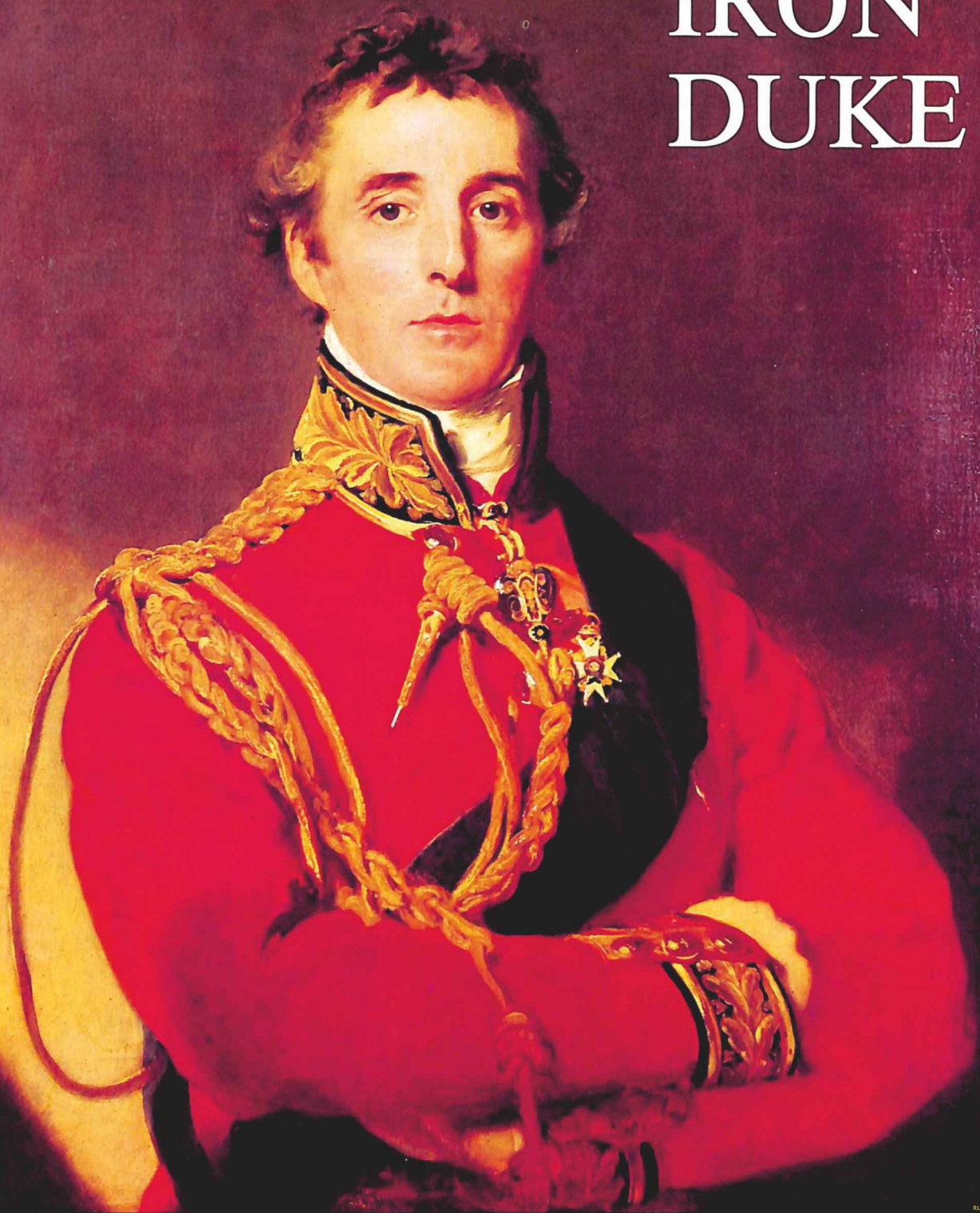


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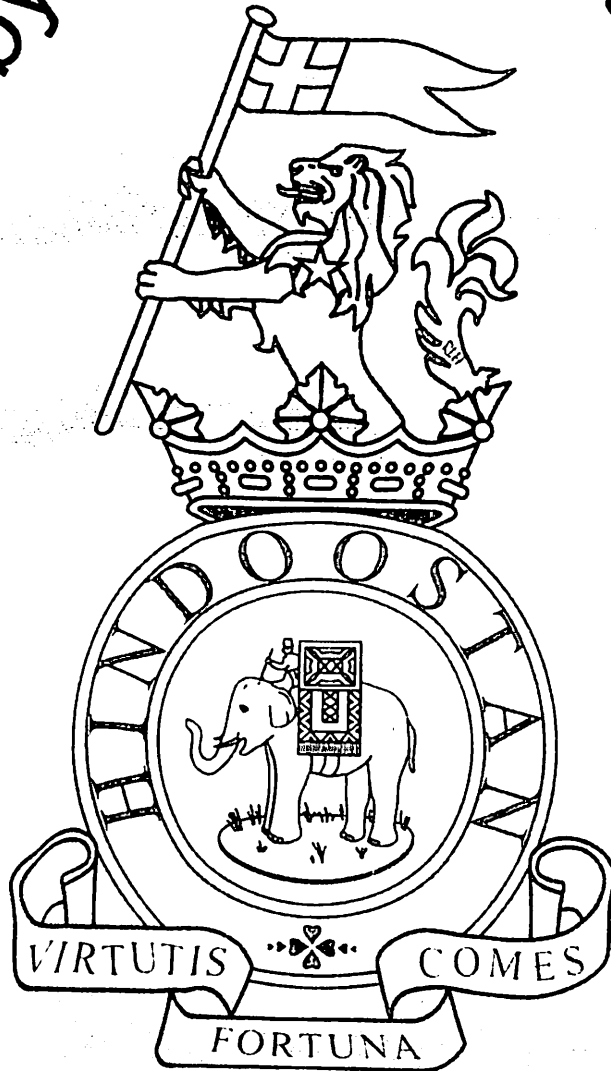
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*Visit of the Colonel in Chief to the 1st Battalion: 16th January 1986*  
The Colonel in Chief, Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington LVO, OBE, MC.,  
inspecting the Guard of Honour furnished by Corunna Company.

## The Iron Duke : 200th Issue

The first issue of the *Iron Duke* was published in May 1925 and here we are in 1986 publishing the 200th issue. In the intervening 60 years great changes have taken place in the world, in the Army and in the Regiment. Many of these changes are recorded in the pages of the *Iron Duke* and over the years many Editors and Business Managers have struggled to prize articles from contributors and to make ends meet.

It behoves us all to support the *Iron Duke* with articles and by subscribing to it. The journal provides a record of the Regiment's activities and serves to remind us of our history. It therefore forms an important part of the structure of the Regiment. Throughout its life the *Iron Duke* has served to keep us in touch with our friends, to give us news of what the various elements of the Regiment are doing and to produce a background of historical information against which we can measure our present standards and attitudes.

All this costs money. In 1985 the first issue contained 80 pages and the subscription was 15p for three issues per year. That subscription remained constant for 24 years. Since then the subscription has risen steadily to the present rate of £3.50 per annum for 3 issues. In 1985 there was another financial crisis and we had to consider reducing the number of issues or increasing substantially the subscription. Fortunately a change of printer has served to avoid the crisis for the time being. However, costs continue to rise and unless we can increase the number of subscribers and advertisers we are bound, sooner or later, to have to increase subscriptions again.

Despite the financial difficulties since the end of World War II the *Iron Duke* has survived for its first 200 issues. It has made a real contribution to the well being of the Regiment and I am determined that it should continue to do so. Whilst the potential pool of subscribers has declined since the days when we had two regular and four territorial battalions it still carries news of the Regiment all over the world - to Africa, to the Americas, to Australasia and to Asia. Let us all strive to ensure that the *Iron Duke* continues to support our great Regiment in the way it has for the past 200 issues: its welfare is in our hands.



Colonel

# Regimental Headquarters

## Regimental Notes

### 1st BATTALION'S YORKSHIRE TOUR, MAY 1986, AND BAND ENGAGEMENTS

The Freedom Marches through Halifax, Huddersfield and Bradford planned as part of the Battalion's Yorkshire Tour in May have regrettably had to be cancelled, due to other commitments. There will, however be a KAPE tour during which the following engagements will be undertaken by the Band and Drums. 8 p.m. 13 May: Band Concert, Victoria Hall, Keighley. 6.30 p.m. 14 May: Retreat Beating, Piece Hall, Halifax. 8 p.m. 15 May: Band Concert, Town Hall, Huddersfield.

In the period following the KAPE Tour the Band will give concerts in a number of Yorkshire Schools Todmorden Show, 24 May 1986. Halifax Show, 7 June 1986. Keighley Show, 6 September 1986.

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

Lieut Col W. F. Charlesworth was awarded the OBE in the Northern Ireland Honours list, published in December 1985

### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Brigadier W. R. Mundell, OBE was appointed Commandant School of Infantry 24 February 1986 and is to be Dep Comd NEDIST/HQ 2 Div 15 July 1986.

Colonel M. R. N. Bray to be Brigadier and Commander UDR 28 June 1986.

Major D. R. D. Newell (TA) promoted to Lieut Col and appointed CO East Midlands. University OTC.

### REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

#### Reopening of the Regimental Museum - 17 May 1986

The Regimental display in the Bankfield Museum, Akroyd Park, Halifax, is to be reopened by the Colonel in Chief, Brigadier His Grace The Duke of Wellington, at 11.30 am on Saturday, 17 May 1986.

Prior to the Opening, the Colour Guard from the 1st Battalion with the Band and Drums will carry out a short Freedom March through Halifax with the Salute being taken by the Mayor outside the Public Library in Northgate at 10.45 am.

Seating at the Opening Ceremony and entry to the reception afterwards will be by invitation only. The Museum will be open to the public from 2.00 pm. During the afternoon there will be a static display of weapons and equipment and a Band Concert, in the Museum grounds.

#### Acquisitions

Recent acquisitions include:-

— Purchased for £370 from Mr. Dixon Pickup, who is an ex member of the Regiment, a 33rd Officers Shako 1855 pattern. A grant of £100 towards this purchase was received from the Army Museums Ogilby Trust and the balance of £270 was paid from the Friends of the Regiment Appeal. Also purchased from Mr. Dixon Pickup, for £140, a 33rd Regt OR's Belt Plate 1830-55 for which a grant of £70 was received from the Army Museums Ogilby Trust.

— Donated by Lieut Col A. B. M. Kavanagh, OBE, MC, the decorations and campaign medals, plus a collection of thirteen shooting or sporting medals, including a Cox's Medal, won by his father, the late Major H. R. Kavanagh, MBE. In addition Colonel Kavanagh has donated a considerable number of photographs, prints, newspaper and magazine articles, calendars, cards, standing orders etc relating to the Regiment during the service of himself and his father.

— Donated by the family of the late Mr. Ackroyd ex 4th DWR, whose son married Miss Evelyn Wellesley, a History of the 1/4th DWR in the first World War photographs, press cuttings and a very interesting World War I paper target depicting a Hun soldier.

— Donated by Mr. Peter Carvey the campaign medals of his father-in-law the late Sergeant George Moorhouse 5th DWR, plus maps, photographs, letters, badges and other items relating to his service 1939-45.

— Purchased from Wallis and Wallis a Boer War Bandolier and assorted World War I and World War II webbing, for the sum of £76.

— Donated by Brigadier A. D. Firth, a copy of the official programme for the funeral of the 1st Duke of Wellington.



33rd Regiment  
Officer's Shako: 1855 Pattern

— Donated by Capt (Ret'd) R.E. Drumm, the record of service of the Drumm family including his great grandfather John Drumm, who served in the 76th Regt from 1836 to 1861, and his five sons all of whom also served in the 76th.

— The Regiment is grateful to the King's Division Recruiting Team for the provision of replicas of modern weapons and to the Quartermasters of the 1st Battalion who have made available various items of clothing and equipment for the new display in the Regimental Museum.

#### V.C. OF SERGEANT H.V. TURNER

The Regiment made a donation of £500, from the Friends of the Regiment Appeal, towards the appeal for funds for the purchase of Sergeant Turner's VC. The following letter of acknowledgement was received from Councillor W. C. A. Clayton, a Trustee of the Appeal:-

"On behalf of the Trustees, may I offer my sincere thanks for your kind contribution to the above appeal.

As you may know, it is the intention of the Trustees to display Sergeant Turner's Victoria Cross in the Town Hall, with the hope that present and future generations may be reminded of the sacrifice paid by a few to protect the freedom we all now enjoy."

#### LEGACIES - THE LATE MAJOR GRAHAM TEDD

The Regiment has received the following legacies from the estate of the late Major Graham Tedd.

— £100 to the War Memorial Fund for the purpose of acquiring an article of adornment for the Regimental Chapel in York Minster.  
 — £100 to the Friends of the Regiment Appeal.  
 — £100 to the War Memorial Fund for the cost of the Chair in the Regimental Chapel, Halifax Parish Church to be dedicated in memory of Graham and his wife, Gwenn. The name plate has been provided at a cost of £37.37 and fitted. The balance of £62.23 has been paid to the War Memorial Fund to cover the cost of the chair.

— A further sum of £150 has been paid direct to the Halifax Parish Church to be used towards the upkeep of the Regimental Chapel there.

Throughout his period of Command he has done all in his power to enhance the good relationship between 'C' Company and the Regiment. He and the Company have provided facilities and staff assistance of the highest order for Regimental and Regimental Association functions whenever required. The Regiment is greatly indebted to him for his help and cooperation.

He was awarded the Territorial Decoration in November 1985.

#### YORKSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE: DWR

##### Retirement of Major J. K. Tyler

After 36 years with the ACF Major John Tyler who commanded Bradford Area ACF and was the DWR Regimental Liaison Officer, retired in January. Major Tyler had seen many changes during his long service with the ACF, but he has worked tirelessly throughout to foster efficiency and Regimental spirit within Wellesley Company and all DWR Detachments. His replacement as DWR Liaison Officer has yet to be nominated.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### Saturday, 26 April 1986

London Branch Regimental Association Annual Dinner, Park Court Hotel, London.

##### 12-17 May 1986

1 DWR Yorkshire KAPE/Tour.

##### Saturday, 17 May 1986

Opening of the refurbished Regimental Museum, Bankfield, Halifax.

##### Saturday, 11 October 1986

Regimental Association AGM and Annual Reunion Dinner, Huddersfield.

##### Saturday, 1 November 1986

York Minster, Service and Lunch.

#### 'C' (THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S) COMPANY 1st Bn YORKSHIRE VOLUNTEERS

##### Retirement of Major W. G. Stone, TD

Major Bill Stone, who commanded 'C' (DWR) Company for almost four years, has retired from the Territorial Army and was dined out by Company on the 18 January, 1986. After regular army service with the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire he joined the 4th Battalion the Parachute Regiment later transferring to 1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers. He was appointed to Command C (DWR) Company in Halifax in April 1982.



# 1st Battalion

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

As we are heading for Kenya it may be an appropriate time to put the UKMF tour in Bulford into perspective. Of the three Infantry battalions in 1st Infantry Brigade (United Kingdom Mobile Force), there is always one which does a two year and two which do a four year tour in the Brigade. Each battalion takes its turn on the Emergency Tour Roster, so while we had a Belize tour, the other two battalions in the Brigade have had, or will have, the Falkland Islands. Where possible, all battalions in UKMF are given the opportunity for overseas training. We have been fortunate in getting Exercise STRIDENTCALL which extends over a two month period in Kenya. And every two years the UKMF exercises for its role in the deployment area of Schleswig-Holstein. This year's exercise in September will be the culmination of our short period in 1 Infantry Brigade. In October we will again reorganize and start training for the Holywood tour in Northern Ireland where the main body will deploy towards the end of February next year.

So the time we spend in Bulford actually is very

limited and there are always a number of things we want to do. While there is always the opportunity to run a series of training cadres, we also have to make the most of the time we have here to do everything else that makes up battalion life.

We try to play a full part in the Garrison life, particularly when it comes to sport. Defeat at the hands of 7 RHA in an unseeded Army Cup this year was of course a great disappointment for us all, but they were, quite simply, a better team on the day. We hope for better luck next season. We are also diversifying a little and having a go at some other sports. The soccer team did very well and reached the fifth round of the Army Cup. We are dabbling with cross country running and the overall position of fourth in the Army Finals was most encouraging after having come sixth last year. 1 PWO and 3 PARA are certainly looking over their shoulders! With the summer approaching we are hoping to get cricket going once again, and are looking for some success in athletics and swimming, both sports in which there is a good deal of participation from the soldiers.



*Presentation of the Wilkinson Sword of Peace*

The Commanding Officer (Lieut Colonel E. J. W. Walker), The Adjutant (Captain J. W. Wood) and the RSM (WO1 B. W. Sykes MBE) with the Colour Party:

After a gap last year we will again be going for Bisley, having run and taken part in the SWDIST Skill at Arms Meeting in May at which we have to qualify. The Regimental Band and Corps of Drums continue to carry the banner for us. They are playing at numerous engagements throughout the tour in Kenya and have a full programme back in UK this summer. The Band played at the England v Wales match at Twickenham this year in honour of Brigadier Dennis Shuttleworth, the President of the Rugby Football Union. Also in honour of Brigadier Dennis we are holding a Rugby Club Dinner on Saturday, 31st May, here in Kiwi Barracks. The Dinner is open to any

officer, NCO or soldier or former Duke who has played Army Cup Rugby. Captain Chris Harvey is coordinating the event and we would very much like to see as many Dukes as possible on that occasion.

We continue to have our full share of visitors. Our Brigade Commander has inspected us and has reported favourably on the battalion. The GOC, Major General Barry Lane, our Brigade Commander from Minden days, has also been to inspect us, and most recently we have had a visit from the Colonel in Chief and the Duchess of Wellington. On our return from Kenya we shall have a formal visit from the Commander in Chief.

### OFFICERS' MESS

While we had been away in Belize the ladies had been at work and laid on a Caroline and Henry party in celebration of our return. The evening started with cocktails and the dancing went on well into the night.

The next event was a guest night. General Charles, Brigadier Dick Mundell and Ian Reid were able to join us with MP's Sir Hector Munro and Dr. Keith Hampson, whom we had met in Belize. The evening had a sad note as we paid farewell to Peter Gardner and Don Palmer.

The award of the Wilkinson Sword of peace was a major event of the year and the mess held a reception and luncheon in celebration. Our selection of guests from Wilkinsons, Gibraltar and the Regiment were warmed by mulled wine and then a first class lunch.

Our pre-Christmas celebrations included the traditional ladies guest night with good food and a brilliant performance by the Band, closely followed by a lively visit by the WO's and Sergeant's mess for the Andy Capp and Ruppert Awards.

In the New Year we were honoured with a visit by the Colonel in Chief and the Duchess of Wellington, which was celebrated by another enjoyable lunch.

It was with much pleasure that the Officers' Mess received a portrait of the late Major General Ken Exham CB, DSO (Colonel of the Regiment 1957-65) on 4 January. The portrait is a well executed oil by Miki Hood, and will remind all Mess Members and visitors of a famous 'Duke' who commanded no less than four battalion's (including 6 & 7 DWR) in the space of 18 months during WW2. The presentation of the portrait along with the General's medals, beautifully mounted in a display case, was made by Mrs Joan Exham, who was entertained to drinks by the officers, before lunching with the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Walker at Sling House.



Mrs. Joan Exham, widow of the late Major General K. G. Exham CB, DSO, with her husband's portrait and medals, in the Officers' Mess on 4th January 1986

### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

The advance party is about to board the coaches and be off on its way to Kenya for "Exercise Strident Call". Belize seems a long forgotten memory, yet it's only four months. FOUR MONTHS!! Have we really

done so much in four short months?

The reorganisation and administration of the Battalion has put a heavy workload on mess members, who still managed one of the most hectic social

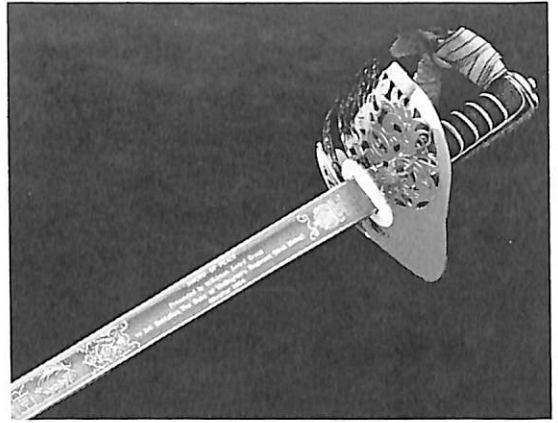
calenders we have had for some time.

We started in early November with a Ladies Dinner, this followed by an earlier than usual Christmas Draw on the 30 November. The prizes, entertainment and company were as good as ever. WO2 Hepworth showed his age, by booking a very good "sixties" group. They proved very popular with the older members, but drew some funny looks from the young subalterns, and their "hip" young ladies.

Then followed a week of graft, to get the Battalion on parade for the Wilkinson Sword of Peace presentation, which was a resounding success.

Having spent so much of last year away from our wives, we decided to give them a treat and held another Ladies Dinner on the 18th December. This was a grand opportunity to say farewell to Major Don and Jilly Palmer. It was sad to see them go.

The next day was the main event of the festive season, RUPERT DAY. The football match went well, even though the officers managed to play with 15 men. The presentation of the Rupert, was a brilliantly inspired solo production by WO2 Mal (Judge) Budden. The officers retaliated with a very well laid on version of Top of the Pops.



The Wilkinson Sword of Peace



The Colonel in Chief presents Sergeant A. L. Jackson with a Commander's Commendation for service in Belize and Lance Corporal P. B. Archer with the Long Service and Good Conduct medal.

## ALMA COMPANY

OC Major A. D. Meek  
 CSM WO2 Allen  
 CQMS CSgt Williams

**1 Platoon**  
 Lieut J. C. Hill  
 Sgt Holliday

**2 Platoon**  
 2 Lieut A. J. Adams  
 Sgt A. Chapman

**3 Platoon**  
 Lieut H. A. Kelly  
 Sgt R. Sellers



The Alma Company cross country running team, winners of the inter company Cross Country competition

The promise of Kenyan sunshine, is now foremost in everyone's mind. Despite having left a tropical climate only last October, the prospect of a fresh suntan, and a healthy outdoor life, without cold feet seems infinitely preferable to the inclement conditions experienced in Bulford.

In these notes we have chose to highlight an event in which the whole Battalion was involved, the day The Duke and Duchess of Wellington were able to spend with us. Alma Company featured prominently in the official welcome to the Duke and Duchess, because Lieutenants Kelly and Adams were the Colour Party. (Although the Guard of Honour was furnished by Corunna). The Colonel in Chief spent some time talking to each member of the Guard of Honour and Colour Party, before moving on to visit Battalion

Headquarters. The Battalion was training in preparation for Kenya, so there was plenty for the Duke to see. Alma was involved in First Aid training, with emphasis on heat related and tropical ailments, all very relevant stuff. The Colonel in Chief spent some time talking to those involved, before visiting the other companys. Meanwhile The Duchess was entertained by a group of wives at the homes of Colour Sergeant Ennis in Bulford and Mrs Kerrigan in Tidworth.

During a visit to the Sergeant's Mess the Colonel in Chief presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C/Sergeant McGahey and L/Corporal Archer, a Royal Warrant to WO2 Butterworth and a Commendation for service in Belize to Sergeant Jackson. Lunch was taken in the Officers' Mess.



*Visit of the Colonel in Chief*

The Duchess of Wellington (left and Mrs. Sue Walker (right) with Mrs. Sandra Ennis and Mrs. Sheila Staniland.

#### BURMA COMPANY

OC	Major K. Best
21C	Capt C. A. Harvey
CSM	WO2 Hey

**4 Platoon**  
2 Lieut D. Harvey  
Sgt Doyle

**5 Platoon**  
Lieut S. Neath  
Sgt Thomas

**6 Platoon**  
CSgt Smith 55  
Sgt Jones

In these notes we record one of the more unusual tasks that the company has had to perform. On Monday 5 December the company was preparing for the next day's Annual Review of the Unit by the Brigade Commander and was looking forward to a well-deserved long weekend. Into the midst of this was thrown the proverbial spanner. Burma were to spearhead a possible battalion move to Greenham Common Airbase. It was anticipated that the sixth anniversary of the deployment of cruise missiles might provoke large demonstrations; so the RAF Police had requested our assistance.

Captain Harvey was swiftly drafted in as temporary 21C and despatched to receive our proposed task. The company followed, with apparently the whole battalion's complement of vehicles, on Friday 9th December and was in position by 2100 hrs.

Our task was to prevent intrusion by peace protesters on a 2 km stretch of highly vulnerable fencing. This we planned to do by operating with static and mobile patrols with a quick reaction force in case of emergency.

Saturday morning brought thousands of protesters from all over the country - by bus, car, bicycle and even the occasional horse. By 2 pm, the appointed hour it was variously estimated that between 4 and 10 thousand protesters had gathered. The vast majority were pleasant and talkative exchanging banter across the wire with the company, most of whom had never seen so many women gathered in one place at one time! The occasional protester did try to antagonize our lads, but this was met with our famous Yorkshire good humour.

As 2 pm approached the protesters joined hands

around the perimeter in preparation for a mass 'wail' or 'keen'. Quite what the purpose of this has eluded most of us however, it did provide a certain amount of amusement. For the rest of the afternoon they made a few half-hearted attempts at gaining entry but in all cases were unsuccessful. LCpl Navis in particular was eagle-eyed and single-handed stemmed the tide much

like the Little Dutch Boy! By Sunday morning only the hardy few remained and as the day progressed it became increasingly apparent that our presence was no longer required. We returned to camp at about 8 pm on Sunday. All agreed it had been an interesting week-end: however, Bradford would have been better!

### CORUNNA COMPANY

OC	Major A. H. S. Drake
2IC	Capt S. H. Dixon
CSM	WO2 T. E. Cooper
CQMS	CSgt D. A. Hughes

#### 7 Platoon

Lieut M. A. Lodge  
Sgt M. Varley

#### 8 Platoon

2nd Lieut S. D. Preston  
Sgt J. Barraclough

#### 9 Platoon

CSgt I. E. Metcalfe  
Sgt S. P. Conlon

Transferring from Belize in Central America back to Bulford on the Salisbury Plain is not the easiest of moves at the best of times. A hectic schedule for Corunna Company made it even more taxing. However, once the problem of a faulty aeroplane engine had been overcome, the Company arrived in Bulford safely, 24 hours late, but in one piece.

Disembarkation leave passed quickly, and the company was soon settling down and finding its feet again in the UK. The major event between leave and Christmas was The Wilkinson Sword of Peace Parade. Corunna worked hard throughout the build-up, and rehearsed right up to the actual day. The parade itself was a fitting finale to the Dukes' efforts in Operation 'Steep Slope' in Gibraltar. A stand was erected to seat the spectators and VIPs, all four Regimental Colours were on parade along with the Band and Drums, and an added bonus of an Indian Elephant called Rani, which was loaned to the Battalion for the day by Gerry Cottle's Circus, made the day perfect. Except for the weather. As soon as the Colours were brought on to the parade square the heavens opened and the rain lashed down. And it didn't stop! However, it did not deter Corunna from its steadiness and bearing during the parade. It also had no effect on celebrations afterwards.

Two weeks in November were set aside for range work leading up to the Inter Company Shooting Competition at the end of the month. Careful planning and maximum effort on every range meant that no time was wasted. This culminated in a win for Corunna Company in the overall competition. Notable performances came from CSgt Ian Metcalfe, who won the Senior NCO competition, and Pte

Richardson who was runner-up in the Young Soldier Competition.

Before the Christmas break, the Annual Review of the Unit had to be completed. Corunna was tasked with running an inter section competition. This took the form of a series of stands ranging from NBC and First Aid to Section Battle Drills and a stretcher race. The competition was won by Cpl Bryant's section (7 Platoon).



The Colonel of the Regiment congratulates Lieut Mark Lodge and the Corunna Company team at the Battalion Skill at Arms meeting.

### SOMME COMPANY

OC	Major A. J. Pitchers
CSM	WO2 Hepworth
CQMS	CSgt Walker

Now that Dettingen Company has gone to the graveyard, Somme Company has once again arisen. On this occasion the Somme has come back stronger than ever. The present strength is 5 + 156. The reasons

for this increase are the four sections in the Mortars and Milan Platoons plus the Machine Gun/Drums Platoon and Training Wing joining Somme Company.

## MILAN PLATOON

OC  
2ICLieut P. M. Lewis  
CSgt Birks

On return from Belize the Milan Platoon underwent a fairly intensive face lift. Our numbers have now swollen to some 60 with 24 new members to the platoon. Consequently our aim over this period has been to train the newer members in the basic skills required to operate the weapon system.

Life has been particularly busy over the past two months, not only with our own internal cadres, but also with members of the platoon being involved in several other Battalion cadres. There was the Wilkinson Sword Parade and of course we were all affected by the ARU at the end of last year. Luckily the ARU passed without any major hiccups.

It looks as if the year ahead will be equally busy. We depart for sunny Kenya shortly, for what promises to

be a very interesting tour. After Kenya we build up to the Milan Concentration where we come under the close scrutiny of the 'Walking cassette Players' from Netheravon and then ultimately onto the climax of the year; Ex Bold Guard 86. We will all breathe a sigh of relief at the end of the year.

The basic training for the newer members is now all but done and it is time to start concentrating on the more practical aspects of work. We will have plenty of opportunities to iron out any teething problems between now and Ex Bold Guard. We have been able to get some of our NCOs away on various courses. All this has added to a depth of knowledge within the platoon that will stand us in good stead in the future.

## MORTAR PLATOON

OC  
2ICCaptain C. S. T. Lehmann  
CSgt Maillard

The platoon is now back together again after having had a section in each location in Belize. The Belize tour offered opportunities for platoon live firing and each section supported its parent company for a full live firing exercise.

The autumn provided some changes in the command structure as Lt Rumball left for the Army Air Corps via the Assistant Adjutants seat, and was replaced by Capt Lehmann. WO2 Allen has departed to Alma Company after long service as a mortarman and our new 2IC is another old hand CSgt Maillard.

To bring the platoon up to strength we have run a cadre for new mortar men, who are taking full advantage of the change of career and lifestyle offered

in Somme Company. To keep up our many skills some of us have completed the Signals cadre, others have been learning to drive while more, destined for promotion, were sent on the NCOs cadre.

We managed some live firing in December and prior to our departure to Kenya we expect to have four days at Larkhill in support of the Battery Commanders Course. Our close proximity to Larkhill Ranges allows us to make use of the extra ammunition offered by demonstration shoots. The rest of the year promises to be busy with live firing in Kenya followed by our training to full integration as a part of I Infantry Brigade Battle Group.

## MG PLATOON

OC  
2ICLieut A. J. McNeilis  
D/Major Shinn

Wading through a foot of snow in blizzard conditions, it is hard to remember the climate of Belize.

It was in October that the drums reluctantly left the delights and duties of Airport camp to form the "Machine Gun Platoon", along with several other soldiers from other companies. Despite being in the relaxed atmosphere of Somme, the ex Alma members found it hard to get out of the 28 hours a day syndrome and looking back it was just Hell! The platoon performed well in the I Infantry Brigade SF Concentration and beat its neighbours in the

competition shoot with good results coming from LCpl Draper's and Cpl Mitchell's gun teams in particular. Following this the "Wilkinson Sword" day loomed up resulting in several soakings and shrunken sets of scarlets for the drummers. This was rapidly followed by the ARU- particularly dreaded by all as a lack of vehicles forces all gunners to grovel to the rifle companies for a lift to wherever they are going.

After Christmas pre-Kenya training started with the Drums at Twickenham for the England v Wales match followed by a hectic SF cadre which ended on the day the platoon commander flew to Kenya.

## HOOK COMPANY



The Hook Company Indoor Games team, winners of the Harvey Newton trophy for indoor games

The Hook this month features the brains of the Battalion, the Intelligence Section and the Orderly Room, which is soon to spawn the Unit Administrative Office (UAO.) when computer technology takes over. For further information please read on.

#### THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION - A DEFINITION

"Military Intelligence, a highly refined organisation of overwhelming generalities based on vague assumptions and debatable figures, drawn from undisclosed activities pursued by persons of diverse motivation, doubtful reliability and questionable mentality in the midst of unimaginable confusion". This is one way of defining the subject, and the anonymous author certainly has a point. The workings of the Intelligence Section (or 'Cell' as some prefer) has often been shrouded in mystery. The general view from the outside is that of an elite group of 'skivers' who occasionally perform menial tasks in Battalion Headquarters, drink a lot of coffee on exercise, and are highly skilled in the art of invisibility or non-availability at important moments. The truth as always lies somewhere in between.

The aim of Intelligence is to provide that essential factor to any military function, knowledge of the enemy. This knowledge must include details about his weapons, vehicles, tactics, strengths and dispositions and how he thinks as well as how he operates. If the Battalion changes its theatre of operation, whether Gibraltar, Belize, or the various locations of the UKMF role, the Intelligence section must relearn and update its knowledge of the potential threat.

In Gibraltar, the Spanish claim to the Rock was the basis for a threat assesment. The more immediate Guatemalan claim to Belizan soil provided a focus for the section in Belize. As a part of 1 Brigade and the United Kindom Mobile Force the scenario is not so simple. The Warsaw Pact Forces provide the potential threat, but the geographical area of interest is as fluid as the term 'Mobile Force' suggests. We have our main option areas detailed to us, but the essence of the force is to remain adaptable, and ready to operate in variety of climates against a changeable foe. Consequently the Int is busy not only in re-educating itself to the new option, but in passing what is relevant on to the Battalion, and, most importantly, keeping up-to-date.



In the day to day terms this means the Int is involved in a variety of tasks. We have exercised as a unit on the Battalion Annual Review of a Unit in December, and a Brigade level Command Post Exercise (CPX). We devote a great deal of time to Armoured Fighting Vehicle Recognition, a subject which is taught by us on a regular basis to the Battalion, and which requires continual update and revision. We study the components of Warsaw Pact strategy and provide lectures to the Battalion on the basis of that. Maps, charts, traces, photographs and other sundry visual aids are all down to us.

The Intelligence Section's role has changed little over the years, although techniques and equipment have advanced greatly. Computerisation of the process of projection and assessment is only realised in the Northern Ireland scenario, but no doubt our planning tables and plotting charts will be operated by computer in the foreseeable future. Until then humming noise emanating from the Intelligence Cell will be from great brains working overtime rather than any solid state circuitry.

#### UNIT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (UAO)

During the months of June and July 1986 Computer Technology will dominate the day to day running of the UAO. This project will have a bigger impact on the Orderly Room than anything since the introduction of the typewriter.

The PAMPAS System (Personnal Administrative Microcomputer ADP System) has been designed and programmed by a small team at the RAPC Computer Centre and includes:

**A Record Maintenance Package.** This allows the Battalion to maintain a record for each officer and soldier on strength or attached containing the type of information currently held on the Qualification and Record Card (Q & R Card), the Leave Card, plus information of local unit interest such as APWT, BFT results.

**An Enquiry Package.** This is designed to produce printed reports of a pre-determined nature, or answer specific ad-hoc questions by searching the Unit File. A simple example - how many and which soldiers hold an HGV Licence? This replaces the time consuming manual search through paper records.

**An Occurrence Reporting Package.** The current method of producing Part 2 Orders is replaced by this semi-automated system and eventually the information collected will be transmitted over the Army Telephone Network to the Regimental Pay Office, which is the Input Centre to the mainframe Pay and Records System. At the same time the

production of the Part 2 Order will automatically update the Unit Record.

**Word Processing.** This is a software package which enables the Microcomputer to create and store documents such as Standard Letters, Administrative Orders and Staff Lists etc, which can be easily amended and reproduced. The slower speed of the dual speed printer produces near typewriter quality printing for such documents.

The Battalion will receive a Powerful Processor, with memory expandable up to 1 Megabyte, two visual display units and one dual speed printer. The storage device will be a 20 Megabyte Winchester type hard disk, with at least one floppy type disk drive as backup.

At present the UAO team is co-located within the confines of the Pay Office and is due to move into the same building as the Orderly Room later in the year.

#### TRAINING NEWS

##### The Potential/Junior NCO Cadre

The first hurdle of any young soldier's career once he has been deemed potentially worthy of a Lance Corporal's stripe inevitably involves a testing cadre. The Dukes Training Wing under Captain Chris Harvey has just completed the latest selection in an arduous month covering all subjects relevant to the training and command of a rifle section. Competition was tough and the weather made for testing conditions in the open. By no means all who started the cadre were successful at the end, although the overall standard was high.

The first two weeks of the cadre were spent in the classroom, covering the basic instruction necessary for the command of a rifle section, including signals training, tactics, map reading and methods of instruction. The separation of the men from the boys came in the second fortnight, where lessons freshly learnt were put into practice on Salisbury Plain, in a series of exercises both day and night in increasingly poor weather. The final week however, was purely examinatory, a five day exercise covering most aspects of War. A thirty five mile forced march with full equipment and platoon weapons formed the introductory phase, with test stands at intervals along the course. The march completed the cadre dug in and practised platoon defensive tactics before finishing with a dawn attack through the newly fallen snow.

The best student was Pte Parr, promoted L/Cpl at the end of the cadre. The best kept notes were annotated by Pte 'SAS' Hargreaves. L/Cpl Birkett and Cfn Williams were also judged well above the average.

#### SPORTS, GAMES AND RECREATION

##### RUGBY FOOTBALL

While the major aim for the Rugby season was thwarted at the quarter-final stage, Dukes rugby football has by no means had a bad season in quantitative terms. Of 20 games played by the first XV at the time of writing only two have been lost, and the Battalion will hope to continue in a similar successful path in Kenya.

The season began with the Army Cup firmly in mind. However caught unprepared as we were by events that dictated an earlier fixture than planned, we were not equal on the day to a strong challenge from 7 RHA who sought and found every advantage in playing when we did. The score line of 14 - 6 did not reflect the hard work and time consuming training that had gone into the preparation.



South West District Cup Final The Battalion 1st XV, winners of the Cup



*The South West District Cup Final*  
Colour Sergeant Williams feeds, Colour Sergeant Walker, Supported by  
(Left to right) Lieut Preston, Captain Harvey and Captain Bruce

Undaunted, the Dukes 1st XV have shown both before and since that game, that they are capable of playing attractive running rugby, as confident victories over HMS Heron, one of the strongest Navy sides in November, and The Imber Court Metropolitan Police side in January have shown. Our open running game has produced a bountiful crop of tries, which coupled with the sometimes inspired goal kicking of Cpl Paul Jones has resulted in a total of 540+ points for this season. A conclusive victory in the South West District Competition accounts for several of these. Under 50 points against also demonstrates the defensive strength of the side, which has proved all but impregnable when 'dug in' on our own line. At a representative level there have been several individual successes. Sgt Williams continues to be a stalwart in the Army side, and has been joined by Lieut Hugh Kelly, Sgt Taff Shaw and Cpl Paul Jones all proving worth their Army place and hoping for a cap later this season. 2 Lieut James Adams has made the Captaincy of the Army Under 21 side his own, and hopes to be included in the Combined Services Under 21 side which will form soon.

Again, we look to next season, and a touch of luck to go with our hard preparation. Games in Kenya, include a fixture against the Kenyan National XV will prove worthwhile, and we hope the Army sevens might bring some silver to join the South West District Challenge Cup, which has been our major prize this year.

## RUGBY NOTICES

### 1st Battalion Rugby Dinner - 31 May 1986

The 1st Battalion rugby club will be holding a dinner in honour of Brigadier Denis Shuttleworth, the President of the Rugby Football Union, at Kiwi Barracks on Saturday 31 May 1986. All Dukes' who have played Army Cup rugby are encouraged to attend.

Acomodation will be available at Kiwi Barracks on the night of the 31 May at a reasonable cost.

Further information may be obtained from Captain Christopher Harvey, the dinner secretary.

### The History of Army Rugby

The Army Rugby Union recently published 'The History of Army Rugby' (price £12.95). The book has 300 pages and 36 plates covering regimental, corps, representative rugby at home and abroad and the Army Cup during the past 108 years. Those interested in obtaining a copy should write to RHQ for further details.

## SOCCER

The soccer season started late for the Battalion as a result of the Belize tour, in October 85. However, we entered the South West District league and the Army Cup. Unfortunately we are unable to enter the Infantry Cup this season because of the clash with Exercise STRIDENT CALL, Kenya.

This season has produced our best run in the Army Cup for many years, before being knocked out by SEME Bordon in the Quarter Finals. Although we were eventually well beaten 5-1 by SEME, we

produced some extremely good results in the rounds leading up to the Quarter Finals.

The South West District league has proved to be a very good standard and very competitive. The Battalion 1st X1 competes in the Premier Division, with the 2nd X1 in the 1st Division. An indication of the standard of soccer in this district is that three out of eight teams to reach the Quarter Finals of the Army Cup (UK) were from South West District. At present the 1st X1 are joint top of the Premier Division, although matches are still to be played and final placings won't be known until the end of the season.

The Battalion 2nd X1 under the management of WO2 Barry Hey, entered into a UK league for the first time this season, and have gone from strength to strength. I think without doubt a number of the young players now playing in the team will graduate to the 1st X1 in the near future.

A measure of the success of the second team has been the need to form a 3rd X1 mid way through the season, to ensure that everyone was getting a game. Indeed a number of the third team are showing real potential.

Sgt Stuart Acklam who has been the skipper of the 1st X1 for the last 4 years is posted to the Yorkshire Volunteers at the end of this season. Sgt Acklam has played a tremendous part in the gradual improvement, particularly in Gibraltar and since our return to the UK.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Some six months ago, towards the end of the Belize Tour the Commanding Officer asked Lieutenant Hill to organise and co-ordinate a Battalion Cross Country Team with the aim of competing seriously in the Army Cross Country Championships held at Tweseldown in February of this year. A squad was assembled from known runners and those keen to participate. LCpl Jones drew up a training programme to take us through from August to February. It involved training sessions twice a day for the whole period almost without exception and at the peak of training covering some seventy miles a week.

Naturally with such physical demands some fell by the way-side and dropped out. It is to the credit of those that remain and a measure of their determination that the squad has changed little over six months. They have achieved a remarkable string of successes in a short space of time and they are currently preparing for the culmination of a season's hard work the Championship race at Tweseldown.

### Results 1985-86

Event	Position
S.W. District Relays	Runners Up
Army Relay Finals	8th
Wiltshire County Championships Junior Team	1st
Wiltshire County Championships Senior Team	3rd
S.W. District League Position	1st
West Area Championships Team Position	1st
Army Cross Country Championships	4th

In the West Area Championships the team took the first eight places in the Major Units event. Private Bond became the Junior Wiltshire County Champion.



*The Cross Country Squad*

From left to right; top row: Pte Bottomley, LCpl Maloney, LCpl Scott.

Centre Row: Ptes Yates, Alty, Fowler, Hillam, Clayton, Cpl Hosty.

Bottom row: LCpl Proctor, Pte Bone, LCpl Jones, Lt Hill, Pte Tranter, Pte Foster, Pte Paling.

#### A VISIT TO HMS YORK

The ship to which we are affiliated, HMS York, is at present stationed off Scotland at Royal Navy Rosyth in the Firth of Forth.

She is a type 42 stretched Destroyer worth some £200m. She has a crew of 260 officers and men who in time of war would have the task of protecting our shores as well as those of other NATO countries. A Destroyer has the ability to track and destroy anything that can be thrown at her both above and below the water line. Her weaponry includes the Sea Dart Missile which is believed to be capable of taking out not only aircraft and ships, but also the dreaded Exocet Missile which caused so many problems in the Falklands. In complement to this she has one of the world's most advanced self defence systems.

On Sunday the 26 January three soldiers from Alma Company and I travelled North by train for a 3 day visit to HMS York. We were told that a Lieut Mark Ellis, the ships liaison officer, would be looking after us and that the visit was to include the ship sailing out

into the North Sea to carry on with her sea trails which had been going on for some months.

Sure enough we were met at the local station and taken on board. Pte's Tipton, Lumber and Davidson were led below to their mess while I was escorted to the Wardroom or bar as it could be called. After a meal and a few introductions it was time for bed. A very helpful Midshipman said "Follow me to our Grot!" to which my reply was "What's a Grot?" Well! a Grot is a four man cabin about ten foot by ten foot not even large enough to stretch in. On hearing the sailors slept in "triple bunks" I began to look at it in a slightly more cheerful frame of mind.

Early on Monday morning we cast off and made our way out of harbour for the open sea. By lunchtime we were well out in a force 9 gale and a high running swell which caused the ship to roll quite heavily much to the horror of the three soldiers who were lying on their backs looking very green indeed. I might add that a number of the crew were in the same predicament.

However, after lunch the greener of our party was on his feet. We had a guided tour of the ship, finishing in the Operations Room which is at the heart of all the computers, wires and cables that enable the ship to carry out her tasks. This not very large compartment houses up to fifty men who sit behind a radar screen and terminals which look vaguely reminiscent of an amusement arcade solely dedicated to Space Invader machines.

Next we watched the Officer of the Watch practice his "man overboard" drills on a poor sailor who had to leap over the edge not once but twice. An unprotected man has about five minutes to live in the water before he would die from exposure. We all staggered back to safety and our cabins for the evening meal and then bed.

On Tuesday morning we first looked at the 25000 horse power Rolls Royce engines and then at the weapon guidance and control systems which are situated in all sorts of nooks and crannies about the ship so as to stop one hit knocking out all the systems. In the afternoon we watched a simulated attack by RAF Buccaneers which was successfully beaten off. The planes flew over the bridge and bombed the wake for a little practice before they flew ashore.

The following morning we all returned, thankfully, to the solid dock at Rosyth by way of a tug which we had to board whilst we were out at sea.

David Harvey

## ‘C’ (CWR) COMPANY 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

*(Any ex 'Dukes' in the Huddersfield area who think they can 'hack it' with the territorial army, are warmly invited to visit us on a Wednesday night!!)*

The last weekend of the year is traditionally that of the final APWT and bounty training tests plus an evening social, and not surprisingly, this was one of the best attended weekends of the year. We also held an all ranks Christmas social at the drill hall in Huddersfield which was again very successful.

The new year saw patrol training at Catterick, concentrating on fighting patrols. Most of the company members who attended had not had any experience of patrolling and some useful lessons were learnt. In late January we had a combat survival weekend. This consisted of a night infiltration march to a safe house in the Catterick area, followed by a

patrolling exercise with limited combat survival i.e. rations for the weekend were limited to a rabbit plus assorted vegetables per four men - all men were strip searched for rations prior to leaving the drill hall. It was a very cold weekend and very hard work, but all members of the company performed well.

We are now concentrating on our role training i.e. of Home Defence. Our last weekend at Proteus covered the construction of different types of OP and their operation.

Our Company Commander has changed yet again from Major P. Beaumont to Major D. R. Dunston. Major P. Beaumont has taken command of 'A' company. Major D. Dunston tasted army life with Giggleswick school CCF in 1962, and has since had a variety of appointments with 3 WRF, 1 YORKS and 3 YORKS.



*Junior Infantry Battalion: Scottish and King's Divisions  
(“The 2nd Battalion”: February 1986)*

Left to right: Lieut Captain S. Casey, Captain L. Greenwood, Captain S. Wade, Lieut R. N. Chadwick, Major (Retd) P. Mellor, Major G. H. W. Shuttleworth, Major P. R. S. Bailey, Lieut M. A. Twelftree, Lieut M. Tinsley, Captain S. Dean, Captain J. Nutter, (Absent: Sergeant M. O' Garo)

## BOOK REVIEWS

*(It was recently suggested to me that the 'Iron Duke' should contain the occasional book review. I enlisted the aid of Major General Donald Isles, who not only promptly wrote a review of four books, but also conscripted Brigadier Dick Mundell to help in the task. Their contributions are printed below. Major General Jimmy Lunt's book on the Burma campaign of 1942 was then published and Major Derek Roberts has kindly provided the review. More recently I purchased a book from the bookshop at the National Army Museum, which I considered very worthy of review.*

*It cannot be anticipated that there will be a review of seven different books in each issue of the 'Iron Duke'. However, if at all possible, it is the intention that Book Reviews will be a regular feature in the future. All contributions will be welcome. - Editor)*

**TEMPLER - TIGER OF MALAYA**, by John Clark (Harrap) £14.95.

**MOUNTBATTEN**, by Philip Ziegler (Collins) £15.

**THE FRENCH ARMY AND POLITICS**, by Alistair Horne (MacMillan Press) £4.95.

**FLASHBACK - A SOLDIERS STORY**, by Sir Charles Richardson (William Kimber) £11.50.

Mountbatten and Templer, each of whose life spans WW1, pre WW2, WW2 and its post-war aftermath have much to offer the military student. 'Flashback' and the book on 'French Army and Politics' have other attractions: 'Flashback' because it is written by Sir Charles Richardson, with whom I worked when he was Master General of the Ordnance and, because I served as Assistant Military Attache at Paris, the French Army and its political ambivalence are of the highest interest to me. Of course, no book on Mountbatten or Templer could leave aside politics. On the other hand, 'Flashback' is essentially and primarily a soldier's story of life and war of Montgomery's HQ in the desert with 8th Army and at 21 Army Group during the invasion of Europe.

General Templer is assuredly one of the greatest figures of his generation. He went to war, aged 18, in August 1916 and in WW2 rose to be the youngest Lieutenant General in the Army, stepping down again to command the 56th Division in some of the fiercest fighting in Italy. Appointed High Commissioner in Malaya in 1952 he left in 1954 having defeated communist terrorism and won "the hearts and minds of the people". As CIGS, he had to cope with the Suez operation and the problems of reducing the Army and in retirement he masterminded the establishment of the National Army Museum. It was in this capacity that Brian Webb-Carter had so much to do with him.

As CIGS he never fully trusted Mountbatten, who as First Sea Lord was involved with Anthony Eden in an attempt to re-organise the Chiefs-of-Staff by appointing a permanent Chairman and, indeed, Eden had already asked Mountbatten to take on the new job, even though the proposal had never been discussed by the full Committee. Templer's compromise was to help to see to it that the airman, Dickson, became Chairman. However, Mountbatten did eventually become Chief of the Defence Staff and

it gave Templer much sardonic pleasure when, as Colonel of the Blues, he was able to point out to Mountbatten, newly appointed to the Life Guards, that even though he had been Chief of the Defence Staff, he was the Junior of the two Household Cavalry Colonels.

Unlike Templer, Mountbatten had greatness thrust upon him. After all, Queen Victoria attended his christening; the future Edward VIII was best man at his wedding to one of the greatest heiresses of Europe and so it might have seemed inevitable that 20 years later, still in his early forties, he was Supreme Commander in SEAC. Later still he was the last Viceroy, who presided over the transfer of power in India, First Sea Lord and the Chief of Defence Staff. Running as a thread through his story is his lifelong intimacy with the British Royal Family. Killed by the IRA in 1979 his life is a fascinating picture of politics, Hollywood, polo, great wealth and Service intrigues. Ziegler has done well to get it all into 750 pages and, for sure, it is compulsive reading.

Alistair Horne's book is perhaps the odd one out of the four, but is included because he re-explores, importantly, many periods of French history such as the Dreyfus case (as AMA, I lived in his uncle's old house), the fall of France 1940 and the Generals' revolt against de Gaulle in 1961. But, outside the exclusively French and European context, there is much of relevance to the British and American predicament of recent years - whether in Vietnam or Northern Ireland. The question - what happens when the political leadership demands too much of the military? - is examined and the often disastrous consequences revealed. The French Army, now only loosely aligned to NATO, is still an enigma. The book helps partly to explain this enigma.

Sir Charles Richardson was one of the most significant post-war MGOs. This book tells of how he learned much from Monty and his Chief of Staff, Freddy de Guingand, and of the huge responsibilities he bore at an early age. It is an outstanding book of memoirs which takes us into the heart of some of the most vital operations of WW2. It also gives further insight into the great soldier that Monty undoubtedly was. Richardson does not mention Mountbatten at all, but he does reinforce the commonly held reputation of Templer as being a man of extreme ruthlessness. Flying in a Dakota as a fellow passenger of Templer, he remarks that he "didn't like the look of him at all". But, when he visited Templer with his 56th Division deployed on the hills facing Cassino Monastery, he was full of admiration for his staunch spirit.

None of these books sets out to teach how to command a battalion, a brigade, or even a division. Yet, there is much to be learned about the higher spheres of soldiering in which nothing is black or white and where politics frustrate the military man.

**RACE TO THE SWIFT, by Richard Simpkin  
(Brassey's Defence Review) £25**

This is an important contribution to the debate about the future of the forces and the nature of war. Analysing warfare in our time while drawing together many well-known military theories, the author examines the various factors of war, from ground, mass, via the helicopter revolution, to the whole spectrum of the battlefield. He develops the case for manoeuvre as opposed or complementary to attrition warfare. Technology, surprise, intelligence and even luck are brought together in an examination of management, which leads to command and the training of officers. All this then culminates in a provocative but convincing discussion of the use of armies in the future, both on the central front in NATO and in the context of revolutionary warfare.

The book makes its reader think. Many will find its suggestions about commanders for war and peace, about the officers' career structure and about the role of organised forces controversial. I am pleased to note that the author is a firm advocate of 'Auftragstaktik', forward command, small HQs and short orders: a route along which our Army is now proceeding. It is altogether an absorbing thesis. Although this book is only 320 pages long, it covers an immense field. It deserves to be read by all who are interested in warfare, and studied by those with ambitions of command. It could well become a standard book of reference at Staff Colleges.

W. R. Mundell

**A HELL OF A LICKING  
THE RETREAT FROM BURMA 1940-42  
by James Lunt (Collins) £15.00**

I found this book of great interest and, in my opinion, it gives an accurate description of a humiliating campaign. The author, who was seconded from the 2nd Battalion to the Burma Rifles in 1939, explains in the early chapters, the Burmese resentment towards British rule and the animosity towards the presence of a substantial Indian population. He describes the comfortable soldiering which then existed to the Burma Rifles although, on the other hand, it did provide young officers with more opportunities to operate independently than in a similar garrison battalion in India. The Burmese soldiers were of varying qualities; ranging from the good to the only fair and their standard of training was very limited. There was, for instance, a complete lack of jungle training.

The detailed description of the fighting in Southern Burma (Moulmein and South) is enlightening. I do not think all of us fully appreciated that some of the battalions of the Burma Rifles had been fighting the Japs for almost two months before 2 DWR arrived in early February 1942.

The unhappy relations which existed among the senior commanders and their disagreements over the deployment of units, one result of which was the disaster of the Sittang battle, are fully and fairly explained. If, instead of committing newly arrived regiments piecemeal into the battle, a strong defensive

position west of the Sittang river had been established it could have influenced the course of the campaign. Doubtless such a defensive line could not have held for long against a highly trained and determined enemy with complete air superiority; but it would, at least have allowed re-inforcements; which included 7 Armoured Brigade, to shake down and prepare themselves for the onslaught. It might also allowed those troops in contact with the Japs to withdraw in reasonable order, regroup and re-equip. Such a step, combined with a new team of commanders of Slim, Cowan and Bruce-Scott might also have restored the morale of the whole force.

The story of the withdrawal back into Assam concentrates mainly on the actions of 1 Burma Division and, in particular, those of 2 Burma Brigade in which the author served. This may be a disappointment to those who served in 17 Indian Division. This Division fought several actions against the Japs, notably that of 2 DWR and other British battalions at Paungde (described in Barclays Regimental History pp124-8) and 48 Gurkha Brigade's at Kyaukse, south of Mandalay. The appalling conditions, long marches, heat, thirst, streams of refugees and disease, plus the constant danger of enemy ground and air attack, are vividly described.

The author, quite rightly, pays special tribute to 7 Armoured Brigade and 48 Gurkha Brigade. The 7th Armoured Brigade had already served with distinction in North Africa and was used to the hardships of war. In my capacity as one of the Liaison officers at HQ 17 Indian Division I had the unpleasant task of delivering the order to Brigadier Anstice that all his tanks, guns and vehicles had to be destroyed before crossing the Chindwin. Although this action must have been anticipated, it must have been heartbreaking for this excellent Brigade; but, nothing daunted I was offered a glass of cold champagne - not bad after four months in contact with the enemy! 48 Gurkha Brigade was very much a family affair led by some outstanding and tough commanders. The same esprit de corps did not always exist elsewhere due to the fact that battalions, and particularly British ones, were used in a variety of roles and frequently changed from one brigade to another. The introduction of the 2nd Battalion into battle was one of the worst examples. The Dukes had moved to Peshawar after two years garrison and Vice-Regal duties in Delhi. At very short notice the Battalion moved to Madras by rail and then to Rangoon by sea, collecting its mobilisation equipment during the move. After a 10 day journey and 3 days in Rangoon the Battalion was thrown into the thick of it as rearguard to 17 Indian Division, before withdrawing to the Sittang Bridge. To complicate its task, one company was detailed off to defend the west bank of the bridge and another despatched to assist the Burma Rifles on outpost duty. In the words of the author "The way this battalion was mishandled still beggars belief forty two years after the event".

This is a book well worth reading, although a 'pull out' map of Burma with all places named in the book shown in it, would have made the reading of the book much easier.

D. C. Roberts

## THE ARMIES OF BRITAIN 1485-1980 by Michael Barthorp

Available only from The National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HT. £4.50 (£6.51 including post and packing).

This is an admirable book the recording in a most succinct manner the 500 years of British military history. The many campaigns the army has fought are clearly and interestingly described, as are the changes of structure, administration, uniforms and weapons of the soldiers who fought in them. The book, sponsored by the National Army Museum, was

designed to be read by the intelligent lay reader: Major Michael Barthorp has successfully achieved that aim. It is liberally illustrated from the National Army Museum's collections.

The production of the book was largely financed by charitable, industrial and commercial sponsors, which some might consider disfigures the book: at the bottom of each page is a strip carrying the name of one of the sponsoring companies. However as the book is such a remarkable bargain at the price of £4.50, the advertising, which is really quite unobtrusive, can be easily forgiven.

A. C. S. Savory

## THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND HIS REGIMENT

Arthur Wellesley, later created Duke of Wellington, was first commissioned, in 1787 as an ensign in the 73rd Foot. But his military career began in earnest six years later when he purchased the rank of Major in the 33rd Foot. Six months after joining the Regiment he purchased the Lieut Colonelcy and soon took the 33rd to Holland where he first saw action. (A summary of the Duke's regimental service is given in the table). Although he was for much of his time in command of the 33rd employed on other duties, he in no way neglected his regiment. Thus in 1799, while the 33rd was in India, he wrote to temporary CO - Major Shee - about irregularity he had observed. This elicited a protest from Shee, but he got singularly little change: "...of this you may be certain, that however my attention may be engaged on other objects, whenever I find it necessary I shall interfere in everything which concerns the 33rd."

In 1806 Wellington succeeded the Marquis Cornwallis as Colonel of the Regiment. Four years later he was offered the Colonelcy of a two battalion regiment, which would have been to his financial advantage. He declined and wrote:-

"To Lieut.-Col. Torrens, Military Secretary  
Viseu  
January 30th 1810

I shall esteem it a great favour if you will tel Sir D. Dundas that I am very much obliged to him, but that I have no wish to be removed from the 33rd Regiment, of with I was Major, and Lieutenant-Colonel and then Colonel.

I must say, however, that my friend, the late Secretary at War, made it the least profitable of all the regiments of the army, and, I believe, a losing concern, having reduced the establishment at once from 1,200 to 800, when it consisted of above 750 men; and I had to pay the freight of the clothing to the East Indies, and its carriage to Hyderabad, about 500 miles from Madras. With all this, I have the reputation of having a good thing in a regiment in the East Indies!"

However in 1813 he was offered the Colonelcy of the Royal Horse Guards and that was an honour he could not refuse. He wrote to the Commanding Officer of the 33rd to inform him of this development.

February 2nd 1813

"My Dear Colonel,

Before you receive this letter you will have heard that HRH the Prince Regent has been pleased to appoint me to be Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards, an honour entirely unexpected by me. I do not know who is to be my successor in the 33rd Regiment.

Although highly gratified by the honour which has been conferred upon me, as well as the manner in which it has been conferred, I cannot avoid to feel a regret at one of the circumstances, viz, that I should be seperated from the 33rd Regiment to which I have belonged with so much satisfaction for more than 20 years. I beg that you will take an opportunity of informing the regiment of the sentiments with which I quit them, and that though no longer belonging to them I shall ever feel anxiety for their interest and honour, and shall hear what ever conduces to the latter with most lively satisfaction.

Ever, my dear Colonel

Yours most sincerely  
Wellington

To Colonel Gore 33rd Regiment"

### The regimental service of Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington

Year	Age	Regiment	Rank
1787	17½	73rd Foot	Ensign
1787	18¼	76th Foot	Lieutenant
1788	19	41st Foot	Lieutenant
1789	20	12th Light Dragoons	Lieutenant
1791	22	58th Foot	Captain
1792	23	18th Light Dragoons	Captain

(Between 1788 and 1783 Arthur Wellesley was ADC to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. In 1789 he became MP for Trim).

1793	24	33rd Regiment	Major
1793	24½	33rd Regiment	Lt. Colonel
1806-1813	37-44	33rd Regiment	Colonel



### The 33rd (or The Duke of Wellington's) Regiment

Sometime in 1842 Lieut Colonel J. M. Hartly, who commanded the 33rd from July 1841 to June 1842, wrote to the Duke suggesting that the Regiment might be named after him. No copy of Colonel Hartly's letter is available, but there is a record of the Duke's reply:

November 6th, 1842

"Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington presents his compliments to Lieut.-Colonel Hartly.

He has always felt the greatest interest in the honour and welfare of the 33rd Regiment and he is much flattered by the desire of its officers to record that he was for some time its commanding officer and their colonel. But he begs that they will observe that the honour solicited is of an unusual description, and will be posthumous and permanent.

The Duke must beg leave to decline to be a party of the solicitation of such an honour, to be conferred not upon the 33rd Regiment alone, but in the greatest (degree) upon an individual, and that individual himself. He hopes therefore that the officers of the 33rd Regiment will excuse him from declining to make known their wishes to the general commanding the Army in chief, and for suggesting that they should submit their desire through some other channel.

Lieut.-Colonel Hartly, Dublin".

The Duke of Wellington died on 14 September 1852. In November of the same year Lieut Colonel F. R. Blake, who commanded the 33rd from 1848 until his death in 1855, wrote to the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut General Henry D'Oyly, as follows:

Danesbury  
Welyn, Herts  
22nd November 1852

"My Dear General,

Now that the last honours have been fired to the Great Duke I cannot refrain from expressing to you the universal feeling of gratification and pride expressed by the 33rd Regiment having been specially selected to assist in rendering the last tribute in respect of his memory.

If Her Majesty were graciously pleased to permit the 33rd Regiment to be called The Duke of Wellington's Own Regiment and to bear his name on their colours and appointments it would be an honour most thoroughly appreciated by every individual in the Corps. It would moreover do away with the ignorant prejudice against the red facings which certainly considerably check the success of our recruiting parties. At the same time we should be very sorry that any change should be made in the facings as they were worn by the Great Duke himself who belonged to the Regiment for 20 years and therefore we shall feel a particular pride in continuing them. From the letter now in your possession written by the Duke in reply to a similar proposal made to himself it is clear he would have been gratified by the Regiment being permitted to bear his name, although he justly considered he could not personally move in the matter. May I therefore hope that you will interest yourself in forwarding the request and in bringing it under the notice of the General Officer Commanding

in Chief with a view to its being submitted to Her Majesty's consideration.

Believe me, my dear General,

Ever sincerely yours

F. R. Blake

To: Lieut-General D'Oyly,  
Colonel, 33rd Regiment".

The request received Her Majesty's approval and on 18 June 1853 (the 38th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo) the official decision was notified:

Horse Guards

18 June 1853

"Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to command that the 33rd Regiment of Foot shall henceforward bear the name of The 33rd (or The Duke of Wellington's) Regiment, which honourable distinction will be inscribed on the Colours of the Regiment By Command of the Right Honourable General Viscount Hardinge, Commanding in Chief.

G. Brown

Adjutant General"

In 1855 General D'Oyly apparently requested that the Regiment be designated a Royal Regiment. It would be of interest to know how he reconciled a Royal designation for a regiment named after a commoner. Unfortunately this is another case where only the reply is available.

Horse Guards

7 April 1855

"Sir

I have the honour, by direction of the General Commanding in Chief, to intimate to you that Her Majesty considers that the title of Royal, in respect of the 33rd, would be incompatible with the present designation of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, but that there will be no objection to you recommending that some distinctive colour may be adopted for the facings of the Regiment.

I have the honour to be Sir

Your obedient Servant

G. A. Wetherall Adjutant General

General D'Oyly

Colonel of the 33rd Duke of Wellington's Regiment"

Fortunately General D'Oyly decided to leave well alone, otherwise the Regiment would have lost its red facings.

### The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

In 1881 a major reorganisation of the infantry resulted in the amalgamation of the 33rd and 76th. Under the reorganisation each regiment was given a territorial title. The first title selected for the newly combined 33rd and 76th was The Halifax Regiment (The Duke of Wellington's), but at the request of the Regiment this was quickly changed to: The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment); the Regiment officially thereafter being referred to as the West Riding Regiment.

In 1920 the title was again changed, this time to: The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding).

The title not only commemorates the name of the Country's greatest soldier and his twenty years service with the 33rd; but also gives to the Regiment the distinction of being the only regiment named after a person not of Royal blood.

## KATCOMS AND OTHER KOREAN FRIENDS

by James Hayes

*(I wrote this piece, together with the article that was published in Iron Duke No. 197, in 1954-55 as an 'aide memoire'. It has been taken out, shortened and polished in the hope that it will interest some readers: J. H.)*

"Good morning, Officer," said Chong Hi Bong, with a beaming smile and giving his best salute. He stood outside his dug-out, cut in the side of Korean hills, alongside two of his new-found English friends. All three were grinning from ear to ear: Chong because it was the most natural thing in the world for him to do, the other two because this represented part of their morning's fun. They had first put him up to it weeks before, and daily usage had turned it into something of an honoured ceremony.

Chong was the typical young South Korean conscript soldier dark skinned, round faced, undersized by European standards but extremely well-developed, with powerful tubby legs. He wore the usual British outfit: a cap comforter rolled up over his head, a heavy woollen pullover and jungle-green trousers. Then came the difference. Below Chong's bleached webbing gaiters was a pair of gleaming ammunition boots, of which he was inordinately proud. His English comrades used to marvel at the sight of them, often profanely; for, no matter what the weather, Chong's boots were always spotless for morning inspection. It was more difficult for him to keep the rest of his uniform smart. Chong's and the other eight Korean soldiers in the platoon's British issue clothing was too big for them.

Rather child-like in temperament, our Koreans either smiled or sulked. Fortunately they usually smiled, and Chong was one of the most constant of the smilers. No matter what the time or the task, Chong Hi Bong was cheerful. The only time I saw him otherwise was on a hospital bed, where he sobbed fitfully, his smooth dark face puckered up with pain. He had been taken off after a heavy stone had fallen on his back as he was working in a deep trench. He never quite got over his accident and was, I learned later, discharged from the Korean army. He was a great loss.

Chong Hi Bong, with his endearing qualities, was one of many young Koreans brought into close contact with British troops through the exigencies of war when every British unit had a number of Koreans attached for porter and stretcher duties. These men were mostly over military age, and some of them were time-expired soldiers. Within the last six months of the fighting a new policy of integration was launched. Young Korean conscripts were to be incorporated into British and American frontline units. In a British infantry battalion this meant that each rifle platoon received seven or eight Korean soldiers who were distributed among its three sections. These reinforcements from an unexpected quarter were officially known as "Korean Augmentation Troops Combat", or "KATCOMs". Naturally enough, their appearance provoked considerable comment among the British troops. No concessions or special arrangements were made for the "KATCOMs" who had to wear British uniform, eat British rations and

learn British ways. To assist them to do this with as few teething troubles as possible, British soldiers were to act as guides, philosophers and friends, with predictable results in a few cases!

The "KATCOMs", or "Katcoams", as our Yorkshiremen pronounced them in the rare intervals when they did not use the disreputable but more current term "Gooks", shared every duty with their new comrades in arms. They dug, they carried (and certainly more than their share) they patrolled, and when required they fought beside their new friends. Only dug-outs were not shared as a rule, each preferring to sleep alongside his own kind.

The average British soldier's attitude towards the "KATCOMs" was interesting to observe. The battalion was mostly comprised of Yorkshiremen but included a small, vociferous element of "Geordies". To the young English soldier who had rarely strayed far from home and familiar surroundings, the Korean presented something beyond his natural ken. His first opinion of them was not favourable. "Mon, they're jist pleen sauvages", said one of the "Geordies", with great feeling. Most of his mates agreed with him. After all, what could you make of people who mixed every particle of food and drink and corned beef, all together in a mess-tin and gulped it hastily down? Then there was the matter of their language. Its unintelligibility posed an obvious problem, while the Koreans' tendency, to congregate and jabber away among themselves with many gesturings and rolling of eyes sometimes hindered the establishment of friendly relations.

Within a short time, however, adjustments had been made on each side. The language difficulty became less acute. The British soldier's aptitude for making himself understood in any language is proverbial. A working vocabulary of some ten or fifteen words was soon in use. As might have been expected our Company Sergeant Major's command of this lingua franca, born of long experience with other tongues in different countries, was both impressive and effective. One could learn a lot from hearing him harangue a group of Korean porters or arguing with his Korean "boy".

Thus before long, a rough and ready friendship sprang up between the two races. This found expression in different ways. The Koreans excelled at odd jobs, and were particularly adept at making beds with short or long pickets and a length of cable wire. Every time a new living bunker went into the hillside, the Koreans made the beds. This had an obvious appeal. So did the Koreans' appetite for hard work. Fetching the rations and defence stores back every night from the jeep-head would have been more of a chore without their ready assistance, encouraged by sweets and cigarettes which their own meagre pay would not purchase. Groups of men would attach Koreans to themselves, to their mutual benefit and amusement. Sometimes this found expression in unusual ways. One Korean endeared himself particularly by his ability to send his section corporal flying through the air whenever they tried a friendly throw.

All the same the "KATCOMs" had to put up with a fair amount of chaff and mischief, often expressed in bad language. Occasionally they retaliated. One day, some members of the platoon were bathing in a stream a little way from my dug-out. Hearing a sudden outbreak of noise I looked out, to find a soldier rushing back uphill. He was hotly pursued by one of our Koreans who was brandishing an iron picket and was jabbering away in a frenzy of excitement. Both were without a stitch of clothing. On another occasion some months later, the same Korean chased his section commander madly here and there, armed with a tent peg which he had every intention of using. He also used his head for butting people he did not like, on one occasion with drastic results for his victim who, had to be hospitalized for a few days. After this, we had to get rid of him, and he was returned to the Korean Army. This man was the one real misfit we ever had in the platoon. Perhaps because he was more educated than the others, he bore things harder.

However, any lurking antipathy was generally overcome. The Koreans general usefulness helped, along with their usual cheerfulness. They also were good entertainment value. For instance, when the battalion had been in reserve, they had been put into squads and taught the rudiments of drill. This was much to everyone's amusement, since Koreans had a

natural stride which did not lend itself easily to good drill, though they tried hard enough. And it was tempting to teach them to swear, which they did in a peculiar idiom through an inability to pronounce many English consonants. When the time came for our departure, the Koreans were transferred automatically to the relieving battalion, and our soldiers thought up highly unsuitable things for them to say to our successors. Our departure bewildered our Koreans and their faces showed it. After nine trying months of North-countrymen, they realized they had now to accommodate themselves to the whims and vagaries of another type of Englishman. But surely they got as much amusement from us as we did from them.

I received two letters from Oh Joe Soo, one of the Koreans, after our departure. He had been absent on leave camp "This is a very small letter as I have not very much to write about, but I thought that I shall let you know that I am sorry I did not see you leave". He added that the North Staffords (our replacements) were "not a bad regiment", but "every time we go up Kansas (the new defence line) we put on battle order and have to sleep there for five nights", adding "it is very cold there as you know!" The other letter mentioned that Chong Hi Bong had recovered from his accident. He had gone back to see his friends one



*Korean soldiers with 3 Platoon, 1 DWR, Korea 1953*  
 Left to right: Yong Jom Wu; Han In Hi; Pak Bong IK and Oh Joo Suk.  
 In front: Song

day, presumably on further sick leave. "I do write to him at different periods but his letters don't come too often". Written on 3rd February, 1954, Joe's letter said that the weather was cold and there had been snow six inches thick. "We had a little fun snow-balling (in) inter-Platoon competitions".

I don't think Joe wrote the letters himself, though I recall he spoke some English. One of his former comrades in 3 Platoon DWR who had been transferred with him had probably written at his request.

I had asked him for photographs of Chong and himself, to which he replied "I am sorry but I have no photo of Chong Hi Bong and myself but I have a negative that I will get printed for the next letter I send. I have just got two photos of myself Pak, Yong, Han and Jung, and another one with Chong and I also some of the Three Platoon lads". One of these appeared at page 153 of *The Iron Duke* No. 197, April 1985 and the other is reproduced here.

## "HUMAN ENDURANCE CAN HARDLY STAND IT"

(Diary of a West Riding machine gunner, 1915)

by Ian Dewhirst

### Training in England

John Grange Petty was a lance-corporal in the Maxim Gun Section of the 1/6th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, one of many units of the Territorial Force designated for active service. From the beginning of January 1915 his diary had catalogued, in staccato fashion, his repetitious training at Doncaster ("Shooting" ... "Route march" ... "Gun drill" ... "Field day" ... "Scrubbing up" ... "Still shooting"), interspersed with outstanding events: January 20th, when "a Gunner of the Howitzer Brigade" was accidentally killed at Marr; February 8th, when the Brigade marched by night round Armthorpe and Cantley; March 18th, when General Lawson conducted a grand inspection on Doncaster racecourse; March 24th, when the Brigade carried out a 29 mile march to Bolton-on-Dearne.

Training was thorough and varied. In addition to Lance-Corporal Petty's specialist gun drill and

shooting, he was instructed in mechanism, entrenching and semaphore signalling. The Battalion even practised entraining, and billeting ("at Tickhill") Ominously on April 1st, "Enfield Gun examiners came to overhaul guns", and Petty had gone home on leave with the rumour "that we are going out to France". After Easter, new limbers arrived, and machine-gunners "delivered all old ammunition in, and drew Mark VII, and started to fill belts". Towards the middle of April the 49th Division, of which the 1/6th Duke of Wellington's formed a part, set out for action.

### To France

"Today," Lance-Corporal Petty noted on April 12th, slightly ahead of the main Battalion, "we got word to fall in at the Orderly room, for France. It rained hard, and we left at 8 p.m. and travelled all night." He was starting to jot things down as they happened, both day and night: a dawn arrival at



*Maxim guns of the 1st/6th Battalion*

The photograph was probably taken during training in 1915. Lance-Corporal Petty, standing is fourth from the right.

Southampton, and a dusk sailing; another morning docking at Le Havre ("got all stores, horses and waggons off the ship, and into the train"), then an interminable journey, "40 of us in a horse truck". Three days after leaving England, they joined up with the rest of their Battalion and reached Divisional HQ at Merville at midnight. And even that was not journey's end - "Marched from Merville to Neuf-Berquim where we arrived at 3 a.m. and got to sleep in a barn."

Some not unpleasant days followed. There was a Church parade where the 7 Battalion band played and Lance-Corporal Petty "enjoyed it very much". The weather was hot, and he had a swim in a pond behind the house where he was billeted. One supper-time "a few of us had Quaker Oats, and it was fine". The first letter arrived from home. Reminder of war was a church, "which is pretty much broken up by shells". Eventually the Battalion marched to new billets at Fleurbaix, a village "smashed to the deuce", and enjoyed another couple of easy days.

Then suddenly, on the morning of April 29, "the Germans started shelling the village, they dropped 50 or 60 shells round the place. T. Critchison and Pickles Killed."

The official War Diary of the 6th Battalion adds a poignant detail on this day - "the dead were buried where the shell fell, owing to Ptd. Pickles being so mutilated. No service: Chaplain not available."

#### Aubers Ridge

The Battalion had in fact entered the Second Battle of Ypres. On May 9, during an abortive British assault on Aubers Ridge, they stood to arms from 2 am till 10 pm: the firing on their right flank, wrote Lance-Corporal Petty, was "Simply hell on earth." For the most part, however, his diary at this time catalogues the localised routine of frontline service, spells in the trenches alternating with periods resting (which often meant fatigues), the 6th Battalion normally being relieved by the 4th.

There was only sporadic fighting in the immediate vicinity. "The Germans seem to be afraid to show themselves," Petty innocently opined on April 30, "and I think that if we never fired a shot, they would not". When they did attempt an attack on May 14, "out we rushed, and let them have about 2 minutes rapid, and they soon quietened down. During the rest of the day, they never made a muff". Repeatedly, days were "pretty quiet", with "nothing doing". But early in June, Lance-Corporal Petty thought "there must be a fresh lot opposite us, as they keep up a much hotter fire than the others". German aeroplanes kept coming over, to be driven off with rifle-fire; although one - the "boldest I have ever seen" - required 130 shells to turn him back.

#### Mud - and Baths

Repeatedly the trenches became "a regular quagmire", at their worst some six or seven inches deep in water, "and our dug-outs are wet, and everything you touch is covered with mud. Shoes and puttees, like dish-cloths."

Yet surprisingly, life was not all gloom. Lance-Corporal Petty's section contrived a stove for their billet, and some managed to get mattresses. "The chaps at the next billet had a comic band," he detailed one quieter spell, "mouth-organs, tin cans, and tommy talkers. It was a rare bit of sport." Occasional

treats arrived in the shape of figs and dates, or baths, for which they marched four miles: "The baths are an old dyehouse, and each man has a tub for himself. He delivers his old clothes in, and receives clean ones in exchange."

Then on June 18th, going down a communication trench, Lance-Corporal Petty slipped and twisted his ankle. A stretcher-bearing helped him back to hospital in "a farm about four hundred yards from the first line trenches" - where he spent five days under shellfire!

#### Quiet Days

He rejoined his Battalion in time for some confused days of marching, often by night. The beginning of July found them "about 17 miles into Belgium", bivouacked in a forest. "It is a fine camp where we are," he enthused. "We have our oil-sheets for a tent, and are surrounded by bushes and shrubs, so its fine. The worst part is, that there is not much water. We have to carry it more than half a mile." There they were inspected by Sir Douglas Haigh, and had a Church parade ("both sides of road in wood were lined with men, Chaplain in middle"). D Company gave a concert, with 16 mouthorgans, three tommy talkers, a drum and some whistles. There were short route marches "to keep us fit". Some of Petty's machine-gunners were briefly attached to the 7th Duke of Wellington's; got wet, then lost. For two days they wandered without food, "except mouldy bread, which some Frenchmen gave us".

#### Ypres and Gas

On July 10th, back with his own Battalion, Lance-Corporal Petty underlined the first word in his diary entry - Ypres: "This morning at 7, we were wakened and told to be ready to move by 9. This was only the Gun Section. We moved off and got to the trenches by 12. We are in the 3rd line, and have 8 maxims, us and the 5th. 6 p.m. moved across Yser Canal, to take up a position all night. It was terrible. All night long, they rained shells about us, and what with our guns as well, there must have been many a thousand fired."

He was in action with a vengeance now, in a wooded landscape with "not a tree untouched, nearly all are broken down, and there are tree trunks strewn all over the ground", pounded with high explosives, shrapnel and gas-shells, "awful stuff, and the first warning you get is a burning of the eyes, and smell like cocoanut oil".

In May the Battalion had been shown how to fix respirators, Petty keeping his instructions tucked in his diary ("On the approach of poisonous gases, open the respirator and place the cotton waste pad over the mouth and nose grasping it with the teeth to keep it in position," etc) Now incredibly he could write down, as they happened, his sensations:

"7 p.m. A strong smell of gas in the air.

"8 p.m. It is stronger and burns the eyes, and the air is misty.

"The Artillery are now letting rip. We are stood to arms..."

Now all the conditions of May and June were repeated in July and August, more than ever terrible and squalid. Petty's machine-gun was up in the first-line trenches - an "awful place" - one traverse being only seventeen yards from the Germans. This involved close-quarter conflict of trench mortars, bombs and had grenades ("Garnett missing.

Robinson gassed and wounded"). Men weren't allowed to light fires, "or we will be bombed out", they couldn't even make tea.

#### Green Water and Purple Tea

When they were relieved - they were alternating mainly with the 7th Duke of Wellington's now - they found their reserve trenches little better, liable to be shelled all night ("Mr. Slingsby killed today, Signallers Officer"). Everybody's nerves were "getting shattered". From time to time, Lance-Corporal Petty would pen a revealing note in his diary, such as "Can't realize that its Sunday" or "Wish I was at home getting ready for Saturday afternoon".

Rain was still frequent. Often Petty's section waded up to the knees in mud ("W. Addymand wounded"). On August 2nd it took them three hours to reach their position. "Its too far to walk when you've only been out 2 days, and have not had a decent meal," he burst out. "We can't even get our bottles filled with clean water. The water for the tea, is green when it comes in the cart, and when the tea is made it is purple".

Food supply had virtually broken down. Some days they ate nothing but biscuits, washed down with cold water. They felt "pined". One lucky day when some rations reached them, they consisted of 1 loaf for 3 men, 1 tin of jam (1lb) for 8, and 1 tin of army ration for 4". They could hardly stand ("8 a.m. Frank Brady killed. We buried him at 7 p.m.).

On August 7th Petty was hit on the leg - but only by a bit of bullet", and he was into hospital one day and out the next.

#### Autumn: A Terrible Bombardment"

August 23rd. "Left Canal for front line. We have to go up a communication trench about 1½ miles long. We are on No. 3 Gun, and are in the Sap which is 15 yards from the German line. The Germans shelled us today, and they put one through our parapet."

August 26. "Very hot today. The enemy are shelling. About 1 p.m. the enemy dropped a shell on our parapet and blew all the parapet down, and part of

the 'Gun Pit'. We had 12 hours work to make it right. Six rifles were smashed, and some of the men buried in their dug-outs. It was very lucky for me, as I had just left the Gun, to see the Officer."

September 25. "4.30. There is a terrible bombardment in progress, near Hooge. They are going to shell them opposite us, in a while, 5.30. They have started opposite us. Talk about shells, the Germans let us have it hot, terribly hot in fact. They were afraid of our infantry attacking, as they put flares on their parapet, and turned their maxims on us. Its about as hot a do as I have been in."

#### Winter: "Human edurance can hardly stand it"

Autumn of 1915 continued exceptionally rainy. By late November, some trenches had filled with water, and were falling in. Soldiers struggled into the front line over their knees in mud, sometimes across open ground because communication trenches had become unusable. "Everything belonging the gun is wet," Petty lamented. "Belts especially".

Then came the cold. Cardigans, gloves and fur coats were issued on November 18 ("I don't know how we will manage to carry all our kit now"). The machinegun froze, mud got into the ammunition belts. "Human endurance" observed Petty, "can hardly stand it." One night "a German came and gave himself up. He was absolutely done, and nearly cried when we took him in."

On November 26 Lance-Corporal Petty recorded: "Terribly cold. My feet are beginning to feel the effects of the frost. It started snowing and hailing during the night." He hobbled for days, felt "nearly crippled" by night. His boots stuck in the mud. "Each stride," he wrote, "is a stagger." At last, on December 8th, he went sick, and was hospitalised with trench feet ("the ride in the cart was awful").

For Lance-Corporal John Grange Petty, the worst of the war was over.

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## SOLDIERING ON... IN COLCHESTER... THE GARRISON TAILOR

Many who were with the 1st Battalion in Meeanee Barracks, Colchester, in 1961-62 will remember Bill Jolliffe, the Garrison Tailor; whose excellent service included the introduction of scarlet mess dress in the Sergeants Mess. We were the first regiment in the army to do this. I served in Colchester in 1951-52, 1961-62 and 1977-83 and the Garrison Tailor was always a great asset. In the fifties Bill's father was still in charge, with a shop in Meeanee Barracks. He was a master tailor of the old school and knew his cloth and uniforms, from the Melton of full dress to the needs of private soldiers trying to look smart in intractable battle dress. When Bill took over, he had premises on Circular Road and he carried on backed by all his firm's immense experience and wide background knowledge of the army's ceremonial and day to day clothing and tailoring needs.

Jolliffe's had to function within the army's contract system, which takes no account of sentiment, emotion, past loyalty or general knowledge of the service. The lowest tender is taken, irrespective of the

quality of the work, the situation of the long standing family business and its loyal staff. For some years established garrison tailors have been under threat from the cut price sections of the trade. I had my knuckles rapped by the Commander 19 Brigade for commenting on these untried, soulless elements, of mixed origin, at whose mercy a regiment would find itself when preparing for a Royal visit, a quick move to a hot climate or a vital annual inspection. Year by year Bill Jolliffe sweated on the results of the Tender Board, until in 1984 the blow fell and he was evicted from the garrison. Generals and brigadiers could no longer protect him. I understand that the same things has now happened at the RMA Sandhurst, which is included in Aldershot Garrison.

Mercifully the Jolliffe story has ended on a happy note. He has moved to his own premises on Butt Road a quarter of a mile away and is doing very well with all his old staff; no redundancies and no more threats of eviction hanging over him. Much discriminating business continues to come his way!

A.D.F.



*Wellesley Park, Halifax: formerly the Regimental Depot, 1985*

- (1) Regimental headquarters (formerly the Museum); (2) Parks and Recreation offices (Guard Room and Orderly Room); (3) Calderdale Amenities, Recreation and Social Services Departments (Officers' Mess and COs House); (4) DHSS offices (QMs House); (5) Music School (Sergeants' Mess); (6) Outward Bound stores (Dining Hall); (7) & (8) Outward Bound Centre, gymnasium, Judo, Table tennis, changing rooms. (Barrack blocks); (9) Tennis Courts (site of the married quarters)

# Regimental Association

## DONATIONS

The following are extracts from two of the letters received in response to the donations made from the funds of the Regimental Association.

—From Major General P. J. Bush OBD, Controller the Army Benevolent Fund. "Thank you so much for your letter of 27 November in which you enclosed a cheque for £1500 as a donation for 1985/86 to the Army Benevolent Fund from The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Association. As always, we are very grateful for the generous help you give us. Please pass on my sincere thanks to the Trustees of your Benevolent Funds and say how much it means to have the support that we do from Corps and Regimental Associations..."

— From Lieut Colonel F. F. Holland MBE, BEM, Deputy General Secretary, British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association. "I would be most grateful if you would convey to your Trustees our grateful thanks for their donation of £50 to BLESMA.

You might like to know that we are currently in the process of upgrading our two Residential Homes at Blackpool and Crieff in Perthshire which when complete, will ensure that every room has en suite bathing and toilet facilities. The project at Blackpool, which is due to be completed in May of next year, will be formally opened by Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, and will provide some of the best residential and convalescent holiday accommodation to be found anywhere in the Country with particular emphasis on catering for limbless ex-service men, their widows and dependants. Contributions such as yours go a long way towards making this possible..."

Letters of thanks were also received from The Royal British Legion, The Huddersfield Army Veterans Society and the Salvation Army, Halifax.

## WELLESLEY PARK

The photograph here reproduced, which was taken last year, shows that apart from the disappearance of the married quarters, the old Regimental Depot remains remarkably unchanged. For those who undertook their recruit training at the Depot or who subsequently served there on the permanent staff, the photograph will doubtless raise mixed emotions. One must surely be regret that, due to organisational changes, Regiments, by themselves, are no longer able to justify such establishments.

## BRANCHES

Notwithstanding the hard winter weather a surprising number of members have continued to attend Branch meetings:-

York is still increasing in numbers, with a couple of new members at every meeting.

Bradford is busy putting the final touches to the London trip. The Branch will again have a stall at the Wrose Gala. Offers of bric-a-brac for sale on the stall will be welcome.

Huddersfield is trying to fix the date for the Branch Dinner. It is hoped to finalise it by the next meeting. Last years Dinner was highly enjoyable.

Halifax is at present trying out an amalgamation with Honorary Sergeants Mess Members. The last two meetings have been very successful.

Keighley is still having good attendances and are trying to organise more branch visits.

## London

On Saturday, 9 November 1985, the London Branch had the honour of representing the Regimental Association at the Festival of Remembrance, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, at the Albert Hall. Our Secretary, Rodney Owers was on parade and carried our Standard at the Festival.

The next day, Remembrance Sunday, we foregathered at the Regimental plot at Westminster Abbey for the two minutes silence. The following attended: Major & Mrs Wood, Major & Mrs Miller, Major Connolly, Messrs R. Temple (senior & junior), Mr G. Roberts, Mr D. Seed, Mr K. Waterman, Mr D. Lawrence, Mr C. Cossins and Mr R. Owers.

After the two minutes silence we moved to Birdcage Walk to watch HM The Queen and other members of the Royal Family returning to the Palace from the Cenotaph Service. We then adjourned for our annual get together in the Westminster Arms.

On the Saturday before Christmas a dozen of us gathered at Vivian Court for an excellent supper provided by Committee members' wives. We are most grateful to the Management Committee of Vivian Court for allowing us the use of the recreation room for the evening.

Our next big event will be our annual dinner and dance, being held this year at the Park Court Hotel, Lancaster Gate. We hope it will be as well attended as last year.

## Mossley

There have been two major events since our last notes. At the first, on 7 November Mr Jackie Horne MBE and his wife Rose, invited members of the Branch to a party at the Princess Restaurant in Huddersfield to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Three car loads of members crossed the Pennines to support and share in this most loved couple's joyful occasion. There ensued an evening such that those who know Jackie and Rose would expect. It was pure magic! Jack and Rose's family were there in force, but so was that other great family, The Dukes. It was a night we shall all remember.

The second event to report is that of our visit to Hem. Some 13 members and ladies set out by train and ferry on Friday the 8 November. Our arrival in the late evening they were greeted, as usual, by the Mayor and members of her Council and entertained to supper.



Next morning they were taken on a sight seeing tour to Roubaix, a mile or so North of Lille. In the evening they were entertained in a local auberge. On Sunday Les Anciens Combattants invited our party to lunch at La Salle de Fetes. Those who have attended in the past know only too well that this is "une occasion formidable"! Members were presented with a hand painted shield depicting the arms of Heur and the Hotel de Ville. On Monday it was the 11 November. It is a matter for reflection that our enemies at Waterloo, but our allies in '14 - '18 - and '39 - '45, still honour Armistice Day. Long may they continue so to do. This is the 15 year of our exchange visits. May we all carry on for many years.

Meantime we soldier on in Mossley. If you can, come and join us on the first Wednesday of every month at the Woodend Workmens Club - just opposite the Drill Hall! 8 p.m.

### Branch Meeting: Summer 1986

**BRADFORD** - Belle Vue Barracks - 2000 hrs.  
Secretary: Mr C. Frear, 13 Edward Street, Littletown Liversedge.

21 May, 11 and 25 June, 9 and 23 July, 13 and 27 August.

**HALIFAX** - Sergeant Mess, The Drill Hall, Prescott Street. - 2000 hrs.

Secretary:- Mr A. Spencer, 55 Carmel Road, Boothtown, Halifax.

7 June, 5 July, 2 August.

**HUDDERSFIELD** - Sergeant Mess, The Drill Hall, St. Paul's Street. - 2000 hrs.

Secretary:- P. Coward, 16 Hall Cross Grove, Lowerhouses, Huddersfield.

30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August.

**MOSSLEY** - Woodhead W.M.C. 2000 hrs.

Secretary:- Mr E. Cooke, 11 North North Avenue, Hague Estate, Stalybridge.

4 June, 2 July, 6 August.

**KEIGHLEY** - Sergeants Mess, Drill Hall - 2000 hrs.  
Secretary:- Mr G. Butterfield, 15 Adelaide House, Crosley Wood Road, Bingley.

29 May, 26 June, 31 July, 28 August.

**YORK** - Post Office Social Club, Marygate - 2000 hrs.  
Secretary:- Mr J. Hemming, 6 Yearsley Crescent, York.

2 June, 7 July, 4 August.

**LONDON** - Flat 316 Vivian Court, 128-134 Maida Vale, London W9. 2000 hrs.

Secretary:- Mr. R. Owers, 12 Waterfall Road, London N11 1JD.

30 June, 28 July, 25 August.

### THE BRITISH WAR MEMORIAL AT THEIPVAL: COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme falls on 1 July 1986. On that day there is to be a commemorative service, attended by the Duke of Kent, at the British War Memorial at Theipval, which bears the names of 891 members of the Regiment. The Regiment have been invited to be represented and Regimental Headquarters are currently attempting to contact any surviving members of the Regiment who are veterans of the Somme and who may wish to attend.

It is planned that a small Regimental group, accompanied by the Regimental Secretary, will join a tour organised by Pennine Euro-Travel, Leeds departing by coach AM 30 June and returning 3 July. The cost, which includes three nights bed and breakfast, accommodation in France, plus dinner on two evenings, all travel and medical insurance will be £99. There will be a subsidy, where necessary, for Somme veterans. Other members of the family or of the Regimental Association will be welcome to attend at their own expense, if space permits. All attending will be required to pay for their own lunch meals and entertainment etc. Passports will be required.

Any Somme veterans or others interested, should contact the Regimental Secretary without delay.

### BRITISH WAR GRAVES PLOT RAMEGNIES-CHIN, BELGIUM CEREMONY OF HOMMAGE

The Federation Nationale Des Combatants De Belgique (FNC) Ramegnies-Chin are to hold, as part of British Year, a Ceremony of Hommage at the British War Graves plot in the town's cemetery on 21 July 1986. The plot contains 21 British graves, four of which are those of members of the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment killed in that area during the withdrawal to Dunkirk in 1940.

Regimental HQ are interested in contacting relatives or friends of the four soldiers buried in the cemetery whose details are:-

Pte Norman Blenkinsop	Killed 22 May 1940	age 22
LCpl Patrick Burnes	Killed 22 May 1940	age 27
Pte James Evans	Killed 22 May 1940	age 20
Pts Henry Harding	Killed 22 May 1940	age 21

It is planned that the 1st Battalion will be represented at the ceremony by a detachment comprising an officer, a SNCO and two junior ranks, including a drummer/bugler.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH...

Lord Savile writes:

"I have just returned from a wonderful holiday in South Africa. Most of the time I was in Cape Town where I saw a great deal of Jeff Reynolds and his charming wife Marjorie. He is managing quite well with his initial limb and was able to drive me around the Cape Peninsular in his car. I received much kindness from them both, which made all the difference to my holiday. Jeff sends his affectionate greetings to all who know him.

It may be of interest to former members of the 8th Battalion/145 Regiment RAC to know that during a two day stop in Johannesburg I was delightfully entertained by Major Christopher Newton Thompson, who I had not seen for 44 years when we were subalterns together in the 8th. We both thought each other little changed - though we are both now fairly bald."

Major Alan Westcob, who retires in April, is to take up a post in America at the end of that month. His future address is: c/o Vision Quest, PO Box 447, Exton PA 19341-0447, USA. Major Peter Hoppe assumed a RO appointment with JIB Ouston in February.

Recent visitors to RHQ include Mr Henry Sykes of Marsden, Huddersfield, age 91, who enlisted into the 7th Battalion TA in 1910 and served throughout the World War I in the 1/7th and 3/7th Battalions, continuing his service after the War with the 7th until 1925. Still alert and very active for his age he was accompanied by Ex CSM Gordon Simpson who after wartime service with the Parachute Regiment served with the 5/7th Battalion and West Riding Battalion DWR TA from 1959 to 1970 and with the DWR Army Cadet Force from 1970 to 1978.

The Regimental Secretary and Mr. Jack Russell

joined the Regiment's In-Pensioners in the Royal Hospital Chelsea for lunch on the 6th December 1985.

Ex WO2 "Ginger" O'Shea, Ex Sgt "Sticky" Glew and ex Sgt Robert Peel were all in good form but sadly John Wilkinson who is now 87 and rather frail, was confined to the Infirmary.

#### Change of address

Lynn and Les Shaw: 10 Almond Road, Bicester, Oxon OX6 8HT.

Mr E. F. W. Grant, 20 Iona Avenue, Exmouth, Devon.

## Obituary

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

### Brigadier G. Laing C.B.E.

George Laing died on 1st February 1986, age 76. He was commissioned into the Regiment in 1931 and immediately joined the 1st Battalion, then stationed at Aldershot. In 1937 he was seconded to the 6th Battalion Nigerian Regiment of the West Africa Frontier Force. It was with that force that he saw war time service in Burma before assuming command of the 1st Battalion Nigerian Regiment. After the War he served for a time with the York and Lancaster Regiment. Thereafter he held a variety of appointments, including AA & QMG Lubbecke District, in Germany, and Commander Tripolitania District. His last appointment before retirement was with HQ South West District. On leaving the army in 1961 he became Commandant of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, at Dover. There he was able, for the next six years, to put his dynamic and infectious enthusiasm to full use. This was particularly so on the games side where he raised the standard to a peak of excellence never before attained in the history of the School. He was last regular soldier to hold the appointment of Commandant of the School.

George was a very good all round sportsman. He played rugby for Blackheath and Kent and was a member of the 1st Battalion XV which won the Army Rugby Cup in 1933. He also played a good game of cricket and was once in the finals of the Army 880 yards race.

The funeral took place at Blackheath on 13 February. The Colonel of the Regiment was unable to be present, but was represented by Captain R. J. M. Pugh. The Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion was represented by 2nd Lieut A. J. Adams. Also present at the funeral were Brigadier R. Eccles, Colonel of the York and Lancaster Regiment, and representatives from Blackheath Rugby Club and The Duke of York's

Military School. Members of the Regiment present were, Brigadier P. P. de la H. Moran, Colonel P. G. L. Cousens, Lieut Colonel R. G. Collins and Lieut Colonel J. H. Dalrymple.

*J.H.D.*

### Mr. W. Crowther

Bill ('Mungie') Crowther died in December, the funeral service taking place at the Parish Church of Penkridge in Staffordshire on 13 December 1985. I was among those present at the funeral, having served with Bill in England, India and Burma. In fact ever since a January afternoon in 1938, when a 8 cwt truck, which had collected me from Farnham station deposited me at a wooden hut next to the wooden Officers' Mess at Bordon. There I discovered that my first batman was to be Bill Crowther. In more recent years we kept up a fairly regular correspondence. He wrote excellent letters, full of anecdote, historical detail and wise comment on life and personalities.

Bill's early life was hard. Orphaned when very young, he ran away to sea to escape from unkind foster parents. The Merchant Navy looked after him in a thoughtful and fatherly manner. He was well taught and acquired the priceless habits of discipline and hard, painstaking, work. Perhaps here was founded his amazing ability to make or mend anything and his taste for adventure. He enlisted into the Regiment in the late thirties and, in due course, was sent to join the 2nd Battalion, then in India. As a very junior officer in Delhi I knew most of his closest friends well, having soldiered together and competed in rugby, hockey, athletics and swimming. The names and faces of Bacon, 'Basher' Holmes, Flaherty,

Mountain and many others came back to me as I read some of Bill's reminiscences in one of the last letters he wrote to me.

His unique sense of humour and ever cheerful character made him a popular member of Battalion, in peace and in war. He was in the Medical section in Peshawar when, in February 1942, the Battalion was mobilised. It entrained for Madras, sailed into Rangoon and motored up to the forward area to join 17th Indian Division. The Battalion was soon in contact with the Japanese advancing from Malaya and the Billin river towards the Sittang Bridge and Rangoon. At the Sittang bridge Bill was wounded in the leg; but he did not leave the forward area for proper treatment and as a result the leg caused him pain and trouble for the rest of his life. He was a tower of strength in the Medical department for the 1000 mile withdrawal to Assam; scrounging medical supplies, medical comforts and even transport. At the end of the campaign he was posted way from the Battalion and subsequently saw more active service in the Arakan and N.W. Europe

I do not know all the details of his life once the War was over. I know he served with bravery and distinction in the Fire Service and later with a transport business. He was a keen member of the Burma Star Association and helped Old Comrades in his area. I know he married Millie, a truly wonderful wife and that they had three children of whom they were justly proud. He and Millie played their full part in the community at Penkridge helping friends and others who fell on unlucky times. Bill had a long and painful illness and fought, undaunted as ever, to survive. He once wrote "If you have not got pain you don't know you are alive". So passes a good soldier in a great tradition, a loyal member of the regiment and a remarkably courageous character.

*A.D.F.*

#### **Mr. G. Gregory**

Ex corporal George Gregory died on 15 November 1985, age 81. He first joined the York and Lancaster Regiment TA in 1921. In the following year he enlisted into the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and, after initial training at Halifax, joined the 1st Battalion then stationed at Gosport. He moved with the Battalion to Devonport where he met his wife, Rosemary, who he married in 1930. Together they served with the Regiment in Aldershot, Malta and Halifax. At various periods he was batman to Captain A. H. Wathen, Captain J. Lawlor, Major Sir Robert Henniker and Captain V. C. Green. During the War he first served in Iceland and then, in 1945, went to North Africa with

the 1st Battalion, where he was wounded while acting as a motor cycle despatch rider. After medical down grading he transferred to the RASC with whom he saw further service in Italy before being discharged in 1945 after 23 years service.

Despite the loss of his voice, after a throat operation, he attended the, Colour presentation parade at Catterick in 1982. He remained a staunch Duke to the end.

#### **Major J. Satterthwaite**

John Satterthwaite died on 13 January 1986. He joined the 1/7th Battalion of the Regiment as a 2nd Lieut in 1931. However in 1935 he was embodied and thereafter served with the 1st Battalion until the outbreak of the War, when he rejoined the 1/7th. In 1940 he was appointed OC 49th Division Details. A year later he was posted to 10th DWR, at Filey, before being sent to India in 1942.

Between 1943 and 1945 he served as a GSO III and then as a GSO II at Army Headquarters India. He returned to the UK in 1945 and was released the following year.

#### **Lieut Colonel J. Coulter, MBE**

*(delayed notification)*

John Coulter died peacefully in Melbourne Australia on 23 January 1985 age 88. He is survived by his wife May who is also age 88, a son John, and a daughter Pam.

John Coulter joined the Army at age 15 in 1911, initially in the DCLI, as a boy bugler. He transferred to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1914 at the age of 18 and served in France in the First World War. He was commissioned in 1936 and was Quartermaster of the 2nd Battalion in India at the outbreak of the Second World War. He held various Staff Appointments in India during the War and was AA & QMC Lahore District as an Acting Lieut Col in 1945. He was posted to the Depot as a Major in 1947 and then to the Regimental Pay Office DWR where he served until his retirement in 1951, with the Honorary rank of Lieut Colonel. He is remembered by those who served with him as a fine soldier and as a dynamic and charming person who had an affection for the Regiment that continued to his death.

# Officers Location List

AS AT 1st APRIL, 1985

## Lieutenant General

Sir Charles Huxtable, KCB, CBE., Commander Training & Arms Directorate HQ, UKLF, for Quarter Master General October 1986. Colonel of the Regiment.

## Brigadiers

W. R. Mundell, OBE., Commandant School of Infantry. For Dep Comd NEDIST/2 Div July 1986  
Commander 49 Brigade.

J. B. K. Greenway, Commandant 49 Brigade.

## Colonels

M. R. N. Bray, M. Phil. Col Chief Land Ops HQ, AFCENT (BAE) For Command UDR June 1986.

J. R. P. Cumberlege. BATT Kenya as Col (GS) Kenya Staff College. Held Strength Kings Division Depot 7 October 1986.

C. R. Cumberlege, DCOS G1/G4 HQ SWEDIST

## Lieutenant Colonels

R. L. Stevens, MBE. SO1 Int. Div. HQ AFCENT

T. D. Lupton, (SL). SO2 G1 (Disc) HQ BAOR.

W. F. Charlesworth, OBE. DCOS G1/G4 Western District.

S. J. Nash (SL). SO2 G4 HQ NEDIST & HQ 2 Div.

E. J. W. Walker. CO 1 DWR.

T. J. Nicholson. BMATT ZIMBABWE. For SO1 G1/G3 HQ SW DIST May 1986.

A. R. Redwood-Davies MBE. SO 1 Trg Oman.

A. D. Roberts MBE. SO1 Wpns RMCS.

J. M. Thorn. CO 4 King's Own Border.

P. D. D. J. Andrews. CO Depot King's Div.

P. D. Gardner. CO 2 YORKS.

## Majors

D. M. Pugh. Sqn Comd AAC Harrogate.

P. J. Puttock, SO2 A Info Photos. PR Svcs BAOR.

C. N. St. P. Bunbury MBE. Sqn Comd, 4 Armd Div & Sig Regt.

C. G. Fitzgerald. SO2 G3 (MAMA) HQ SW Dist.

P. J. Mellor, 1 DWR.

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

C. J. W. Gilbert. OC SNCO's Div Sch of Inf

M. S. Sherlock. SO2 G3 Trg Reg Army HQ NEDIST/HQ2 Div. For OC Trg Coy Depot King's Div September 1986.

D. L. J. Harrap. 1 DWR.

T. J. Isles. SO2 MS5 MOD.

A. J. Pitchers. 1 DWR. For SO2 G4 Qtg HQ NI. June 1986

C. F. Grieve, SO2 G3 (Ops/OTD) HQ NEDIST/HQ 2 Div.

A. D. Meek. 1 DWR.

K. Best. 1 DWR.

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

**Captains**

- D. I. Richardson. Instr Sigs Wg SCHINF. For SO3 G3 Ops 4 Armd Div HQ & Sig Regt 9 May 1986  
 M. J. Stone. 1 DWR. For RMCS Shrivenham Army Staff Course 21 October 1986.  
 G. A. Kilburn. Instr P1 Comds Battle Course SCHINF.  
 G. D. Shuttleworth A/Maj. Coy Comd JIB Ouston  
 D. Whittaker. 1 DWR.  
 S. J. N. Morgan A/Mag. Coy Comd Depot King's Div. For RMCS Shrivenham Army Staff Course 21 October 1986.  
 S. C. Newton. 1 DWR.  
 P. J. Harvey. Temp att 1 Yorks. For JIB Ouston October 1986  
 B. Coll. Army Personnel Selection Group.  
 S. H. Dixon. 1 DWR. For Adjt SNCO's Tac Wing Brecon May 1986.  
 M. J. B. Drake, SO3 G3 Ops HQ 2 Inf Div. For RMCS Shrivenham Staff Course 21 October 1986.  
 P. R. S. Bailey A/Maj. Coy Comd Jun Inf Bn Ouston.  
 C. A. Harvey. 1 DWR.  
 N. G. Borwell. 1 DWR.  
 J. W. Wood. 1 DWR - Adjutant.  
 R. J. M. Pugh. ADC to Lt Gen Sir Charles Huxtable.  
 A. J. Brear. 1 DWR.  
 M. G. Tuley. Depot The King's Div.  
 C. S. T. Lehmann. 1 DWR.  
 D. S. Bruce. 1 DWR.

**Subalterns**

- R. M. Rumball. 1 DWR. For Army Pilots Course No. 294 April 1986.  
 P. M. Lewis. 1 DWR.  
 J. C. A. Hill. 1 DWR.  
 R. Heron A/Capt. 1 DWR.  
 M. A. Lodge. 1 DWR.  
 J. C. Bailey. 1 DWR.  
 M. A. Twelftree. P1 Comd Instr JIB Ouston. For 1 DWR April 1986.  
 J. C. Preston. 1 DWR.  
 R. N. Chadwick. JIB Ouston  
 A. J. McNeilis. 1 DWR.  
 A. J. Downes. Depot, King's Div.  
 H. A. Kelly. 1 DWR.  
 M. Tinsley. JIB Ouston.  
 S. D. Preston. For King's Div Depot.  
 A. J. Adams. 1 DWR.  
 S. R. Neath. 1 DWR.  
 D. Harvey. 1 DWR.  
 T. A. Brear. RMAS SGC 853. 1 DWR April 1986.  
 R. C. Holroyd. RMAS SGC 853. 1 DWR April 1986.  
 R. G. Best. RMAS SGC 861. 1 DWR August 1986.

**Quartermasters**

- Major R. A. Tighe, MBE, Deputy SS0, and Admin Offr, Stn Staff, HOHNE.  
 Major M. Carter, QM 1 DWR.  
 Captain P. Robinson. QM Tech 1 DWR.  
 Captain P. Wilkinson. QM 1 Yorks.

**Retirements**

- Colonel P. A. Mitchell, OBE retired on 1 January 1986.  
 Major A. D. Palmer, MBE retired on 3 February 1986.  
 Major A. R. Westcob retired April 1986.  
 Major I. P. Reid is to retire 1 June 1986.  
 Lieut C. R. T. Smith retired 7 May 1986.

## NOTICES

**REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION**

The National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen (Short title: Regular Forces Employment Association) has existed for one hundred years for the purpose of assisting men and women leaving the Regular Forces with a good character, to resettle themselves in civil life.

It is part of the national resettlement organisation and is supported by Service and Public Funds. No fees are charged or payment accepted.

The Association works through forty Branches situated throughout the UK. At each Branch there is an ex-regular of one of the three services, whose aim is to help his colleagues to find employment. Locations of Branches in Yorkshire are as follows:-

Branch	Area Covered	Employment Office, Address and Tel. No.
Hull	Humberside	Major G. A. R. Brunson, 26 Prince's Dock Side, Hull HU1 2JX. Tel: 0482 25273
Leeds	North Yorkshire (up to and including Ripon)	Mr. K. S. Vause, BEM, West Bar Chambers, 38A Boar Lane, Leeds LS1 5DB. Tel: 0532 454266
Middlesborough	Cleveland, North Yorkshire, North of Ripon	Colonel H. W. H. Webb-Bowen, OBE 147, Albert Road, Middlesborough, Cleveland TS1 2PS. Tel: 0843 248085
Sheffield	South Yorkshire	Mr. H. C. Watters, 41 Church Street, Sheffield S1 2GL. Tel: 0742 26847

The addresses of Branches in other parts of the County may be obtained from RHQ or Army Resettlement Offices RAEC.

**THE EX-SERVICE FELLOWSHIP CENTRES**

The Ex-Service Fellowship Centres run two residential homes for ex-servicemen and ex-merchant seamen and their widows. New Belvedere House in Stepney, East London, can take 29 residents. Hollenden House in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, can take 52. Residents, who must ordinarily be of pensionable age, have their own rooms in comfortable buildings. They are not nursing homes and residents on admission must be capable of looking after themselves though some help, for example with bathing, can be given. Those interested should apply to:

The Administrator,  
Ex-Service Fellowship Centres,  
8 Lower Grosvenor Place,  
London SW1W 0EP.