the rest of the battalion, exhausted and blindly limping along, had not a note left in it; gone now were the boasts about returning to Tipperary, the loud enquiries about the Lady Friend; the battalion was whacked and dumb. It was then that a strange sound was heard from the stumbling ranks of B Company, a sound never caught before: not very melodious perhaps nor light-hearted, but miraculous: *Number Eight Platoon was singing*. Well, that was my old platoon, and I was eagerly looking forward to seeing a few old remaining members of it.

Never have I seen a tavern stairs or a tavern upstairs so crowded, so tremendously alive with roaring masculinity, as I did that night. Most of the faces were strange to me, but here and there, miraculously, was a face that was not only instantly familiar but that at once succeeded in recalling a whole vanished epoch, as if I had spent long years with its owner in some earlier incarnation. We sat down, jammed together, in a dining room that can never have held more people in all its existence. It was not full, it was bursting. We could hardly lift the roast beef and apple tart to our mouths. Under the coloured-paper decorations, we sweated like bulls. The ale went down sizzling. But we were happy, no doubt about that. We roared at one another across the narrow tables.

The toast in memory of the dead, which we drank at the end of the dinner, would have been very

moving only unfortunately when we were all standing up, raising our glasses and silent, there came from a very tinny piano in the far corner of the room what sounded to me like a polka very badly played. I tried to think, solemnly, tenderly, about my dead comrades, but this atrocious polka was terribly in the way. I sat down, bewildered. "Damn fool played it all wrong", growled the major, our chairman, in my ear. "Should have been much slower. Regimental march, y'know". That little episode was just like life; and I suppose that is why I am at heart a comic writer. You stand up to toast your dead comrades; the moment is solemn and grand; and then the pianist must turn the regimental march into something idiotically frivolous, and ruins the occasion.

I had arranged to meet, in a little ante-room, the survivors of my original platoon, and as soon as I decently could, I escaped from the press of warriors in the big room, to revisit my own past. There were about eight of us present, and we ordered in some drinks and settled down to remember aloud. I had not seen any of these fellows for seventeen years. I knew them all, of course, and they seemed little older. The difference was that before they had all been soldiers, whereas now their respective status in civilian life set its mark upon them, and now one was a clerk, another a tram-conductor, another a mill-hand, and so forth.

As figure after figure, comic and tragic, came looming up through the fog of years, as place after place we had been in caught the light again, our talk became more and more eager and louder, until we shouted and laughed in triumph, as one always does when Time seems to be suffering a temporary defeat. Frensham, Aldershot, Folkestone, Maidstone, Bully Grenay, Neuve Chapelle, Souchez - how they

returned to us! Once again the water was rising round our gum boots. We remembered the fantastic places: that trench which ran in front of a grave yard, where the machine-gun bullets used to ricochet off the tombstones; that first sight of Vimy Ridge in the snow, like a mountain of despair. We recalled to one another the strange coincidences and dark premonitions: poor melancholy B. who muttered, 'I'll be lying out there tonight', and was, a dead man that very night; grim Sergeant W. who said to the draft, "This is where you can expect to have your head blown off", and had his own head shattered by a rifle-grenade within three hours. And little Paddy O., who had always seemed such a wisp of a chap, with everything about him drooping, who looked the same as ever, ready to drop at any moment, though he never dropped and the Central Powers must have spent hundreds of thousands of marks trying to kill him, little Paddy, I say, came close to me, finished his beer, and asked me, stammeringly as ever, if I remembered sending him from the front line for some water for the platoon, on a summer morning in 1916. "Nay", he stammered, "I wasn't gone more than t-ten minutes, and when I c-come back, where you'd been, Jack lad, there was n-nobbut a bloody big hole and I n-never set eyes on you again till to-night". And it was true. I had sent him away on a ten minutes' errand; immediately afterwards a giant trench mortar had exploded in the very entrance to the little dug-out where I was dividing up the platoon rations; I had been rushed away, and was gone before he returned; and it had taken us more than seventeen years to find one another again.

## NOTICES

### THE PRINCE PHILIP APPEAL FOR COMMONWEALTH VETERANS

Attention is drawn to The Prince Philip Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans, a one-off campaign due to be launched early in 1985.

The Appeal is to meet the needs of those who fought beside us during the Second World War and since, in Europe and around the world; it will also be for their widows and families.

Over the years their problems have increased and many suffer from disabilities which only emerge as they grow older. The incidence of their needs is now reaching their peak as they move in age through their sixties, seventies and eighties.

The problems exist everywhere but many Commonwealth countries lack the resources to provide the assistance required, others have since independence, lacked the understanding or predisposition to do so. These veterans and their dependants have nobody to turn to but ourselves. They are our responsibility; this is why a £5M Appeal is to be launched.

The Funds raised will be administered through the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, which has an international network of member organisations, so that personal contact, experience and assessment will always be provided.

### THE UNION JACK CLUB

The Union Jack Club was founded in 1904 to provide residential accommodation in Central London for members of the Armed Forces below commissioned rank and their families. All Servicemen and Servicewomen are automatically members of the Club. Ex-service men and women are also eligible for membership for an entrance fee of £5 and an annual subscription of £3.

The Club was completely rebuilt between 1972 and 1975 and now occupies a large modern building with comprehensive facilities. There are 417 single bedrooms and a 63 twin-bedded bedrooms for families, each with its own wash hand basin. There is a members Dining Room run on cafeteria lines and other public rooms include a billiard room with three tables, bars and television rooms, a library, reading room, a children's play-room and a launderette.

Accommodation charges are currently £10.25 per night for a single room and £19 for a double room with twin beds. Children from 3 to 12 are charged £5 per night and children under 3 stay free when sharing a parent's room.

The Club is located near to Waterloo Station. The address is: Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, Waterloo, London SE1 8UJ. Telephone 01-928 6401.