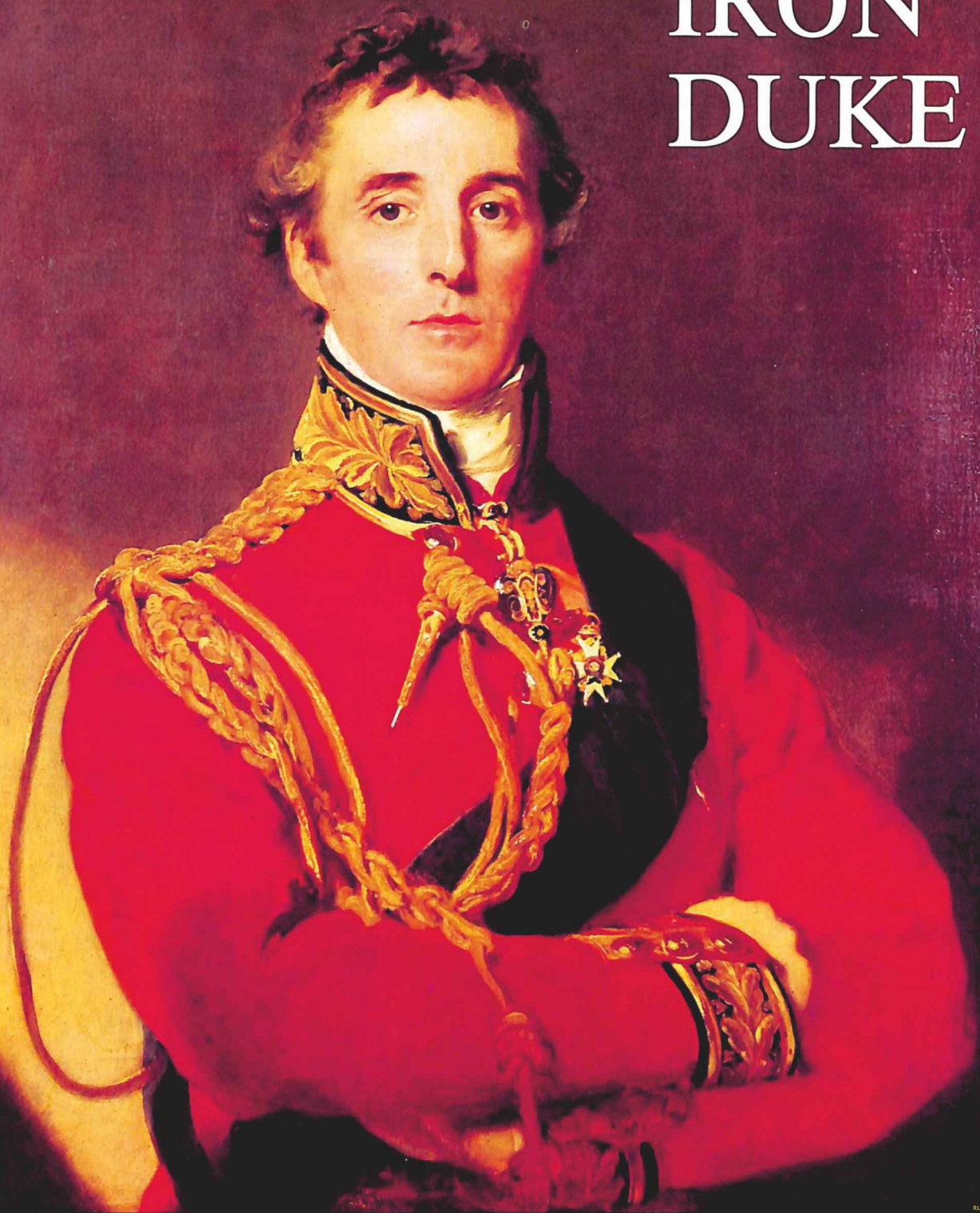


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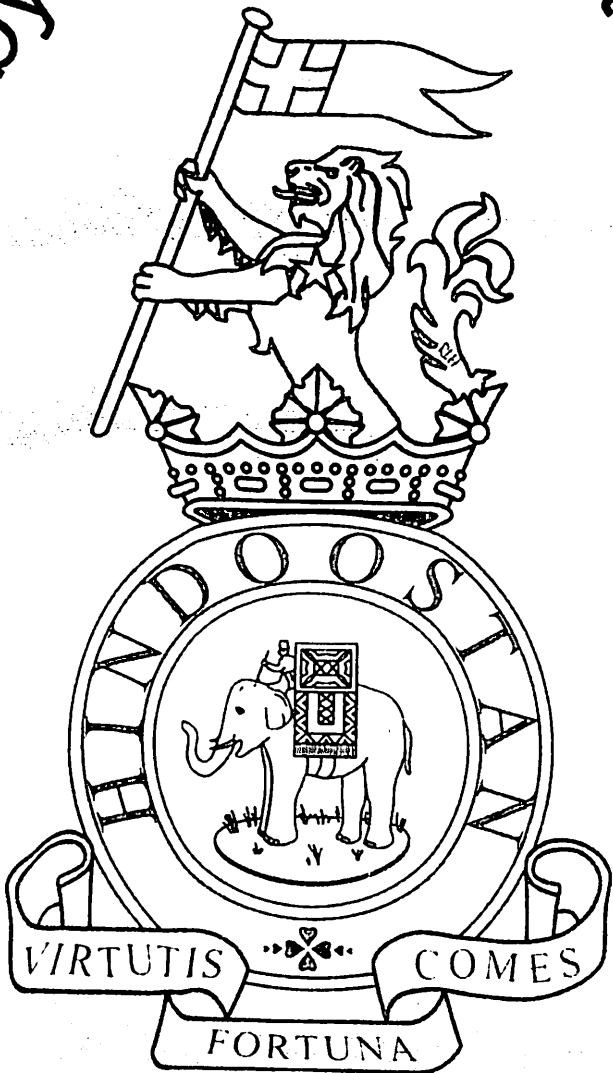
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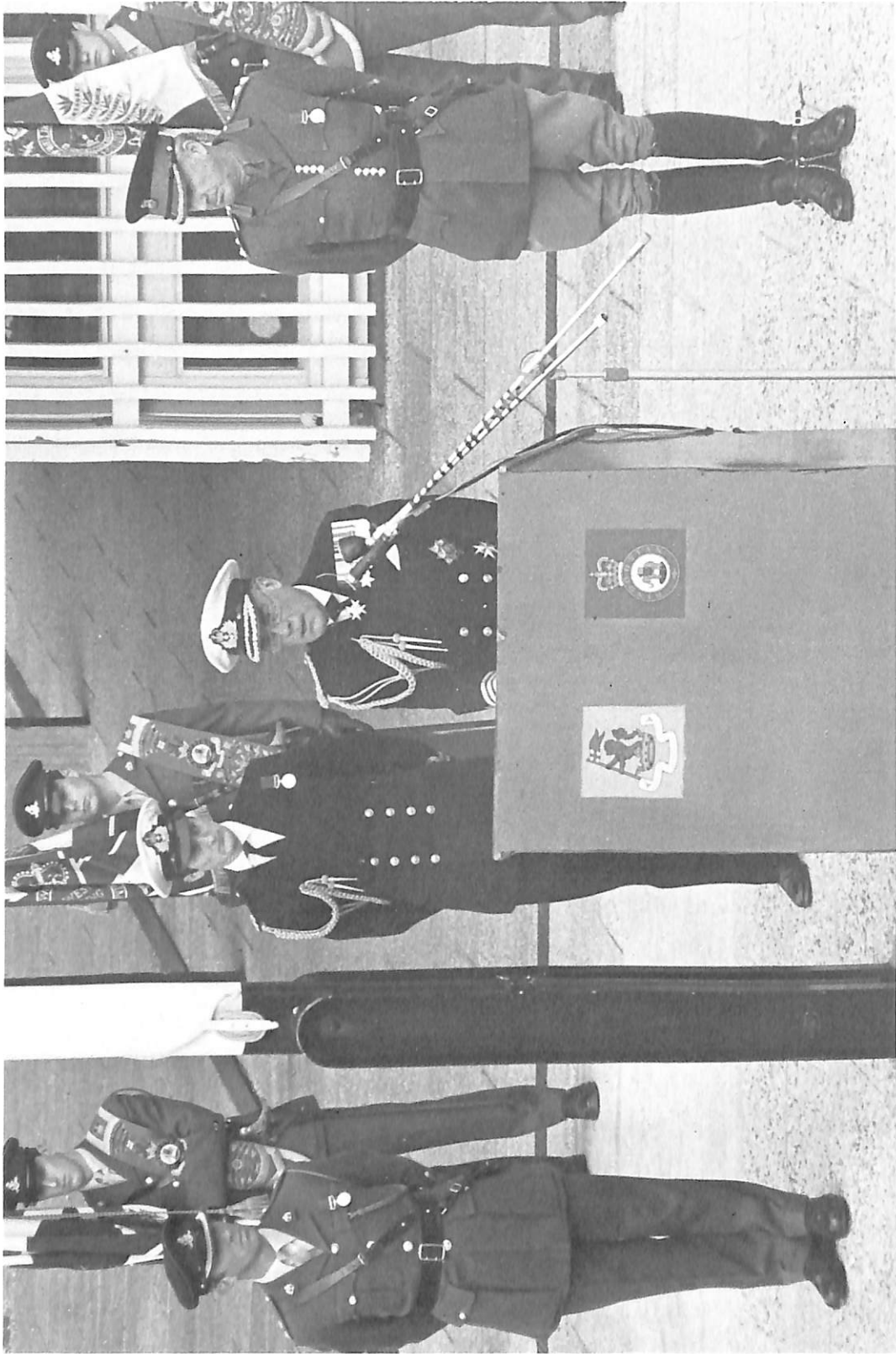
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Farwell to Gibraltar
His Excellency The Governor and Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir David Williams GCB, addressing the Battalion during his farwell visit on Thursday 17th January 1985. He is flanked by the Commanding Officer and the Deputy Fortress Commander, Brigadier R. T. P. Hume

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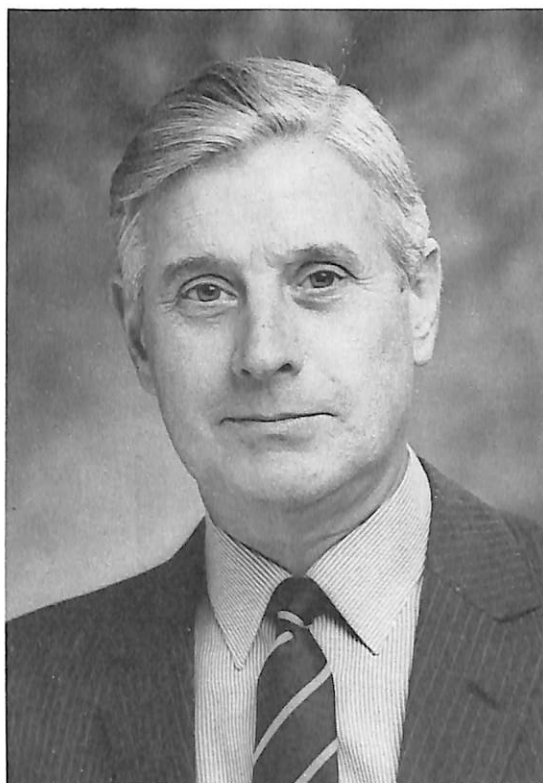
Regimental Notes

THE REGIMENTAL SECRETARY

Lieut Colonel Walter Robins took over from Major Graham Tedd as Regimental Secretary, on 1st November 1984.

Lieut Colonel Robins retired from the regular army in July last year after 37½ years service having enlisted into his father's old regiment, in January 1947 at the age of 17½. He joined the 1st Battalion in January 1948 as a Corporal and apart from two years at RMA Sandhurst 1949-51 as a Sergeant Instructor on the Drill and Weapons Wing and a year with the West Riding Battalion DWR (TA) in 1961-62, he remained with them until December 1972, a period of almost 25 years. During this time he saw service in BAOR, Korea, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Northern Ireland and he visited many other countries. In 1961 he was appointed RSM of the West Riding Battalion (DWR) (TA) based in Huddersfield before returning to the 1st Battalion, as RSM in 1962. He was commissioned in late 1964 and appointed Quartermaster of the 1st Battalion; a post he held for the next eight years, after which he served on the staff of HQ 44 Para Bde (TAVR), HQ York Garrison and in Northern Ireland. In 1978 he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and appointed Staff Quartermaster at the RMA Sandhurst where he remained for his final six years of service. Colonel Robins was "Mentioned in Despatches" for services in Korea, awarded the MBE in 1971, and the OBE in the New Year's Honours of 1984.

Married with three children he is now living in Warley near Halifax. His eldest daughter who was born in Huddersfield is married, his second daughter is reading medicine at Liverpool University and is son is at Pocklington School.



The Regimental Secretary
Lieut Colonel W. Robins OBE

HONOURS AND AWARDS

All members of the Regiment will be delighted with the news of the award of the MBE to ex WO1 (RSM) R. M. Basu, announced in the New Year's Honours List. The award is a fitting tribute to his services both to the Army and to the Regiment. His name and address is now: RMB Vesikula MBE, PO Box 5374, Raiwaqa, Suva, Fiji Island.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberlege has been selected for promotion to Colonel in 1985.

Major A. R. Redwood-Davies MBE, was promoted to Lieut Colonel, 31 December 1984 and assumes the appointment of SOI Trg Oman in May 1985.

Major A. D. Roberts MBE was promoted Lieut Colonel in March 1985 and assumed the appointment of SOI Wpns RMCS Shrivenham.

Major J. M. Thorn to be promoted Lieut Colonel and to Command 4 King's Own Border, 6 May 1985.

Major P. D. D. J. Andrews to be promoted Lieut Colonel and to command Depot the King's Division, July 1985.

Major P. D. Gardner to be promoted Lieut Colonel and to Command 2 Yorks, March 1986.

The promotion of five officers of an infantry regiment to the rank of Lieut Colonel, within a short period of 15 months, must be a rare occurrence.

RECORDS OF SERVICE

As RHQ receives no official details of service in respect of officers and soldiers on their retirement or discharge the records held by RHQ are either non-existent or incomplete. It is therefore intended to initiate a simple proforma to record the information required and this will shortly be sent to as many ex-members of the Regiment as possible for completion and return. RHQ will be most grateful for the help and co-operation of all concerned in the carrying out of this exercise.

'THE HISTORY OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT 1919-1952'

The above described history, by Brigadier C. N. Barclay, which includes a description of the history of all battalions of the Regiment during World War II, is available from RHQ at a cost of £3.50 (£5.00 including p & p).

LEGACIES, BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS

The following legacies, bequests and donations have been received:

— From the estate of the late Colonel R. G. Turner, £500 for the Friends of the Regiment Fund plus a silver tray, two Staffordshire pottery figures of The Duke of Wellington, a Cuneo print of a Northern Ireland scene, a Spode Regimental plate, a complete set of the 'Iron Duke', a statuette of a NI soldier, 2 DWR Rugby cap 1925-26, photograph albums and various books and journals.

— From the estate of the late Lieut Colonel F. P. A. Woods, £100 for the Friends of the Regiment Fund.

— From Mrs Joan Exham, widow of Major General K. G. Exham CB, DSO, a Cuneo print, which is now in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion.

— From the Shaw Trust, £800 for the Friends of the Regiment Fund, on the Trust being closed. The Trust was formed after World War I for the benefit of members of the 7th Battalion.

— From 1 DWR, £200 from the funds received at the Farewell Band Concert in Gibraltar, for the Friends of the Regiment Fund.

— From Mrs J. M. Semple, widow of the late Capt E. G. Semple RACHD who was in Singapore when the 2nd Battalion was stationed there in the late 1920's, a gift of items of silver presented to him when he left Singapore to return to the UK. The silver includes a fine cigar box from the Officers of the 2nd Battalion which is now held by the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion and a silver table lighter and a set of ashtrays from the Sergeants' Mess of the 2nd Battalion which is now in the Sergeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion.

"On the 27th November there left Singapore in the *Somersetshire* one of the Battalion's greatest friends - Padre Semple. The Rev E. G. Semple MA, Chaplain to the Forces, Malaya, arrived in Singapore just over three years ago, and was one of the first to welcome the Battalion on its arrival. We soon realised that our Padre was one of the best. In messes, barrack rooms, hospital, in the pulpit, and in his own bungalow, he was always the same - amazingly energetic, full of cheer, sympathetic, encouraging, and ever perspiring. It will be hard to forget the cheery shout of greeting, the sodden khaki shirt, the handkerchiefs expended in church, the episcopal "Ford" and last, but not least the fox terrier, "Fat Anne". It is with very sincere sorrow that we bid him farewell. "Bo", as he was affectionately called throughout the Garrison leaves behind him a host of friends, and takes with him the very best wishes for the future from every rank in the Battalion". (Extract from 2 DWR notes in *Iron Duke* No. 9, February 1928).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12 May 1985

Opening of the Wellesley Court British Legion Homes by the Colonel of the Regiment - Huddersfield.

Saturday 18 May 1985

London Branch Regimental Association Dinner - London.

Saturday 19 October 1985

Regimental Association AGM followed by the Annual Reunion and Dinner - Halifax.



Revd E. G. Semple CF

Friday 15 November 1985

Officers' Dinner at the Viking Hotel - York.

Saturday 16 November 1985

York Minster Service and Lunch - Strensall.

GIBRALTAR - THE END OF A SUCCESSFUL TOUR

Reports from many sources indicate that the 1st Battalion had an outstanding tour in Gibraltar. Published below are two testimonials to that effect. The first is an extract from the address given by HE The Governor and Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir David Williams GCB, on his farewell visit to the Battalion on 17th January 1985.

"During your time in Gibraltar, I have been deeply interested in your contribution, not only to the defence of Gibraltar but also to Gibraltar itself and to Gibraltarians. The more spectacular parts of this contribution for me have been your excellent Band and Corps of Drums who have, as it were, carried the banner for the Regiment; by all those who took part in the two spectacular Queen's Birthday Parades; by the members of the Convent Guard; and more recently by the Ceremonial Drill Squad, by the staff of the Army Watermanship Training Centre, by those concerned with Operation "Steep Slope" and

by those soldiers who have kindly looked after us so well at the Convent . . .

To you Colonel Walker and, if I may, through you and in his absence to Colonel Cumberlege, I offer my warmest thanks for what has been done by your Battalion during their time in Gibraltar, I congratulate you on a most successful tour and I wish each one of you and your families the best of good fortune in the future. The Duke of Wellington once remarked about the draft of troops sent to him in Spain in 1809, "I don't know what effect these men will have upon the enemy but by God they terrify me". If I may amend that for the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment of today, I would like to say, "I know what effect you men will have on the enemy and by God you greatly impress me".

Air Commodore J. M. Pack CBE, RAF, Air Commander Gibraltar, in a letter to Lieut Colonel E. J. W. Walker dated 7th February 1985, from which the following is an extract, also recorded his

appreciation of the Battalion's contribution to life in Gibraltar:

"May I take this opportunity to thank you - and Charles - all of your officers, NCO's and soldiers for giving the Services such a professional lead in all respects. Whilst I am not well versed in soldiering terms, the Dukes have, for me, been a source both of pride and envy which I know is shared by my RAF colleagues. In the way they have performed their many duties, in their co-operation, and in their many successful PR endeavours here they have "done us all proud".

I, my family and all personnel here at RAF Gibraltar will miss the Dukes a great deal. You take with you from Gibraltar our thanks for all you have done".

Air Commodore Pack, like the Governor, also paid tribute to the Band and Drums, "which for almost two years represented the immaculate standards of the Battalion".

FAREWELL TO GIBRALTAR

by Captain Denis Whittaker

Throughout our 22 months tour great emphasis had been placed on good community relations, and this became increasingly vital as rumour, speculation and the eventual announcement of the full opening of the Spanish/Gibraltarian border hit the international headlines. Indeed, the spotlight fell on Gibraltar at a hectic period in our regimental calendar. The battalion had just returned from Exercise High Tide in England, having been relieved in Gibraltar by 1 Glosters. The handover/takeover of Lathbury and South Barracks had to be quickly achieved and routine re-established. The inspectors were knocking at the door for the periodic equipment examination, the Deputy Fortress Commander was shortly to carry out his formal annual inspection, the advance party of 1 Queens, who were to replace us in January, was about to arrive, and a demanding farewell programme had been planned and Christmas was upon us!

The purely military matters progressed well, and then the first event in the farewell programme took place on 6th January in the beautiful setting of St Michael's Cave. This truly memorable charity concert, performed by the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums and appropriately entitled 'The Last Night of The Dukes', was held in the presence of His Excellency The Governor, Lady Williams, several Gibraltarian Ministers and in all, a capacity audience of over 600 people. Local guest artistes added greatly to the variety of the programme which was later transmitted on Gibraltar television. The concert raised some £1,000 for the Army Benevolent Fund and regimental charities and resulted in a considerable number of highly congratulatory letters from notable dignitaries. The Gibraltar Tourist Office was extremely generous in allowing us to use the Cave free of charge.

This generosity of the Tourist Office was repaid in part on the following Thursday when the Minister of

Tourism and a number of his colleagues attended the Officers' Mess farewell party among over 100 guests. The party was held as a token of gratitude for the tremendous help and support freely given by all sections of the civilian and military community throughout our tour.

Next, Major Don Palmer, who had been the guiding light in our major Community Relations Project, Operation 'Steep Slope', organised a charity 'Fun Run' which took place on 13th January. The following notice, published in Battalion Routine Orders on 14th January, tells the story:

"The Fun Run yesterday was a triumph. I congratulate all who took part whether as an organiser, assistant or as a runner and thank most sincerely many of the wives who gave up their time to help us stage this event. I applaud the spirit in the way the event was conducted and congratulate the many fancy dress artists who helped make it the fun event it was. I am especially grateful to OC Hook Coy and the many Officers, NCOs, soldiers and their wives who laid on the Run. The battalion will be pleased to know that once all expenses are paid there will be sufficient money for me to present a cheque for £1,000 to Mount Alvernia Senior Citizens Home. Well done everyone".

On 17th January, hot on the heels of the 'Fun Run', came the farewell visit to the battalion by His Excellency The Governor and Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir David Williams. Addressing the assembled officers and soldiers, His Excellency was at pains to emphasise the success of the Dukes' tour in Gibraltar. This high praise was later endorsed by the Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan, who in his long and distinguished career in public life could not remember an infantry battalion which had worked so hard and had made such a favourable and lasting impression on the people of Gibraltar.

Meanwhile, back-stage, the engineers were busy



Farwell to Gibraltar

HE The Governor and Commander in Chief being received by the Honour Guard on his farwell visit on 17th January 1985



Farwell to Gibraltar

The Colour Party pass the Convent, the residence of HE The Governor, during the march through Gibraltar on Saturday 19th January 1985

making final preparations for the public finale. The battalion, with Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed was to march through Gibraltar's 'Main Street' on Saturday 19th January. Twenty two months previously the Dukes' had mounted their first Convent Guard. Subsequently we had performed seven 'Ceremonies of The Keys', and two Queen's Birthday Parades, and had been instrumental in introducing a revised and intricate Convent Guard mounting designed to add more splendour to this weekly event, but this was to be the final triumph. So through the packed Main Street crowds the battalion marched with heads high and shoulders square as His Worship the Mayor, The Honourable Abraham Serfaty, took the salute at the centrally positioned

'Piazza'. Then it was over; and another proud chapter of Regimental History had been written. There followed only the final Guard Mounting done jointly with 1 Queens and, for the first time ever, with two regimental bands. Our flag outside The Convent was lowered on Tuesday 22nd January and as the Old Guard marched off to Auld Lang Syne one wondered whether we would be back in another 30 years.

But now a new chapter is in the making. The sunshine of Gibraltar is behind us and has been replaced by the snows of Bulford. After a short period of leave activity is again at fever pitch as we pack once more, this time for the jungles of Belize and a totally new challenge.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

There have been two meetings of the Trustees of the Regimental Museum, in recent months. At the first, on 19th December 1984, Dr M. Blanch the Director of Calderdale Museum Services accompanied by members of the Museum staff, made a presentation of the proposed design and layout of the refurbished Regimental museum, with a view to obtaining the Trustees approval, so that work could be commenced. The Trustees approved the imaginative proposals placed before them, one of the purposes of which is to have a display which will not only appeal to members and ex-members of the Regiment; but which will also arouse the interest of the many visitors to the Museum with little prior knowledge of the Regiment and its history.

The second meeting was held on 13th February 1985, with the Colonel of the Regiment presiding. The Trustees were informed that the Regimental Museum is now closed and the work of ordering the materials that will be required to build the Museum to the new design, was well in advanced. Among other matters discussed at the meeting was the production of a short history of the Regiment which it was hoped would also be able to double as a useful background guide to the Museum.

While it was too early to anticipate the date when the Museum is likely to be re-opened the indications, at the time of the meeting, was that it would probably be early in 1986.

(The Museum Trustees are: The Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier D. W. Shuttleworth, Lieut Colonel W. Robins, Major K. M. McDonald and Major A. C. S. Savory. Capt T. Pickersgill is Secretary).

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The following items have recently been donated to the Museum/ Archives.

— Maps of the area of operations in the Naga Hills in

Burma in 1944, (donated by Mr G. H. Wragg - ex corporal 2nd Battalion).

— Two facsimiles of the 'Times' dated 22nd June 1815 containing the Waterloo dispatches, (donated by Major D. H. Wood).

— Letters written by Cpl G. E. S. Major, 1st Battalion, after the Battle of Paardeberg, 18th February 1900, (donated by his great grandson, Major M. R. Major ACC).

— Uniforms and accoutrements of the late Colonel N. T. Bentley TD, (donated by Mrs E. J. Bentley).

— A first edition of The Battle of Waterloo by Christopher Kelly, published in 1817, (donated by Mr W. Norman).

RHQ is indebted to Mr Bill Norman not only for his gift, but also for the time and effort he is giving to sorting out and cataloguing of the many photographs stored in the Archives.

Another tidying up operation has been that relating to the Succession of Officers of the 33rd Regiment. The original and major part of he work was undertaken by Major John Davis during his period as Regimental Secretary when he listed over 600 officers who served in the Regiment from 1756 (when the Army List were first introduced) to 1881. Now more than a 100 further names have been added for the period 1702 and 1755 based on the research records of Dr James Hayes. To these combined lists Major Tony Savory has added references in the *Iron Duke* etc where additional information is recorded concerning many of the officers. The resultant finished product will be an invaluable reference source in the future.

No such hard work is required in respect of the 76th Regiment as the record of officers who served between 1787 and 1881 is printed in an Appendix to 'The Historical Records of the 76th Foot'.

THE 'ELEPHANT' BADGE OF THE 76th FOOT

"In consequence of the earnest recommendation of General Lord Lake, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India, His Majesty has been pleased to signify his most gracious pleasure that, in addition to the permission recently granted to the 76th Regiment to place the word 'Hindoostan' on its colours and appointments, as an honorary badge, the Regiment should be allowed to place the 'Elephant' on its colours and appointments, inscribing the word 'Hindoostan' around it, as a distinguished testimony of its good conduct and exemplary valour during the period of its services in India".

Such was the order, announced in the London Gazette of 7th February 1807, which granted the badge of the 'Elephant' to the 76th Foot. But what was the 'good conduct and exemplary valour' which led to Royal recognition and how did it come about?

The gaining of the Indian Empire took place for the most part between 1763 and 1818 and involved first the subjugation of Mysore and then the defeat of the Mahratta princes who controlled and plundered central India. The 76th which had been one of four regiments specifically raised for service in India, took part in the Mysore War of 1789-92. At the conclusion of the war the regiment was moved north to Calcutta and then, in 1800, to Cawpore. In 1803 some of the Mahratta chiefs repudiated their treaty with England. The campaign against the Mahrattas involved two separate operations. That in south Central India (the Deccan) was to be under the command of Major General Arthur Wellesley and that in the north (Hindoostan) under the Commander in Chief, General Gerard Lake. His force consisted of 10,500 men, including three regiments of British cavalry and

one battalion of British infantry (the 76th). On 7th August 1803 he marched from Cawnpore reaching Ally Ghur on 4th September. The fortress there was a very strong one and the storming party, led by the Grenadiers of the 76th, had to advance across a wide and deep ditch along a narrow causeway, which was under incessant fire from the walls above. There was then a long and winding passage blocked at intervals by heavy doors which had to be blown in by guns at point blank range. Despite a determined defence the fortress was taken. The casualties of the 76th were 25 killed and 66 wounded. Major General Arthur Wellesley, on hearing of the capture of Ally Ghur, wrote *"I think General Lake's capture of Ally Ghur is one of the most extraordinary feats I have ever heard of in this country"*.

On 7th September Lake moved towards Delhi where he arrived on the morning of the 10th after a march of 18 miles. However hardly had the infantry arrived than they were ordered to the front. The cavalry were already in contact with the Mahrattas but withdrew until they reached the infantry when they wheeled away to reveal a line of battalions perfectly formed with the 76th on the Right. His dispositions completed Lake placed himself at the head of the 76th and ordered the advance. The Mahrattas promptly opened a tremendous fire. The 76th kept their muskets on their shoulders, despite the concentration of the Mahratta guns on them, until they came within a 100 yards when Lake gave the order to fire a volley and charge. The effect was crushing and the Mahrattas broke. The action came to an end at seven in the evening by which time the infantry had been on foot for 16 hours; for the most part under a blazing sun. The casualties of the 76th were 138 killed, wounded and missing.

On 1st October the Governor General issued an order granting honorary colours to the Regiment "in testimony of the peculiar honour acquired by the Army under the personal command of His Excellency General Lake..." and in reference to the 76th "...the high reputation established by that respectable corps in various sources of difficulty and danger in India, appeared in the battle of Delhi with a degree of lustre which has never been exceeded even by British troops..." (1).

Lake's next destination was Agra where the army arrived on 4th October. The fort there (called the 'key to Hindoostan') was besieged from 10 to 18th October before capitulating. The 76th though present, took little part in the siege and suffered no casualties. On the 27th the army left Agra to do battle with a Mahratta force in a position some 30 miles to the south west threatening Lake's communications and awaiting a favourable opportunity to recapture Delhi. Pushing forward by forced marches Lake reached the enemies vacated position on the 31st. Intent on overtaking them he pursued them with the whole of his cavalry, hoping to keep them engaged until his infantry could come up. Gaining respite by cutting the banks of a large reservoir the Mahratta leaders took up a strong defensive position at Leswaree. However the dense clouds of dust prevented Lake from seeing this and he attacked them with three brigades of cavalry, with little



General Lord Lake of Delhi and Leswarree

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success, under the impression the Mahrattas were still retreating. As soon as he discovered his mistake he recalled the cavalry and resolved to hold the enemy until his infantry arrived. At about 11 o'clock they appeared, namely the 76th and four native battalions. They had been marching since 3 o'clock in the morning and covered 25 miles, much under a blazing sun. After a two hour break the advance continued with the 76th at the head of the column. Arriving at its appointed place the Regiment wheeled into line together with a battalion and a half of native infantry. The remainder of the column was delayed and the leading elements were compelled to await their coming under a murderous and well directed fire. Lake seeing that no troops could endure such a trial for long ordered the 76th and the native troops with them to advance. They were received with a murderous salvo from the Mahratta guns and an attack from their cavalry. The Mahrattas fought with skill and determination but eventually with the arrival of the remainder of his infantry Lake was able to sweep them from the field. Of this battle Fortescue, in the 'History of the British Army' expressed his view, "As to the British troops, *the conduct of the 76th ranks with the very highest that has ever been recorded of any corps in the British Army*". General Lake in his report to the Governor General stated: "When the 76th, which headed the attack, arrived at the point from which I intended to make the charge they were so much exposed to the enemy's fire, and losing men so fast, that I judged it preferable to proceed to the attack with that regiment, and as many of the native infantry as had closed to the front . . .

As soon as this handful of heroes were arrived within reach of the enemy's canister shot a most tremendous fire was opened upon them. The loss they sustained was very severe, and sufficient alone to prevent a regular advance; at this moment the enemy's cavalry attempted to charge, but were repulsed by the fire of this gallant body . . . It would be a violation of my feelings were I to close my despatch without bearing testimony to the gallant conduct of Major McLeod (2) and Capt Robertson, of His Majesty's 76th Regiment, and of every officer and soldier of that inestimable corps in the attack on the village of Leswaree . . ."

The 76th had 43 killed and 170 wounded, a quarter of all the casualties in the battle.

Despite its heavy losses the Regiment had a strength of 679 all ranks on 1st January 1804. From February to May there was much marching and counter marching but no serious engagements involving the 76th. By May the weather was too hot for further campaigning and the army retired to Cawnpore. In September Lake again took the field; but his efforts to bring the Mahrattas to battle were fruitless. Then reports were received that Delhi was besieged whence the army immediately marched. Delhi having been relieved the 76th were detached as part of a force under the command of Major General Fraser which caught up with a large body of Mahrattas at Deig and where a battle was fought on 13th November 1804. The enemy strength was not less than 14,000 infantry with 160 guns beside a considerable body of horse. Fraser's force numbered 6,000 at the most. Fraser formed his army into two lines with the 76th in the centre of the first line. The

Mahrattas also formed up in two lines. However despite the disparity in numbers Fraser did not hesitate for a moment. Placing himself at the head of the 76th and with them alone he charged the enemy. They swept away the first line and were advancing on the second when Fraser had one of his legs carried away by cannon shot. Colonel Monson, a man of extraordinary bravery, forthwith assumed command and immediately led the 76th against the second line of the Mahrattas and from there pressed on, capturing battery after battery, before driving the enemy against Deig fort whose fire eventually brought the British advance to a halt. This was another splendid and gallant action which *Lake declared to have surpassed anything hitherto done in India*. The Mahrattas had at least 2,000 killed, little mercy being shown; not least because of their having sent back prisoners taken from Monson in an earlier engagement, with their right hands and noses cut off. The casualties of the 76th were 32 killed and 133 wounded.

In his despatch Major General Fraser, who later died of his wounds, reported;

"Major General Fraser feels it impossible to express his high sense of obligation to the whole of the troops under his command, for their undaunted courage and gallantry, *particularly to His Majesty's 76th Regiment, who have on this occasion, as on every former one, done honour to themselves and their country*".

On the 1st December the whole of Lake's army moved on Deig and as soon as the siege train arrived on the 13th, set about besieging the fort. Preliminary moves for the assault were made on 23rd December, but the following day the enemy evacuated it.

The next objective of the Commander in Chief was the reduction of Bhurtpore, where the army arrived on 2nd January 1805. The fortress had a perimeter of about five miles, was surrounded by thick walls of mud and had a wet ditch. Its garrison was 50,000 men against which Lake initially had a force of 7,800 - not that that was a matter likely to deter General Lake. Accordingly on 9th January he launched an attack on the fort, which proved to be unsuccessful. Ten days later he received reinforcements though they did little more than replace his losses due to casualties and sickness. Nevertheless three days later he again attacked the fort and again it was without success. By 20th February, having received further reinforcements and supplies, Lake was ready for a third assault but, this, like the earlier attempts, also failed and with heavy casualties. After one more attempt on the following day Lake gave up the siege of Bhurtpore, the odds against him proving too great to overcome, despite his intrepid leadership and the valour of his troops.

For the 76th, who had incurred 316 casualties during the siege, this proved to be their last campaign in India.

In July 1805 orders came for the Regiment to hold itself in readiness to embark for the UK for which they sailed in February 1806. The Regiment had been 18 years in India and had throughout served with distinction; but never more so than during the 18 months between Ally Ghur in September 1802 and the lifting of the siege of Bhurtpore in March 1804. During this period the 76th earned itself a unique reputation, not only for its feats of valour but also for

its endurance. At Leswarree, for instance, they had marched 65 miles in 24 hours and then after a break of only two hours went into action for four hours. The cost was high in terms of casualties, but such was the Regiment's resilience it was given the nickname of 'The Immortals'. It was thought by the enemy to be ball proof, a superstition that had some basis of truth for most of the men had received one bullet wound, many two, some four and one man six.

The Regiment's distinctive contribution to the campaign did not go unrecognised, for in addition to the grant of the Honorary stand of Colours, the King first approved, on the recommendation of the East India Company, the award of the word 'Hindoostan' and secondly, at the request of General Lord Lake (3), the award of the badge of the 'Elephant'; both to be borne on the Colours and appointments of the Regiment. The 'Elephant' badge was duly displayed on uniform buttons from about the same time as the first stand of Honorary Colours were presented in 1708. In 1874 it was also adopted as a collar badge. When the 76th was amalgamated with the 33rd in 1881 to form The Duke of Wellington's Regiment the 'Elephant' collar badges continued to be used as it was on the buttons, where it is circumscribed with the words 'Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment'. To this day therefore the collar badges and buttons are a permanent reminder of a special period in the history of the Regiment and of General Lake.

Lake was a grand leader and a great commander. "As a disciplinarian he was strict; but he took thought for the comfort of his men, and while making great demands upon their courage and endurance, never subjected them to fatigue for no object. He spared himself as little as he spared his men, and whether it was the cavalry or the infantry that was bearing the brunt of the action, Lake for all his sixty years, was always to be found at their head in the thickest of the press and the hottest of the fire. With such qualities and with natural affability of manner and kindness of heart, he was adored by all ranks of his army; and under his leadership they wrought marvels. Few, unfortunately now know anything of the battles which he won; and his most famous battalion, the

Seventy Sixth, which should at least bear Lake's crest, has become associated with the still greater name of Wellington. None the less it should always be remembered as the fighting battalion of one of Britain's greatest fighting generals". (History of the British Army by Hon J. W. Fortescue).

A.C.S.S.

Notes

(1) *Battle Honours "Ally Ghur" and "Delhi 1803"*

These two battle honours are unique to the 76th and are carried by no other Regiment.

There is only one known memorial to the officers and men who died during the Mahratta campaign. It is at Ally Ghur (now Aligarh) fort and is in memory to the five officers killed at Ally Ghur and the two killed at Leswarree. (Iron Duke No. 66).

(2) *Officers Commanding the 76th: 1803-1805*

Lieut Colonel The Hon William Monson, assumed command of the 76th in 1798. However throughout the Mahratta campaign he either commanded a Brigade or was employed on other duties. He led the storming party at Ally Ghur and was wounded by a pike, fired it is assumed from a gun. He died in his 47th year in December 1807.

Lieut Colonel Michael Symes, the second Lieut Colonel (regiments had two Lieut Colonels at that time) was detached from the Regiment throughout the campaign. He died from the effect of the retreat to Corunna in January 1809.

Major William MacLeod, commanded the 76th at Ally Ghur where he was wounded. He returned to the Regiment following the capture of Agra and commanded it at Leswarree. At the end of 1803 he was appointed to command the flank companies of Lake's army.

Capt William Boys, commanded at Delhi and again at Deig, where he had his horse killed under him. He was wounded at Bhurtapore.

(3) *General Gerard Lake. Born in 1744 he was appointed an ensign in the 1st Foot Guards in 1758 rising to command them in 1776. In 1800 he was appointed C in C India being raised to the peerage, as Lord Lake of Delhi and Leswarree, in 1804. He chose as supporters of his coat of arms a grenadier of the 76th and a Bengal sepoy. He left India on 9th February 1807, two days after the award of the badge of the 'Elephant' to the 76th. In the same year he was created Viscount. He died in February 1808.*

1st Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

The last few months on the Rock crowned what has been a happy posting for the battalion, and the reception given to us on the march through Gibraltar on 19 January, left us in no doubt that people were sorry to see us leave. We were honoured with a farewell visit by HE The Governor and C in C and an extract of his address is included in this issue. After lunch in the Officers' Mess for him and Lady Williams, he presented us with a superb print of Gibraltar as a personal gift to the Mess from them both. Bidding farewell to Sir David and Lady Williams was one of the sadnesses of leaving Gibraltar.

As always battalion life goes on and we are now into a completely different tour with 1 Inf Bde (UKMF) in Bulford. Even as you read this issue of the *Iron Duke* we have been in and out of Kiwi Barracks, and are well into the first month of a six months emergency tour in Belize, I'm sure so well remembered by the first all regular Burma Company (Major Donald Isles) followed by Alma Company (Major Rodney Harms) in 1962/63. Only the QM, Capt Mike Carter, is on for a second tour.

Following our return from Belize in October we will be going on training to Kenya in February 1986. We will then do a spell on 'Spearhead' as the world

wide standby battalion before we take part, in September, in 'Bold Guard' a major UKMF/NATO exercise in our operational area of Jutland, Zealand and Schleswig-Holstein. Immediately after 'Bold Guard' we are to start training for the resident tour in Palace Barracks, Holywood, N Ireland where we deploy for two years in February 1987. Our time in Bulford will go quickly, but we hope to include a visit to Yorkshire in May 1986.

Our Commander in 1 Inf Bde is Brigadier John

Wilsey, late D & D, whose father commanded the 1/7th Battalion in 1944 during the liberation of France and Holland and who was himself at one time ADC to our former Colonel, General Sir Robert Bray. In Belize our Commander is Brigadier David Webb-Carter son of Brigadier Brian who commanded the 1st Battalion during and after WW2. These two officers take, I know, a special interest in the Battalion and the Regiment.

OFFICERS' MESS

The mess has been the scene of numerous social functions over the past 2 years and the last 6 months in station have been no exception.

We dined Colonel Charles out on the 10th of October, which turned out to be a super evening with a most amusing skit performed by the younger members of the mess. As well as saying goodbye that night to Colonel Charles, we also bade farewell to our paymaster, Charles Good. The following day we had a lunch for Colonel Charles and Jo outside on the patio prior to their departure. Lots of well wishers then followed on down to the airfield to join many others along with the Band in saying farewell. A sad moment for all of us. Yet the following day we were able to extend a warm welcome to Colonel Johnny and Sue.

Shortly after this we packed up and headed for a months shooting in England at Westdown Camp. There we held a 1st Battalion dinner night with the Colonel of the Regiment as our chief guest.

Our return saw us launch straight into preparation for the Ladies Guest Night. His Excellency The Governor and Lady Williams were our guests of honour. The Band sounded as good as ever, the food

was cooked to perfection and the disco that followed also excelled. As our days here shortened we followed the Cave Concert with a Cocktail Party to say farewell to the many close friends we have made during the tour. During our last few days His Excellency The Governor and Lady Williams had lunch with us and presented us with a super print of The Rock.

Our return to England brings some changes. Andrew Drake takes over as PMC and is already well into the planning of a Regimental Weekend. We sadly say farewell to Mike and Kay Stone who have left us for civilian life. Mike is to work in Spain, doubtless putting the many friends and contacts he made during the tour to good use. Mike and Kay presented us with a magnificent etching of the Northern Defences to remind us forever of the work we put into Operation 'Steep Slope'.

Guy and Sarah Shuttleworth and Paul and Sandra Wilkinson also leave us, on posting, and we welcome back Martin and Joe Drake.

Initial impressions of Bulford and the new mess are very favourable.

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

In general this period has been rather quiet, though a bit hectic for those who were involved in the handover of both camps in Gibraltar and who are taking over Kiwi Barracks in Bulford.

In November the Battalion moved to Westdown Camp in Wiltshire for its annual Skill at Arms Meeting. We had a small but comfortable Mess provided for us in which we held a highly successful Dinner Night. We entertained members from 1 Glosters, who had given us so much help to make the Meeting a success, followed by suitable entertainment by a comedian (whose jokes were as old as WO2 Exley's) and a female artiste (who we are sure was hired by our members of BHQ).

On return to Gibraltar it was full steam ahead for the Mess Christmas Draw organised and run by WO2 Ernie Atkinson. The CO and all officers and their ladies were invited as well as a great many other

guests from the various Messes on the Rock. The Dance Band provided the music, the SQMS an excellent buffet and Sgt Barry Walker and his team of helpers the layout and scenery. As usual the prizes were fantastic and some members did quite well.

The annual officers versus sergeants Christmas Football Match was a very serious game this year (due we think to playing on tarmac instead of grass), the Mess of course won. This was followed immediately by the whole Mess marching to the Officers Mess, preceded by the Corps of Drums, for drinks and the presentation of the Rupert and Andy Capp Wards (well done Ken Harding - we knew that only you could take cricket kit to a shooting camp).

So, we say a fond farewell to our friends in Gibraltar and say hello to Bulford and look forward to our tour in Belize in April.

CORPORALS' MESS

On 6th October 1984 we held our Autumn Ball at the South Barracks Hall, followed shortly afterwards by our farewell to Lieut Colonel and Mrs C. R. Cumberlege. On 19th October we said goodbye to a long serving member of the Mess, Cpl Gordon ('Dinger') Bell and his wife Mary and family. Gordon, who was the most senior corporal in the Battalion for many years, leaves the army after 22 years of loyal service. We wish him all the best in his new employment.

In November the battalion split up, most of the mess members going to Bulford for Exercise 'High Tide'. During this three week period the mess members who remained in Gibraltar entertained 1 Glosters, while they stood in for the Dukes' and on

16th November we gave a farewell to the Glosters and presented them with a Regimental Emblazing Colours. We look forward to meeting them in Bulford.

In December the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale, Councillor and Mrs John Bradley were very welcome visitors to the Mess. On the 20th December the Mess held a Children's Christmas party in the George and Dragon Families Club. The children enjoyed themselves very much even when Father Christmas arrived. Then there was a 'Christmas Carol Disco' and finally on 29th December there was a Pie and Pea Disco, which was again enjoyed by all who attended.



The Mayor of Calderdale, Councillor John Bradley, signing the Visitor's Book in the parlour of the Mayor of Gibraltar

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

CO	Lieut Colonel E. J. W. Walker
Adjutant	Capt P. J. Harvey
RSM	WO1 R. Heron
Chief Clerk	CSgt B. Crowther
ORC	Sgt K. Greenwood
G Clerk	Sgt Dickinson

There have been extensive changes in the last year to BHQ's orbat, we now have a new commanding officer, movements clerk, P20 clerk and dispatch clerk, with the loss of Lieut Colonel C. R. Cumberlege to NI and Cpl's Hudson and Holt to the Depot. But the highlight without question was the arrival of 1 Queens, Stag On!

Although causing many problems during a hectic period, ARU's, BHQ on drill etc, we had a good

handover and a welcome change of scenery with the move to Kiwi Barracks.

During our tour BHQ has participated in many events, including round the Rock runs, up the Rock runs and even march and shoot competitions. L/Cpl Jones and Pte Worthington took part in the odd marathon, 20 miler and a couple of fun runs.

We are not looking forward to a good tour in Belize (after barely enough leave) in April.

ALMA COMPANY

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

1 Platoon

Lieut J. C. Hill
Sgt P. Maltby

2 Platoon

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

3 Platoon

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

A very wise man once said, "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow". In his life he commanded platoons, battalions, armies and led his country through many a dark patch. There is one thing for certain, though, he was never posted to Gib! If you don't pack in your full day's work here all your tomorrows become yesterdays and you fall way behind. Life in the Company is as hectic and as busy as when we arrived.

The Alma has certainly had a highly successful end to the year and the consistent effort of all ranks has finally paid off.

The Company performed well on 'High Tide' near Bulford. For the second year running 30 plus pairs of feet and 60 sets of blisters won us The March and Shoot Competition. The team was navigated by Lieut Preston, double checked by Lieut Hill should a

compromise on the route be needed, and 2/Lieut McNeilis looked after march discipline: a good effort by all over a gruelling course which culminated in some fine shooting. The Alma went on to snatch The Shooting Cup a few days later. Our GPMG Teams took the Machine Gun Cup. Pte's Grimmer and Lynch were individual runners up, and the SMG Team was placed first equal, with Major Isles also being runner up and taking The Pistol Cup as well. There victories won us the coveted title of Champion Company.

On return from Bulford we slipped back into the usual flurry of activities. The main event was the preparation for The Annual Review of the Unit (ARU). Those who could be spared finally finished off the Company Project which involved renovating the buildings and grounds of an old school.

BURMA COMPANY

OC	Capt G. D. Shuttleworth
2IC	Lieut C. J. Howard
CSM	WO2 J. N. Arundel
CQMS	CSgt L. Hepworth

4 Platoon

2/Lieut S. Neath
Sgt D. Wright

5 Platoon

Lieut J. Bailey
Sgt M. Smith

6 Platoon

2/Lieut R. Chadwick
Sgt S. Acklam

These notes are written on the eve of our departure from Gibraltar for the colder climate of Bulford. By the time they are published the Company Orbat will be much changed; only WO2 Arundel, 2/Lieuts Chadwick and Neath and Sgt Smith will still be in post

and other changes will have taken place throughout the Company. Major Ward and CSgt Hepworth have moved on after 2 years - our thanks and best wishes for the future go to them both.

During November the whole Company moved

back on Exercise 'High Tide' and was based in Westdown Camp. The three weeks devoted to shooting and training started in earnest with the field firing phase. This was a most enjoyable week as it gave us the chance to practice very rusty section and platoon drills, to fire platoon weapons and to throw grenades. The change in temperature from Gibraltar was fairly substantial but in general we were fortunate to remain dry. At the end of that week, coaches were laid on to take everyone to Yorkshire for a few days. The remaining 2 weeks were primarily directed towards the APWT, the March and Shoot competition and the Rifle Meeting. However 2/Lieut Chadwick also found time to lay on a remarkable demonstration of how to set up a Jungle Patrol Base on Salisbury Plain in November! We managed to achieve a 100% pass rate on the annual shooting test without any great problems and entered the Rifle Meeting with high hopes and several members of the Battalion Bisley Team. At the end of the day the man with the biggest smile on his face was Pte Harding who won a total of £150.00 for being the best private, best young shot and best recruit.

Our return to Gibraltar was delayed for 24 hours by fog. We had a very enjoyable dinner with the Colours, port and all, to say farewell to Major Ward

and also laid on a playlet depicting part of the Burma Campaign in the 2nd World War - there were some superb performances in the "It ain't half hot Mum" style. Could Belize offer such an opportunity to do it for real?

The Advance Party left before Christmas and several others departed on course. The remainder were left to prepare for the handover to 1 Queens and fulfil the various necessary commitments. Christmas was enjoyable and lazy and cleaning continued afterwards. The training was severely limited due to the shortage of resources but we managed to arrange a short exercise which took the format of an orienteering course with NBC, Signals, First Aid and Initiative stands. The exercise went well and the OC and CSM managed to get themselves locked in the tunnel network. The majority of the Company took part in the Dukes Fun Run with 2/Lieut Chadwick dressed as the Iron Duke sitting on a rocking horse being pulled around the rock on a decorated trailer. The money collected made it a worthwhile event and nobody got too thirsty on the way round!

And so we say farewell to Gibraltar. Everyone is ready to move, but how many of us will soon be wishing we were back again?

CORUNNA COMPANY

OC	Major A. H. S. Drake MBE
2IC	Capt P. Wilkinson
CSM	WO2 T. E. Cooper
CQMS	CSgt K. G. Harding

7 Platoon
Lieut M. A. Lodge
Sgt H. S. Taylor

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

9 Platoon
2/Lieut M. Tinsley
Sgt S. P. Conlon

General Sir John Moore, hero of the battle of Corunna, said of Gibraltar on his visit in 1806, "I was sorry to see the very bad state of the garrison... It looked more like a place where the inhabitants did occasional military duties than a military station".

Although the recent ARU proved the first part of the quote wrong, the second is still true today because of the limited facilities of the Rock. It was therefore fortunate that for three weeks in October we were able to get down to some basic military training on Exercise 'High Tide'. For some of the younger soldiers it was the first opportunity to put their training into practice. Despite the rusty drills some 85% of the Coy passed their APWT at the first attempt, twenty reaching the marksman standard. The exercise also saw the climax of the Inter Company Competition and a most disappointing result when at the final event we were nudged out of first place which we have held throughout the competition to be placed second again! - this time to Alma.

Back to Gibraltar, the fine weather and the ARU to work up to. The Company continued to maintain its very high standard thanks to a great deal of hard work from all ranks.

On the lighter side the Company's good record in sporting events was continued by an almost fanatical desire by members of 7 platoon to inflict pain on themselves by running round the rock in the now established ½ marathon. In all about half the Company ran, jogged or limped their way round the course.

Ceremonial duties continue and the drill squad has been working hard for the last few months under the guidance of WO2 Cooper, teaching the Queens the format for the Convent Guard Mount. Bulford will give them a chance to rest their tired feet!

With the handover to 1 Queens almost complete and with only a few days before we say farewell to Gibraltar we look forward to Belize and Holdfast Camp.



Christmas Day 1984
WO2 Cooper sitting down on the job, while Sgt 'Tracker' Oakley waits on

SOMME COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

OC
CSM
CQMS

Major A. J. Pitchers
WO2 E. D. Atkinson
CSgt G. J. Walker

We are now in our new home in Kiwi Barracks Bulford, but let me cover some aspects of life on the Rock during the last few months of our tour. Exercise 'High Tide' on Salisbury Plain in November provided very successful period of live firing and was thoroughly enjoyed by the Company, especially Company Headquarters who under the OC visited the platoons and were allowed a "Cabbie" on the Anti Tank guns and Mortars.

On arrival back in Gibraltar it was all go, with the ARU inspection coming up in early December amidst the continuous banging of MFO boxes being assembled for our move to UK. At the same time the Company was getting smaller and smaller as men disappeared back to UK on courses and advance parties and it was at this time that the OC decided that four months in Gibraltar was quite enough for him and a Support Company Commanders course in UK

sounded about right. Capt Pugh took command of the Company and in his role as OC did manage to hijack a helicopter from the Royal Navy and take what was to be a very interesting afternoons helicopter training. Somme Company took a very active part in the Battalion Fun Run and thanks are due to Mrs Pugh, Atkinson, O'Brien and Mrs Dawson for running the various stands and a special thank you to young Karen Atkinson who did so well on the Bottle stand. It all proved to be great fun, for a worth while cause.

We have now completed our disembarkation leave and are now looking forward to some hard training for Belize. We say farewell to the Support Weapons who are detached to the rifle Company's until return from Belize and Somme Company elements revert to a rifle Company. We will again become Dettingen Company.

MORTAR PLATOON

Pl Comd
2IC

Lieut P. Rumball
CSgt D. Allen

The platoon has seen a change of command: Capt Borwell has moved on to be ADC to the Colonel of the Regiment, and Lieut Rumball has joined us after his Netheravon course.

Prior to Exercise 'High Tide' the platoon did an intensive period of Mortar training. This proved particularly beneficial for the live firing phase. Limited ammunition and range space however restricted the types of shoot the platoon could do. Nevertheless it was good to be firing again after the cancellation of Exercise 'Rocksand'. After the Mortar Live firing phase, the platoon did a week of small arms firing, with everybody passing the APWT.

The finale to Exercise 'High Tide' was the platoon social, where after an initiation ceremony both the

new platoon commander and Cpl 'Tiny' Holliday lost their memories, amongst other things!

On our return to Gibraltar we began to prepare for the ARU. This went well and we left our kit in fine condition for our handover to 1 Queens.

Among many events which constituted the Dukes' farewell to Gibraltar one was the "Fun Run". Dressed in Togas the platoon ran round the Rock pulling a chariot and by both fair means and foul they collected a total of £157.

The platoon is now preparing for a few hectic weeks in Bulford, where both the new and old members of the platoon will undergo a cadre prior to our tour in Belize.

RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON

Pl Comd
2IC

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

People have often referred to us with the affectionate nickname of 'Recce' rather than Reconnaissance. Other less informed people have slated us with abusive terms such as 'Recon' from reconditioned or 'Retreads'. But perhaps everything has a little truth in it. . . . The Reconnaissance platoon has undergone a face lift in the last period and many have attended high level courses; from Pte Whitaker on a Medics course (and then on return, working in the Gibraltar civilian Hospital casualty dept) to Sgt Campbell who is at present on Senior Brecon. Capt Pugh has been to Brunei for two months and Lieut Preston (Platoon Commander designate), Sgt Irving, Cpl Brown and L/Cpl Mitchell are at this moment in Brunei on an SAS sponsored Long Range Patrol course for one months intensive training. We have already sent and are sending as many as possible to RAC Training Centre at Bovington to learn about FOX Armoured Reconnaissance vehicle, eight of which we have now in our possession for the first time ever.

We will, I think, be happy when we have packed, unpacked, packed and unpacked again and shaken out properly in Belize for some real soldiering again after a difficult and disruptive period.



Dive! Dive!

Capt R. J. M. Pugh and members of the Recce Platoon awaiting the 'launch'. The submarine submerges beneath them and they then, with other inflatables, snag the periscope of the submerged submarine and towed silently to their destination

ANTI TANK PLATOON

Pl Comd
2IC

Lieut D. S. Bruce
Sgt T. Harrison

Its 1400 hrs, Monday 5th February and its cold and wet, and for the first time in two months, the platoon is all together. This is the first of many muster parades in Kiwi Barracks, not exactly luxurious, but I suppose it could be worse. The future looks good however as we settle into our new camp, safe in the knowledge that drill, duties and fatigues will not now interfere with our military training. Gibraltar is now behind us. We have left it with mixed emotions, but it will certainly become a posting that will be looked back on with some nostalgia.

Prior to leaving Gibraltar the platoon found itself working hard to fulfil the same commitments with a reduced number of men. Kit was cleaned and re-cleaned, labelled and regimented into glittering rows for the Battalion ARU. This helped considerably for the handover to 1 Queens with all the equipment being in sparkling condition.

The final weeks in Gibraltar were spent maintaining the ceremonial guards, helping to raise money for Mount Alvernia old peoples home, participating in the Dukes' Fun Run, and practising for the march through Gibraltar.

Christmas in Gibraltar was different to say the least, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The pads did an excellent job - feeding and entertaining the single lads. In fact a real family atmosphere was felt by all.

As for the future, we leave for Belize at the end of March, where the platoon will be split into two locations at Rideau and Holdfast camps. We also have the pleasure of six Wombats again! The Gun seems to follow us around the world. Everyone is looking forward to the opportunities for good constructive training in a new environment.

HOOK COMPANY

OC
CSM

Major A. D. M. Palmer MBE
WO2 G. Hunter

It is difficult to dream up new ways of presenting Hook Company notes so that they can be appreciated by a wide circulation of readers. Avoiding parochial comments which are appreciated or understood only by company and battalion personnel is difficult too. Therefore, providing the editor accepts the plan, these notes will take the form of a photographic representation of mighty Hook and the 320 men who swelled its ranks in Gibraltar*.

Bulford and Belize will see a reduction in company size and strength which will be reflected in the next issue.

In summary, welcome to those who join us, farewell to those who have left us and congratulations to those recently linked by marriage and those who have reproduced. We don't know who you all are yet but hello, goodbye and congratulations.

* *(The Editor welcomes this idea. However it has not been possible to take advantage of it on this occasion, due to insufficient space to reproduce the 24 photographs included in the representation).*

SIGNAL PLATOON

RSO
RSWO
Sig C/Sgt
Radio

Capt J. W. Wood
CSgt L. Brock
Sgt I. Verrall
Sgt J. B. Evans

Having bade farewell to Sgt Keith Bolton and the rest of 577 RLD in Gibraltar, the Platoon are looking forward to reorganising and preparing for Belize. The opportunities in Belize on the communications side of life are limitless and we are particularly looking forward to improving the battalion High Frequency (HF) working expertise. Training in HF has been one of the central features in company and battalion signals training and there has been a clear incentive

for those who do not wish to be stranded in the depths of the jungle in Belize!

In addition the platoon have been undergoing a concentrated package of telegraphy and morse, which will hopefully pay dividends in Belize. We also hope to establish an HF link between Belize and the School of Infantry Signal Wing at Warminster during the tour.



The 'Fun-run' for charity - 13th January 1985
 The AWTC entry: Standing by to repel borders

QUARTERMASTERS PLATOON

QM	Capt (QM) M. Carter
TQM	Capt (QM) P. Robinson
RQMS	WO2 B. W. Sykes MBE
TQMS	WO2 P. Coates
Tech SNCO	WO2 G. Sellars
Accommodation SNCO	CSgt M. G. Holmes
Clothing SNCO	Sgt P. V. Williams
DOE Representative	Sgt O. Theodore

While the Battalion was enjoying a holiday in UK on Exercise 'High Tide' the Platoon was kept busy administering for 1 Glosters.

What can be said about the Deputy Fortress Commander's visit? except that everyone seemed to be at 10,000 feet and rising! However, the inspection went well and we can only learn from what was pointed out.

The PRE caused an immense amount of work and a few members forfeited their Christmas holiday to ensure that the PRE was a success.

The handover to 1 Queens continues and as more Queens arrive it reminds those of us who are still here that it will not be long before B-DAY.

Our move to Bulford is in sight and though we have to brave the fierce English weather once more it will not be long before we are on the sun kissed beaches of Belize. To those of you who will not be tramping around the dense steaming jungle . . . tough luck!

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT PLATOON

MTWO
MT Sgt

WO2 D. Exley
Sgt M. Turner

The MT has increased its work load, we can now compete with Pickfords for road mileage, due to large amounts of MFO being handled.

The MT Platoon sent a detachment to Westdown Camp to help 1 Glosters with transport during Exercise 'High Tide', and also to upgrade 3 drivers. Unfortunately only Pte's Hudson and Smith 27 passed, leaving Pte Ingham holding the wooden spoon or should it be steering wheel.

Directly after Exercise 'High Tide' L/Cpl Ray Stewart was detached to the Royal Engineers Postal

and Courier Troop to help out with the yearly Xmas deluge of mail and parcels, and now refuses to lick another stamp, for fear of being called Postman Pat.

With the handover to 1 Queens nearly completed we are looking forward to our return, albeit only for a short time, to England and for the time we can actually drive out our vehicles for longer than ten minutes, without driving over the end of a cliff or stopping at the Border, and the bliss of seeing a motorway again!!!

CORPS OF DRUMS

Drum Major
PI Sgt

Sgt K. Shinn
Cpl C. D. Taylor

September was a busy time for the Corps of Drums, playing off the "Canberra" on one of its many visits to Gibraltar, rehearsing for the Keys parade and the actual parade.

October, and the Corps of Drums were still working hard on the Keys yet again. Due to the Drum Major being on compassionate leave, Cpl Naylor was the Drum Major for the Keys parade and Divisions with a couple of Convents just to polish it off.

The 11th November 1984 Remembrance Sunday saw bugles at the Kings chapel Cross of Sacrifice, RAF and Gibraltar Regiment. The battalion went on 'High Tide', leaving a very quiet Lathbury Barracks with Convent rehearsals and parade still going on with the Gloucestershire Regiment.

December was brought in with a Convent and the packing of kit and boxes for Bulford. Christmas was a quiet affair because of the preparation of rooms and quarters for the handover to 1 Queens, whose advance party is already here.

New Year was seen in by a Convent, which is now to be held on Tuesdays. On the 5th January 85 the three Kings Cavalcade was held and on the 6th January 85 was the "Last Night of the Dukes" concert held in St Michaels Cave which was televised by

GBC. The concert was a sell out and went down very well.



But at least we have got new boots!!
(Cartoon by Ptes Eames and Spinks)

REGIMENTAL BAND

Bandmaster
BSM

WO1 K. Taylor
WO2 T. P. Byrne

Our final three months in Gibraltar started quietly with the RAF Dog Show being our first engagement. We then played for HMS Rooke for their divisions. Our next engagement was the playing out of Colonel Cumberlege. It was a sad occasion as we paraded on the tarmac of the airport to see him off.

Three days of medical training followed, which is an annual revision of treating and assessing mock casualties.

A medieval night at HMS Rooke involving the Brass and Recorder groups was enjoyed by all, with Sgt Walker being placed in the stocks and the rest of the band being allowed to throw wet sponges at him.

The Christmas period was, as usual, very hectic with numerous carol services. The band had more coverage on the GBC television than the newscasters.

The band split into two small groups to play carols at the quarters at Europa point assisted by the King's

Chapel choir and our wives and children. Our numbers were rapidly swelled as people joined in the singing and just by chance (!), we all finished together outside the Bandmaster's house and naturally were all invited in for a drink.

While talking about the Bandmaster, Keith Taylor, during the time we have been in Gibraltar he has taken a keen interest in the local Gibraltar Automobile Club Hill Climb, as an organiser and competitor. The course runs through Lathbury Barracks and on the last event, on rounding the bend at the guardroom he managed to turn his car over and do it the hard way, upside down!!

In January we held our Band Christmas Social at the Fleet pavilion in the centre of town, and we said farewell to many of our friends on the Rock.

A Farewell to Gibraltar concert held in St Michaels Cave was our last main function before we leave. It was a big occasion playing to a capacity audience. A certain corporal was heard to say that the Band has spent more time underground this year than the miners.

We have now packed most of our boxes, with just the marching band instruments left for our last two Convent Guard changes and the final march through Gibraltar.

SPORTS, GAMES AND RECREATION

Rugby

Although, unfortunately, the Army Cup Competition did not go according to plan, the present season has not been without its successes, although the move from Gibraltar, leave and the weather conspired to foreshorten the season.

In the somewhat isolated environs of Gibraltar, Dukes' rugby was never seriously tested, and the Battalions 1st and 2nd team sides found each other the most serious competition on the fixture list. 'Tag' rugby, the challenge of the previous season, gave precedence to rugby proper played in Spain at Sotogrande. The Dukes 1st XV beat all-comers in the run-up to returning to England, while the first and second VII played an all Dukes final in the Gibraltar

'Ivor Lever' Sevens. The first team took the trophy in the end, but the emphasis was on preparation for the Army Cup rounds to be played on Exercise 'High Tide', in England in October and November.

The first rounds of the Cup went without any serious hitch. A bye in the preliminary round, a victory against the Army Air Corps at Middle Wallop, and 17 Training Regiment RA in successive rounds all ensured a place in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, on Exercise 'High Tide', time ran out, and the quarter final date had to be set on 12 December, meaning a return to Gibraltar for the team and then a hectic series of flights out, with the squad arriving in UK at different times. The result was a narrow defeat by a prepared side from the School of Electronic Engineering at Arborfield, the final result being 13-12.

The benefits of the season have been in individual achievements and in the bringing on of a number of new young players, both of which promise much for next season. Capt Chris Harvey and Sgt 'Willie' Williams have regularly played both for the Army and Combined Services, while L/Cpl 'Hawkeye' Hawksworth has played for the Army Under 21s.

Hockey

The Hockey squad has had a very successful time, winning the Gibraltar Inter Services League competition by a clear two points, the first time that the resident Battalion has won the competition since 1971.

The Inter Company Hockey Competition run in October ended with Somme Company winning the competition for the second time in Gibraltar with Hook Company coming a very close second. The Gibraltar Combined Services hockey matches went well with seven Dukes playing in the team during most of the matches but alas no cups or trophies for the Dukes to take back to England.

All in all it has been a very successful and encouraging season which has left us with an enthusiastic 'core' to work on in the future, with the possibility of entering the Army Cup after Belize.

Soccer

As a result of Exercise 'High Tide' and the move to Bulford we were not able to enter the Army Cup this season. We decided therefore, that our aims must be the Infantry Cup and the South West District Cup.



Exercise "High Tide"

Brothers Capt Guy Shuttleworth and Lieut Peter Shuttleworth find themselves on adjoining rugby pitches

One of our main problems, we knew, would be adapting to UK conditions after playing the last two seasons on the hard pitches of Gibraltar. Exercise 'High Tide' gave us the opportunity to train and play on grass again with the following results.

1 DWR v SEME Bordon - Lost 0 - 1
 1 DWR v 22 Regt RE - Drew 2 - 2
 1 DWR v 16/5 Lancers - Won 3 - 1

Exercise 'High Tide' was followed by a brief period in the Gibraltar Premier Division. Our most notable result during this period was a 4 - 2 victory over last years Gibraltar champions. Before finally departing from Gibraltar we staged the inter company Soccer Competition. Each Company provided two teams and played on a league basis. The winners of the competition and 1984 champions were Hook Company, who were undefeated throughout the competition.

The first team squad, together with the team coach RQMS Brian Sykes, departed from Gibraltar in December as part of the battalion advance party with a view to getting in as many games as possible before the start of the two Competitions. Despite adverse weather conditions the team managed to play the following matches.

1 DWR v 5 Inniskilling DG - Lost 1 - 5
 1 DWR v 16/5 Lancers - Won 8 - 1
 1 DWR v School of Signals - Won 4 - 2

As a result of our late arrival in Bulford we were allowed to enter the District Cup in the second round. We were drawn against 22 Regiment RE, one of the favourites to win the competition, but after a very exciting 90 minutes and a second half goal by Cpl Adrien Stead, we beat them 1 - 0. The next round is the semi-final to be played against 5 Inniskilling DG on the 27th February. (1 DWR won 1 - 0).

Our first round in the Infantry Cup was played against 1 Kings, an established soccer regiment. Despite holding them to a nil-all draw at half time, the final result was 1 - 4 against us. Nothing daunted, our determination to win the District Cup is now that much higher.

Cross-Country

When Sgt Taylor produced his training programme many thought that instead of getting the squad fit he might hospitalise them. Fortunately they were wrong.

After a period of less than two weeks training the results at RAF Colerne in the South-West District Championships were quite remarkable, and reflect the tremendous individual efforts made while in Gibraltar. With the first eight squad runners to count we appeared to have a good start when L/Cpl Scott came in fourth and Pte Tranter came in ninth (for which he was to win the award for Best Junior). Our hopes were raised even more when all eight scorers finished in the top twenty eight places. The announcement that we had won was greeted by our opponents with great surprise. "But who are they?" It was thus the Cross-Country Squad who won the Battalion its first trophy in Bulford.

The Army Championships were always going to be a far more difficult task. The snow at Tweseldown Racecourse would alone have put off any lesser competitors. L/Cpl Scott and Pte Tranter lead the squad home again, this time to a very creditable sixth place. This result compared well with our last appearance at the Championships when the Battalion came tenth and the training period, this time, was far shorter.

The full credit for the physical and mental standard of the squad goes to Sgt Taylor without whose experience and knowledge these results would not have been achieved.



HRH The Princess Anne talking to WO2 Malcolm Hirst BEM, Lieut Colonel Johnny Walker and Major Martin Bray at the British Nordic Ski Championships in Germany in February

EXERCISE 'HIGH TIDE'

Training facilities in Gibraltar are limited, particularly for Small Arms and Support Weapon live firing. As a result, once during each resident battalion's tour in Gibraltar, an exercise is held in the UK to enable units to undertake aspects of training that cannot be successfully be carried out in Gibraltar. So, on 22 October the Advance Party flew to the UK, followed by the Main Body of 3 Rifle companies, Somme Company and elements of Hook Company on the 26/27 October to conduct Exercise 'High Tide' - a Skill at Arms Camp on UK ranges. In turn 1 Glosters flew to Gibraltar in order to replace those 1 DWR personnel involved in the exercise - they also provided us with magnificent administrative support while we were in the UK.

Throughout the exercise the battalion was based on Salisbury Plain, living in Westdown Camp. Tilshead - a purpose built training camp on Salisbury Plain with excellent facilities. After an initial two day period of settling in and check zeroing the first phase of the exercise began. This involved each rifle platoon rotating through a series of field firing exercise which included section and platoon attacks, section in defence at night, firing of rifle platoon weapons and grenade throwing. Rifle platoons were also able to carryout a degree of collective dry training. At the same time the GPMG (SF) Cadre, run by the Training Wing, completed the live firing portion of their cadre, which began in the classroom in Gibraltar. Additionally the Mortar and Anti-Tank



Exercise 'High Tide'

The Colonel of the Regiment 'patching up' after firing the 9mm pistol during the Battalion Rifle meeting, while at Westdown Camp in November 1984

Platoons had a most successful period of live firing during this phase. As a finale to the Milan live firing the Anti-Tank Platoon gave an imaginative demonstration to the battalion, despite a most appalling rain storm. On conclusion of the Field Firing phase a long weekend was taken and several coaches left Westdown Camp for the West Riding on Friday 2 November, returning on 5 November.

The second phase of the Exercise ran from 6 to 16 November and included preparation for and the shooting of the Annual Personnel Weapon Test (APWT), an Inter Company March and Shoot Competition and the battalion Rifle Meeting. Although the exercises took place in the late Autumn the weather was kind to us and did not adversely influence this phase. Indeed all those on the exercise had successfully completed their APWT by the day of the battalion Rifle Meeting. But before the Rifle Meeting an arduous Inter Company March and Shoot Competition was held on Sunday 11 November. After an initial inspection by the CO and RSM Company teams set out on a 12 Km cross country route, through a series of check points, to the Bulford ranges where selected GPMG pairs and riflemen fired

a series of practices. The results of this competition were:

- 1st - Alma Company (516 pts)
- 2nd - Somme Company (473 pts)
- 3rd - Corunna Company (320 pts)
- 4th - Burma Company (219 pts)

Trophies and prizes were presented by Colonel J. F. W. Wilsey OBE, then Commander 1 Inf Bde (designate), who attended the latter stages of the competition.

On the day of the Rifle Meeting, 15 November, all the Bulford ranges were fogbound until mid morning. However, the day then turned out to be clear and sunny, if a little cold. The Colonel of the Regiment and the Deputy Fortress Commander (DFC) from Gibraltar joined us for what developed into a close and highly competitive meeting. On conclusion of the meeting the Colonel of the Regiment presented the shooting trophies and prizes and the DFC presented the Inter Company Competition Shield to the Champion Company 1984, the Rifle Meeting being the concluding and deciding event of the 1984 competition.

After a further two days of administration the

battalion returned to Gibraltar on 18/19 November to prepare for Christmas and the handover to 1 Queens. The exercise was a success. Not only were we able to carry out many aspects of training not possible in Gibraltar but we were able to take the opportunity to establish contact with HQ 1 Inf Bde and see the Bulford area as well as playing some sport in the UK.

Results of the Rifle Meeting

SLR Match

Rifle Châmpion (Cox Medal) - Lieut Lehmann
(Corunna Company)

Best Young Soldier (Ozanne Medal) -
Pte Harding (Burma Company)

Best Officer (Silver Rifle Cup) - Lieut Lehmann

Best SNCO (Liddill Cup) - CSgt Walker
(Somme Company)

Best JNCO (Corporals Cup) - L/Cpl Hughes
(Burma Company)

Best Pte (Best Privates Cup) - Pte Harding

Most Promising Bisley Shot (Savory Medal) -
Pte Acklam (Somme Company)

Winners SLR Team Match - Corunna Company

Offrs v WOs and Sgts SLR Match -
(Ozanne Challenge Cup) WOs and Sgts

GPMG

Champion Gun Pair (Maples Lewis Gun Cup) -
Ptes Dodds and Yates (Corunna Company)

Winners GPMG Team Match - Alma Company

SMG Match

SMG Champion - Pte McBride (Corunna
Company)

Winners SMG Team Match - Burma Company

Pistol Match

Pistol Champion - Major Isles (Alma Company)

Falling Plate Match

Winners - Burma Company

Inter Company Shooting Competition

1st - Alma Company

2nd - Corunna Company

3rd - Burma Company

4th - Somme Company

Inter Company Competition 1984

Champion Company - Alma Company (102 pts)

2nd - Corunna Company (99 pts)

3rd - Somme Company (72 pts)

4th - Burma Company (67 pts)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Normandy - 40 years on

From: Mr J. L. Downs
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12 December 1984

The Editor
'The Iron Duke'
Sir,

In September a pal from the 7th Battalion accompanied me to Normandy where we retraced the route from 'D' Day through the campaign and were overwhelmed by the gratitude of the locals, who after 40 years still showed great emotion as they thanked us for their liberation.

We were privileged to attend the ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Le Havre. The 49th Division were the first to enter the town, but apart from us, the Regiment was not represented at this important and most spectacular gathering.

It was with much sadness I stood in the grounds of the Chateau near Tilly where my Battalion, the 6th, suffered such heavy casualties - its now a hotel!

Living in the North East we hear little of the activities of the Dukes'. We would very much like to hear from any of the officers and men of the 6th and 7th Battalions who were in the Normandy campaign.

Yours sincerely,
J. L. Downs

The Hoskins House

From: Mr Ian Anderson
1450 S. Jellick Ave
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27 December 1984

The Editor,
'The Iron Duke'
Sir,

I have just learned that the developers have again been denied permission to build condominiums on the battlefield (at Guilford Court House). In addition the City of Greensboro has annexed the land into the city limits, making it impossible for the developers to build on it without a prolonged and expensive legal battle. The land and the Hoskins House are, therefore, safe for the foreseeable future. The possibilities brought about by this turn of events are quite hopeful. Now that there is time, a proper archaeological survey of the land can be mounted, perhaps to locate the grave sites and discover artifacts.

I trust this information will be pleasing to you.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Anderson

(This is indeed good news. An article on threat to the Hoskins House appeared in the December 1984 issue of the 'Iron Duke' — Ed).

HMS "YORK"

The proposed affiliation between the Regiment and HMS "York", is now under way.

In the past, in 1923, while the 1st Battalion was stationed in Bostandjik, Turkey, the Regiment struck up an 'entente' with the Flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet, HMS 'Iron Duke'. The 'entente' with HMS 'Iron Duke' lasted until 1942 and the closeness of the liaison between ourselves and the ship in terms of visits, sports matches and regular Regimental correspondence was well known in both military and naval circles.

Then in 1947 the Regiment established ties with HMS "Cleopatra", a 5,700 ton Cruiser. "Cleopatra" was commissioned in late 1941 and took part in the Battle of Sirte a now famous encounter in the defence of one of the Malta Convoys. She was later torpedoed in the Straits of Messina and limped to Philadelphia (USA) for extensive repairs and refit. Our affiliation with her stemmed initially from the fact that her Ships Pendant Number was thirty-three. The ship sought affiliation with the 33rd of Foot and subsequently obtained permission from the Colonel of the Regiment to use the Wellesley as its march.

Now the latest HMS "York" - the 11th ship to bear the name in the Royal Navy. The last "York" was an 8,250 ton Cruiser equipped with six eight inch guns.

She was torpedoed in Suda Bay, Crete, on 26 March 1941. The current 5,500 ton "York" (D98) is the last in the line of 'stretched' Type 42 Destroyers currently in the Fleet. Built and launched on Tyneside two years ago, she is 410 feet long, 53 feet in the beam and her armaments include the Sea Dart missile system, a ship to shore 4.5" gun, ship borne torpedoes (SWTS) and a close-in weapons system for anti missile defence. She also carries a Lynx helicopter with a dual torpedo and missile role. Her ships Company is 262, comprising of 17 Officers, 62 Senior Rates and 183 Junior Rates. Her Captain is Commander Colin Bonner RN, whose father served on the old "York" at the start of the 1939-1945 War.

HMS "York" will be commissioned on the 9th August this year and will be based at Rosyth, on the Firth of Forth. As our 'Yorkshire' link with the Royal Navy, it is planned that close liaison and visits will be arranged between the 1st Battalion and HMS "York". It is hoped that a small Regimental party will attend her commissioning ceremony in August and that some of her ship's company will accompany us to Kenya on Exercise 'Strident Call' early next year. In the words of her motto, we wish HMS "York" 'Bon Espoir' during her busy trials period this year.

J.W.

YORKSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE (Wellesley Company)

Our annual camp is to be spread over four weeks, with a two week camp at Strensall at Easter and a further two weeks at Longmoor in August. While on the subject of training we are delighted to note that Colonel Mike Campbell-Lamerton was appointed Commandant of the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley. A former commander of 10 Cadet Training Team in Yorkshire, he knows the ACF well.

Relations between Wellesley Company and Giggleswick School continue to prosper. The Skipton detachment, now commanded by John Hammond,

had yet another splendid weekend there in February, when there was much activity both on the range and in the field. Skipton's annual report, by Lieut Colonel Tim Nicholson, OC The King's Division Depot, commented very favourably on the drill and turn out of the cadets. The Keighley detachment has had its annual report by Lieut Colonel Reed-Sreen of NE District and were assessed as well upto standard.

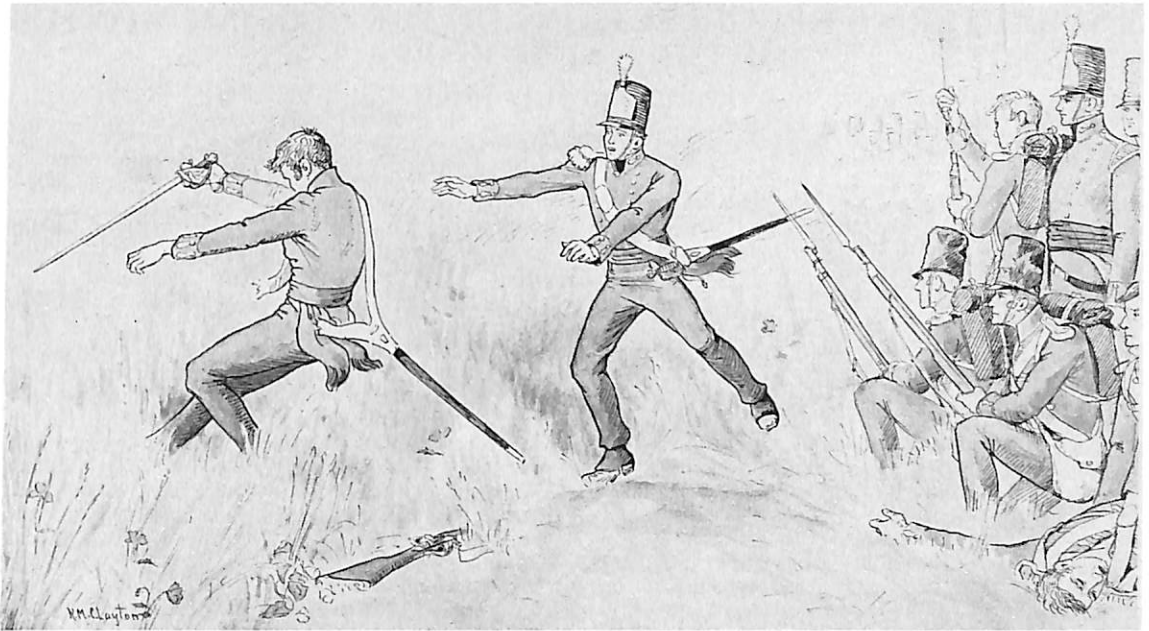
Mirfield detachment is now commanded by Lieut Joe Ashforth; Heckmondwike by Lieut Fred Hillam and Thongsbridge by 2/Lieut Geoffrey Lillystone.

Two pictorial links with the Waterloo Campaign: 16 - 18 June 1815

"An officer coming to the help of his brother who has just been shot" (1)

In the brief, bloody, decisive campaign of Waterloo, Wellington had to fight two separate battles and conduct a retreat on the intervening day. The first battle, at Quatre Bras (30 miles south of Waterloo) was fought on ground not of his own choosing and opened badly because the Dutch/Belgian units which were holding this vital cross-roads had been seriously shaken by the time he reached the scene. As the afternoon wore on his own troops came hurrying to reinforce the position. Among them was the 5th Brigade of which the 33rd formed part. Regiments had to be deployed as soon as they arrived. Whenever the French cuirassiers

attacked, the infantry formed squares and held the horsemen at bay - except for several battalions which were caught in line, thanks to the inept interference with orders, and received a bad mauling. One such was the 2/69th Foot, alongside the 33rd, who were cut to pieces. Over and over again Marshal Ney's cavalry charged, milled around the squares, and withdrew, leaving ramparts of dead and dying horses. After six hours of savage struggle the Allies finally drove off Ney's troops and held Quatre Bras. The casualties of the 33rd were 19 killed and 86 wounded. Among those killed was Capt John Haigh, the elder brother of Lieut Thomas Haigh also of the 33rd. They were the sons of Quartermaster Haigh, who had been Sgt Major of the 33rd at the time the Duke assumed



33rd at Quatre Bras: 16 June 1815
An officer coming to the help of brother who has just been shot

command in 1793. This photograph of a water colour shows Thomas coming to the rescue of his brother who had been shot. Two days later Thomas himself was killed on the field of Waterloo. There is a memorial to the officers of the 33rd killed on 16th and 18th June 1815 in the Chapelle Royale at Waterloo, which records the names of both brothers, along with the names of five other officers.

Major General W. G. K. Elphinstone

The officer commanding the 33rd during the Waterloo campaign was Lieut Colonel William Elphinstone. At the Battle of Waterloo he assumed command of the 5th Brigade when the Brigadier was wounded with a shot through both cheeks.

Elphinstone was on foot as his black mare had been hit earlier. She had been a gift from his younger brother, Capt James Elphinstone, 7th Hussars. One of her silver mounted hooves, with a Waterloo medal inset in the lid, is in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion. Drawing his sword and waving it over his head Elphinstone sprang to the front of the Brigade "Come one, my brave fellows", he shouted, "let us die like Britons, sword in hand, or conquer". He was awarded the CB for the part he had played in the battle.

Elphinstone remained in command of the 33rd until 1821 when he went on half pay. In 1825 he was promoted Colonel and in 1837 Major General. In 1841 he was selected to command the British Army of Occupation in Kabul. Later that year, after the murder of the British Resident, Elphinstone signed a treaty with Afghans and commenced the evacuation of Kabul. This developed into a running battle and eventually into a massacre. Elphinstone, who had delivered himself as a hostage prior to the retreat, died in Afghan hands on 23rd April 1842. The

portrait was painted about 1837 at the time he was promoted to Major General (2).

- (1) *The painting is a water colour with pen and ink by Miss K. M. Clayton. It was one of a series painted by the artist depicting incidents at Quatre Bras and Waterloo.*
- (2) *A fuller account of Lieut Colonel Elphinstones career is given in 'Iron Duke' No. 100 (April 1956).*
- (3) *Both paintings are reproduced by kind permission of the National Army Museum.*



Major General W. G. K. Elphinstone
Commander of the 33rd at Waterloo

A SUBALTERN'S RECOLLECTIONS OF THE CLOSING MONTHS OF THE WAR IN KOREA (June and July 1953)

by James Hayes

For most of June 1953, 'A' Company, to which I belonged, was on Right Hand Hook (Hill 146) and in July it moved to Naechon (Hill 127). I commanded No. 3 Platoon under OC 'A' Company, Major D. M. Harris.

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I suppose I may as well begin with the weather. It was warm and close in June and July, but not unpleasantly so, except at night when the air was mosquito-ridden. The days were hot, but not as unbearable as in late summer, during the truce period, when it frequently became stifling.

When the monsoon came it would rain continuously for days, often with a monotonous heavy fall. At other times it gave way to a "drizzle". During the rains it was frequently quite chilly and miserable. The sun dried up tracks and ground very quickly. However, a few hours rain would turn the mud tracks into quagmires and send powerful torrents of water cascading down the re-entrants, cutting beds through the soil and forcing pebbles and stones out of their way.

Thus in the summer water was no problem in the hills. Little rivulets could be tapped on their way down the hillside by the simple expedient of pushing one end of a long picket into the water course and thus conveying the water to a small tank or large tin. It was possible to drink this water as it was without experiencing any ill effects, but it was safer to sterilize it. Water from the lower slopes and from the paddy fields was a different matter. These, provided they were out of the enemy's vision, could be used for bathing, but not for drinking.

Dug-outs and Command Posts

The troops lived in dug-outs, usually holding 3 or 4 men, some larger, some smaller. Many of the dug-outs had been standing almost a year, and certainly through the winter. These earlier dug-outs were, in the main, inferior to the pre-fabricated dug-outs available in the last months of the war, whose parts were constructed to a pattern from planed wood.

Usually, there was very little extra room inside a dug-out. Entering a typical pre-fabricated one, you would find double tier beds to the left and right of the narrow entrance passage. These beds, made from long pickets and cable wire, extended to the roof. The dug-out could only hold its quota of men when all were in their "bunks", although they could all squat together around the centre of the floor. It was simply a place in which to sleep and take shelter. The older dug-outs were in the main roomier, because their design had been largely a matter of individual taste.

The dug-outs which served as company and platoon Command Posts (CPs for short) were always bigger affairs, for the simple reason that men had to work in them, rather than sleep or seek shelter there. On 146 the Company CP was a high, narrow oblong bunker dug well into the hillside, entered by a deep trench. It housed the usual signal exchange and

operations desk for OC and 2IC, with room enough for the usual members of a Company Commander's conference. No-one slept there, however, as the living accommodation for the OC, signallers and others were located nearby. On Naechon, on the other hand, the Company CP was of quite grandiose proportions, with a sleeping annexe for the Company Commander, and ample room for all occasions.

My platoon CP on 146 was a weatherbeaten but completely waterproof old dug-out, holding a double tier bunk made from the usual materials, my collapsible camp bed, and a rough desk, with a field telephone (line communication) and 88 set fitted. Naafi boxes provided the necessary shelves and stools. It had a low roof, and was layered with sandbags between the point where the earth wall terminated and the roof began. This almost circular area provided an occasional promenade for rats, and was christened by us "Picadilly Circus".

To guard against disease a company sanitary squad was formed and a man went round at regular intervals spraying dug-outs, bunkers and latrines with DDT. Clothes were supposed to be sprayed with a preparation designed to ward off any incipient danger of what we called "Songo" fever. For the same reason only long trousers were worn, due to the risk of infection from the undergrowth.

Company and platoon positions and the trench system

The front line positions ran along the forward slopes of the hills occupied by ourselves. Opposite were the range of enemy-held hills, separated from our own by an expanse of low ground which, as often as not, a stream meandered. The extent of this "no-man's land" was dictated by the topographical features.

The positions on "146" (Right Hand Hook) consisted of a series of rifle pits and LMG bunkers dug in commanding situations round the forward face of the hill near to the top. These were linked by narrow trenches which, cut deep into the hard ground were, in the main, six or seven feet deep. The same description applies to the trenches on "127" (Naechon), save that the latter were buttressed with corrugated iron sheeting or sandbags, behind long picket uprights. In each case it was evident that the rifle pits and bunkers had come first and the inter-communicating trenches after. There were entrances - or exits, depending on which way you came - into the system at different points. These cut through the crown of the hill into the living bunkers on the left rear and centre rear sides of it.

On "146" my platoon occupied the right rear of the main hill. Our positions straggled along a ridge with section positions along its lower and upper reaches, all neatly tucked out of sight of the enemy. There were section posts and bunkers but no trench system. The only vestige of a trench was a long deep one which curved over the main hill from my CP to the CP of the right hand platoon of the Company. This



*Members of 8 Section, 3 Platoon
Korea, June 1953*

**Left to right: Oh Joo Suk, Cpl Lewis Conroy, Chong I Bong,
Gazzard
In front: Ellis and Weir**

wretched trench was just outside the entrance to my CP. Access to it at ground level was obtained by a narrow bridge over the trench. This crossing was very difficult to see in the pitch black of the Korean summer night, and on one occasion the Company Commander, declining all aid, fell into it and twisted his ankle!

During the summer rains we fought an almost ceaseless battle against water and sodden earth, which caused trench walls to cave in and bunkers and dug-outs to sag dangerously. I have vivid recollections of going round my section posts one evening at "Stand To", clad only in a pair of soaking wet shorts and my holster-belt - all my clothes were wet. Clearing the ways was quite a depressing task for as soon as one portion of trench was cleared, the walls of another would invariably crash down, or their corrugated sides would cave in so much that a through passage became an impossibility.

The red, clayey soil was the home of innumerable large black ants half an inch in length, and I used to watch their internecine strife. They had voracious appetites. I once remember knocking down a large dragonfly and coming back a short time later to find it completely consumed, save for its gauzy wings.

Food and Cooking Arrangements

Cooking arrangements were dependent on whether the location and topographical features brought us within enemy visibility or not.

In general, food was not overplentiful and we were on a monotonous diet. The men got tired of "Pom" and what we called "Pusan Pudding". On the whole we seemed to fare better on platoon cooking, and occasionally there was an unexpected windfall. I recall a glorious occasion when we took over the Naechon position from the Royal 22nd Regiment of Canada, and found they had left behind fresh bread, apple jelly and the like. We did get some tinned chicken, and even turkey, with our rations, but it was in small amounts and not much use, as it was cold and

(naturally) was without the usual trimmings. Occasionally, we lived on American C7 rations instead of our own food. These were "Compo" packs. They were only welcome as a change for a few days, as they were too rich and the men tired of them quickly. They were usually issued only for moves.

Daily duties and routine

On Right Hand Hook, the Company was concentrated on and around Hill 146, with platoons on the left and right hand forward slopes, another platoon and company headquarters on the rear slopes. Because of the general location and close proximity of sub-units it was possible to allocate work on a company level, utilizing men from all the platoons for any urgent task as well as routine work. My own platoon had to provide a working party for the forward right hand platoon by day. By night, we had to supply men for a company wiring party to work in front of a standing patrol position from after dark to midnight, and an occasional fatigue party for the CSM. The locational arrangements also made it possible to use a three platoon roster for the two standing patrols ("Tare" and "Uncle") found by the company. At platoon level the daily routine was determined by the fixed requirements to furnish, under company arrangements, a standing patrol on two nights out of every three, and to provide normal two-man "stags" at each section position throughout the night.

At Naechon (Hill 127) the routine was different because the platoons were spread over a much larger area, and therefore left more to their own devices. Each platoon was on an isolated hill feature, one to the left front, one to the right front and one to the left rear. Company HQ was to the right rear. From my platoon position on 127 (left rear) it was a good quarter of an hour's walk back to Company HQ - down the steep sides of the hill, across the paddy, onto the jeep-track, back along it and round the corner for 500 yards to the Company administration area behind the hill on which Company HQ was situated, and up that hill to the CP on top. I took longer still for the Company Commander to go from his CP to either his left or right front platoons, since mine, the left back platoon, was the nearest to him. Thus the OC had a two-hour walk to get round his scattered company, let alone stay with them and make a tour of inspection. Moreover, the route to his platoons, particularly to the two forward ones, was in view of the enemy by day, and transport could only make the journey under cover of dark. It was thus not surprising that we did not see a great deal of our Company Commander on this position.

On 127, therefore, No. 3 Platoon's routine was determined by the isolated nature of our position, and by the fact that supplies could only be fetched up by night. Automatically there was platoon cooking, with a cook from the platoon operating in a separate dug-out. We were very much on our own, finding our own standing patrol every night, doing our own work, and providing a ration and fatigue party every night as soon as dusk fell. This party would trudge down the hill and along the rough path across the paddy to the jeep-head every evening, come rain come shine, to fetch back the next day's rations and any defence stores that might have to be brought back - wire,

pickets, corrugated iron and occasionally the parts of a new (prefabricated) bunker. The latter was back-breaking work, since the heavy baulks of wood had to be taken up the steep slope of the hill and round the left face to the positions. In porter tasks the Korean augmentation troops attached to every platoon were at their best. For their size they were immensely strong, and the way they trudged up the hill-sides bearing great lengths of wood won the admiration of all.

On 127 it was customary to divide the night duties section by section. One section supplied the standing patrol - one NCO and 4 men, one of them with an 88 set; relieved mid-way through the night by another NCO and 4. Another section provided the section guards, and the other furnished the fatigue party for rations and stores. Any night work had also to be carried out by the fatigue party, augmented by any available men. Wherever possible, most of the work was done by day since night duties were heavy enough. Work on the trenches themselves had to be done largely by night since they were in full view of the enemy.

Routine during the day on Hill 127 varied at different times, but in general it worked out along the following lines. Reveille was at 0600 hrs, followed by work until 0730 hrs. From 0730 until 0900 was taken up by breakfast and washing, shaving and weapon cleaning. Inspection by sections of men, weapons and dug-outs followed at 0900 hrs, after which work was allocated, by sections, for the day. Dinner came at 1300 hrs. No work was done in the hottest hours of the day, when men rested, or washed in the pool at the bottom of the hill, and work began again after tea until it got dark. The men "stood-to" in the trenches from 2015 hrs - at dusk - until 2100 hrs. After this the section guards and the fatigue party began the night's work, the standing patrol having gone out at 2015 hrs. There was no "Stand To" at dawn, either on 127 or 146.

In addition to the usual work, an OP was manned from dawn until dusk on 127. The section which did the previous night's "stags" found the men for this duty. The value of this OP was not high since the men were not properly trained, and could not be when, sooner or later, every man in the platoon manned it.

The day's work itself was hardly inspiring, but it was essential. New latrines and a swill-pit had to be dug, old ones filled in, dug-outs had to be repaired and holes for new ones dug in the unyielding Korean soil, and trenches had to be cleared where possible.

On Hill 146 (Right Hand Hook) there were differences. There was no work before breakfast. Morning inspection was at 0830 or 9000 hrs. The men worked all day, save men who had been on standing patrols the previous night - they were allowed to sleep until mid-day. The work was of the same nature, close attention being paid to bunkers and weapon slits; but a party, in section strength, was sent off daily to help the right forward platoon. Since movement on this position was not difficult, unlike Naechon, the opportunity was taken to send men back to "A" echelon, beyond the south bank of the Imjin, for baths. Men went back every morning, each platoon keeping a bath roster. Once or twice as many men as possible were ferried back, in relays over several days, to see a special film showing.

The officer's role in all this was one of allocations and supervision. At the daily "O" Group. I was told what the aim was to be, and what had to be done. It was my job to see that the work in hand got done. The whole thing was reminiscent of a building site, with myself as supervisor for the architect and my platoon sergeant as foreman.

The Company "Orders" Group, which had been a daily feature of life on 146, was held less frequently on 127. Distance from the CP, and the fact that life was fairly quiet, led to "O" Groups being held only once or twice a week. Sometimes the Company Commander came round on a tour of inspection, told me what to do, and gave me the news and the daily pass-word. Otherwise, the CSM told my platoon sergeant at dusk, when the latter went with the ration and fatigue party. When something was happening then a proper "O" Group was held at Company HQ, usually about 0600 hrs. or else after dusk, and off I trudged on the long walk there and back.

As I have said, life was quiet on 127. Occasionally the Chinese would shell our path across the paddy to the jeep-head, and now and then mortar bombs and shells would fall on the rear of our hill. Fortunately these fell on the lower slopes; had they fallen higher up they must have landed around the platoon administrative area where not a few men were living in dug-in "Pup" tents, since they had been washed out of their delapidated dug-outs by the monsoon rains. Luckily no-one was hurt by any of these shells and bombs, although one or two people had near squeaks. The disadvantage of a lay-back position is that you are certain to have all the enemy overshoots!

On 146 we were shelled quite frequently. The Chinese showed a marked preference for certain times of the day. They often sent a few bombs over about breakfast time, again about lunch time, and then in the evening when our tank (1 RTR) hidden behind the reverse slope would start up its engines and, heralded by smoke from its exhaust, would move its hull down position on the skyline, ready for the Chinaman's jinks if any. This was a sure signal for retaliation; but no one could never be quite sure when a bomb or shell was coming. They seemed to have plenty of ammunition.

Conclusion

This busy life, both by night and day over long weeks without a break, made men tired physically and mentally, on which was superimposed the sense of waiting for something to happen. The uncertainty added to the strain, which was there, even if one wasn't particularly conscious of it. I recollect the weariness that seemed to come upon me when the news of the truce arrived - and I had been in the line for only two months, not like many in the company for three, with the protracted tension and action of the Hook battle thrown in. The 1st Dukes' went into line in November 1952, came out in February 1953 - when the whole Division went into reserve for the first time in its existence - and went back in again for the rest of the war, at the end of April. The latter stages of the Korean War were probably unprecedented for the long periods which battalions spent holding the front line.

Regimental Association

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The issue of Regimental Association membership cards and the allocation of roll numbers, which was allowed to lapse some years ago, is to be reintroduced. All members who have joined the Association through the 'Days Pay Scheme' or those who have paid life subscription in recent years and whose addresses are held will be issued with membership cards in the near future.

Members who have lost their membership cards, previously issued, may apply to the General Secretary of the Association at RHQ for a new card, for which there will be a charge of 40p.

BRANCH NOTES

York: A new Branch has been formed at York. Meetings are held in the Post Office Employees Social Club, Marygate on the first Monday of each month at 8.00 pm. The Committee, which will serve until 8th May 1985, is:

Chairman Bob Spearman; Secretary John Hemmings; Treasurer Keith Garner; Committee members Dave Pack and Thomas Unwin.

All past and present members of Dukes' living in the York area are invited to support this new Branch.

Halifax: Although the membership of the Branch is slowly but surely increasing from its recent low, there is need for more active support if the Branch is to be a strong and healthy one in the future.

Bradford and District: The Branch is having a quiet period at the moment. We are however planning to have a stall at the Wrose Gala on 6th July where we will take the opportunity to display our Standard. Ken and Edna Willoughby have been great and are supporting us very well but we need more help from ex-Dukes.

We remind all Dukes' in the Bradford area that we meet at Belle Vue Barracks every second and fourth Wednesday in each month.

Mossley: Once again a party of us has paid a visit to our old friends Les Anciens Combattants of Hem. The party, ten in number, left Mossley on 9th November and returned on the 12th after a great visit which was, as usual, marked by generous hospitality and great kindness.

The Branch continues to meet at the Woodend Working Mens' Club in Mossley at 8.15 pm on the first Wednesday of every month.

London and Home Counties: Remembrance Sunday 1984 will long be remembered by branch members who attended the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey because it was the first occasion at which our branch standard was on parade. It was carried by our secretary, Mr R. Owers, and for all members present it was a very special and memorable occasion. In fact our attendance was very good this year, the following attending - Major and Mrs Miller, Mr C. Cossins, Mr K. Waterman, Mr M. Hall, Lieut Colonel and Mrs R. G. Collins, Major P. Connelly, Mr K. Walker, Mr R. Temple and son, Mr R. Owers.

After the two minutes silence we moved to Birdcage Walk and watched HM The Queen and other members of the Royal Family returning to

Buckingham Palace after the Cenotaph Service. We then moved to the Westminster Arms for an hour or so's chat about times gone by. It was especially good to see Major Pat Connelly again and to find him so well.

The Chairman would like to take this opportunity to pay special thanks to "our lady behind the scenes", Mrs Ardell Owers, our Secretary's wife. Every year she lays out the Regimental Plot at the Field of Remembrance for us on the Thursday prior to Remembrance Sunday. In addition throughout the year, she does our typing and other clerical jobs. Without her help we would not function anything like as smoothly as we do. We are indeed most grateful to her for all her hard work on our behalf.

Our Annual Dinner and Dance will be held at the Victory Services Club on 18 May 1985. The cost of a single ticket will be £8.50. These will be on sale from the Secretary from 1 April 1985.

We welcome Duke Lawrence to the branch. His present address is King's Fund College, 2 Palace Court, London W2.

Mr Bob Temple, who has been a member of this branch since before the war was 80 years old on 3 April. We all wish him many happy returns.



Remembrance Sunday 1984
Mr R. Owers with the Standard of the London and Home Counties branch at the Regimental Plot at Westminster Abbey

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ARMY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner was held at the Princess Restaurant, Huddersfield, on 4th January 1985. The Patron, Major General D. E. Isles was in attendance together with Veterans, Committee members and guests, a total of 88. Among the guests were the Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor S. Dawson and Lieut Colonel W. Robins OBE the Regimental Secretary. During the course of the evening Councillor Dawson gave an interesting account of his and the Mayoress's visit to Gibraltar as guests of the 1st Battalion.

The Huddersfield and District Army Veterans Association was formed in 1897. The object of the Association is to see that old soldiers are not forgotten and to help them if in need materially or financially. The Association also organises social functions for its members. Many ex-Dukes' are members and active in its organisation and administration.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA

Just before Christmas the Regimental Secretary and Mr Jack Russell visited the Royal Hospital, Chelsea to deliver Christmas presents to the Regiments' 'In Pensioners', namely Mr J. C. Jones, Mr W. H. Glew and Mr J. H. Wilkinson. All were in good form, though Mr Wilkinson had recently had a spell in the Infirmary. They have now been joined by ex WO2 Ronald O'Shea, who served with the Regiment from 1930 to 1954, which included a period with the East Yorks (1948-51) and with Y and L (1951-52).

ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABLED EX-SERVICEMEN

The E. Hayes Dashwood Foundation are offering self contained flats at reduced rent (rates paid) in Balham, London SE12 to disabled ex-servicemen. For details write to the General Secretary of the Regimental Association at RHQ.

VE DAY SERVICE, HALIFAX

There will be a VE Day Service in Halifax Parish Church on Sunday 2nd June 1985 at 3.00 pm. The Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale will be present and it is hoped that as many Old Comrades and other ex-servicemen and women as possible will attend.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays, at **minimal cost** are available to serving

soldier ex-soldiers and army widows are available as follows:

1. For older members of the Regimental Association
Ex RSM Joe Collins has three caravans at a site at Withernsea, Humberside and will be happy to provide a holiday for deserving older members of the Association.

2. For families of serving soldiers and ex soldiers
Self catering holidays for family groups of serving soldiers and ex soldiers or dependants are available as follows:

Doniford Bay, Nr Wacht, Somerset - chalets
Barmston Beach, Nr Bridlington - caravans
Littlesea, Weymouth, Dorset - caravans
Beach Station, Felixstowe, Suffolk - caravans

3. For army widows

Pontins are offering holidays, with full board, for army widows with children under 16 and over 6 months at their holiday centres at:

Blackpool, Lowestoft, Bracklesham Bay and Morecambe.

Applications for a holiday at any of the foregoing places should be made to the General Secretary of the Regimental Association at RHQ.

The Lord Kitchener's Memorial Holiday Centre, Lowestoft (Tel. 502 3564) is open to any ex service personnel. The price per week for full board is £35.

KEEPING IN TOUCH . . .

Mr G. H. Wragg (ex 2nd Battalion), who recently sent the Regiment some maps of the Naga Hills used in 1944, recently retired after serving 26 years in the Nottinghamshire Ambulance Service. He is still leading a very active life and is Head Bailiff of the Attenborough Nature Reserve. His address is: 155 Long Lane, Attenborough, Notts N99 6BL.

Change of Address

Lieut Colonel and Mrs J. F. B. Power, 7 Berkely Bridge, Preston PR5 6 AX.

Brigadier and Mrs W. R. Mundell, 77 Wakeford Park, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hants GU13 0EZ.

Lieut Colonel S. J. Nash, 121 Dringthorpe Road, Dringhouses, York YO2 2LF.

Capt and Mrs S. C. Newton, Dakin's Barn, Hathersage, Sheffield S30 1DA.

Major and Mrs M. G. L. M. Stackpole, The Mill House, Durweston, Blandford, Dorset.

Major G. C. Tedd, 130 Heathleigh, Skircoat Road, Halifax HX1 2RE.

Obituary

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

Mr F. Lawrence

Frederick Lawrence died at Gosport on 4th December 1984, age 82. He served in the 1st Battalion from 1919 to 1927 as a member of the Drums, in which he was the base drummer. He was also, for a time, the Commanding Officer's bugler. After taking his discharge in 1927 he worked for a number of firms in the Gosport area, including Laings the builders.

Mrs K. D. Grimley

Mrs Kathleen Grimley, widow of the late Brigadier C. W. G. (Grimes) Grimley MC, died on 28th January 1985. She married the then Capt Grimley in 1929 when the 1st Battalion was stationed at Devonport. Her sister also married into the Regiment and is the widow of the late Colonel 'Boy' Armitage. The Regiment was represented at the Cremation Service by Major Dick Ince.

Mr A. Turner

'Monk' Turner, died at York on 31 January 1985, age 71. Mr Turner was a former CSM in the Battalion and served in Korea in 1953.

Sir T. C. Rapp KBE, CMG, MC

Sir Thomas Rapp died on 22nd December 1984 in his 92nd year. A Yorkshireman he served in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment during World War I reaching the rank of Major. He was awarded the MC in 1916. Subsequent to leaving the army at the end of the War he had a distinguished career in the Consular Service, his final appointment being HMs Ambassador in Mexico.

Mr F. R. Himsworth MSM

Frederick Himsworth died recently, age 84. He joined the Green Howards in 1916 and with them took part in many of the big World War I battles on the Western Front as well as the ill fated Gallipoli landings.

Later he transferred to The Dukes' and served with 2nd Battalion on the NW Frontier of India. In 1937 he left the army, having risen to the rank of CSM. At the outbreak of World War II he rejoined the Regiment and was promoted RSM. He was demobbed in 1945 and for the next five years was the Chief Clerk at the Territorial Office in Arden Road, Halifax. He subsequently had a number of jobs his last being with Hattersley (Ormskirk) Ltd from whom he retired in 1965.

Mr J. Bainbridge

Joseph Bainbridge died on 2nd November 1984, age 81. He enlisted into the Regiment in 1924 and in the same year joined the 2nd Battalion, then in Egypt. From there he accompanied the battalion to Singapore (1926-1928) and India (1928-1932). From

1935 to 1937 he was with the 1st Battalion in Malta. At the outbreak of World War II he was posted to the Infantry Training Centre and until his discharge in 1945 spent the rest of his service with the Centre and 5th and 50th Holding Battalions.

Lieut Colonel Sir Nugent H. Everard Bt

'Paddy' Everard died at Midhurst on 13th December 1984, age 79.

P. G. L. C. writes:-

'Paddy' joined the Regiment from Sandhurst in 1925 in Gosport. He resigned in 1929 when his father died and he was required to sort out the family property in Co Meath; but rejoined two years later. With an Irish background he had a natural interest in field sports and was not only a useful horseman but a gifted and knowledgeable horseman. As such he was a natural choice as Transport Officer in those days when transport still meant horses and mules. He came into his own when the 1st Battalion moved to Malta, looking after some 20 odd - and some of them really were odd - polo ponies and the polo players in the battalion owed him and his staff a big debt for the way they contrived to keep them mounted and to compete without loss of face against the powerful forces of the Rifle Brigade and the Royal Navy, the latter led by Lord Louis Mountbatten.

'Paddy' was also a keen cricketer with no pretensions to orthodoxy, who went in at number 7 or 8 and attacked every ball. His method was suspect but when in form he was a joy to watch - while he lasted.

At the outbreak of WWII he was serving in India with the 2nd Battalion, but very shortly afterwards returned to the UK to become 2i/c of the 8th Battalion - later redesignated 145 Regiment RAC. In August 1942 he was appointed to command 9 RTR and took that regiment to NW Europe in 1944. However he shortly afterwards became a battle casualty and returned to UK. After a brief period with the 10th Battalion he took command of 600 Regiment RA before being posted to the Inspectorate of Army Equipment with whom he remained until he became 2i/c of the 1st Battalion of the York and Lancashire Regiment in late 1948 followed quickly by his appointment as 2i/c of the 1st Battalion. In November 1950 he became CO of the 7th Battalion DWR TA. On completion of his period of command he was successively Camp Commandant 3 AA Group and HQ 30 Independent Infantry Brigade. He retired in 1958.

After he retired he was for several years an RO at Longmoor where he was working alongside the late Brigadier Bill Summers.

He was a very likeable man with a great many friends, but few were intimates, as there was a protective shell around him that was not easy to penetrate. Probably the only people who knew the real man were his own family and in particular

Frances, his wife, who pre-deceased him but to whom he was devoted and after whose death some years ago he turned even more inwards and let the world look after itself. His friends will nonetheless be saddened by the news of his death". The funeral took place at Midhurst and among those present at the Service were Major General G. F. Upjohn, Colonel P. G. L. Cousens, Major and Mrs L. F. Kershaw and Major R. H. Ince.

Mr D. J. Brennan

'Joe' Brennan, who since leaving the army in 1959 has been landlord of the Hare and Hounds Inn, Todmorden, died suddenly on 18 December 1984 aged 63 years. 'Joe' initially enlisted as a TA soldier at Sowerby Bridge in January 1937 but in September of the same year he joined 1 DWR as a regular soldier. After service with 1 DWR with BEF in France 1939-40 he was one of the first soldiers to join the Commandos in May 1941 when they were formed. He stayed with them throughout the rest of the war serving in North Africa with No. 6 Commando 1941-43 and in France and Germany from D Day until the disbandment of the Commandos at the end of hostilities.

He left the army in 1946 but rejoined in 1949 and again went to 1 DWR from where he eventually became driver to the late Brigadier B. W. Webb-Carter. During this period a close bond of mutual respect and friendship developed between "Joe" and the Webb-Carter family. Promoted Sergeant in 1958 he ended his service back in West Yorkshire on the Recruiting Staff.

The funeral service was held at Todmorden Chapel of Rest on 22 December followed by cremation. Lieut Colonel W. Robins and Ex WOII J. Fitton represented the Regiment. Lieut Colonel E. J. Webb-Carter was also present.

Major General R. K. Exham CB, CBE, MC

Roy Exham who died on 31st January 1985, age 78, was the younger brother of the late Major General K. G. Exham CB, DSO (Colonel of the Regiment 1957-65). They were the sons of Colonel F. S. Exham DSO, who served in the Regiment before transferring to the RAOC and the grandsons of Colonel S. H. Exham.

Roy was commissioned into the Regiment from Sandhurst in 1926 and joined the 1st Battalion, then at Devonport. However within a few months he was, as was then the normal practice in those days, posted to the 2nd Battalion in Singapore. He quickly made his mark becoming captain of the rugby and cricket teams. He went to India with the Battalion and there took part in the Looe Agra and Mohmand campaigns on the NW Frontier in 1935. Later that year, while on leave in the UK, he had a very severe accident when

he was thrown from his horse. He landed on his head and only his courage and determination enabled him to survive. On the outbreak of World War II in 1939 he accompanied the 1st Battalion to France, but before very long was appointed Staff Capt of 3 Infantry Brigade. At Dunkirk he came off the beaches in the next to last boat. After attending the Staff College he became the BM of 4 Infantry Brigade. A year later he went back to the Staff College as an Instructor after which he was appointed 2i/c of the 7th Battalion, but shortly afterwards assumed command of the 1/6th Battalion whom he took to NW Europe in 1944. Thereafter, apart from a short spell as OC 6 Green Howards, he held a series of staff appointments in BAOR before attending the Imperial Defence College in 1949. This was followed by command of 3 Infantry Brigade in Egypt, where he served with conspicuous success during a very difficult and exacting period. He was then successively D/CQS Allied Forces in Norway, DDMO(A) at the War Office and Director of Land/Air Warfare, an appointment he held until May 1960 when he retired.

Roy had one particularly outstanding quality to which all knew him pay tribute and that was his great kindness and consideration for others. The effect of this was to make him an extremely able mentor and guide to his subordinates, which in turn led to the marked affection and respect in which he was held by all those who worked with him.

As a professional soldier he set himself high standards which were consistently recognised throughout his career. He was twice mentioned in despatches in the NW Frontier campaign in 1935, awarded an MC after Dunkirk, an OBE followed by a CBE for his work in NW Europe and Germany in the period 1945-49 and finally a CB for his performance during the troubled times in Egypt in 1950-52. His career and the recognition given to it would have been exemplary by any standards; but for one whose brain had been so severely damaged in the fall from his horse in 1935, and who suffered so much from its after effects, it can only be described as outstanding.

He was always a keen sportsman who loved all games. He was a good horseman and played polo for the Regiment. He also played rugby, cricket, tennis, squash and golf. In recent years his health was far from good and he suffered from Parkinsons disease.

Among those present at the funeral service were Lieut General Sir Charles Huxtable, Brigadier P. P. de la H. Moran, Canon and Mrs D. I. Strangeways, Lieut Colonel W. Robins, Major and Mrs R. H. Ince, Mrs F. M. Ince, Major L. F. H. Kershaw and Major D. H. Wood.

Major (QM) F. Allsop

Fred Allsop died on 27th March 1985. An obituary will be published in the next issue.

Officers Location List

AS AT APRIL 1985

Lieutenant General

Sir Charles Huxtable, KCB, CBE, Commander Training Establishments, HQ UKLF, Colonel of the Regiment.

Brigadiers

W. R. Mundell, OBE, Chairman of MOD ROTE Study.
J. B. K. Greenway, CBE, Commander 49 Infantry Brigade

Colonels

P. A. Mitchell, OBE, MA, Tel Aviv
M. R. N. Bray, M. Phil. Col Chief Land Ops, HQ AFCENT, (BAE)
M. J. Campbell Lamerton, OBE, Commander Victory College, RMA Sandhurst for Commandant CTC Frimley Aug 85.
J. R. P. Cumberlege, BATT Kenya as Col (GS) Kenya Staff College

Lieutenant Colonels

R. L. Stevens, MBE, SO1 Int Div, HQ AFCENT
T. D. Lupton, (SL) SO2 G1 (Disc) HQ BAOR
W. F. Charlesworth
C. R. Cumberlege, Depot HS pending appointment as Colonel.
S. J. Nash (SL) SO3 G4 Ops HQ NEDIST & HQ 2 Div. For SO2 G4 Ops Jun 85

E. J. W. Walker, CO 1 DWR

T. J. Nicholson, CO Depot King's Div

A. R. Redwood-Davies, MBE, Depot HS (Language Training) for SO1 Oman May 85

A. D. Roberts, MBE, SO1 Wpns RMCS

Majors

D. M. Pugh, Sqn Comd AAC Harrogate
I. P. Reif, OC HQ Coy Warminster SP Unit
P. J. Puttock, UFO 1 DWR. For PR Svcs BAOR April 85
P. D. D. J. Andrews, Sen Instr RMC Duntroon Australia. For CO King's Div Depot Jul 85.

C. N. St. P. Bunbury, MBE, Trg Maj (TISO) 6 UDR

C. G. Fitzgerald, Trg Advisor Saudi Arabia

P. J. Mellor, OC Mor Div Sp Wpns Wg Sch of Inf.

A. R. Wescob, SO2 PI, HQ 1 Armd Div

P. D. Gardner, 2ic 1 DWR. For CO 2 Yorks Mar 86.

A. D. M. Palmer, MBE, 1 DWR. For Trg Major 3 Yorks Nov 85

J. M. Thorn, OC PI Comd Div School of Inf. For CO King's Own Borders May 85

J. R. A. Ward, CDS, SO2 XCS 2

C. J. Gilbert, SO2 LOG, HQ AMF(L) (BAE)

M. S. Sherlock, SO2 G3 Trg Reg Army HQ NEDIST & HQ2 Div

D. L. Harrap, LLB, SO2 W Wpns 3B (DGW(A) (PE) (AE) MOD

T. J. Isles, 1 DWR

A. J. Pitchers, 1 DWR

C. F. Grieve, SO3 G3 (Ops (O and D)) HQ NEDIST & HQ2 Div

A. D. Meeke, COS (BM) HQ 11 Armd Bde

K. Best, 1 DWR

A. H. S. Drake, MBE, 1 DWR

Captains

D. I. Richardson, Instr Sigs Wg SCHINF

G. A. Kilburn, Instr PI Comds Battle Course, SCHINF

G. D. Shuttleworth, (A/Major) Coy Comd IJLB Shorncliffe

D. Whittaker, 1 DWR

S. J. N. Morgan, SO3 G3 HQ 15 Inf Bde. For Coy Comd King's Div Depot Oct 85

S. C. Newton, 1 DWR

M. White, 187 Coy RPC On Probation Pending Transfer

P. J. Harvey, Adj 1 DWR

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RETIREMENTS

The following have recently retired:

Major P. B. L. Hoppe - 5 January 1985

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Lieut C. J. Howard - Terminated SSVc 13 February 1985

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GLOSSARY OF INFANTRY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

Until the introduction of the new rifle, SAW 80 in 1986 the standard infantry rifle remains the self loading rifle (SLR) which was introduced in 1954. There are, however, many other weapons in constant use in an infantry battalion, which together make up the impressive firepower available today to a battalion commander. The aim of this article is to provide a brief glossary of the weapons and equipment used at the moment by the 1st Battalion.

The Rifleman

A Duker's rifleman can expect to enter the modern battle equipped to be completely self-reliant for extended periods in any environment. His personal weapon is the semi-automatic 7.62mm SLR which has a 20 round magazine and an optional optical sight, the sight unit infantry trilux (SUIT). His webbing equipment is based on the '58 pattern webbing, and includes a respirator and protective suit for fighting in a nuclear, bacteriological or chemical (NBC) environment. It holds rations and ammunition for a 24 hour period, and is designated Central European Fighting Order (CEFO). For extended periods on the battle field, his CEFO is complemented by a large pack or 'bergan' which contains spare clothing and equipment to extend his period of self reliance to 72 hours. His webbing and large pack together are designated Central European Marching (CEMO).

Platoon Weapons and Equipment

Variations on the rifleman's equipment and weapons will result as a consequence of his role within the Platoon. Radio operators and runners may carry the 9mm Stirling Sub Machine Gun instead of an SLR, and there are heavier weapons integral to every Platoon. A Platoon has three 7.62 General Purpose Machine Guns (GPMG), which are accurate in bursts up to 1100 metres, one of which may have a sustained Fire (SF) tripod, which converts it to fire up to 1800 metres, and accurately on fixed lines at night. The Platoon will also carry three 84mm Carl Gustav rocket launchers, and a number of 'throwaway' rocket launchers, giving integral anti-tank defence up to ranges of 400 metres. A 51mm Mortar and a 1 inch Signal Pistol complete the Platoons weapons allocation.

Platoon Communications and Night Fighting Aids

A Platoon is now equipped with a modern range of lightweight and hardy radios belonging to the Clansman series. Each half section commander will carry a PRC 349 radio with a range of several Kms (depending on the ground) which is small and easy to carry. The Platoon will also have a PRC 350 or 351 'backpack' set which has a maximum range of 5 - 8 Kms and a rechargeable battery life of 18 - 24 hrs.

Night fighting aids include the individual weapon sight (IWS) which can be mounted on an SLR or GPMG or Carl Gustav which can see in starlight conditions out to 600m. A platoon may also carry the NOD A or B Image Intensifier, and the IRIS, is an infra red 'fence' which can monitor movement over an area up to 800 metres from the Platoons position.

Specialist Weapons and Equipment

The 1st Battalion has both a Mortar and an Anti Tank Platoon, providing the main fire support and defensive capability available to the Commanding Officer. The Mortar Platoon is equipped with the 81 mm Mortar which can fire Smoke/High Explosive or illumination up to 5½ Kms. They now have a hand held computer which makes target acquisition a much speedier process. Each Mortar Section has its own vehicle, the 1 tonne Landrover, which is radio equipped.

The Anti Tank Platoon now uses laser range finders to accurately pinpoint its targets. It is equipped with the MILAN wireguided missile, which is accurate to nearly 2 Kms. In Gibraltar and Belize however, it utilized some WOMBAT or CONBAT 120mm recoilles rifles as well as MILAN, which are accurate to 750 metres and fire a high explosive squash head (HESH) round.

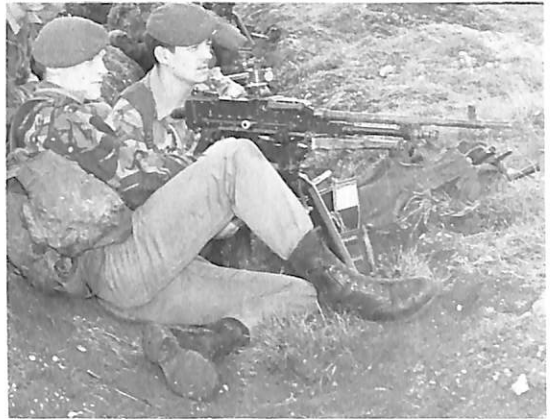


84mm Carl Gustav Rocket Launcher



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GPMG in the sustained fire role



WOMBAT 120mm Anti Tank Gun



Gibraltar - the end
The Salute to the Colours at the conclusion of the Farewell Parade on 19th January 1985

